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**Humor**



**Church**



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**GC EMS Program**



**Jonathan Bullard signs**



**Out of Drought**





**Students in Grayson College's paramedicine program get a dose of real-world practice in the college's new ambulance simulator. From left are Jacob Anderson of Whitesboro; Tony Elmore of Sherman; Jason Norris of Durant; Brandon Poteet, EMS professor; and Noah Stroud of Paris.**

## Ambulance Simulator Enhances GC EMS Program

There may not be sirens wailing in alarm but serious business is going on inside the Grayson College Health Sciences building. The college's Emergency Medical Services Program's new ambulance simulator attracts a crowd of students eager to practice skills and complete training in the state-of-the-art instructional lab.

Located in a classroom, the full-size replica of an ambulance's box (patient compartment) houses the same equipment, supplies and storage its motorized counterpart carries in the field. It also features the same tight space, introducing students to conditions they are likely to encounter on the job.

The ambulance simulator enhances the education of students enrolled in GC's three EMS programs: Emergency Medical Technician Marketable Skills Award (a basic program), Certificate of Completion in Paramedicine (an advanced program) and the Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine (a two-year associate's degree program). Upon successful completion of the programs, students may be eligible to sit for the National Registry examination to become certified or licensed at the level they completed.

'Part of our mission is to prepare students for the workplace, and the workplace for these students is the back of the ambulance,' said Lori Lefevers, GC's director of emergency medical services. 'When they're in the classroom, everything is nice and handy and in a controlled situation. Not so in the back of the ambulance: they're reaching over each other in a cramped space. They need to know what that environment is like before we send them into the workforce.'

'The realism of the ambulance simulator better prepares them,' she continued.

Brandon Poteet, professor of EMS at the college and a firefighter/paramedic, agrees. When meeting with EMS departments, Poteet looks for feedback on how the GC programs can benefit them by providing students they want to hire. As 'end-users,' the departments want to know the students can do whatever skills in specific environments, whether it is outside under dimly lit conditions, inside a patient's home, or during transport in the back of an ambulance.

'Now we have the ability to simulate that experience in the back of ambulance,' he said. 'That's crucial to training because ultimately every patient ends up there.'

While it may be missing the flashing lights and loud siren of a field ambulance, the simulator's patient compartment works just as hard. It is a fully functioning unit that's stocked and equipped with everything students will encounter on the job. It features storage bins for equipment and supplies, a gurney and other medical devices such as oxygen therapy that can be used on the 'patient,' a mannequin designed for medical training.

'We can actually use on-board oxygen therapy rather than just portable oxygen therapy,' Poteet said. 'Everything is real and that realism serves the students well.'

The simulator's design incorporates cut-away panels - viewing windows - that allow instructors to observe, instruct and direct the students' activities without being in the box with them. There's also a video system with several small, strategically placed cameras that help instructors see things that might be missed otherwise.

'We can direct from afar because those angles allow us to fully see and record what they're doing,' Lefevers said. 'We can display what's happening to the rest of the class in real time, and we can do critiques after an event, episode or activity with the students involved.'

Jason Norris of Durant enrolled at GC to complete the Paramedicine Certificate program, but emergency medical service isn't new to him. He's been a firefighter with the Ardmore Fire Department for nearly five years. AFD provides first response and then works with the city's private EMS ambulance when it arrives on scene.

'This class gives me a higher level of training with more intensive care for the patient,' said Norris, who also has worked on ambulance service with Bryan County EMS.

He chose the GC program based on its reputation and proximity to home; plus, it offers the class on a shift basis that works with a firefighter's schedule of 24 hours on and 48 off. Norris was one of the first students to utilize the new simulator.

'The classroom is open and everything you need is laid out. However, the back of the ambulance is a more confined space and you've got to get used to working around a patient on a cot,' he said. 'You have to learn where stuff's going to be in the cabinets and know that you'll be reaching around or digging for it while providing patient care.'

'Both are essential to training, but it's really good to put everything we've learned in the classroom to work in the simulator,' Norris said.

When Staff Sergeant Rey Lazarin of Bonham deploys to Afghanistan in July, he'll put into practice the training and skills he's receiving in GC's paramedicine program. A 16-year veteran (four years of active duty in the U.S. Army and 12 years in the Army National Guard), the combat medic has completed three tours of duty in Iraq since 2004. He spent the first tour attached to an infantry unit as a line medic, which is equivalent to a civilian paramedic. During his last two tours, Lazarin was the non-commissioned officer in charge of a medical aid station. He also completed a short tour in the Czech Republic where he taught a combat life-saver class to the Czech army.

