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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recipe

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We had a busy week last week so we did not get time to put up our Internet news.

We were traveling a bit to Gainesville and to Sherman and Tom Bean.

Hope everyone has a great Spring Break.

We will be at home most of the week.

Irish Soda Bread

This legendary bread is irresistible fresh from the oven or sliced, toasted and served with butter and jam. Heavenly with Easy Strawberry Freezer Jam.

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 3 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces
- 2 cups buttermilk

Preheat oven to 425°F.
Sift the flour, salt, baking soda and cream of tartar into a large bowl. Add the butter, and rub into the flour (your best tools for this job are your thumbs and forefingers) until the butter lumps have disappeared.

Add the buttermilk to the dry ingredients, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Turn out onto a floured surface, and knead 8 or 10 times. The dough will be soft. (Sprinkle just a little additional flour, if necessary, to aid in handling the dough.)

Form the dough into a ball and place on a floured baking sheet. With a sharp knife, cut a deep cross all the way through the unbaked loaf, but do not separate the pieces. This will enable the center of the loaf to bake completely. Dust the top of the loaf lightly with flour.

Bake at 425°F for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 375°F and bake an additional 25 minutes. Makes one large loaf approximately 9 inches in diameter.

A sharp-eyed cook will notice that the dough for Irish soda bread is similar to biscuit dough. As with biscuits, the less this dough is handled, the lighter and more tender the bread will be.
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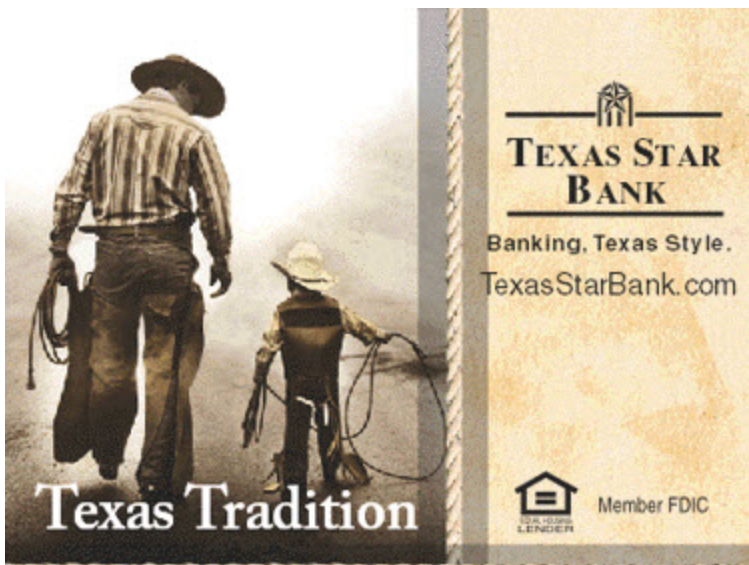
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America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Town!



Thanks to the sponsorship of The Tom Bean Fire Department, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Tom Bean, Texas on Saturday, March 23rd at the Tom Bean High School Parking Lot with two scheduled performances at 2 & 4:30 pm. Now in its 29th edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on *National Geographic's Explorer TV series*, *Entertainment Tonight*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Arizona Highways Magazine*. It has also been featured on the *A&E Special: Under the Big Top* and most recently, *On the Road with Circus Kids*, a *Nickelodeon* special featured on the Nick News Program.

Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus City. Activity swirls around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Between 9:30 and 10 am so come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE Tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. Learn interesting facts about our performers, the history of our show and the different species of animals in our Circus Family. In this presentation we will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive.

In recent years the Tent Raising and Morning Tour has become a popular program for families and interested community members. It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family and now we have a brand new tent! This is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed.

