



March 3, 2011

Utter Recognized for Community Service

Gail Utter, of Sherman, received the Emmet Essin Community Service Award at the Wilson N. Jones Community Foundation annual breakfast in Sherman on Thursday., Feb. 24 Utter was selected from a nomination process conducted by the Foundation's board of directors and past recipients.

"It's not a competition," said Pete Kloppers, WNJ Community Foundation board chair. "It's simply a way to publicly thank those who make our communities a better place to live."

According to Kloppers, Utter was selected because of her extraordinary community involvement, including her tireless leadership as chairperson of the Wilson N. Jones Hospital Board of Directors through the challenges associated with the transition. Additionally, Kloppers said she was instrumental in establishing, organizing, constructing and implementing the Grand Central Station, along with First United Methodist Church.

Utter graciously received the honor, then quickly turned the spotlight on those in attendance saying, "You all do such amazing work. Many times nobody ever sees the behind-the-scenes contributions you make, but they are significant." She acknowledged the group's capacity to achieve positive change by working together in a spirit of community.

"I am reminded of the quote attributed to Michelangelo," Utter continued. " 'Lord, grant me the desire to accomplish more than I can ever accomplish.' We know we can't fix all the problems and there is still so much to do. But we keep working at it."

The Wilson N. Jones Community Foundation is committed to upholding Jones' legacy for serving all members of a community. Proceeds from the sale of the hospital are restricted to helping ensure healthcare for those who cannot pay.

As the Foundation grows into its new role, other assets and resources earned by the Foundation will be allocated to initiatives such as helping provide for nursing students and supporting other agencies that serve healthcare needs.

Utter, who is a financial advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors in Sherman, was recently named to the Barron's top 100 women advisors and as one of the top 1,000 advisors in the U.S. Her philanthropic and community leadership includes affiliations with an impressive number of agencies and boards. She has been active with Austin College and the Sherman Education Foundation. "Together, we can continue to make a difference," she said. "Thank you for this honor. It means a lot."

Donations needed for Eagle Scout project

Howe High School junior Travis Fulton is planning his Eagle Scout project. He intends to place a garden at the high school Life Skills Class.

He will be working on the project during Spring Break on March 17 & 18.

Travis is seeking donations to help him complete this project. Donations of any size would be appreciated.

If you would like to help Travis, mail your donations to
Travis Fulton
1228 Tate Circle
Sherman TX 75090

Chili Supper Saturday
The Howe Volunteer Fire Dept. will
hold a chili supper on Saturday,
March 5, from 5 to 8 pm at the fire
station.



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Weather in Howe, Texas
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**Last
Week
End**

Final Weekend **SHERLOCK HOLMES** **AND THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS**

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS, Theatricks spring production, will close out its run of performances this weekend. Performances are March 11,12 at 7 p.m. and March 12, 13 at 2 p.m., and are held in the Honey McGee Playhouse on 313 W. Mulberry in Sherman, TX. This production is also being dedicated in the memory of James Byrd (Jim) Crocker and Lawrence McKelvey (Mack) Castleberry.

SHERLOCK HOLMES, the play written by Thomas Olson, is a thrilling mystery that will delight the entire family, and has a setting that will transport the audience to 19th century England. The cast of 18 very ably portrays the characters found in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's books while dressed in period costumes created by Gay Green, a Sherman ISD employee who volunteers at the theatre. The ambiance is further set by a violin soundtrack assembled by Nathan Childress, and accentuated by the lighting of Peter Bellermann.

Theatricks is the youth theatre program of the Sherman Community Players and has been since 1985. The goal of this program is to provide quality entertainment to the community, as well as to educate that same community in the theatre arts. Theatricks 2010-2011 season began with JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT last September, and will close out in July with MISS NELSON IS MISSING!

To make reservations for this weekend of performances, one needs to call the SCP Box Office at (903)892-8818 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 adults and \$6 students. Seating is limited. So, if you haven't a "clue" of what to do for Spring Break, then why not take in a performance of SHERLOCK HOLMES!



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Austin College Softball Team Takes on New Season

SHERMAN, TEXAS - The Austin College softball team is looking to make an appearance at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament under the direction of head coach Edie Fletcher.

Members of the 2011 team are listed below by hometown, along with the local high school from which they graduated, and their parents.

Denison, Texas -- Aryn Hays, Denison High School, daughter of Michael Hays.

Howe, Texas -- Briana Slawson, Howe High School, daughter of Tracey Slawson.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges that Change Lives*.

<http://www.ctcl.com/>.

GCC's It's My Life!

Leadership Series features **Brent O'Bannon**

"Creating Momentum for Outrageous Success" was the topic of Grayson County College's It's My Life! Leadership Series in February. Brent O'Bannon, a certified life coach and licensed professional counselor, shared tips on having a fulfilled life - not just a full life - with GCC students, employees and guests during the Feb. 28 meeting of the series.

"By diving deeper into engaged, heartfelt relationships and harnessing strengths for an empowered, successful career, it is possible to have an energized, fulfilling lifestyle," O'Bannon said.

Sponsored by GCC's Student Government Association, Office of Student Life, and the Center for Workplace Learning (CWL) Advisory Board, the series is a public forum where guest speakers share their philosophy on leadership in today's competitive environment. The series is designed to help students and other participants become better prepared to succeed in college and throughout their lives.

"Mr. O'Bannon has so much to offer our students and other guests," said Dr. Patty Pool, executive director of GCC's CWL. "He is a gifted speaker and I know participants will thoroughly enjoy his leadership presentation."

O'Bannon draws on 20 years of experience of speaking to more than 27,000 people as a leader, life coach, counselor and minister. He inspires and entertains his audiences with personal experiences and real-life situations that have yielded adventures that helped him create momentum for outrageous success and fulfilling work/life balance.

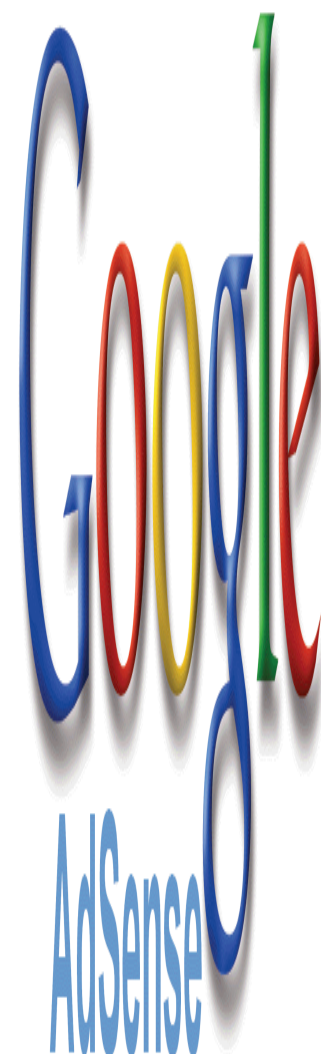
A popular keynote speaker, O'Bannon is an author and radio/television personality. He also is a member of the National Speakers Association and Distinguished Toastmaster. His company, Brent O'Bannon International, has offices in Sherman and Plano. He and his wife have two grown children.

"Students and other participants can benefit from business leaders like Mr. O'Bannon. That firsthand knowledge is valuable to them as they develop their own leadership abilities," said Gregg Miles, director of Student Life and SGA adviser.

The It's My Life! Leadership Series meets on the fourth Monday of each month from September through April. The format is informal; presentations last about 20 minutes and are followed by a question-and-answer session. The forum is a lunch-and-learn opportunity, and participants may bring their lunch to the presentation if they wish.

The public is invited to attend each presentation from 12:15 pm to 12:50 pm in Room 107 of the Liberal Arts building, which is located on GCC's Main Campus in Denison. Parking is available east of the Student Life Center, near the Viking Residence Hall.

For more information about the series, contact Miles at 903-463-8693 or milesg@grayson.edu.



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

I was reading an article from the Internet about childhood back in the 40's & 50's. As a child of that era, I can tell you that I roamed a five to seven block area in a small suburb in Fort Worth when I was in 2nd through 6th grade. I walked to the elementary school about 6 blocks away. I walked to a friend's house about 5 blocks away. I went to visit my grandmothers ... one lived a block and a half to the east and the other a block and a half to the west.

It was a simpler time back then. Sure there was meanness back then, but in my neighborhood folks sat on the front porch and watched their children and the neighbors' children play.