Lazarin believes the new ambulance simulator is a major asset to the college's program because it gives students the opportunity to practice loading and unloading patients as well as performing skills in the same environment they'll find in their careers - all before they ever get on a real ambulance. He also thinks that watching others work from the outside is a great benefit. In the military, he received extensive training with a field litter ambulance to become familiar with the confined space and location of supplies. He didn't have a FLA simulator, however, so when others were doing their practices it was difficult to observe and he had to wait his turn before experiencing anything.

'GC's ambulance simulator does away with that,' Lazarin said. 'We take turns in the unit, practicing skills and becoming comfortable with the environment. When our turn is over, we can see other students' techniques very easily from the viewing windows, assessing what they're doing to determine what we could do differently or the same to allow for better patient treatment and care.'

'I think every combat medic in the military should go through a paramedic program like Grayson's - especially if it has a simulator - before taking a leadership role as a non-commissioned officer,' he continued. 'The program includes a lot of things that complement my military training, things that greatly benefit patient care and the sustainment of life. I believe the simulator is bettering my skills as a paramedic.' The ambulance simulator's realism extended to its 'sticker price' of \$26,000 that was funded by a Perkins Grant. Each year, the grant provides federal funding to augment the education of workforce education students at Grayson. Steve Davis, dean of workforce education, got the entire GC faculty and staff involved to identifying workforce education students through their degree majors. That effort showed the college had an increase in workforce education students and GC was awarded \$140,000, which was a significant increase in Perkins funding.

The ambulance simulator had been on Lefevers' wish list ever since a national accreditation visit confirmed her belief that it would enhance the college's EMS program. Davis agreed and the simulator was installed in November.

'This was not an EMS program workforce education project all alone,' Lefevers said. 'Everybody on campus who participated in making Steve's assessment of student majors for the Perkins grant - every person - helped us get the ambulance simulator.'

'It has so much potential for further enhancing the program,' she said. 'We've only just begun.'



## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

## Recipe



For years my husband talked in his sleep; sometimes waking me up. Since he got a breathing machine to help him sleep better, I have not heard a word out of him.

He told me earlier this week that I talked in my sleep. He was still awake reading a book when I said (in my sleep) "Are you sure they're still alive?"

He said I repeated the phrase -- "Are you sure they're still alive?"

Then I sat up in bed and said -- "Are you sure they're still alive?"

He then said something to me and I said I didn't know what I meant and then continued sleeping.

I am not sure where that came from. I know I have been reading a lot of James Patterson's murder mysteries the last few months. Maybe that put the notion in my head about someone still being alive or not.

### Cajun Cake

#### *Cajun Cake Ingredients*

1 15-3/4-ounce can crushed pineapple  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt

#### *Cajun Cake Frosting*

1/4 cup butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/3 cup evaporated milk  
1/2 cup flaked coconut  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
toasted, flaked coconut (optional)  
pineapple slices (optional)

*Cake* - Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube or Bundt pan.

Drain the pineapple, reserving 1/2 cup juice. Set aside.

Cream the 1/2 cup butter at high speed of an electric mixer. Lower speed to medium, and gradually add 1-1/2 cups sugar, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture alternately with reserved pineapple juice, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Mix just until blended after each addition. Stir in crushed pineapple.

Pour batter into prepared pan, and bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes, then remove and place on serving plate.

*Cajun Cake Frosting* - Combine 1/4 cup butter, 1/2 cup sugar, evaporated milk, coconut and pecans in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes. Stir in vanilla extract. Spoon on top of warm cake. Cool. If desired, sprinkle with toasted coconut and garnish with pineapple slices.

Prep time: 25 minutes; Cooking time: 1 hour to 1 hour 5 minutes;  
Total time: 1 hour 25 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes

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Howe's Jonathon Bullard has announced his decision to play football at Austin College. He was first team all-district linebacker and academic all-district selection. Standing are his parents, Jeremy and Jennie Bullard, while seated, from left, coach Eric Rodgers, Jonathon Bullard, coach Joe Watson, and coach Casey Carr.

## Howe High School's One-Act-Play

The Howe High School's One Act Play recently advanced in district competition. The cast performed in the UIL District 11AA Zone two play contest that was held at Grayson College last Thursday. They performed a play entitled "Triangle" that tells the story of two sisters working at the Triangle Shirt Factory during the time of the historic deadly fire.

Students receiving awards included: Kathryn McGinness - Best Actress; Kaylynn Hudman and Caleb Allen - All Star Cast; John Grant and Jonathan Maniet - Honorable Mention Cast; Dave Cook - Technical Award.

The cast will perform the play for family and friends on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Howe High School cafeteria. The UIL One Act Play District meet will be held April 4 at North Central Texas College in Gainesville.

## Events coming up

Community Easter Egg Hunt has been changed to Saturday, April 7, 11 am to 1 pm. at the High School.