On circus day, our performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute show. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers that include: Miss Simone and her amazing single trapeze, Miss Paulina's proud prancing ponies, The Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy unicycles, Natilie's American Eskimo Escapades, The Ayala's with unforgettable foot juggling, a rediculas Rola Bola and certainly a hair raising Hair Hang! But, let's not forget our favorite performing Jungle Cats, Soloman, Delilah & Francis, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seats! All with original music written by the talented, Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, California. Our performers are sure to amaze, delight and entertain the audience members of all ages beyond your wildest imagination. The costumes alone are certainly of Los Vegas quality.

SAVE MONEY by purchasing your tickets in advance. Advance tickets are available at: The Tom Bean City Hall. Prices for advance tickets are \$6 for children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are always free, and \$10 for adults. On show day tickets will be \$13 for adults and \$7 for children. Buy your tickets early and save.

For more information or to purchase tickets with a credit card call 866 BIG TOP 6. Advance tickets will be available on show day at this number till 4:00 p.m. Central Time.

Circus Day Schedule

Between 9:30 & 10:00 a.m. on Sunday- Tent Raising & FREE Tour

1:00 p.m.

Midway & Box Office Opens

(pony rides, moonbounce, concessions and more)

First Show

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Second Show

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus





New Signs for Tom Bean!

Special thanks go out to the Tom Bean Type B Economic Development Board for purchasing and installing the newly updated signs at both ends of the city. They are definitely eye catchers! Thanks to Allen and Ricky Tillett for the installation! The City of Tom Bean is very proud of the new signs and hope that our citizens and visitors enjoy them as well.



[Click Here for more Tom Bean News](#)





Tom Bean High School FCCLA Advances To State!

Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members Kortney Adcock and Candace Johnson recently took 1st. place in STAR event competition at the Region 3 FCCLA Leadership Conference.

Their project, "Flying Fit and Fighting Fat!", was entered in the Focus on Children event, and competed against 15 schools of all sizes from across the region.

State competition will be in Dallas on April 11th, 12th and 13th. 30 chapters from across the state of Texas will vie for the top 2 positions, enabling the members to advance to National competition in Nashville, TN in July.

Submitted by Sharon Stephens, FCCLA advisor

PHOTO left to right: Kortney Adcock and Candace Johnson

Lucy Williams Memorial Highway project

The City of Tom Bean has conferred with the State of Texas Highway Department as to the feasibility of this project and how best to approach it, and, as such, we are now soliciting donations from the community and all friends, to rename Highway 11 after Mrs. Lucy Williams, a lifelong, respected pillar, and major contributor, to our community. For the state-required fee of \$2700, Texas Highway Department, will create and erect these signs which will be placed at each end of Tom Bean, thus declaring Highway 11 as "The Lucy Williams Memorial Highway".

Your donation of \$25, \$50, or \$100 will help make this happen and help us get this done as quickly as possible. We are hoping to have the request made and the signs installed by Spring or Summer 2013. An account has been setup at Texas Star Bank in Tom Bean, and cash or check donations can be made there, or checks can be given to David Ellis or David Harrison to be deposited into the account.

Please make all checks payable to: The Lucy Williams Memorial Highway Fund

Thank you for your support in this worthy cause! This effort is supported by the Type A Community Development Board, Type B Economic Development Board and the City of Tom Bean.



Whither the Travis Letter?

By Jerry Patterson, Texas Land Commissioner

AUSTIN -- On March 8, 2013, the William B. Travis "Victory or Death" Letter will return to Austin. In its 13-day stay at the Alamo, this faded 177-year-old letter touched the lives of tens of thousands of Texans -- and non-Texans -- from around the world. Old and young waited up to five hours in the morning chill and blazing afternoon sun. There were few complaints.

Rather, the opportunity to see such a patriotic letter in such a historic location -- the place where it was created -- moved many to tears. Children, lulled to sleep by a long wait, were often awoken just to see the letter, so that they would remember it later in life when they might understand its importance.

Yet, as it is placed on the big blue truck and once again flanked by state troopers on its trip to Austin, the Travis Letter returns to an uncertain future.

Over the last few weeks, opinions about its fate were as numerous as those who waited in line. Some said it should stay at the Alamo permanently, while others believed seeing the letter once in a lifetime is good enough.