I remember that on Saturdays, my younger sister and I got on a bus and rode it to a movie theater near the Stockyards. For 10 cents each we watched previews, cartoons, and two features. They also had a 10 minute serial that ended with a cliffhanger for us to come back the next week. The hero's boat would be blown up in the middle of the river, but we returned the next week to find out that just before the explosion the hero had jumped from the boat or avoided some other danger.

One of my favorite movies is *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. That movie was made by George Lucas and Stephen Spielberg ... who had spent their Saturdays watching those same cliffhangers I watched.

The good old days ... fortunate are the children who can remember their childhood with fondness. A time to learn about life from your family ... a family who teaches you how to deal with bad things ... a family who can help you learn how to deal with losses in this life and how to look forward to the next life.

What's Cooking?

Grandma's Red Beans and Rice

A classic dish, sure to become a favorite at your house. This recipe was a blue-ribbon winner at the State Fair of Texas.

1-1/2 cups dried red or pinto beans

6 cups water

3 carrots, grated

3 medium onions, chopped

8 strips of bacon, diced

5 cups chicken stock

dash of garlic salt

1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 bay leaf

1 cup uncooked white rice (not instant rice)

Rinse and pick over beans. Put beans and water in a Dutch oven or large pot, bring to boil and boil for 45 minutes. Drain.

In another pan, sauté bacon, carrots and onion until onion is softened, but not browned.

Mix drained beans and bacon mixture, and add the chicken stock. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes. Stir in spices, lower heat and simmer about 2 hours or until beans are soft.

Add rice and, if necessary, more chicken stock. Simmer for 1 additional hour. Salt to taste.

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Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending February 25th are: Carson Grogan, Kaysie Hall, Trevor Watson, Morgan Dyer, Jamie Taylor, Romon Rocha, Austin Thurman, Kaleb Strong, Conner Record, Fenix Luego, Gracie Horton, Kelly Caballero, and Breana Cole.

Howe ISD Calendar

March

- 1-4 – TAKS testing
 - 3-5 – Baseball @Trenton Tournament
 - 3-5 – Softball @Howe Tournament
 - 5 – Regional Boys Powerlifting Meet @Ponder
 - 7-20 – Houston Livestock Show
 - 7 – Lady Bulldog Golf Tournament @ Turtle Hill GC
 - 7 – FFA Booster Club, 6:30pm
 - 8 – Boys Golf Tournament at Turtle Hill GC
 - 8 – JV/V baseball @Bells
 - 8 – JV.V softball @Bells
 - 8 – HES Open House, 5:30-6:30pm
 - 8 – 4th grade PE Program @HES 6:30-7:30pm
 - 9 – HS UIL Concert/Sight Reading Contest @Pottsboro HS, 4:30pm
 - 10 – 1st grade Texas Cookout
 - 10 – HS track meet @Bells
 - 10 – HMS One Act Play, 7pm
 - 10-12 – Tennis Community Tournament @Princeton
 - 10-12 – Varsity Baseball Tourney @ Van Alstyne
 - 11 – JV/V softball vs. Tom Bean
 - 11 – Early release
 - 14-18 – Spring Break
 - 24 – Howe School Board meeting, 6pm
- Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information

Nominations for Howe ISD Gifted and Talented

Parents of current first, third, and fourth through seventh graders in Howe ISD may pick up a Gifted and Talented nomination packet from the school offices beginning Monday, Feb. 21. Nomination forms must be completed and returned by 3 pm Friday, March 4, to be considered.

HISD Menus

March 7-11

Breakfast

Monday- Morning sausage, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, pineapple, apple juice

Tuesday-Pancake on stick, cereal w/toast, fresh grapes, orange juice

Wednesday –Biscuit & sausage, gravy, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh apple, grape juice

Thursday French toast, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Friday- Cinnamon roll, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced peaches, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY – Hamburger, chili dog, burger fixins, potato rounds, baked beans, pineapple chunks, apple crisp

TUESDAY – Beef fingers, crispy chicken salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fresh grapes, hot roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY – Chicken sandwich, turkey club wrap, burger fixins, pinto beans, fresh apple, rice crispie treat

THURSDAY –Pepperoni pizza, spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, broccoli w/cheese, Texas toast, orange sherbet

FRIDAY-Beef & cheese nachos, burrito, cheese sauce, steamed corn, tossed salad, Spanish rice, diced peaches

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability



Be Beautiful.
Naturally.



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City and School Elections

Election date is May 14; early voting is May 2- May 10.

City positions up for election are those currently held by Mayor Jeff Stanley and council members Jack Leavenworth and Joey McMillion. These seats are two year terms.

School board positions up for election are currently held by Leonard Huntsman and Chris Hayes. School board members serve for a three year term.

Filing period: February 12 - March 14. Contact City Hall for the city election and the Howe ISD Administration Office for the school board election.

HOWE ELEMENTARY

Perfect Attendance – 3rd Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Nick Bullard, Andrew Harper, Renee Howard, Brandon Segura, Yair Ayala, Carson Daniels, Dalton Laisy, Keira Robertson, Jentrie Doty, Korie Bouse, Connor Gauntt, Luke Hardy, Audie Martin, Zackery Petrea, Jesus Garcia, Matthew Hayes, Deaven Torres, Christina Harper, Jacob McGill, Axel Segura, Emma Sutherland

First Grade: Luis Gonzalez, Jordan Troxtell, Kevin Bateman, Harley Brockelman, Emma Harvey, Faith Risinger, Aiden Roulette, Sabian Acevedo, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Tony Howard, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Parker Pecina, Cierra Brussow, Ashlyn Beck

Second Grade: - Mikal Ann Beck, Brett Burnett, Holly Cavender, Sierra Copeland, Abby Fesperman, Katie Grogan, Makayla Hanson, Tatum Hartsfield, Luke Jackson, Remington Lowe, Brooke Robinson, Austin Thurman, Joseph Hymel, Clay Barnett, Leah Butcher, Mariana Cano, Hannah Dwyer, Audrey Gard, Riley Insall, Christian Risinger, Ramon Rocha, Crista Timmons, Aubreh Winegarden, Jackson Adkins, Grace Brennan, Ruvy Enriquez, Gabriel Hariman, Kelynn Jaresh, Austin Jones, Lizzy Robertson, Reagan Troxtell, Kobi Zolfaghari

Third Grade: - Bailey Bond, Kevin Gautier, Garrett Grigg, Danaeja Harvey, Jarron Ing, Matthew Robison, Jacob Roper, Eli Turner, Kirstyn Wheeler, Jada Woods, Zane Hughes, Kaley Norton, Brian Timmons, Hunter Brussow, Ethan Chambers, Zoie DeFrange, Paetyn Ford, ally Harvey, Braden Monroe, Aaron Roulette, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Kira Allen, Nayely Ayala, Valerie Langford, Jodee Newland, Colton Thurman, Zimry Weatherspoon, Jackson Wilson

Fourth Grade: - Quintan Allen, Cody Brussow, Mikayla Doty, Nathan Duffee, Jordan Francis, Jared O'Dowd, Haley Roper, Jorie Seibold, Taylor Thurman, Bryce Cole, Dylan Foster, Kaysie Hall, Autumn Hobbs, Devin Howell, Bethany Masters, Riley Potter, Hayden Queen, Lane Stracener, Tanner Barnett, Parker Blount, Aubrey Friedman, Kelsey Pierce, Trevor Watson, Joseph Brennan, Kindle Catching, Sheila Finney, Hadin Gajadien, Allie Gard, Carson Grogan, Taylor Hartsfield, Gianna Henry, Madison Kehrer, Dawson Mitchell, Natalie Murphy

HOWE ELEMENTARY

Exceptional Behavior - 3rd Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Nick Bullard, Hunter Hance, Dabney Henry, Edith Hernandez, Ryan Hough, Connor Martin, Cody McGill, James Richardson, Donna Mendoza, Yair Ayala, Breana Cole Bryan Crees, Carson Daniels, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Dalton Laisy, Trey Phillips, Keira Robertson, Ariana Ross, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Dakota Tinker, Korie Bouse, Paige Benum, Jentrie Doty, Janna Nitchman, Connor Gauntt, Antonio Tapia, Teagan Stubblefield, Kai Brown, Jordan Brunner, Zoey Bolen, Chelsea Caughlan, Ethan Duerr, Jesus Garcia, Daniel Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Jalie Hill, Allannah Jenkins, Hayley McEwin, Tinley Sisemore, Stone Trevino, Kelly Caballero, Kaylee Jones, Jacob McGill, Madison Morrow, Sergio Rico, Emma Sutherland, Destyne Torres, Jacob Upchurch

