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## GC scholarship applications due March 15

Without financial assistance, attending college would only be a dream for some. At Grayson College, many current and prospective students rely on the college's Office of Financial Aid to make that dream come true through academic and need-based scholarships.

March 15 is the priority deadline for new and returning GC students to apply for scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. Scholarship funds totaling more than \$530,000 are awarded to GC students each year to encourage their scholastic endeavors.

"For some Grayson College students, scholarships make a difference in whether college is doable for them," said Donna King, GC's director of financial aid. "That extra help to ease the financial burden of higher education can be the deciding factor."

Students who meet the priority deadline are considered for scholarships first. Applicants must enroll as full-time students (12 or more semester hour credits) and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. All new and renewing applicants must complete and file the 2012-2013 version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). They also must complete the application process with GC's Office of Financial Aid. To download a scholarship application, visit the college's website at [www.grayson.edu](http://www.grayson.edu), click on Financial Aid under Quick Links, and scroll to Scholarships to find the application link. Information about the various scholarships available is listed there as well.

In addition to the scholarship application, applicants must submit their high school transcript/GED or college transcript(s), an essay, and a letter of reference or recommendation. Return the completed application and attachments in person or by mail to: Office of Financial Aid; Grayson College; 6101 Grayson Drive; Denison, Texas 75020.

Although most scholarships are not based on financial need, such need is considered for several scholarships presented each year. GC also awards federal and state grants.

"During the 2011-2012 school year, Grayson College awarded over \$17 million in federal, state and institutional aid last year," King said.

For more information scholarships, grants and the financial aid process, visit the GC website at [www.grayson.edu](http://www.grayson.edu) or call 903-463-8794.



## Howe's That

## Recipe



by Lana Rideout

My husband and I recently discovered "The Big Bang Theory" on TV. I don't know how we missed it, since it has been on for about 6 or 7 years. However, we are watching reruns from several years ago trying to get caught up with the very funny antics of Leonard and Sheldon as well as the rest of this show.

You gotta love Sheldon – Once he decides that something is exactly as he wants it, there is no substitution. He always sits on the left side of the couch. His schedule cannot vary by even a centimeter. His take-out food must be a certain food for each day of the week and from the same name store (again, **no** substitutions).

Recently we watched the episodes where Sheldon has a change to do a study at the North Pole for three months. Leonard, Koothrapali, and Wolowitz accompanied Sheldon on this expedition. It was hilarious when they came back with their beards and long hair. Then Sheldon learned that his friends had doctored the results of his experiment because Sheldon was such a strict nut.

It was back to his home in Texas, resigning because his work was compromised. However, the evolution-believing Sheldon could not stay with his Bible-loving mother. His friends convinced him to return to his work.

### Blond Chocolate Chip Brownies

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 Tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a saucepan, melt butter and add sugar. Stir for a few seconds, remove from heat, and cool slightly. Mix in egg, water, and vanilla extract. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt; blend into mixture (all mixing can be done in saucepan). Spread batter in a greased eight by eight-inch glass dish. Sprinkle evenly with chocolate chips and nuts. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Avoid overcooking as brownies are better moist than dry. Cool and cut into two-inch squares.

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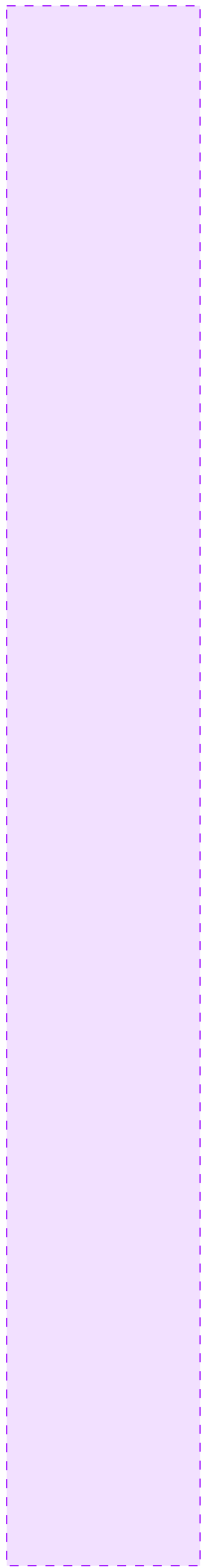
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## HES Math Blast Goal 4th Six Weeks

**Kindergarten:** Casie Adams, Catelyn Armstrong, Ebenezer Chawn, Garrett Gibbs, Jaycie Grisham, Kelcey Ireland, Alex Jones, Carter Layton, Kolton Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Jacob Ortega, Autumn Owens, Emery Snapp, Mahlon Walker, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dakota Fetzer, Caden Garner, Ryleigh Jenkins, Zarrion Johnson, Cooper Jones, Kayley Laubhan, Jace Martin, Cheyenne Mathews, Brooklyn McCaleb, Lucas Mitchell, Jenna Roper, Jonathan Smith, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Courtney White, Braden Bahr, Dax Foster, Shianne Freeman, Emma Hitesman, Cassaundra Morrison, Kade Murphy, Kolin Murphy, Sandra Nitchman, Jesse Portman, Haley Richardson, Fisher Robertson, Matalee Stewart, Ashton Trevino, Emry Woods, Nathan Wooten, Kenneth York, Cody Adams, Camryn Boatman, Zoey Bolen, Mary Burris, Ryleigh Craven, Ainsley Denham, Kendall Griffin, Willie Husband, Mikaylah Komorowski, Zadrrian Morris, Morgan Pitt, Thomas Roberson

**First Grade:** Bettye Delavan, Caleb Fetzer, Daniel Gonzalez, Danielle Hargrove, Korben Kemp, Dalton Laisy, Jacob McGill, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Kaidence Varnell, Yair Ayala, Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Vel Chin, Jentrie Doty, Hunter Hance, Austin Haley, Ryan Hough, Cody McGill, Janna Nitchman, Keira Robertson, Demarcus Smith, Ethan Strunc, Zander Toner, Jacob Upchurch, Samantha Uribe-Lowder, Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Carson Daniels, Ethan Duer, Jalie Hill, Audie Martin, Connor Martin, Brody McCollum, Taylor Reynolds, James Richardson, Ariana Ross, Emma Sutherland, Antonio Tapia, Jazmine Bookout, Hayden Calhoun, Breana Cole, Andrew Harper, Alex Huerta, Chesnee Lawson, Trey Phillips, Dakota Tinker