Howe Founders Day

April 28, 8 am to 1:30 pm in downtown Howe. Includes the Fire Department Annual Car Show, food, booths and lots of fun for everyone.



**Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending March 23rd are: Jarron Ing, Mack Freeman, Braeden Wise, Gabriel Hariman, Grace Brennan, Jennifer Torres, Ethan Tindell, Parker Pecina, Caleb Fetzer, Shijon Haywood, Payton Stapleton, Courtney White, Shianne Freeman-Williams, and Ainsley Denham.**

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## Howe ISD Board of Trustees

On Thursday, March 22, at 6 pm, the board met for the regular monthly meeting.

Reports included:

Howe High School Students of the month Jamie Patterson and Miranda Casteel and Teacher of the month Derek Lands. HHS Principal Shawn Martin also noted the advancement of the UIL One-Act Play, students participation at the Houston Stock Show and the upcoming Loy Lake Show starting on April 2.

Howe Elementary School Principal Darla Williams noted that Employee of the Month is Clarissia Doty. Students of the month are Jacob Ortego, Jenna Roper, Tinley Sisemore, Carson Daniels, Kailyn Ireland, Jerome Midthune, Bethany VanDeren, Joseph Hymel, Eli Wilson, and Ruvy Enriquez.

Jenny Martin was named Teacher of the Month for the Howe Middle School.

Enrollment is at 999.5. Debbie Harris is retiring this year. In other reports, Supt. Kevin Wilson noted that the entrance between the Howe Community Library and the Middle School has been secured so that no unauthorized person can enter the Middle School from the Library.

Board actions included approval of Regular Meeting on February 16, 2012; Monthly Financial Reports; Budget Amendments; Contract Extension with Energy for Schools as Electricity Provider; Resolution to Suspend Portion of Policy EIA(LOCAL) Regarding Application of 15% End-of-Course Requirement.

An Order of Cancellation for May 2012 Trustee Election was passed as the current board members up for the election since only the current board members (Pat Stewart, Bruce Dawsey, and Mark Abner were not opposed).

## Princeton Tennis Tournament March 22-24

The Howe Bulldog Tennis team competed in the Princeton Invitational Tennis Tournament this past weekend. Baleigh Hudman continued her consistent performance and finished 2nd for the tournament. Friday, she defeated quality opponents from Van Alstyne and Melissa before moving onto the semi-finals on Saturday. In the semi-finals, Hudman defeated Meagan Green from Farmersville in three sets winning 4-6,7-5 and 11-9. Hudman then lost a tough match in the finals to Riley Rushing from Leonard.

Four other Bulldogs qualified for competition on Saturday in the consolation brackets. Freshmen Jamie Patterson and Sophomore Melanie Rayburn lost in the girls doubles consolation finals and Olga Rodriguez, playing in her first tournament as a singles player, advanced to the consolation semi-finals before losing to the eventual consolation medalist. Also reaching the consolation semifinals was Freshman Jackson Dunavant who won two matches on Thursday earning his way to play on Saturday. The Bulldogs will be competing in the District Tournament on April 3 and 4 at Austin College in hopes of advancing players to Regionals in Stephenville.



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## School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7 pm. President, Jimmy Jones called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and James Harris led the invocation. The minutes of February 20, 2012 along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Tom Newell (EL); Jillian Beck (MS); and Emma Kury (HS).

State Qualifiers in FCCLA were recognized and given a plaque for their accomplishment by the Board members. Those included were: Candace Johnson, Taylor Stephens, Bonnie Billings, Lindsey Holder, and Brianna Stowers.

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for March.

Torrey Price, Athletic Director, gave a report concerning the Spring Sports schedule along with upcoming dates. Cheryl Jones, Technology Specialist, gave a report concerning the change in the website for the next school year.

The Board of Trustees approved Policy Update 93 as well as the resolution for the Grayson Central Appraisal District to purchase real property.

The board approved employment of all certified staff for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. They also accepted a resignation from Alan Gann, High School Social Studies teacher and Boys' Basketball coach.

## Students of the Month



**Elementary - Tom Newell**



**Middle School - Jillian Beck**



**High School - Emma Kury**



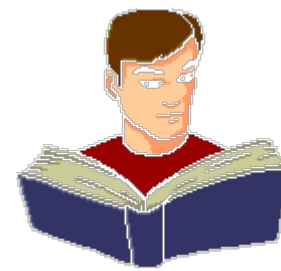


## Open House at the Van Alstyne Public Library on Saturday, March 31, 4-7 pm.

Van Alstyne Public Library will be hosting its 3rd Annual Open House, in conjunction with the Teen Council, this Saturday, March 31, 4-7 pm. Bring the whole family to see demonstrations by different groups. There will be food and a silent auction. The Teen Council is a huge part of the library and performs many programs in the library to benefit teens and young children. Come see what your library has for you!