First Grade: Jessica Bastida, Luis Gonzalez, Christian Moody, Ramie Mosse, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmond, Kevin Bateman, Harley Brockelman, Luke Catching, Zak DeFrange, John Griffin, Emma Harvey, Kailyn Ireland, Ethan Lopez, Brooke Potter, Conner Record, Faith Risinger, Jared Brussow, Michelle Caballero, Will Fleming, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Ryan Murphy, Parker Pecina, David Rocha, Caleb Searcey, Alyssa Sharp, Braydon Smith, Avery Snapp, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, Ashlyn Beck, Caytie Coco, Cierra Brussow, Lindsey Hymel, Colby Hopper, Eli Wilson, Ben Speed, Jennifer Torres, Ricky Ramirez

Second Grade: Autumn Bassett, Mason Bearden, Mikal Ann Beck, Brett Burnett, Holly Cavender, Sierra Copeland, Abby Fesperman, Katie Grogan, Makayla Hanson, Tatum Hartsfield, Raul Hernandez, Remington Lowe, Kendell Posey, Brooke Robinson, Austin Thurman, Erin Catching, Ashley Crees, Kamryn Gardner, Ethen Grant, Alex Hernandez, Joseph Hymel, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Tess Matthews, Mason Moreau, Hunter Robertson, Kaytee Roper, Dylan Savage, Pablo Segura, A.J. Shue, Gage Streetman, Leah Trevino, Braeden Wise, Clay Barnett, Leah Butcher, Mariana Cano, Hannah Dwyer, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Jonathan Meneses, Christian Risinger, Crista Timmons, Aubreh Winegarden, Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Grace Brennen, Lyla Caro, Kayle Chapman, Ruvy Enriquez, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Spencer Heft, Kelynn Jaresh, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Ethan Sanders, Reagan Troxtell, Kobi Zolfaghari

Third Grade: Bailey Bond, Jayce Bryan, Taylor Bryant, Ireland Bryant, Lane Griffin, Garrett Grigg, Mikayla Hudek, Jacob Roper, Elijah Turner, Cassidy Anderson, Dylan Cenero, Melanie Guzman, Caiden Harmon, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Zane Hughes, Sarah Martin, Bonnie Olivarez, Ethan Quintero, Jamie Taylor, Brian Timmons, Ty Trevino, Riley Underwood, Hunter Brussow, Zoie DeFrange, Morgan Dyer, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Caden Stewart, Molly Wilson, Ally Harvey, Valerie Langford, Kacie Morgan, Kaleigh Smith, Colton Thurman, Hailey Upchurch

Fourth Grade: Spencer Akins, Tanner Barnett, Valeria Bastida, Parker Blount, Jake Catching, Levi Cavendar, Luis Chacon, Samuel Cherry, Lian Cung, Aubrey Friedman, Ty Harrell, Jacob Howell, Trey Lastor, Taylee Moss, Kelsey Pierce, Jayme Swayne, Trevor Watson, Aurora Winegarden, Quintan Allen, John Bailey, Cody Brussow, Carly Cannaday, Mikayla Doty, Nathan Duffee, Jordan Francis, Gage Hendrickson, Hannah Lawson, Jared O'Dowd, Mason Riggs, Hayley Roper, Jorie Seibold, Taylor Thurman, Erin Tyler, Zoe Watson, Dylan Foster, Brayla Haines, Kaysie Hall, Clayton Haynes, Devin Howell, Garret Johnson, Bethany Masters, Riley Potter, Lane Stracener, Jaime Torres, Kaylin Bouse, Joseph Brennan, Kindle Catching, Sheila Finney, Hadin Gajadien, Adam Gregg, Carson Grogan, Taylor Hartsfield, Gianna Henry, Grace Jones, Madison Kehrer, Caleb Lankford, Tate Matthews, Dawson Mitchell, Natalie Murphy, Colten Raisor

Tom Bean City Elections

The City of Tom Bean will have three Councilmember positions open for the May 14, 2011 election day.

Incumbents Jerry Harris, Michael Upchurch, and Lisa L Collins are currently serving two-year terms which expire May, 2011.

Qualifications for office are as follows: must be at least 18 years of age; must have resided for one year in the state and 6 months in the city limits prior to the filing deadline and must be a registered voter at the time of election.

Application packets are available at the City Hall located at 201 S. Britton St., Tom Bean, Texas. Interested applicants may call 903-546-6321 to have an application mailed.

Per the Secretary of State Election Calendar, February 14, 2011 is the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot and the last day to file is Monday, March 14, 2011. The deadline for write-in candidates is Monday, March 21, 2011.

Tom Bean ISD announces open positions

The Tom Bean ISD Board of Trustees will have three positions open for the May 14, 2011 election day. Incumbents Steve Book, Brian Trentman, and Stan Woodruff are currently serving three-year terms which expire May, 2011.

Qualifications for office are as follows: must be at least 18 years of age; must have resided for one year in the state and 6 months in the district prior to the filing deadline and must be a registered voter at the time of election.

Application packets are available at the Tom Bean ISD Administration Office located at 7719 State Hwy. 11, Tom Bean, Texas. Interested applicants may call 903-546-6076 ext.200 to have an application mailed.

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DPS discourages Spring Break travel to Mexico

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Spring Breakers to avoid traveling to Mexico because of continued violence-and reminding boaters to stay on the U.S. side of Falcon Lake.

Falcon Lake has been the scene of several robberies and a U.S. citizen's murder, and DPS is again warning boaters to steer clear of the Mexican side of the lake. Cartel activity remains high in that area.

"While drug cartel violence is most severe in northern Mexico, it is prominent in other parts of the country as well," said DPS Director Steven C. McCraw. "Various crime problems also exist in many popular resort areas, such as Acapulco and Cancun, and crimes against U.S citizens often go unpunished."

So far this year, an ICE agent was killed and another injured in a suspected ambush near San Luis Potosi February 15. Two El Paso teens were gunned down February 5 in Ciudad Juarez. In January, a Texas missionary was shot in the head when she and her husband ran an illegal road block in Nuevo Leon.

In addition to U.S citizens killed so far this year, preliminary figures show as many as 65 Americans were killed in Mexico in 2010. Kidnapping, sexual assault, robbery and carjacking also are threats in parts of Mexico. Suspects have not been prosecuted in many of

the cases. Meanwhile, more than 30,000 Mexican citizens have died in drug-related violence since 2006, and the violence shows no signs of abating.

"Drug violence has not discriminated-innocent bystanders and people who may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time are among the casualties. Underestimating the violence in Mexico would be a mistake for parents and students," said McCraw. "Our safety message is simple: avoid traveling to Mexico during Spring Break and stay alive."

DPS acknowledges that many travel to Mexico without incident, but the risks cannot be ignored. Travelers are encouraged to carefully research any planned trips.

Travelers should always check the U.S. State Department website for the most up-to-date information related to security issues in Mexico. (See http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html or http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs_MexicoSecurityUpdate.html.)

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Mexico are urged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through their website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

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BookShelf

Van Alstyne Library

by Juanita Hazelton

It is that time of year again! Tax time is rapidly approaching. Some people may not be aware that the IRS no longer mails tax booklets and forms to tax payers. The Van Alstyne Library provides tax forms and booklets. If we are out of the form you need, please let us know so we can order more copies. The IRS provides reproducible laminated copies of the most used tax forms. These are attached to our copy machine for your convenience. You may also go online to IRS.gov to print out the forms you need.

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From the Desk of Judy Spence: Seven? Teen Council has been hosting a Poetry Night for young adults for **seven** years? My mom always told me that time would start to fly by as I got older but I certainly didn't expect it to zip by this quickly! I was just telling someone that this year's turnout of 29 seemed low but when I compare to our earliest years, 29

seems a veritable horde. From the earliest version of our small, girls only Teen Council to today's larger coed group we have hosted and continue to host an evening where young adult poets share their work and/or listen to others share theirs.