**Second Grade:** Jaden Bryant, Michelle Caballero, Ethan Conrad, Ashley Crees, Jaryn Grisham, Jaicob Husband, Nicholas Miller, Christian Moody, Ramie Mosse, Blain Nuncio, Caleb Searcey, Ethan Tindell, Trinity Williams, Hagen York, Jessica Bastida, Jared, Brussow, Zakry DeFrange, Will Fleming, John Griffin, Ethan Lopez, Katie Parker, Parker Pecina, Ricky Ramirez, Avery

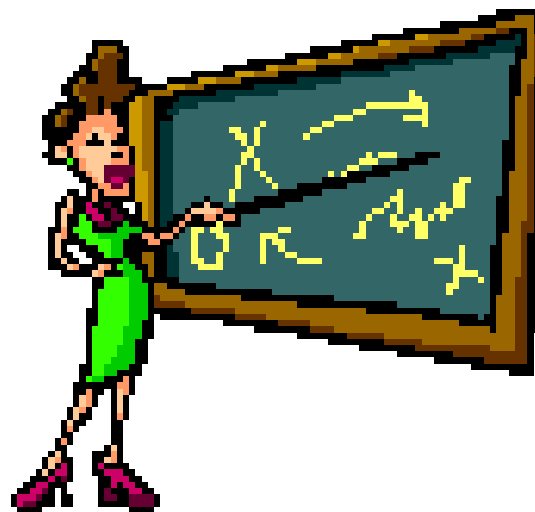
Snapp, Benjamin Speed, Caleb Wahrmund, Eli Wilson, Kevin Bateman, Cierra Brussow, Luke Catching, Louis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Caleb Maddison, Zoey Moore, Ryan Murphy, Alyssa Sharp, Justin Whitaker, Caytie Coco, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Riley Griffith, Colby Hopper, Kailyn Ireland, David Rocha, Aiden Roulette, Ethan Turner

**Third Grade:** Jackson Adkins, Alexandra Blount, Erin Catching, Kayle Chapman, Sierra Copeland, Jacob Fabacher, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Cameron Lankford, Jonathan Meneses, Lizzy Robertson, Reagan Troxtell, Braeden Wise, Camryn Adams, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, David Huerta, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robinson, Kaytee Roper, Pablo Segura, Austin Thurman, Aubreh Winegarden, Mason Bearden, Grace Brennan, Leah Butcher, Holly Cavender, Hannah Dwyer, Kamryn Gardner, Remington Lowe, Ramon Rocha, Ethan Sanders, Gage Streetman, Korbyn Thompson, Ava Bader, Katie Grogan, Makayla Hanson, Courtney Hopper, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Jason Ortega, Brennan Speed, Lane Watson, Kobi Zolfaghari

**Fourth Grade:** Karsyn Fleming, Ally Harvey, Danaeja Harvey, Mary Henson, Taylor Hinkle, Mikayla Hudek, Jarron Ing, Valerie Langford, Kolbe Lappin, Sarah Martin, Jerome Midthune, Braden Monroe, Matthew Robison, Jamie Taylor, Brian Timmons, Hailey Upchurch, Maci Watson, Cassidy Anderson, Bailey Bond, Hunter Brussow, Robin Cung, Zoie DeFrange, Ivonne Delgado, Logan Farrell, Mack Freeman, Jenna Honore, Madison Kenney, Kacie Morgan, Jacob Roper, Cindy Torres, Magi Watson, Jackson Wilson, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Jada Wood, Nayely Ayala, Hally Bollier, Ireland Bryant, Lane Griffin, LaKaydrian Harvey, Bonnie Olivarez, Kaleigh Smith, Colton Thurman, Ty Trevino, Kaden Turner, Bethany Van Deren, Kira Allen, Kaden Bateman, Paetyn Ford, Kylie Hopper, Zane Hughes, Jodee Newland, Aaron Roulette, Ethan Sloat, Caden Stewart, Riley Underwood, Ashlyn Wahrmund

## FUMC Easter Egg Hunt

First United Methodist Church will hold their annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 from 11 am to 1 pm at Howe High School.





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## HES Perfect Attendance 4th Six Weeks

**Kindergarten:** Ebenezer Chawn, Autumn Owens, Madilynn Douglas, Zarrion Johnson, Kayley Laubhan, Cheyenne Mathews, Lucas Mitchell, Jonathan Smith, Mia Wilson, Braden Bahr, Kade Murphy, Kolin Murphy, Sandra Nitchman, Mary Burris, Ashton Foster, Lacy Hymel, Zadrian Morris

**First Grade:** Danielle Hargrove, Korben Kemp, Mackenzie Bryant, Jentrie Doty, Tate Harvey, Colton Little, Cody McGill, Janna Nitchman, Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Kaden Dunn, Christina Harper, Audie Martin, Jesus Garcia, Trey Phillips, Ruben Trevino

**Second Grade:** Ethan Conrad, Jaryn Grisham, Jaicob Husband, Sabian Acevedo, Jessica Bastida, Jared Brussow, Zakry DeFrange, Ricky Ramirez, Avery Snapp, Emma Harvey, Lindsey Hymel, Austin Jones, Ryan Murphy, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Riley Griffith, Kailyn Ireland, A'Niyah Shaw, Jennifer Torres, Ethan Turner

**Third Grade:** Jackson Adkins, Erin Catching, Sierra Copeland, Ruvy Enriquez, Jacob Fabacher, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Braeden Wise, Luke Jackson, Pablo Segura, Austin Thurman, Clay Barnett, Gage Streetman, Brett Burnett, Katie Grogan, Sean Husband, Joseph Hymel, Seth Key, Layla Martin, Jason Ortega, Crista Timmons

**Fourth Grade:** Jade Cox, Ally Harvey, Danaeja Harvey, Mary Henson, Taylor Hinkle, Valerie Langford, Braden Monroe, Brian Timmons, Hunter Brussow, Zoie DeFrange, Jacob Roper, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Logan Farrell, Layton Elvington, LaKaydrian Harvey, Colton Thurman, Ty Trevino, Bethany Van Deren, Kira Allen, Kaden Bateman, Waylon Knowles, Arturo Uribe-Lowder