## Van Alstyne Library



By *Judy E. Spence*

Yet another Young Adult series is setting records for book sales. The most recent YA phenomenon is Suzanne Collin's *Hunger Games*. Our reserve list has been holding steady at 2-3 patrons for the past month and we have two copies of the book as well as a Playaway and an audio CD version. *Hunger Games* is well written, fast paced, and has a surprising dark undertone. This tale is human and gritty and touching and will surprise you with scenes of tender compassion. Those seeking sunshine and ponies need not apply. The entire series has the elusive appeal to all ages but I do not recommend it for younger readers.

According to today's article by the *Hollywood Reporter*: "Rarely does a film generate the sort of numbers that *Hunger Games* is enjoying. When the movie -- based on **Suzanne Collins'** wildly popular young-adult novel -- first popped up on tracking two weeks ago, the scores were so good that box-office observers and exhibitors immediately predicted an opening in the \$70 million to \$100 million range, with most betting on the higher number."

Teen Council celebrated the release of the movie this past Friday night by hosting our own *Hunger Games*. As teens arrived they were paired with another "Tribute" to form District teams. Tributes had to find items in the library as Teen Council members played the part of bioengineered "mutts" (part human, part dog) Nasty critters but our mutts were pretty well behaved seeing as how they simply tagged you to get you out. There was a berry choosing, a visit to our own "Hob" where foods from the book were served, and finally, a trivia showdown which determined our final surviving pair: Miss Ellen Thompson and Mr. Andy Wilson.

Library staff and Friends of the Library alike are getting geared up for one of our library's biggest events: Open House. Please mark your calendars for March 31, 4 - 7 pm. Food, door prizes, a silent auction, games, demonstrations, music and MORE await the entire family. Come see what your library has for you and your family!



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## Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard *Inaugural Quarterly Report on the Economic Condition of Texoma*

SHERMAN, March 22, 2012 - Workforce Solutions Texoma, Texoma Council of Governments, and Denison Development Alliance announced the release of the inaugural Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard that provides a quick, informed, and consistent economic picture of the area. This inaugural release includes an analysis of the 2011 year and the latest quarter October - December 2011.

“We have looked at over forty data points and gathered all of the historical data available in search of information that is timely and reliable for understanding the current nature of our local economies,” said Katy Cummins of Texoma Council of Governments.

“We have pared down to only the most relevant information. After analyzing the historical data, it appears that our most recent quarter, October 2011- December 2011, was better than the same time in 2010,” said Bob Rhoden of Workforce Solutions Texoma.

The Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard is designed to inform public officials, businesses, and job seekers about the economic condition of the Texoma Region defined as Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Because no single indicator should be considered a barometer for a regional economy, the dashboard project aligns multiple economic indicators to create a more accurate picture of the overall health of the Regional economy. The indicators come from four board categories: Employment Related Indicators, Public Assistance Indicators, Spending Related Indicators, and Miscellaneous Indicators.

For a more in-depth look at the data and analysis, a copy of the report and the interactive dashboard can be found at [www.texomaedd.org](http://www.texomaedd.org).

### Analysis of 2011

Based on the data collected, and the analysis of the team, it appears the overall economic health of the Region is better than it was this time last year. This is based on several factors.

Civilian Labor Force is up from 93,387 in the 4th Qtr. 2010, to 94,456 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Unemployment Rate is down - from 8.0% in the 4th Qtr. 2010, to 7.2% in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

TANF Enrollment is down - from 793 in the 4th Qtr. 2010, to 742 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

SNAP Enrollment does not show a significant change - 31,148 in the 4th Qtr. 2010, 31,066 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Sales Tax Allocations are up from \$6,429,640.53 in the 4th Qtr. 2010, to \$7,217,337.53 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Hotel/Motel Taxable Sales are up from \$4,783,783.24 in the 4th Qtr. 2010, to \$5,835,735.41 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Overall, the region is showing improvement in 2011, over 2010.

### Analysis of the Most Recent Quarter (4th Quarter 2011)

Based on the data collected, and the analysis of the team, it appears the overall economic health of the Region is better than it was this time last quarter. This is based on several factors.

Civilian Labor Force does not show a significant change - 94,447 in the 3rd Qtr. 2011, to 94,456 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Unemployment Rate is down - from 8.4% in the 3rd Qtr. 2011, to 7.2% in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

TANF Enrollment is up - from 680 in the 3rd Qtr. 2011, to 742 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

SNAP Enrollment does not show a significant change - 30,787 in the 3rd Qtr. 2011, 31,066 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Sales Tax Allocations are up from \$7,130,461.08 in the 3rd Qtr. 2011, to \$7,217,337.53 in the 4th Qtr. 2011.