Poetry celebrates the individual word, the



sound of language, and the rhythm of language in a way that can be fine tuned into an art form. How the words are shaped and what picture they paint, not only with their structure and meaning but with the emotion they evoke and the connotation they impart can be a difficult skill to master. Young adults have a need to express the multitude of feelings they find themselves swimming in every day. Much of their poetry can be stereotypical angst but these young minds still retain the elasticity of childhood but with a burgeoning edge of cynicism that can be quite cutting. And FUNNY! Miss Taylor Benson and Mr. Peter Wilson had us all in stitches with Taylor's *Flight of the Pelican* and Peter's *Tuba Supremacy*. Think they don't see everything that goes on around them? When you have it mirrored back to you with a tapestry of words both stinging and true then it makes one think twice about what one says and does in their presence! Having someone half your age help you see the inanity of your words is a humbling experience, especially when it rhymes.



From the Desk of Amy Parrish: We had the drawing for the middle school reading contest on Feb. 28. Congratulations to India James!! I pulled her entry for the book *Warrior's Eclipse* by Erin Hunter. The part she liked most was --"The battle of the four claws." Also, congratulations to the runners up: William Dove, Sarah Franze and Josh Watson, who have each won a bag of free books!

Last week during storytime we celebrated African American History. We read *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verda Aardema. The kids loved the part where Ki-Pat used the eagle feather to make an arrow and shoot the rain cloud. We giggled at the illustration of the cows tongues sticking out. Also, we made storyteller hats during craft time.

Join us for storytime this week to read a Dr. Seuss book to celebrate his birthday. Dr. Seuss (Theodor Suess Geisel) was born on March 2, 1904. Remember, Bilingual Story Times are Tuesdays at 4 pm and Preschool Story Times are Wednesdays: 10:15 to 11:15 am. Everyone have a great week!

Van Alstyne Voices - Toastmasters

2/28/11 - Van Alstyne Voices Sergeant-at-Arms M.J. Presley opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge, and then introduced Toastmaster for the evening Charles Bannister. Jeff Hall was the only speaker for the meeting, with a speech entitled "Introduction to Toastmasters International Website." His speech was evaluated by Merrill Hazelton. M.J. Presley was Table Topics Master, providing challenging extemporaneous topics for Bob Bishop, Sally Hall, and Chuck Bardroff. Juanita Hazelton was timer. Sally Hall introduced the word of the day, "Paramount" and served also as Jokemaster. M.J. Presley was General Evaluator. Sally Hall was awarded a ribbon for her Table Topic, "Who is Your Superhero." Guests John Foscue, Josh Holbrook, and Beth Wells were welcomed. Juanita Hazelton will be Toastmaster for the next meeting. Merrill Hazelton and Charles Bannister will be speakers.

Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills. Toastmasters can help people build their self-confidence and develop speaking skills in a friendly, positive environment. Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meets each Monday evening at 7 pm in Room 111 at Grayson County Community College South Campus in Van Alstyne. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.

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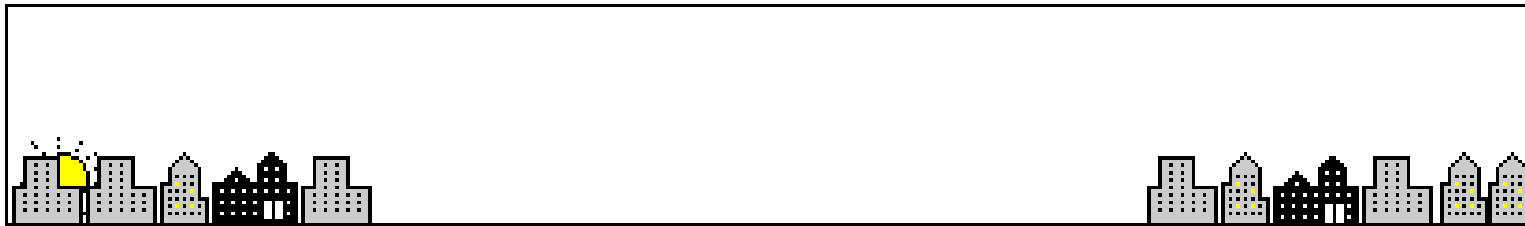
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Chrystal Opry House

Bluegrass Event

Our regular Bluegrass jam will be Thursday night, March 3, at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6 as usual. Donations will be accepted at the door to defray expenses. We will not start our 3rd Saturday jams until April.

On March 5th we welcome Levin Wells, and his Bluegrass Ramblers from the Texoma area. Members of his band are Charles Sisson, fiddle, George Branch, bass, Charles Branch, guitar, and Mike Gemberling, banjo.

We also welcome Midnight Train from the Dallas area. This is a new group of seasoned musicians including Pamela Dahl, guitar, vocals, Cory Wylie, mandolin, Joe Morrow, banjo, and Arich Schriefer, bass.

The Chrystal Opry House is located 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building.

Individuals or bands interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>

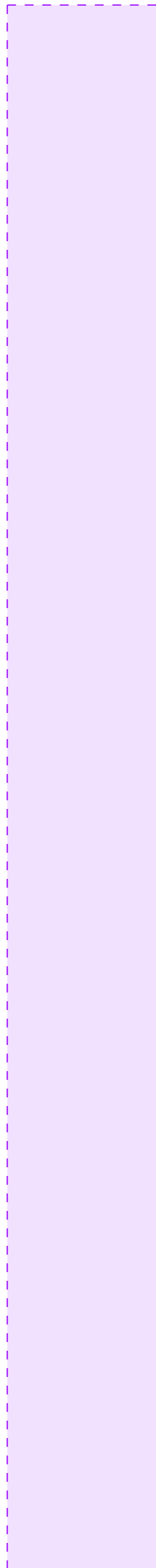


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Is Quantrill buried in East Texas?

by Bob Bowman

One of the most intriguing legends in East Texas claims that William Clarke Quantrill, the guerrilla leader from the Civil War and the mentor of the Younger and James brothers, is buried in Angelina County.

Jake Lyons of Lufkin, a devotee of regional history, helped us shed some light on the legend years ago.

Quantrill was a farmer who drove cattle, taught school, and was considered an excellent teacher. "He was very smart, had a hunger for knowledge, and memorized English poetry," said Lyons.

Following his exploits as a raider during the aftermath of the Civil War, Quantrill suffered a lingering death in 1865 with a bullet in his spine. He was buried in a Louisville, Kentucky grave. His mother wasn't able to find the grave until December of 1867, when she had the grave opened and some of the bones placed in a zinc-lined box and reburied in Dover, Kansas.

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by Dorothy N. Fowler

After much searching of the United States government's census data base last week, I learned that the census figures for Texas counties had been released, but there was no data about cities. Since that information had to be somewhere, I started calling people, businesses, and agencies that might have received press releases or have the inside track.

No one I contacted seemed to know anything. "Don't think it's been released yet," was the consensus on Friday afternoon, "but we're sure it will be available soon."

Late Monday afternoon, without checking the Website, I called the city clerk's office in Sherman and got the information I had been looking for about Sherman. The person to whom I spoke said the city engineer's office had called her with the information, but she didn't know where the city engineer's office got it.

By that time, it may have been on the government's Website, but I didn't look because I wanted to demonstrate my superior math skills by figuring the percent change in the population since the 2000 census. The formula for percent change was something I didn't know until I taught economics. For some reason, the teachers who tried to teach algebra II, which is perhaps the most useless subject in the curriculum for most people, did not teach anything as useful as how to calculate percent change in prices.

By the way, my favorite algebra teacher, Tom Slater, who taught algebra II and other advanced math classes at Permian High School and who taught algebra II at Odessa College, was the person who told me that algebra II was a waste of time for people who did not plan to enter a math related occupation. "Arithmetic, geometry and algebra I and consumer math are what most people need in their lives." Tom maintained. And to carry this a bit further, a superintendent of schools in the Beaumont area told a local school board that he had never been at a party where people stood around discussing quadratic equations. "Politics, literature, history, art, music -- those are the things people talk about when they aren't talking about each other," he said.

To further clarify my position related to Algebra II, I didn't understand anything about it when I was in high school,

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However, William Walter Scott, a Dover newspaperman, kept Quantrill's skull, carried it to Mrs. Quantrill, and she confirmed it was her son by means of a chipped molar in the lower jaw.

But Scott kept the skull and tried to sell it to a historical society. Eventually, the skull fell into the hands of a college fraternity and was eventually buried at a Confederate cemetery at Higginsville, Missouri.

What about the Quantrill grave in Angelina County?