## Accelerated Reader Top 10, 4th Six Weeks

**Second Grade:** Ricky Ramirez, Sabian Acevedo, Avery Snapp, Ryan Murphy, Caleb Wahrmund, Ben speed, Katie Parker, Eli Wilson, Kaitlyn Fuhr, John Griffin

**Third Grade:** Alex Hernandez, Grace Brennan, Korbyn Thompson, Mikayla Hanson, Holly Cavender, Lizzy Robertson, Cameron Lankford, Jake Fabacher, Brooke Robinson, Jackson Adkins

**Fourth Grade:** Valeria Langford, Molly Wilson, Raina Ross, Jerome Midthune, Jesse Midthune, Mack Freeman, Waylon Knowles, Bailey Bond, Karsyn Fleming, Brian Timmons



## Howe City Elections

Three candidates filed for the three positions. Those who filed are Sam Haigis, Georgia Richardson, and Dennis Bozeman. The election will be canceled at the council meeting on March 20. These three candidates will be sworn into office at the May 15, 2012 council meeting.

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## BOOKSHELF

*By Tracy Luscombe*

“The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” This is a saying we hear a lot. It’s actually an adaptation of part of a poem by Robert Burns entitled “To a Mouse”. In our case it applies to our Teen Council Poetry Night. Due to circumstances beyond our control we are, once again, changing the date of this event. It will now be Thursday, March 8, 4:30-6:30 pm. Many of the English teachers are offering extra credit for participating. Join us that afternoon at The Van Alstyne Public Library.

The week of March 5-9 our Children’s Library Assistant will be on vacation so there will be no children’s programming that week.

Spring Break will be here soon. On Monday, March 12 we’ll have a special program for kids ages 6-12 on gardening. They’ll learn how seeds become the food they eat, and how to reuse some of the things around the house in their seed growing. The program is 10:30-11:30. Our regular story time programs will be held that week as well. Hope to see you there.

Want to learn something new? Consider some of these interesting designations for the month of March. National Nutrition Month. Irish American Month. Music in Our Schools Month. National Craft Month. National Frozen Food Month. Women’s History Month. Poetry Month. Red Cross Month. Kidney Month. Come by the library to find information on these and other interesting topics.

This Saturday, March 3, is the monthly Friends of the Library breakfast at the Van Alstyne Community Center. Join us 7-10 am for eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, pancakes, coffee and juice for only \$4. Then hop on over to the library to check out a good book or movie.



## Tom Bean H.S. sponsors KICKING BUTTS AND TAKING NAMES rally

On Thursday, March 22, 2012, in conjunction with National Kick Butts Day, Tom Bean High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FFA, and middle school Students Against Destructive Decisions members will host an anti-tobacco rally for area teens.

Our purpose is to celebrate selecting a tobacco-free lifestyle and to focus on the importance of making wise life choices.

We have invited Extreme Youth Leadership motivational speakers, Travis Reed and Justin Blackwood to address North Texas area teens. In addition, we will provide team-building and leadership activities.

The evening's events will kick off at 6pm. and will feature lots of free food and time for getting to know other teens from surrounding high schools and middle schools.

Schools are encouraged to contact Sharon Stephens, Tom Bean FCCLA sponsor, at 903-546-6319 for more details and to make reservations to attend.

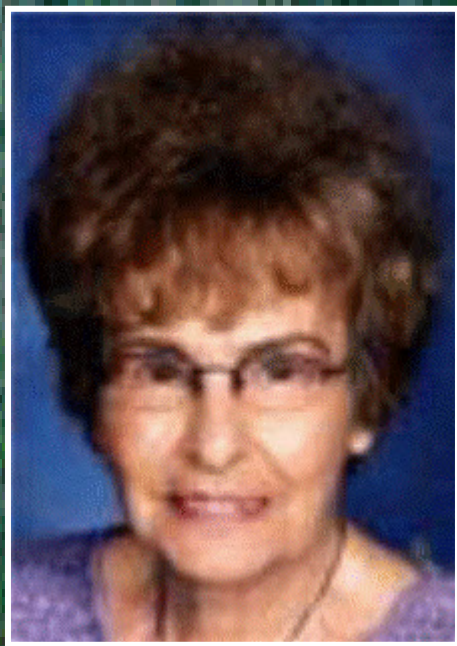
## Tom Bean MS Band Results: Saturday band contest at Van Alstyne

This past Saturday, March 3, the band students of Tom Bean Middle School competed in the annual Van Alstyne Solo & Ensemble Contest. Each year the students in 6-8 grade are assigned a solo or ensemble to perform for a judge where they are then awarded ratings from I-V. With 66 entries from the middle school, our students received 48 division I medals and 18 division II medals. The band directors and fellow staff at Tom Bean ISD are truly proud of this accomplishment. What a fun day filled with great music, great performances, and great success! Way to go Tom Bean Middle School Band!

Flint Weed, Tom Bean MS Bands







## Mae Pearl (Meek) Armstrong Holloway (1923-2012)

The family of Mae Pearl Meek Armstrong Holloway celebrates that she is gathered to her people in heaven at the ripe old age of 89.

Born the seventh of 12 children to William Henry and Dovie May Meek in Grayson County, Mae married Olin V. Armstrong in 1940 when she was 17, only to be widowed a few weeks later. Mae moved back to her parent's home, and completed her senior year at Howe High School, graduating in 1941.

Mae's schoolmate and best friend, Jessie Jo Holloway, thought her older brother, Herbert Orran Holloway, a farmer from Tom Bean, Texas, should cultivate a lasting relationship with Mae. Falling on fertile ground, Jessie's planted idea resulted in Mae and Herbert's wedding on June 12, 1942, sprouting a marriage that flourished until Herbert's death in 1988. They raised five children: Robert E. "Bobby" of Howe; John Herbert of Gunter; Jo Linda Thomas of Denton; Stephen Ray of Luella; and Cynthia Lou Stephens of Howe. Cultivation of the Holloway family tree continued through marriages, and births of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and then great-great-grandchildren.