Hotel/Motel Taxable Sales are down from \$7,176,872.12 in the 3rd Qtr. 2011, to \$5,835,735.41 in the 4th Qtr. 2011. This downturn is due to normal seasonality, and is slightly less than for the same Qtr. In the last 2 years.

Overall, the region is showing improvement in 4th Qtr. 2011, over 3rd Qtr. 2011.

The Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard will be released in two formats, a quarterly report that will contain analysis of indicators available on a quarterly basis at minimum, and an annual report that will contain analysis of the quarterly indicators and additional indicators available on an annual basis at minimum.

“As new data about the national and state economies is released, we hope that this report will provide a better understanding of what is happening in the Texoma economy,” said Scott Smathers of the Denison Development Alliance.







## Lewis C. Haynes (1939-2012)

HOWE - Graveside services with military honors for Lewis Clark Haynes, 73, of Howe, who passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 7:15 pm at Texoma Medical Center, were held Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at Akers Cemetery. Rev. Tom Medley of First United Methodist Church of Howe officiated.

Mr. Haynes was born in Stamford, Texas of Jones County February 17, 1939 the son of D. L. and Doris (Clark) Haynes. He was a graduate of Hale Center High School and West Texas State University. Specialist Fourth Class Haynes served three years in the U. S. Army. Clark was a clerk-typist and served at Fort Carson, Colorado, Fort Hood, Texas and Jakarta, Indonesia with a Military Technical Advisory group. He felt the one year overseas duty was the adventure of a lifetime.

Clark managed various 7-11 stores for several years. He worked 22 years as a security officer, including four years at Reunion Bank in Dallas, and 13 years at First City Texas Bank in downtown Dallas. He also worked for DSC Communications of Plano.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Howe. He enjoyed serving the church in many ways, including unlocking the church on Sunday mornings, and securing it afterwards. He also took his turn teaching the Wesley class.

Mr. Haynes is survived by his girlfriend of 14 years, Bessie Williams of Trenton, Texas and first cousin, Virginia Walker of Denison, Texas.

Clark was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark, parents, D.L. and Doris Haynes and brother, Edward Haynes.

Memorials may be made in his name to First United Methodist Church of Howe, 810 N. Denny Street, Howe, Texas 75459.

Arrangements are under the direction of Fisher Funeral Home, located at 604 West Main in Denison.



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## Washington's East Texas Cousin

By Bob Bowman

Alexander Hamilton Washington, a cousin of George Washington, cut a wide swath through Polk and San Jacinto counties before and after the Civil War, but finding any physical reminder of his 28 years in East Texas is almost impossible.

Born in 1805 on a farm near Berryville in Virginia, Washington moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1838 to practice law while living with his sister, Mary Herbert Beazley and her family.

When the Beazleys gave Washington money and land to invest in the Republic of Texas, he exchanged the property for the William Logan League, now in San Jacinto County, and took the title in his own name with the intention of giving the property to his sister. A will in 1860 established his intent.

Settling at Drew's Landing on the Trinity River in the 1840s, Washington developed one of the area's largest plantations in a great horseshoe bend of the river.

As he was building his home on the river, Washington also supervised the construction of a road from Drew's Landing to Lynchburg, a shipping point on Galveston Bay, with the recognition that the export of cotton would stimulate East Texas' economy.

Washington's home was similar to the plantation homes of the Old South. Enhancing the home's beauty was a formal flower garden, a favorite hobby of Washington.

As a lawyer, Washington had a large library filled with law books and two indoor bathrooms with hot water furnished by a boiler, a rarity on the Texas frontier.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

I don't know who wrote this. It came to me through e-mail and I didn't look to see who sent it. I did notice that it was forwarded. Whoever wrote it understand the importance of these high stakes tests and it seems to me that it is only fair that parents, friends and enemies of public students should understand it also. Thus, I am letting you know what to expect should severe weather develop while your student is taking the STAAR test.

### SEVERE WEATHER PROTOCOL DURING STAAR TESTING

1. Should a severe weather situation occur during testing, please remain calm. To display any kind of anxiety would be a testing irregularity and must be reported.
2. Please do not look out the window to watch for approaching tornadoes. You must monitor the students at all times. To do otherwise would be a testing irregularity and must be reported.
3. Should students notice an approaching tornado and begin to cry, please make every effort to protect their testing materials from the flow of tears and sinus drainage.
4. Should a flying object come through your window during testing, please make every effort to ensure that it does not land on a testing booklet or an answer sheet. Please make sure to soften the landing of the flying object so that it will not disturb the students while testing.
5. Should shards of glass from a broken window come flying into the room, have the students use their bodies to shield their testing materials so that they will not be damaged. Have plenty of gauze on hand to ensure that no one accidentally bleeds on the answer documents. Damaged answer sheets will not scan properly.
6. Should gale force winds ensue, please have everyone stuff their test booklets and answer sheets into their shirts .....