Lyons believes it may be occupied by Quantrill's young brother, Thomas, who often passed himself off as William and said in 1890 that he was going to Texas, where he was no stranger and had some friends.

Casper Androus Ricks of Huntington, who died in 1937, often told his sons that Quantrill did not die in Kentucky, as the record says, but came to Angelina County, adopted a new name, and became a prominent businessman.

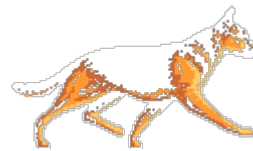
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although I passed the course with flying colors and always felt like a failure about it. After all, the official consensus is people who major in English, languages, history, art, and other non-math, non-science fields are useless drags on the body politic. While many people in education would not admit that attitude, the evidence that it exists in many school districts is that math teachers get paid more than those who teach other subjects. If you don't believe it, investigate for yourself. You may be surprised at what you find.

When I started teaching at Permian, I decided to go to O.C. and take algebra II from Tom Slater. He made it intelligible and interesting but not fun, and not useful.

When I started teaching economics, which includes the laws of supply and demand and their elasticity or lack thereof, being able to figure percent change became useful because knowing the percent change in the price of a commodity or an item could serve as one predictor of how consumers or suppliers might react to price changes.

Having explained more than you wanted to know about percent change, these are the facts about Sherman's increase in population. The 2000 census showed the population of Sherman was 35,082. The 2010 census showed a population of 38,521. That's population growth of 9.8%.

I do not have the demographic breakdown for the city of Sherman, but at the state level, Texas population grew by 20.8%. Eighty-nine percent of that growth was non-Anglo. The Hispanic population increased 46.8%, African American population increased 22.1% and the Anglo population by 4.2%.

This matters to you and to me because the United States Constitution requires the Congress of the United States to reapportion the House of Representatives after each decennial census. Texas gained 4 seats in the House, while other states, particularly in the northern Midwest and East lost seats. That changes the balance of power in the House, so that the South and West have more clout than they did.

It will also change the balance of power in the Texas delegation to the House of Representatives for two reasons, both rooted in decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the 1960's and 1970's. Those decisions required Congressional districts (1) to contain populations as nearly equal as possible and (2) to protect the opportunity for all populations to elect representatives that were truly representative.

There are other legal considerations in the decisions, of course, but those two are absolutely pivotal.

What the court did not address is the business of drawing district lines in such a way that one political party is favored over another. Obviously, in a state where Republicans dominate the legislature, they will seek to draw lines to benefit themselves. If Democrats dominate the legislature, they will seek to draw lines to benefit themselves. That is part of our political system.

Now that the figures are out, the political battle begins. It will be well worth watching.

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Hagerman 2nd Saturday Events



A guided nature hike, two programs on bats, and a photo club meeting are all on tap for Second Saturday at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on March 12. Speaker for the feature Second Saturday program will be Dr. Bryon K. Clark, with a presentation on bats, at 10 am in the Audio Visual Classroom at the Refuge.

Clark is an Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Instruction at Southeastern Oklahoma State University; he previously served as a Professor of Biological Sciences, Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, and Dean of the School of Graduate and University Studies at Southeastern. He holds a B.A. in Biology from Central College in Iowa, a M.S. in Biology from Western Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in Biology from Kansas State University. Following a post-doctoral position at Oklahoma State University with the Oklahoma Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and the Department of Zoology, he moved to Southeastern in 1990. Bryon's research interests have focused on the ecology and natural history of bats, rodents, and shrews.

A parallel program, Just Batty, is slated for Second Saturday for Youth, also starting at 10 am. This program for youngsters ages 4 - 10 will be led by Kay Karns and Katie Palmer. Reservations are necessary for the youth program due to limited space; please call the Refuge, 903 786 2826.

The guided hike will be led by Dr. Wayne Meyer, Associate Professor of Biology at Austin College, and will begin at 8 am. Those planning to participate should dress for the weather and meet at Refuge Headquarters at 8 am. The hike will be cancelled in case of rain.

At 12:30 pm, the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club will meet for a technical program and sharing of photos. The theme for March is Weather. The club is open to all photographers interested in nature photography. Photos for sharing should be submitted in jpg format, with the photographers name in the file, and sent to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

Second Saturday programs are sponsored by Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge and the Friends of Hagerman. The programs are free and open to the public. The Refuge is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, 75092. For more information, please contact the Refuge, 903-786-2826 or visit www.friendsofhagermna.com.





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Turning 65? What You Need to Know about Signing up for Medicare

The first of the 78 million baby boomers turned 65 on January 1, 2011, and some 10,000 boomers a day will reportedly be turning 65 between now and 2030. If you are among those about to turn 65, then it is time to think about Medicare. You become eligible for Medicare as soon as you turn 65, and delaying your enrollment can result in penalties, so it is important to act right away.

There are a number of different options to consider when signing up for Medicare. Medicare consists of four major programs: Part A covers hospital stays, Part B covers physician fees, Part C permits Medicare beneficiaries to receive their medical care from among a number of delivery options, and Part D covers prescription medications. In addition, Medigap policies offer additional coverage to individuals enrolled in Parts A and B.

Medicare enrollment begins three months before your 65th birthday and continues for 7 months. If you are currently receiving Social Security benefits, you don't need to do anything. You will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B effective the month you turn 65. If you do not receive Social Security benefits, then you will need to sign up for Medicare by calling the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 or online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly/>. It is best to do it as early as possible so your coverage begins as soon as you turn 65.

If you are still working and have an employer or union group health insurance plan, it is possible you do not need to sign up for Medicare Part B right away. You will need to find out from your employer whether the employer's plan is the primary insurer. If Medicare, rather than the employer's plan, is the primary insurer, then you will still need to sign up for Part B. Even if you aren't going to sign up for Part B, you should still enroll in Medicare Part A, which may help pay some of the costs not covered by your group health plan. For more information on Part A, [click here](#).

If you don't have an employer or union group health insurance plan, or that plan is secondary to Medicare, it is extremely important to sign up for Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period. If you do not sign up for Part B right away, then you will be subject to a penalty. Your Medicare Part B premium may go up 10 percent for each 12-month period that you could have had Medicare Part B,

but did not take it. In addition, you will have to wait for the general enrollment period to enroll. The general enrollment period usually runs between January 1 and March 31 of each year. For more information on Part B, [click here](#).

With all the deductibles, copayments and coverage exclusions, Medicare pays for only about half of your medical costs. Much of the balance not covered by Medicare can be covered by purchasing a so-called "Medigap" insurance policy from a private insurer. You can search online for a Medigap policy in your area at <http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/medigap-home.aspx>. For more information on Medigap, [click here](#).

Medicare also offers Medicare Part C (also called Medicare Advantage). You must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to join a Medicare Advantage plan, the name for private health plans that operate under the Medicare program. If you join a Medicare Advantage Plan, the plan will provide all of your Part A and Part B coverage, and it may offer extra coverage, such as vision, hearing, dental, and/or health and wellness programs. Most such plans include Medicare prescription drug coverage. For more information on Medicare Advantage, [click here](#).

Finally, Medicare offers prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D. If you are not going to sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan with prescription drug coverage, then you will want to enroll in a prescription drug plan at the same time you sign up for Parts A and B. For every month you delay enrollment past the initial enrollment period, your Medicare Part D premium will increase at least 1 percent. You are exempt from these penalties if you did not enroll because you had drug coverage from a private insurer, such as through a retirement plan, at least as good as Medicare's. This is called "creditable coverage." Your insurer should let you know if their coverage will be considered creditable. Visit the Medicare Web site at <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx> to find a drug plan in your area. For more information on Medicare's prescription drug coverage, [click here](#).

After you've signed up for Medicare Part B, you can schedule a free "Welcome to Medicare" exam with your doctor.

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TELLING OUR STORIES

Adventures of a Trading Man

by W.A. "Buddy" Darter

I was born in Sherman in a little white house close to where the Essin Clinic is now located. It was at the southwest corner of Washington Ave. and Ricketts Street. My grandmother and grandfather Darter lived nearby, and our family owned a large lot there. The gypsies all camped there, the men trading horses and the women telling fortunes. Being with them all the time, I learned their language and my father and uncle were both horse traders.

In 1915 I was helping Pete Hudgins drive some cattle through town. When he saw how good I was at roping cattle he offered me a job at \$25 a month. I became his top hand and that was the beginning of a friendship that lasted the rest of our lives.