Mae and Herbert weathered many back-breaking years, as well as enjoyed many prosperous ones, farming their land near Howe, Texas. When lean years came, Mae went to work. In 1964, she traded the cotton fields for the cotton ball machine at the Sherman Johnson & Johnson plant where she made many lifelong friends. Throughout Mae's life, she drew strength from her belief in God, and His Son Jesus Christ. Her membership at the First Baptist Church of Howe kept her rooted in the faith, encouraging and ministering to fellow believers with her wry sense of humor and delicious peach cobbler. The fruits of Mae's lifelong labors of love will be harvested for generations to come.

Mae is survived by sisters-in-law Jessie Jo Geer of California and Helen Holloway of Oklahoma; and her brothers and their spouses, Marion and Doris Meek of Bells, Eual and Leah Meek of Henderson, Bill Meek of Sherman, and Bob and Irene Meek of Seagoville plus numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, treasured friends and wonderful caregivers.

The family wishes to thank Home Hospice of Grayson County. Memorials may be made online to [www.HomeHospice.org/Donations](http://www.HomeHospice.org/Donations).

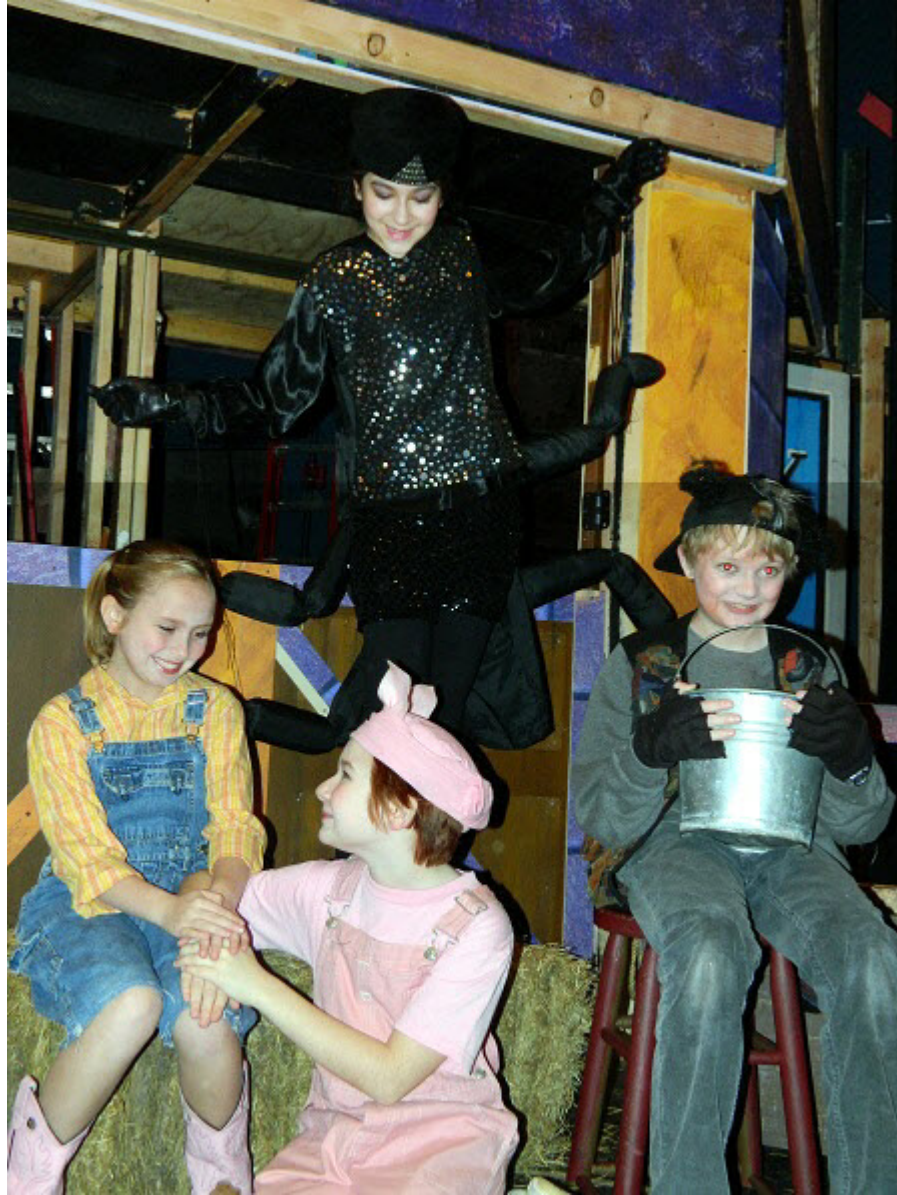
Visitation is Saturday, March 3rd from 3 – 5 pm at Waldo Funeral Home.

The funeral is Monday, March 5, 10 am at First Baptist Church of Howe, 100 E. Davis. Grandsons will be pallbearers. Interment is at the Holloway Cemetery in Luella, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Waldo Funeral Home.

The online guest register may be signed at [waldofuneralhome.com](http://waldofuneralhome.com).







## Theatricks Opens CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Theatricks' CHARLOTTE'S WEB Weaves A Touching Tale Of Friendship

"I'll be your friend," says Charlotte the spider to Wilbur the pig in Theatricks 2012 spring production of CHARLOTTE'S WEB sponsored by Stokes Orthodontics which opens Friday, March 2nd in the Honey McGee Playhouse in Sherman, TX.


This touching tale of friendship as written by award winning children's author E.B. White, is poignantly captured in this 90 minute play adaptation by renowned children's playwright Joseph Robinette. Cast by 26 talented local community members, what better way to begin one's spring break than with Fern Arable's adorably loveable pig, Wilbur.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB plays for two weekends with performances March 2,9,10 at 7 p.m. and March 3,4,10,11 at 2 p.m., and to help bring the story to life for the young audiences and family members, Theatricks Advisory Council and Supporting Cast have decorated the Honey McGee lobby and cookies served at intermission with the theme of the book and play. These Theatricks groups have also prepared some extra fun activities for the audience members to participate in, including a coloring contest held during the run of CHARLOTTE'S WEB and that will award three prizes for three different age groups on the day of the last performance, and a preshow activity of "county fair" type games, face-painting, and balloons on Saturday, March 3 from 1 to 2 p.m.