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The home also contained a room for his Coushatta Indian friends--who lived in a village on Washington's plantation -- with pictures of paintings of Indians and horses. The Coushattas' customary dress of long deerskin shirts prompted riverboat travelers to call the place "Shirt Tail Bend."

Known for his eccentricity, Washington had a personal worth of almost \$75,000 in real and personal property before the Civil War, but he was always behind in paying his taxes.

There were rumors at Drew's Landing that Washington, a bachelor, buried a large cache of gold on his plantation. Another story is that he lost his fortune in a New Orleans bank failure.

When the Civil War erupted, Washington volunteered for service in 1862, and was commissioned an aide under Major General John B. McGruder, commander of the military district of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Washington was assigned to supervise government works in a wide area of East Texas, to defend the lower valley of the Trinity River, and to enlist his Indian friends in the South's war efforts.

At the end of the war, Washington was nearly bankrupt and in declining health. Though he held 51 slaves in 1864, he had to take large loans after the war to keep his plantation in operation.

Washington sold his plantation to William B. Denson, who moved into the house with Washington. In 1868 Washington wrote a will giving all of his assets to Denson in return for settlement of his debts.

He died on June 30, 1868, and was buried in his flower garden. Denson disputed Washington's first will to his sister, but in 1873 she established that the will was valid.

As the years passed, Washington's grave was lost, but his descendants placed a tombstone in the Davidson Cemetery, near Drew's Landing, defining his Confederate service.

The passage of decades has left the cemetery unmarked, entangled in forest growth, and--like Washington's final resting place -- difficult to find.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books about East Texas history and folklore. He can be reached at bob-bowman.com)



## **Dot's Dashes, continued**

being very careful not to bend them because bent answer documents will not scan properly.

7. If any student gets sucked into the vortex of the funnel cloud, please make sure they mark at least one answer before departing. And of course make sure they leave their answer sheets and test booklets behind. You WILL have to account for those.

8. Should a funnel cloud pick you, the test administrator, up and take you flying over the rainbow, you will still be required to account for all of your testing materials when you land. So ..... please take extra precautions. Remember ..... once you have checked them out, they should never leave your hands.

9. When rescue workers arrive to dig you out of the rubble, please make sure that they do not, at any time, look at or handle the testing materials. Once you have been treated for your injuries, you will still be responsible for checking your materials back in. Search dogs will not be allowed to sift through the rubble for lost tests, unless of course they have been through standardized test training.

10. Please do not pray should a severe weather situation arise. Your priority is to actively monitor the test and a student might mark in the wrong section if you are praying instead of monitoring. I'm sure God will put war, world hunger, crime, and the presidential primaries on hold until after testing is over. He knows how important this test is.



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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## Windham School District

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at a GED graduation ceremony at the Choice-Moore Unit in Bonham. This most recent class was combined from the Choice-Moore Unit and the Buster Cole Unit. The youngest graduate was 18 years-old and the oldest was 50. The GED program and vocational program within the Texas Criminal Justice system are administered by the Windham School District (WSD). The goal of these programs is to provide appropriate educational programming and services to meet the needs of the eligible offender population in Texas Department Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and reduce recidivism by assisting offenders in becoming responsible, productive members of their communities.

The district, which began operation in 1969, was established by the Texas Legislature and was named by the Texas Board of Corrections for the late James M. Windham, a 24-year member of the Board. It is the first education system of such scope to be established within a statewide prison system. WSD operates schools on 90 sites serving TDCJ.

Studies show that education and employment reduce recidivism and save tax dollars. According to a study conducted by the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council (CJPC) in 2000, offenders with higher levels of education have lower recidivism rates, and releasees who are employed have a lower recidivism rate than those not employed.

Many of the offenders in the TDCJ lack the educational background and basic skills necessary for attaining employment upon release. The typical Windham student functions below the sixth grade level. Windham provides a variety of academic classes and Career and Technical Education (CTE) to offenders incarcerated in the TDCJ. We are fortunate to have employees at the Choice Moore and Buster Cole Units that are dedicated to improving the lives of others, and I appreciated the opportunity to see their hard work first-hand.

For more information on the Windham School District or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at [larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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## Selected Sites

[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

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**1 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.**

**2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.**

**3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.**

**4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.**

**5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.**

## Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship church in Luella begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30, this week's speaker will be David Ellis.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church also celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time.

C. R. Men's Step Study class meets every Thursday night at 6:30 at the church building. This program is for those recovering from drugs and alcohol and finding your way back to Christ.

The church will also be hosting a "movie night" every month. The event is free to the public, with free hot buttered popcorn and candy. Everyone is invited to attend. The movie for April will be "Courageous", and it will be April 30, at 6:30pm. So bring your family out for a free night of fellowship and fun.