One day in 1918 as I rode up to Pete's lot behind his house at West Houston St. (where Piner School is now), his sister Mrs. Adams ran out and said, "Buddy, have you got a gun?"

"Yes, Ma'am," I replied, "I have a six-shooter."

She said, "That old cat has been killing my chickens, and I wish you would shoot it." As she said that, the cat came running out; I took my gun and shot and killed him. I still have that gun but I have never shot it again.

One time Pete had me go to Denison with my uncle, Teck Darter, to drive a bunch of mules back to Sherman. As we were coming out of Denison on Armstrong Ave., we passed by Mr. Baker's grocery, where he had a mule and horse hitched to a delivery wagon. Our mules scared them, making them run away. I roped the farthest from me and stopped them so abruptly that it broke the tongue out of the wagon.

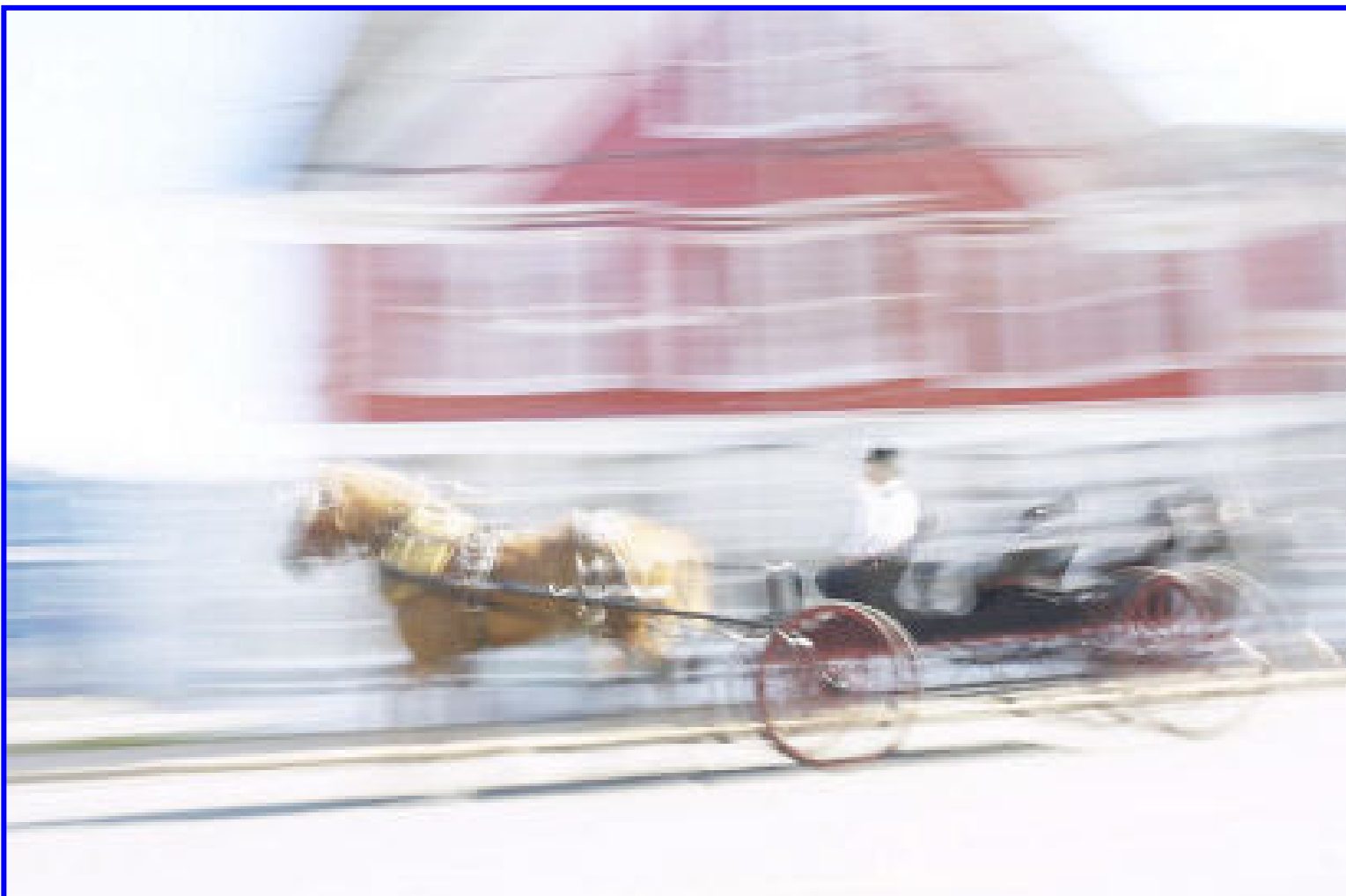
Ray Shone came running to tell me that Mr. Baker would pay me for stopping his runaway team. I told him "No, Thanks," and asked him to tell Mr. Baker I was sorry I broke the wagon tongue. In later years Mr. Baker and I often laughed together over this incident.

Another time we went to pick up six big calves that Pete had purchased. There was no pen, so we roped them one by one and necked them in pairs for the drive. At one point some of the calves got hung up in a

fence, and when I jumped off my horse to free them they jumped on me and my pants got torn up pretty badly. The best I could do was to get Pete to go to a nearby grocery and buy some safety pins to hold my pants together until we got home.

I loved to trade, whether it was horses, cows, cars or real estate. One time my wife asked me when was I going to cut the grass on our lot. I told her I could make more money standing on the corner that it would cost to hire someone to cut the grass. So I went to town and met a man who sold me a Ford for \$22.50. The next day I swapped it even money for a Buick and then sold the Buick to a couple for \$120. When I told my wife about this, she did not ask me to cut the grass again.

My wife Gladys and I lived in many houses in Sherman, because I did a lot of house buying and selling. We lived in most of the ones I bought for a while. The love of trading I learned from the gypsies as a child, and my skill in practicing it served me well throughout my life.



My Thoughts on the Calling of a Constitutional Convention

by Senator Craig Estes

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the Texas Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 1, which called on Congress to pass an amendment to the United States Constitution requiring the federal government to balance its budget every year. The resolution further provided that if Congress failed to pass the amendment by January 1, 2012, the State of Texas applied for an Article V constitutional convention to add a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. I am a strong supporter of amending the Constitution to require Congress to balance its budget every year. However, I cast my vote against S.J.R. 1 because it calls for a constitutional convention if Congress fails to pass the amendment through the traditional process. I could not vote for a resolution calling for a constitutional convention because I think a constitutional convention risks far too much to justify the potential gains.



The resolution contains language purporting to constrain the Article V convention to drafting a balanced budget amendment. It also states that Texas's application is rescinded if the convention strays from this purpose. This language does not comfort me. All of the precedent for the conduct of a constitutional convention comes from the Philadelphia Convention of 1787. This convention was called to resolve a narrow issue, the conflicts between the states under the Articles of Confederation government. Under Article XIII of the Articles of Confederation, any change to the government of the United States required the unanimous approval of all the states. Rhode Island, which had implemented a tariff on goods crossing its borders from other states, boycotted the convention to prevent the other states from amending the Articles of Confederation to make its tariff illegal. At the Philadelphia Convention, the delegates went well beyond the narrow issue they had convened to address and wrote an entirely new government. Then, in order to avoid the unanimity requirement of Article XIII, they provided that the new Constitution would go into effect if only three-fourths of the states adopted it.

Thus, the only precedent we have on the matter clearly implies that neither the scope nor the ratification requirements of a constitutional convention can be limited by prior legislative action. It is also unclear whether or not a state can rescind an Article V application for a convention once the delegates have convened. For these reasons, I do not believe that the delegates to a constitutional convention can be restrained.

If these delegates were likely to be men like George Washington, James Madison, and Alexander Hamilton, I might rest easier. A runaway convention composed of men like these would result in a document that, like our current Constitution, reflected the principles of limited government, individual responsibility, and free enterprise that dominated the political theory of their time. But a modern convention would be attended by men and women of our time, some of whom would subscribe to branches of modern political thought, including theories of class warfare, the culture of victimization, and the belief that unlimited federal power is a desirable end. While a runaway convention might be unlikely, I fear that the potential harm from one is so great that I cannot in good conscience cast a vote that would make it possible.

I am not alone in my fears. My view is shared by many legal scholars, including the late Warren Burger, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1969 to 1985. In 1988, Burger wrote that, "there is no way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. . . . Whatever gain might be hoped for from a new Constitutional Convention could not be worth the risks involved."