This production will mark the third time Theatricks has performed this play in this community; the first time in the fall of 1989, then the spring of 2001, and now the spring of 2012. This 2012 production is being dedicated in the memory of two dear friends of SCP and Theatricks, Suzan Fincher and Sandy Beisly. Suzan Fincher was the one who made the spider costume for Charlotte the spider in the 1989 production which also marked the debut of Webster Crocker as Theatricks Director, and Sandy Beisly has been a loyal Theatricks season member and was currently serving on the SCP Board of Directors. As the last lines from the play say, "It is not often that someone comes along that is a true friend..." and Suzan and Sandy both were.

The SCP box office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to make reservations by phone 903-892-8818 or to visit the ticket window inside of the Honey McGee Playhouse on 313 W. Mulberry Street in Sherman, TX. All tickets are \$7.00. Beginning on Monday, February 27, Theatricks season members only can make reservations, and then on Tuesday, February 28 it will be open for the general public to make reservations. Theatricks 2011-2012 season is sponsored by Texoma Medical Center.

[More Area Events Click Here](#)



## One Day Type-1 Diabetes Seminar for Families at Texas Lions Camp

Texas Lions Camp, in cooperation with Dr. Stephen Ponder, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including siblings and grandparents on Saturday, April 21st in Kerrville, Texas. Caring for young people with diabetes is a challenge for the whole family, and can be intimidating for grandparents or extended family caregivers. Attending this seminar will provide knowledge, understanding, and confidence for the entire family. Grandparents will spend a portion of the day in sessions specifically designed for their unique situations. More details are available at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).

While children (ages 6-16) with diabetes and their non-diabetic siblings enjoy the supervised activities of Texas Lions Camp's state-of-the-art facility, a team of internationally recognized diabetes experts, led by Dr. Stephen Ponder, will provide a day-long seminar on how to apply advanced diabetes care skills. The goal of the seminar is to increase levels of advanced diabetes care knowledge and skills. The cost for this opportunity, including all meals, snacks and presentation materials, is \$75 per family (includes grandparents) or \$25 per individual. Register online at [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com).

The focus of this seminar is to enhance the advanced diabetes care skills and working knowledge of parents of children with type 1 diabetes and adults with type 1 diabetes in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere. Participants receive a basic review of current goals of diabetes care and review core diabetes care concepts which are vital for anyone with type 1 diabetes to master. The seminar concludes with an open forum question and answer session for any topic. A course syllabus will be provided to each family or individual attending with educational materials complementing each presentation.

### Presenters

\*Dr. Stephen W. Ponder MD, FAAP, CDE, Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Permian Basin Campus, Medical Director for the Texas Lions Camp Diabetes Camp.

\*Barbara J. Anderson, Ph.D, Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, and Senior Psychologist, Diabetes Care Center at Texas Children's Hospital

\*Meaghan Anderson, RD, MN, CDE, Diabetes Clinical Manager for Medtronic.

\*Nelda Caceres, RN, CDE, Texas A&M University Coastal Bend Health Education Center

\*Barb Schreiner, PhD, RN, CDE, Lead Instructor with the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

Please join us at Texas Lions Camp or invite someone who would benefit from attending the seminar. For more information, or to register, go to [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)





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## Regional expressions.

By Bob Bowman

Standing in line for a movie a few days ago, I overheard a middle-aged man tell a friend, "Lord, I've been busier than a bee in a tar bucket."

Having written a couple of books on East Texas expressions, I thought I knew them all, but the bee in the tar bucket was new.

But, then again, East Texans have always been inventive when it comes to expressing themselves.

My wife often chides me about calling our refrigerator an "ice box."

But it's an expression I find hard to drop. Growing up in Diboll in the early forties, we had in the kitchen a tall box-like enclosure where my mom kept perishables such as meats, eggs and cheese.

To keep the box cool, an ice truck made its rounds around Diboll on a regular basis, leaving a block of ice in the box. Since he was a trusted delivery man, he walked through the kitchen door on the back porch and dumped the ice in the "ice box."

I am not sure, but I think this was one of those services provided without charge by Southern Pine Lumber Company.

But woe be unto the kid in the house who forgot to hang the "ice card" on the front porch. The card had different amounts and the ice man delivered the amount at the top of the card. If the card wasn't present, we likely went without ice until my father went to the ice house and picked up a block.

East Texas expressions seem to be making a comeback. I recently heard a man say that his wife "has a biscuit in the oven," referring to the fact that she was pregnant.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

A young man standing near me in a cafeteria line complained loudly and rudely about his secretary. He was thinking of firing her because she had corrected his grammar in a letter he had dictated. He quoted the sentence she had corrected and as I listened to his rant, I knew she had saved him from an egregious and embarrassing error.

His complaint reminded me of one of the principals at the high school where I taught. He often brought his written communications to me to edit -- I did heartily wish he would take them to someone in the English department -- and if I found an error, he immediately went into foot stamping rage. He demanded an explanation but never allowed one to be given. I was caught between a rock and hard place. If I let the error/s go and someone called his attention to it/them, he was angrier than ever.

To tell the truth, I didn't care how angry he became as a result of an error caught before the letter went out. I once invited him to slam his office door a little harder in hope that it might fall off its hinges.

One thing I have learned as an editor is that writers are more protective of their writing than they are of their children. The editor who suggests a change, particularly if the writer is a novice, risks witnessing a tantrum of epic proportions.

My mother, who edited not only my Master's Thesis but also the written work I did during my years of seminary study, dreaded my early tantrums, but never backed down from her suggestions. More than 99 percent of the time, she absolutely correct and her suggestions improved my writing.

More than once she saved me from a "Throwing my head over the bank" faux pas. She finally convinced me that periods are better than commas and forced me to write shorter sentences. I need her again. I fear I have fallen into the old habit of writing sentences that could not possibly be diagrammed because they are impossibly long.



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**BOB BOWMAN'S**

**EAST TEXAS, continued**

Other expressions dealing with biscuits include these:

"Burn the biscuits and feed the devil."

"If you drop a biscuit, you'll likely marry a poor man."

"If you take the last biscuit on the plate, you'll marry the cook."