The church will also be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the church grounds on April 7, at 2:00pm. The public is invited to attend.

The church will also be having Vacation Bible School on July 16-20, so mark your calendar for all these fun events!

Wednesday night service begins at 6:30 with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church is located on Hwy 11 in Luella, look for the red brick building on the hill, the cross will light your way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219



## Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have two radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

Our 2012' Spring Meeting will be April 8 - 13 at 7:30pm each night. This year's theme is: WHO IS MY LORD?

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.

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## God doesn't care!

But wait! The Scripture says, "Cast all of your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

That's true! But it is also true that God DOESN'T care about some things – some of the very things about which WE care. Recently, Brett Petrillo wrote about some things concerning which God doesn't care. Here is part of his list (slightly adapted): \*

God doesn't care how many Facebook friends we have. His concern is that we are friends of Jesus. Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

God doesn't care how many Twitter followers we have. He only cares that we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

God doesn't care about the number of minutes on our cell phone plans. He cares more about how many minutes we spend talking with Him (1 Thess. 5:17; Eph 6:18).

God doesn't care about the important celebrities and athletes we know. His primary concern is that we know Him and the Truth (1 Tim 2:3-4).

God doesn't care if we have the fanciest watch. He wants us to use our time wisely (Eph 5:16).

God doesn't care if we wear the latest fashion or best clothes. He wants us to be clothed with Christ (Gal 3:26-27).

God doesn't care about the size of our homes or how much money we have. He wants us to realize that material things don't last, so we need to lay up treasures in heaven (Matt 6:19-21; 1 Tim 6:17-19).

God doesn't care what work we do. He wants us to do all things in His service and to His glory (Col 3:23-24).

God doesn't care about the color of our skin. He cares about the content of our character (Gal 5:22-23).

God doesn't care about a lot of things that we care about!

But God DOES care about us! He cares about us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness of our sins and eternal life (John 3:16; Eph 1:7).

What God cares about MOST is... that He wants each of us to accept His offer of salvation and life by placing our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

Brett Petrillo concluded his list by saying, "This life is all about the Lord and our relationship with Him. This is what God really cares about!:"

God primarily cares about your relationship with Him. Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and become His child today?

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\*"God Doesn't Care" by Brett Petrillo, in Daily Bread, 2-17-12. Daily Bread is an e-mail ministry of the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, CO. Neal Pollard and Brett Petrillo are the primary writers. See <http://www.bearvalleycofc.com/> Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and accessed from our website at: [www.creekwoodcc.org](http://www.creekwoodcc.org)

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LEGAL TIPS:

## **Estate Planning & Resolutions**

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M.  
Attorney & Counselor at Law

Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan.

The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children.

Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few.

Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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This article is not intended as specific legal advice and you should consult with your own attorney.





## Two-stepping our way out of a drought?

*By Nathan Smith*

It's two steps forward and one step back. Or is it one step forward and two steps back?

I was never much of a dancer, but with rain falling in some parts of Texas, cattlemen have to feel like they are in some kind of twisted two-step with Mother Nature.

Right now there are more questions than answers.

First step forward: Rain is falling in parts of the state. But will it last? Will we see another summer like 2011? The U.S. Drought Monitor still has much of Texas underneath a "severe drought" category. Some climatologists say we are only at the front end of a drought and the rain could be short-lived.

Second step forward: Cattle prices are still rising, but when will the price outrun demand? When that happens, how far will the market drop? Cattle were literally bursting out of sale barn pens last summer. Now most auctions wrap up in a few hours.

One step back: Texas saw more than 600,000 head of cattle leave the state for slaughter plants or other states with more grazing. Experts say those cattle are gone for good. Countries like Japan and China want our beef. That's a good thing, but where will it come from? The national herd—just like the one in Texas -- is shrinking.

Spinning in circles: Feed and fertilizer prices are following higher cattle prices, and that means more risk with the same profit. Hay is still expensive. Will fuel hit \$5/ gallon this year?

Dance with the one that brought you: So the question is, why do they do it?

Most ranchers in the state grew up on the back of a horse, feeding hay in the winter, caring for calves in the summer. They were taught by their fathers and grandfathers. It's nothing unusual to hear of sixth or seventh generation ranchers in Texas. It's in their blood.

The truth is, there has always been and always will be risk in production agriculture. Ranchers know it and accept it as part of life.

Every year brings a new challenge. Cattlemen and women weather uncertain markets, economic recession and drought because they want to. They don't want it any other way.

They grow something that has always been, and always will be in style—beef.

For many, there's room on the floor and the music is right. Texas cattle ranchers will keep in step and see what 2012 holds in store.