I continue to hope that Congress will pass a balanced budget amendment so that it can be ratified by the states. I will be first in line to vote for ratification when that happens. But, as much as I want a balanced budget amendment, I would not risk our current Constitution to win it.

Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Emergency Items

This week I will discuss emergency legislative items, as designated by the governor. Article III of the Texas Constitution provides that for the first 30 days in regular Session, the legislature can take up only the introduction of bills and resolutions; for the second 30 days, bills can be heard in committee but not before the full house and not passed into law. However, an exception to these rules is made for issues that the governor deems to be emergency items. By designating an issue as an emergency, the governor allows the legislature to consider and pass legislation during the first 60 days of a regular legislative session. The sixtieth day of the 82nd Legislative Session is March 11, 2011.

This session, the governor has designated five issues as emergency items: eminent domain and private property rights; voter identification; ending sanctuary cities; requiring sonograms for women considering having an abortion; and a resolution to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

So far, the legislature is has filed and is considering legislation on each of these items. Senate Bill 11 and its companion House Bill 12, which would require local governments to enforce immigration laws, are waiting to be heard before the respective committees. SB 14, relating to voter identification, has passed the Senate and will be heard in the House Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud on Tuesday, March 1. SB 16, which would require a sonogram before an abortion can be performed, passed the Senate last week and has been sent to the House. The House also passed HB 15, its version of the sonogram bill, out of committee this week. Senate Bill 18, relating to eminent domain and private property issues, has passed the Senate and is in the House Committee on Land and Resource Management. Lastly, Senate Joint Resolution 1, which calls for a constitutional amendment that would require the federal government to have a balanced budget, was passed by the Senate this week, and has been sent to the House. These issues will be given priority in the House over the next few weeks.

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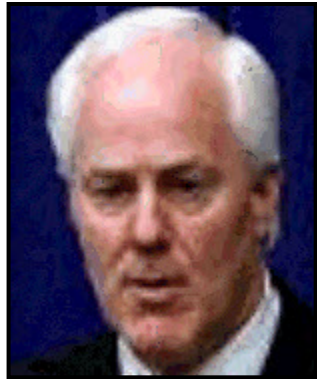
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Cornyn Joins Bipartisan Group of Senators to Introduce a Bill to Fight Homelessness Among America's Veterans



Washington, D.C. (Feb. 24, 2011) - U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) joined Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Scott Brown (R-MA), Mark Begich (D-AK), James Inhofe (R-OK), Bill Nelson (D-FL), and Robert Casey (D-PA) to introduce bipartisan legislation that helps fight homelessness among America's veterans. The Helping Our Homeless Veterans Act would improve outreach to rural and underserved urban veterans by strengthening the existing HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program that provides chronically homeless veterans with housing vouchers and case management services, such as assistance accessing counseling and job training. A national study released earlier this month found that about 16 percent of all homeless adults are veterans, even though veterans make up only 10 percent of the adult population.

"I'm proud to cosponsor this bill, which will help reduce the prevalence of homelessness among the men and women who have worn our nation's military uniform. Texas is proud that one in ten American troops calls the state home, but we can do more to help ensure Texas veterans have a physical place to call home after their military service is complete. America's veterans sacrificed a great deal for our country while in uniform, and they deserve our respect and our support in the ensuing years," Cornyn said.

"The men and women of our Armed Forces raised their right hands and proudly wore the uniform of this country, and at the very least, they deserve a home," Klobuchar said. "When we ask our men and women to fight and sacrifice in defense of our nation, we make a promise that we're going to give them the support they need when they come home.

This legislation would create partnerships to help extend essential services to homeless veterans who are currently living on the streets or in shelters."

"Homelessness is a problem facing too many of our brave veterans and their families today, and this bipartisan legislation is an important step toward addressing this unacceptable situation," said Brown. "After nearly a decade of war, we need to do everything we can to give our returning veterans the tools and resources to afford housing. Our bill encourages the Veterans Administration to partner with local communities to tackle the unique challenges of homelessness, and I am proud to join my colleagues in introducing it."

"I've committed to doing all I can to deliver the programs and services we promised our veterans who have served our country so honorably. The very least we can do is make sure they have a place to live when they come home," Begich said. "I am pleased to co-sponsor this legislation which is designed to give veterans, particularly in rural areas, more opportunities for housing, job training and other services to improve their quality of life."

Inhofe said, "With the increase of our nation's veterans being displaced on the street, this new legislation is essential to providing them with the care they deserve. Under this new legislation, the Department of Veterans Affairs will have the ability to extend their services to homeless veterans in rural and underserved urban areas that are often overlooked. These veterans have dedicated their lives to preserving our nation's freedom and we cannot abandon them in their time of need."

"We have an obligation to help those who served their county and protected our

freedoms," said Casey. "This legislation would assist homeless veterans in rural communities in accessing vital VA services that often remain out of reach."

Last year, the VA made a commitment to end veteran homelessness by 2015. This legislation would help the VA extend services to the rural and underserved urban veterans who need them most.

The Helping Our Homeless Veterans Act would authorize and encourage the VA to partner with eligible state and local governments, tribes, and community-based service providers to ensure homeless veterans have access to HUD-VASH housing vouchers and case management services. The bill does not require additional funding and would allow the VA to establish an application process to let eligible community providers apply to partner with the VA.

The legislation is endorsed by 19 veterans and social service organizations. They include: Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Officers Association of America, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Veterans of Modern Warfare, VetsFirst (a program of United Spinal Association), Student Veterans of America, National Guard Association, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV), Heading Home Minnesota, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Corporation for Supportive Housing, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, Common Ground, and National Leased Housing Association



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[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.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship starts 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 service is led by Denis Gray and dress is casual.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service. They also have home study groups throughout the week.

Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm followed by praise and worship and a devotional at 7:30.

Friday night, March 4, the church will have movie night starting at 7 pm and the movie will be *The Ultimate Gift*, the public is invited to attend. The church is located on 150 Fellowship Rd, off hwy 11 in Luella.

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. located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX

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 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

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.

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

“They Set Up Kings Without My Consent”

God to the Prophet Hosea 710 B.C.

by Willie Sofey

God's prophet of 50 years, Hosea (753-703 B.C.), was a contemporary to Amos (755 B.C.). He primarily prophesied to Israel (Ephraim) the Northern Kingdom, while Isaiah and Micah were prophesying to the Southern Kingdom. Because God's people Israel failed to heed God's Word through Amos., Samaria, the capital of Israel was captured by

the Assyrians in 722 B.C. and the people were deported.

Prior to Hosea's ministry, Israel under Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.) experienced much material wealth, but was spiritually bankrupt. "They set up kings without my consent; they chose princes without my approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction"; God to Hosea (Hosea 8:4). Since God's Word

here is addressed to "His people," I will use this prophecy as the continuation of Hosea's prophecy for the modern descendents of Israel... mainly Europe and North America... descendents of Ephraim and Manasseh.

I believe these modern day nation peoples have indeed chosen "kings" (Presidents, etc.) and "princes" (legislators) without considering the "consent" or "approval" of God. I believe the

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“They Set Up Kings Without My Consent”

God to the Prophet Hosea 710 B.C. continued

western nations of the world have let their lust for materialism (idol) overshadow their Godly spirituality and have concentrated on electing these “kings” and “princes” that will promise to provide this gluttony of materialism, without regard to the anti-God legislation they will impose upon the people.

“They gather together for grain and new wine but turn away from Me. I have trained them and strengthened them, but they plot evil against Me. They do not turn to the Most High;” (Hosea 7:14-16).

America has made foreign alliances over the last 50 years that have drained the nation financially as well as spiritually. “Ephraim mixes with the nation’s..., Foreigners sap his strength, but he does not realize it... Ephraim is like a dove, easily deceived and senseless – now calling to Egypt, now turning to Assyria” (Hosea 7:8-11).

Modern day descendents of Israel are now reaping a whirlwind of destruction. “They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no head; it will produce no flour. Were it to yield grain, foreigners would swallow it up” (Hosea 8:7).

Remember what the apostle of Christ, Paul (47-61 A.D.) had to say concerning the “Ends of the Ages”. “Now all these things happened to them (Israel) as examples, and they were written for our admonition (warning), upon whom the ends of the ages have come” (1 Cor. 10:11).