"Those biscuits are so big that it only takes nine to make a dozen."

The best delicacy in many rural households was 'nanner puddin' which, of course, is banana pudding.

Some people who come to East Texas have difficulty understanding our way of speaking.

A few years ago, while we were having guests for dinner, my wife instructed me to "run to the store" and pick up a loaf of bread. One of our guests looked at me and asked, "Instead of running to the store, why don't you drive your car?"

"I'm fixin' to go" or "I'm fixin' to do that" is another expression some people don't understand."

Here are a few other popular expressions:

"I'm so broke I can't buy dust."

"To tame a mule, bite him on the ear."

"He's so lazy he won't hit a lick at a snake."

"If your nose itches, you will kiss a fool."

"He'll charge hell with a bucket of water."

(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)



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## Dot's Dashes, continued

Like all other writers, I need a fearless editor.

So did the people who placed these advertisements in the classified section of newspapers in various places throughout the United States. You can find a hundred more examples by using your search engine to find "funny classified ads."

Illiterate? Write today for free help.

Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.

Our experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals, and smacks included.

Dog for sale: eats anything and is fond of children.

Man wanted to work in dynamite factory. Must be willing to travel.

Stock up and save. Limit: one. Semi-Annual after-Christmas Sale.

3-year old teacher needed for pre-school. Experience preferred.

Mixing bowl set designed to please a cook with round bottom for efficient beating.

Girl wanted to assist magician in cutting-off-head illusion. Blue Cross and salary.

Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00

For sale: antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers.

Now is your chance to have your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.

We do not tear your clothing with machinery. We do it carefully by hand.

Have several very old dresses from grandmother in beautiful condition.

Tired of cleaning yourself. Let me do it.

Vacation Special: have your home exterminated. Get rid of aunts. Zap does the job in 24 hours.

Toaster: A gift that every member of the family appreciates. Automatically burns toast.

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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges recently issued to the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures and the House Committee on State Sovereignty. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

### *House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures*

\*Review the alcoholic beverage licensing and permitting process. Explore possible reforms with interested stakeholders to streamline and improve the process.

\*Study the feasibility of streamlining the process to obtain an occupational license. Consider consolidating all occupational licenses under one state agency and whether such a move would increase efficiency and effectiveness. Analyze the process being used in other states.

### *House Committee on State Sovereignty*

Study and evaluate constitutional methods by which states may encourage the proper balance of power between the federal and state governments. Include an evaluation of interstate compacts as well as the effects on state sovereignty of conditional federal grants, commandeering of state officials, and federal laws requiring coordination with local governments.

The House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures can be reached at 512-463-0798, and the House Committee on State Sovereignty can be reached at 512-463-0379. For more information on these charges 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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## Local Churches

## Ecclesiastes 1:1-8 (KJV)

**1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. 2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.**

**3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? 4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.**

**5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. 6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.**

**8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.**

## Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship church begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Praise and worship service begins at 10:30 and dress is casual. This week's service is led by Mike Ball.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

C. R. Men's Step Study class meets every Thursday night at 6:30pm 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 having "Movie Night" once a month and the public is invited to attend. The movie in March will be on March 16, with the movie to be announced later. So mark that day on your calendar for a free movie, with fresh hot buttered popcorn, candy and drinks, all free, and the public is invited to attend.

The church has home study groups throughout the week. Wednesday night begins at 6:30p m with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church will have VBS July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 pm

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof 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.

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## Shoe Riots???

Yes, shoe riots!

In a world in which many people don't even own a pair of shoes, hundreds rioted over the prospect of buying some new, limited edition sneakers.

The release of the new Nike All-Star Collection sneakers at a Florida mall was cancelled Friday, February 24, after riot police were forced to break up fights among the crowd assembled at an Orlando Foot Locker store late Thursday evening. Hundreds of people were lined up outside the store waiting for the midnight release of the Foamposite One Galaxy shoes featuring glow-in-the-dark soles and a galactic theme. At around 9:45 pm, the crowd became disorderly and Orange County Sheriff deputies on horseback and dressed in riot gear moved in to clear the crowd.

Although the sneakers were to go on sale at a retail price of \$220, the crowd grew during the day on Thursday anticipating the release of the shoes. Extra interest in the shoe event was heightened by the National Basketball Association (NBA) All Star Weekend that is being hosted in Orlando this weekend. The eruption of the riot motivated Foot Locker to cancel similar shoe release events throughout the state.

Riots over shoes?!? What does that tell us about our society?

It is evidence that many have misplaced their priorities. After all, are there not some things in life that are much more important than the newest sneakers?

Jesus urged us to make sure our priorities are placed upon those things that are eternal:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and

where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

Where is YOUR treasure?

We need to be less concerned about SHOES and most concerned about our WALK (our lives) – whether or not we are in Christ and following Him to Heaven!

To lay up treasures anywhere else is sin, and sin disqualifies us from the eternal treasure (eternal life) that God desires to give (John 3:16) and dooms us to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

But God gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we might be saved (Ephesians 1:7). In order to accept His offer of salvation and eternal life, one must place his faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

SHOES wear out, lose their value, can be stolen, and are flammable. Your walk with Christ is what brings eternal life.

Won't YOU walk with Christ through your trusting obedience?

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\* Gleaned from “Nike sneaker release nixed in Orlando after riots ahead of All-Star Weekend” at [www.myfoxorlando.com](http://www.myfoxorlando.com). Many thanks to Gary Davis, who brought this to our attention!

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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.

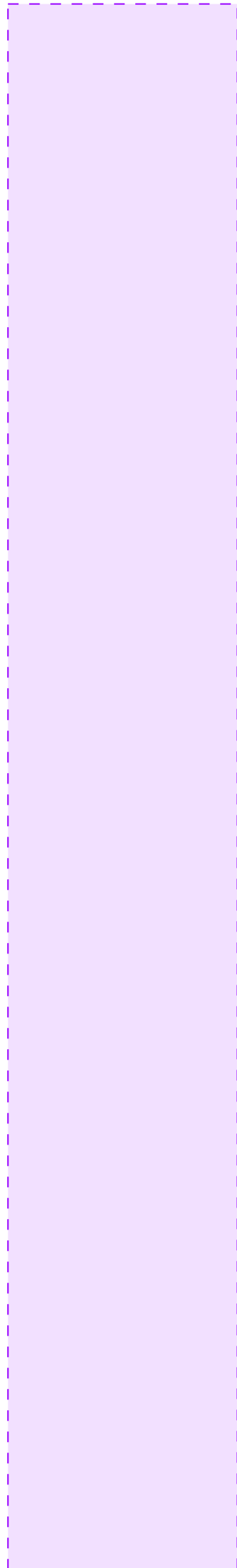
Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

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.