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## **Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott Endorses Craig Estes For Reelection to the Texas Senate**

*State's top legal watchdog endorses State Senator Craig Estes and calls him an important ally in the fight FOR Texas conservative values*

WICHITA FALLS, TX –Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today endorsed State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) for reelection. Estes currently serves Senate District 30 that spans from North Texas around the DFW Metroplex to as far south as Erath County.

"Craig Estes is an important ally in the fight FOR our Texas conservative values and AGAINST federal government overreach," said Abbott. "I enthusiastically endorse Craig and look forward to continuing our work together on behalf of Texas and Texans."

Abbott's announcement comes just two weeks after filing a lawsuit against the Obama administration's Department of Justice for striking down Texas' new photo Voter ID law, and the same week that the United States Supreme Court is hearing Texas' case against Obamacare. Senator Estes co-authored the state's new voter photo ID law and strongly opposes Obamacare.

"I strongly support General Abbott's efforts to uphold our state's new voter Photo ID law and overturn Obamacare," said Estes. "Texas couldn't have a better watchdog, and I am honored to have his vote of confidence."

In addition to his leadership on passing the state's new voter Photo ID law last session, Estes also helped pass a balanced budget with no new taxes, a resolution calling for a federal balanced budget, stronger border security measures, his landmark private property owner rights legislation, stronger 2nd amendment rights legislation, legislation that restores local control to public schools, and "loser pays" tort reform legislation.

For his leadership, Estes has been endorsed by conservative leaders across his district including U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry; State Senator and Legislative TEA Party Caucus Chair Dan Patrick; State Representatives Myra Crownover, Rick Hardcastle, Jim Keffer, Lanham Lyne, Tan Parker and Larry Phillips; Denton County Judge Mary Horn, and Parker County WallBuilder Founder and former Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas David Barton.

Estes has also been endorsed by conservative organizations including the National Rifle Association (NRA), Texas State Rifle Association, Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND, Texas Association of Realtors, Texas Right to Life, Texas Alliance for Life, and the Texas Retailers Association.

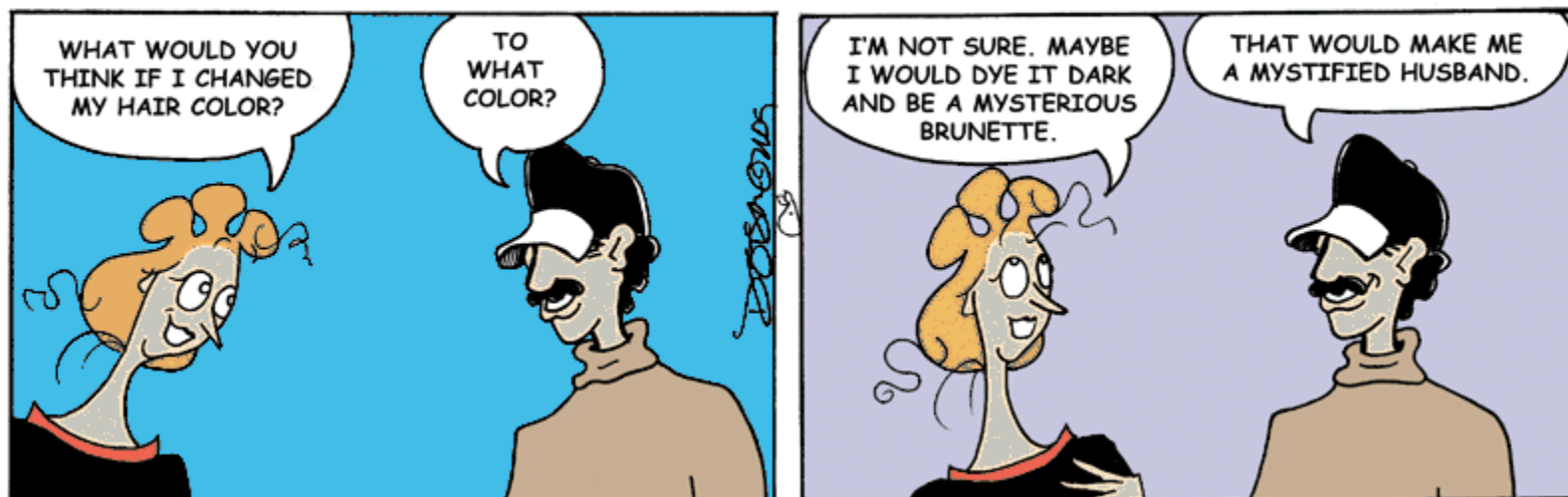
## The Landlord's Prayer

*by Don Mathis w/apology to St. Matthew*

Our Landlord, who lives upstairs,  
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Today, we ask You for a break;  
just like we give the guy down the hall a break.  
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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007