Almighty God is speaking to us again, “Where is your king, that he may save you? Where are your rulers in all your towns?” (Hosea 13:10). I believe Almighty God’s patience with the descendents of His chosen nation has again reached a boiling point similar to the “golden calf” incident in Moses’ time after the exodus from slavery in Egypt in 1445 B.C... God to Moses... “I have seen these people and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my wrath may wax hot against them and that I may destroy them” (Exodus 32:9-10).

We need to stop thinking about how our “kings” and “princes” are going to satisfy our gluttonous flesh and hold these “rulers” accountable to Godly leadership. Godly obedience will be rewarded. Read 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 and see what God has to say about what it takes for “healing in the land”.

From a listening voice of God’s ancient prophets, Willie Sofey



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Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting started

by Dale Rideout

Genealogy is the study of where you came from. To me it is a study of history and how my family was part of that history.

I have been doing genealogy research for over 30 years now. It is a very rewarding hobby for those who are interested. If you are not interested in doing this type of research, then by all means feel free to quit now. You will not enjoy it. If you are interested in genealogy, then read on.

There are two rules I teach all my genealogy students. Follow them carefully. First – Believe everything you hear and read about your ancestors. Be sure to record and document it carefully. The second rule is – Do Not believe

anything you hear or read about your ancestors, but record and document it carefully.

What! This man is crazy. He just contradicted himself and canceled out everything he said. Well, no I didn't. You will find that you are surrounded with faulty memories, family legends, falsified documents, and many other items that will lead you astray. That is why I say do not believe any of what you get. Yet often you will hear outrageous and seemingly fabricated stories that in reality are true, so believe it all. When you get your information documented, then you can begin to sift for the actual facts. Know that you will have errors, but try to keep them to a minimum.

First you need to get yourself some forms to keep your information on. There are many providers

and the forms are almost all alike. For starters, let me suggest that you go to the website, www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms. On this page you will see the line "Basic Charts and Worksheets." Click this sentence. It takes you to a page where you can download charts for free. Let's begin with three charts: 1) Five generations Ancestry Chart; 2) Family Group Sheet; and 3) Relationship chart. Download and print out each of these. The Five Generations Chart and the Family Group Sheet are necessary for your records, and you will need several copies of each. Start with about five of each and have them in hand as you continue this article. You may get very confused if you do not follow step by step to learn the process.

Now, we will fill out our first chart. Take one of the Five generations Ancestry Chart and write your own name at line # 1. Use your maiden name if you are a woman. Continue filling in the information that you have for yourself. On the dates I prefer to have my students put the date down in the order used by military and Europeans: Day Month Year (24 January 2011.) Get in that habit and it probably save you a lot of misery later. Use the maiden name for all women in your data, if you have it. For places of birth, marriage, death or other events, list them by city or town, county, state, country.

When you have completed all the information you know about yourself (OK. You don't know the death date or place for yourself so skip it and anything else you do not know), go to the top, left corner of your chart and you will see the words, "Chart #____." Fill this in with the number 1 (one.) It is your first chart. You see "1 on this chart = ____ on chart no. ____." Leave this blank on this chart, but you will fill it in on your others. If this seems too confusing, leave them all blank and you will understand it later.

Go to the line numbered 2, and list your FATHER, not your mother but your father. In general the man is always listed above the wife on an ancestral chart. Fill in your father's information. Now go to number 3 and fill in your mother's information.

Now get one of the Family Group Sheets. It is fairly self explanatory. Fill this sheet out for your parents. Give as much information as you have and leave the rest blank. This is where you will list all your brothers and sisters as well as yourself for this family.

Back to the Ancestry Chart. Number 4 will be the name of your father's father, and number 5 your father's mother. Complete what information you have for them and then a Family Group Sheet with you father's brothers and sisters, etc.

Now go to 6 and 7. Your mother's father will be number 6 and her mother will be number 7. Complete with all the information you have and do a Family Group Sheet for them.

You are beginning to get the idea. Numbers 8,9 and 10,11 and 12,13 and 14,15 will be your great-grandparents. Do them the same way.

Now comes the hook for extending your family history. Numbers 16 through 31 will be your great-great-grandparents. Again, the man on top and the woman below. On these lines you can put only the name and save the other information for another chart. Your GGGrandfather, number 16 will have chart number 2 for

him. Write the number 2 in the box by his name. On chart number 2, put his name and information at the place of number 1. At the top of the chart put the number 2 where it says, "Chart #____." Then on this same chart fill in the line, "1 on this chart = 16 on chart # 1." Your GGGrandmother, number 17 will have chart number 3, which you will fill out in the same manner as number 2 for your GGGrandfather. Then fill in a Family Group Sheet for your GGGrandmother and GGGrandfather.

Continue down the Ancestry chart with all you GGGrandparents.

Wow, that was a lot of work, but it gives you a real basis for your genealogy studies.

Each month I will give you some more information on genealogy and how to research and find out just who you really are. Have a lot of fun.

I will be glad to help you if I can. My e-mail is Dalerideout@cableone.net and my telephone is 903-487-0525. I am usually home after 3:30pm Monday through Friday. My wife is not a genealogist but can take messages.

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“Is” ethanol to blame for rising food costs?

by *Mike Barnett*

Consumers may be in for a bit of sticker shock this coming year as USDA predicts a 3.5 percent increase on their grocery tabs. Get ready for another food versus fuel debate as ethanol gets blamed for rising food costs.

It’s already happening. Former President Bill Clinton, who now works on international development issues through his New York-based foundation, voiced his concerns about U.S. corn usage for ethanol production recently at a major speech during the Agriculture Department’s annual Outlook Forum.

Clinton warned that competition for food stocks could impact food prices and spark riots in developing countries. He also said U.S. farmers should be aware of the food needs of developing countries as well as the domestic ethanol market. The report I read said he did acknowledge the role ethanol plays reducing U.S. dependence on imported fuels.



Sounds like a typical politician, speaking out of all sides of his mouth.

President Clinton, here’s what I think: Food prices closely track oil prices. Oil is involved in one way or another with every facet of food production. It fuels the tractors that plow the fields, the combines that harvest them. It fuels the manufacturing process. It is part of packaging. It powers the trucks and trains that transport the commodity from the field to the processor and the product from the processor to the grocery store. And most domestic oil comes from foreign sources.

Those who own oil have a powerful hold over those who don’t. Just look at what the unrest in Libya did to gas prices in a week’s time. Anything we can do to break that captive supply situation -- such as developing renewable fuels like ethanol to compete with oil -- will result in a more stable fuel and food price situation not only for America, but the entire world.

So, President Clinton... “is” ethanol a part of the problem, or “is” ethanol the solution to rising food prices?

Guess it depends on what your definition of “is” is.

Copper Wire



After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion, that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: "California archaeologists, finding of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers"

One week later. A local newspaper in Texas reported the following:

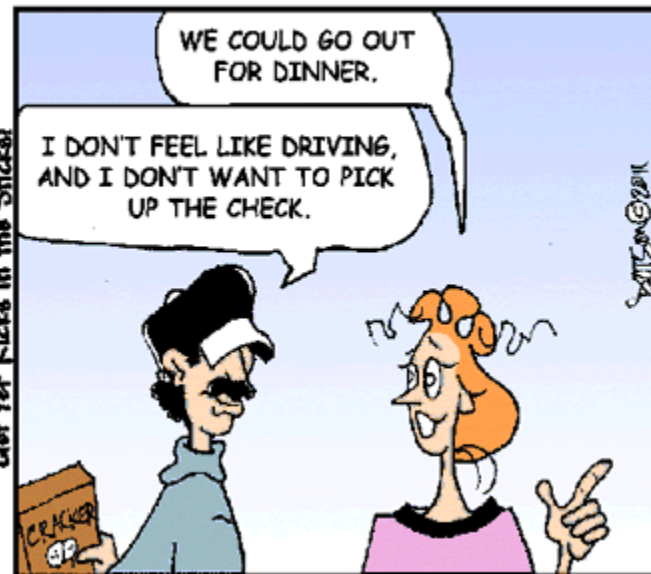
"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Maypearl, Texas, Bubba, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Bubba has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Texas had already gone wireless".

Just makes a person proud to live in Texas, don't it.

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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

These Grandkids always have fun at the Christmas Tree Farm, and they really can sing - but my may not know it from this little video from 2009.



"Santa" Rideout