## My beef with hormone free

By *Mike Barnett*

Hormone free beef. Hormone free chicken. Hormone free pork. Those three signs blared at me as I walked through the new Waco Farmers' Market on Saturday morning.

It's a nice farmers' market. Lots of vendors and big crowds. My beef was the bad information being passed out by a few individuals.

Four vendors were selling beef, chicken or pork. Three of them claimed their beef, pork and chicken was hormone free or contained no hormones.

I couldn't stand it. So I started a discussion with one.

"So your beef is hormone free?" I asked.

"Yes sir, no hormones," the middle-aged man answered.

"Really? I know I have hormones. My girlfriend has hormones. You have hormones. Don't you think cows have hormones?"

A genuinely puzzled look came over the man's face.

"There is no such thing as hormone free beef," I added.

"I... I think I mean no hormones added," he stuttered.

"Maybe you should change your sign," I suggested.

No wonder there's so much confusion on this issue. Consumers hear myths about hormones every day and are tricked into buying a product that reinforces those myths. This disinformation gives beef production a black eye.

Maybe the man selling the beef didn't know any better. I'll give him the benefit of the doubt. He sure got an education. I wonder if he will change his marketing approach.

I applaud the efforts of those who find a niche market in agriculture and exploit it. Like Jack, the vendor at the Waco market who was truthfully advertising that he adds no hormones to his product, and carried on an intelligent, honest discussion about the product he was selling. He sells hamburger for \$6 a pound, and a variety of other cuts. From the look of things, he was selling a lot of it.

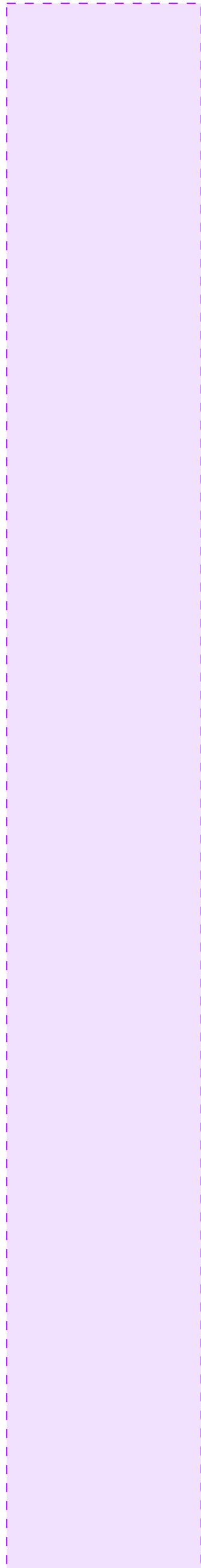
But hormone free beef, pork and chicken -- as the other three vendors claimed -- is deceitful and dishonest.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at [www.texasfarmbureau.org](http://www.texasfarmbureau.org).



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## Texas Supreme Court rules landowners own groundwater

The long-awaited decision from the Texas Supreme Court on the Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day McDaniel makes it clear that the landowner owns the groundwater in place as part of their land, according to Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

“This is another in a long line of recent successes defending private property rights, including key eminent domain reforms,” Dierschke said. “The ruling recognized the passage of SB 332-Texas Farm Bureau’s priority legislation on groundwater ownership passed in the last legislative session-that says a landowner’s interest in groundwater in place cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation.”

Dierschke said the ruling goes beyond state water codes, giving landowners a constitutional protection under takings laws regarding private property. However, the president of the state’s largest farm organization noted that ownership of groundwater does not preclude the regulation of groundwater for conservation purposes.

“The court recognized the authority of the Edwards Aquifer Authority and groundwater conservation districts to regulate groundwater, even though it is the private property of the landowner,” Dierschke said. “The Texas Supreme Court decision provides a critical balance between the state and local entities’ authority to conserve this precious resource and the landowner’s right to use it.”

## Letter to the Editor: Help End Senior Hunger

There are seniors living alone and going hungry in our own neighborhoods.

Many elderly lack sufficient resources for nutritious daily meals. Illness, disability, and the frailties of old age also prevent many from shopping for food and preparing their own meals.

Texas ranks as one of the top five states at highest risk for hunger among the elderly according the Meals On Wheels Association of America.

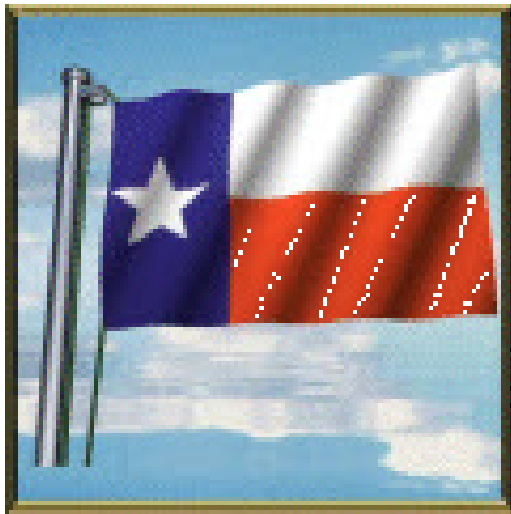
Senior hunger is a problem that needs community action. At the same time, though, Meals On Wheels programs across the United States are struggling financially and having difficulties recruiting volunteer drivers.

The Meals On Wheels Association of America has designated the month of March for taking action to support senior nutrition programs. March was chosen because The Older Americans Act of 1965 was amended on March 22, 1972 to create the first national nutrition program for the elderly.

To locate a Meals On Wheels program in your area, go online at [www.mowaa.org](http://www.mowaa.org) and click on "Find Meals Near You."

Together we can end senior hunger.

Robert Carpenter, President and CEO  
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## TELLING OUR STORIES

By Jerry Lincecum

In two decades of listening to elderwriters sharing reminiscences, I have noticed that the Christmas season has often been the setting for unforgettable childhood memories. They are as precious as gold nuggets or polished gems.

One TOS writer who lived more than a century treasured a tiny cup and saucer set she had been given at a Christmas program around 1915. What made it special was her memory of getting there: her grandfather hitched his team of horses to a wagon, they all piled in and jostled their way to the country schoolhouse.

Others recall a tradition of celebrating Christmas by traveling to the home of the children's grandparents on Christmas Eve. Only when all children were asleep did adults put up the cedar tree and other decorations.

Can you imagine the magical feeling experienced by a child waking up on Christmas morning to find a beautiful tree that had appeared overnight, complete with gifts delivered by Santa Claus?

On the other hand, one gentleman remembers the unfortunate year when days of rain on muddy roads made the Christmas Eve journey very doubtful. Then Papa came up with a brilliant solution. He had a sled the horses could pull, and he placed the wagon box on top of it.

With warm lap-ropes to shelter them from the cold, the little family set off through the woods. Then Papa decided he wasn't sure he had securely locked up the corncrib. He was obliged to leave Mama and the children alone in the dark woods while he briskly walked back to make sure. It is no surprise that 80 years later his five-year-old son can revisit his anxiety on that Christmas Eve long ago.

Around 1930 two little girls discovered something amazing: new toys in the smokehouse. A quick-thinking mom advised them that she felt sure Elves from the North Pole had stashed them there. Moreover, this wise adult had heard that children who meddled in Santa's business would receive nothing good on Christmas morning. Mystery solved and lesson learned: stay away from that smokehouse.

Often a child was amazed to receive a gift that had been seen and coveted but seemed too expensive. Somehow a parent knew the child's desire and managed to find a way to pay for it. Mary Ann Wright of Sherman received a suede fringed jacket for Christmas in 1946, and she still remembers how much it cost.

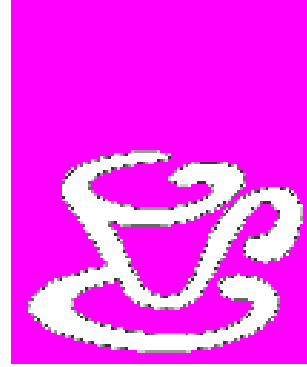
Coming from a large family, I have memories of a very orderly system of taking turns opening gifts. Then chaos ensued and almost inevitably some important tag or leaflet disappeared amid the wrapping paper.

At least one adult would lose patience as the trash had to be sorted a couple of times. Incidentally, these little episodes occurred after WWII, when wrapping paper was cheap and plentiful.

I'm sure you are already remembering your own little nuggets and gems of Christmas past. The scenes we can revisit at will with the mind's eye easily surpass all the digital photos and movies that will be made this holiday season.

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Dr. Jerry Lincecum is emeritus professor of English at Austin College and director of Telling Our Stories.



Q: How do babies get their belly buttons?

A: When God finishes making little babies, He lines them all up in a row. Then he walks along in front of them. He pokes each one in the tummy with His finger and says, "You're done...you're done... you're done..."

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### Three Days After Easter

Following the resurrection, the disciples were still scattered about Jerusalem and the surrounding villages.

John finds Peter and runs up to him. Excitedly he says, "Peter, Peter! I've got some good news and some bad news."

Peter takes ahold of John and calms him down. "Take it easy, John. What is it? What's the good news?"

John says, "The good news is Christ is risen."

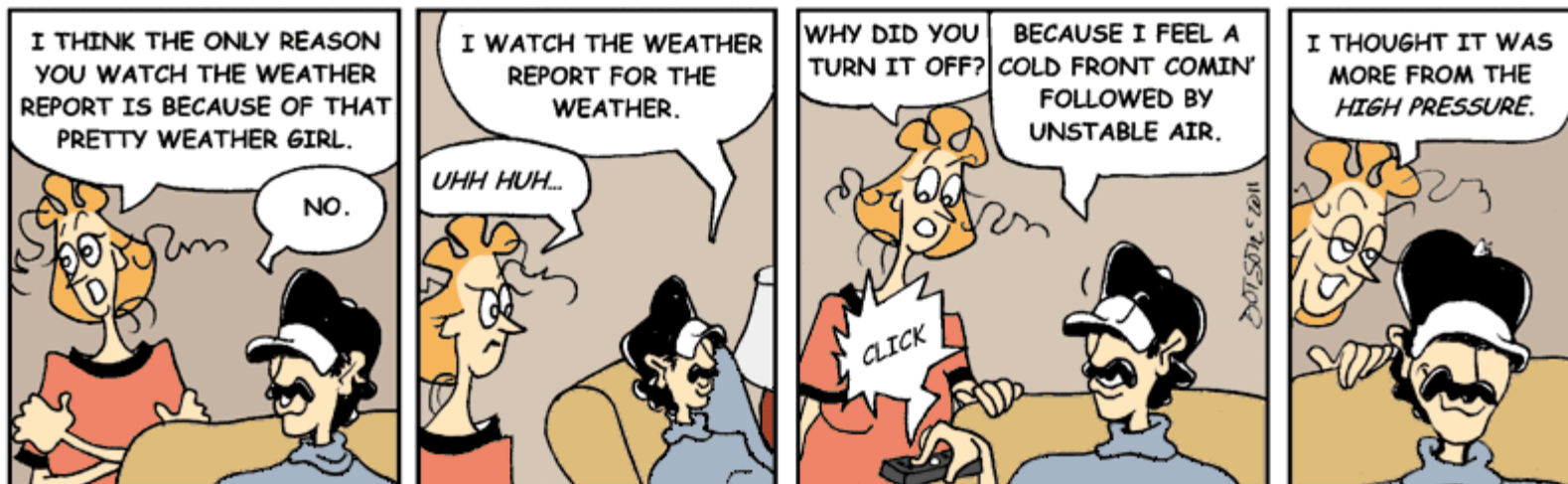
Peter says, "That's great! But, what's the bad news?"

John, looking around, says, "He's really steamed about last Friday."

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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.



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007