The answer to this issue rests with legislators, who ultimately have the power to decide the letter's fate.

The larger issue is the long-term effect of this event on the Alamo and Texas history.

For the first time in a long while, Texans saw the Alamo in a new light. The Alamo was seen not only as a tourist destination and photo backdrop, but as a place where history actually happened. A place where men like Travis lived and died like heroes.

While well known, Travis was but one player on the Alamo stage. Other names like Juan Seguin, Father Olivares, Edward Everett or Clara Driscoll might be utterly unknown to Texans but are just as crucial to the Alamo story.

If there is to be any aftereffect of the Travis Letter event -- and I think there are many -- one has to be a new appreciation for the history that the Alamo represents.

It must again be seen as the crossroads of Texas history. Not just the location of a single battle in 1836, but as the very cornerstone of Texas. As one of the first Spanish missions, San Antonio de Valero set the stage for all that was to eventually become Texas.

As the ongoing World Heritage Nomination process proves, the Alamo has a regional, national and, yes, international importance.

Yet how many wandering through Alamo Plaza today know that they are standing where the foundations of Texas were laid?

Therefore, as the Travis Letter returns to the State Archives to be placed in a folder in a darkened, undisclosed location, we are left to consider its impact.

For now, the letter accomplished the very same goal that Travis intended in 1836. It inspired everyone who read it. It reminded us all that freedom is not free and that when it comes to defending liberty, some times the only choice is Victory or Death. God Bless Texas.

JERRY PATTERSON was re-elected to a third term as Texas Land Commissioner in 2010 and is responsible for managing state assets, investments and mineral rights worth billions of dollars on behalf of the schoolchildren of Texas. He is a retired U.S. Marine, Vietnam veteran and former state senator.



Whitesboro Hosts Fifth Community Art Show

The Whitesboro Parks and Recreation Department hosted its Shaune P. Lucas Community Art Show March 1st through 3rd at the Jimmie O. Rector Community Center. PARD Director Penny Renfroe declared the event a great success. "We exhibited a total of 302 pieces of art! We are so grateful to the local artists, as well as the local schools, for submitting a great variety of art for the community to enjoy!"

In addition to the entries from community artists, there were over 100 photos by Shaune Lucas on display. This was an opportunity to publicize the Shaune P. Lucas Memorial Fund, and photos were sold to raise money for the fund. Anyone interested may still donate to that fund by calling Karen at 903.564.5964.

The show began at the Jimmie O. Rector Community Center on Friday evening with a reception for the public to meet the artists. Renfroe said, "Many of the participating artists attended. I personally enjoy the chance to visit with the artists about their lives and their work. It's always fun to hear old friends say, 'wow, I

didn't know you could do that!' to someone they've known for years." Participating artists ranged in age from 4 years to age 90!

The reception was co-hosted by the Whitesboro History Club. "The ladies of this organization add so much to this event by hosting the reception. We are so fortunate to have them as co-sponsor for the art show! They are great hosts for the entire weekend," added Renfroe.

The show continued on Saturday and Sunday with an opportunity for the public to view the work. Renfroe went on to say, "Our community is blessed with talent. Once again, I'm encouraged to see the talent from our young people. We had art work from Whitesboro Middle and High Schools, Collinsville and S&S high schools." This year a new attraction was added, as the Whitesboro Middle School art program hosted a live demonstration of coiling. "We are grateful to Miriam Wallace for arranging the demonstration and including two of her students! What a great addition to the show!"

If you have an idea for a community special event, call the PARD office at 903.564.5964. For more information about PARD activities, visit the website at www.whitesborotexas.com/pard.



Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

On Saturday night, March 16th, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

The King's Trail Cowboy Band will be our special guests. This band, led by Rocky Crigler, is a high energy band committed to praising our Lord, Jesus Christ. Expect to be blessed.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7 o'clock. Admission for this program is \$7. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs, soda, coffee, water, candy and popcorn is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half 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 no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.



DPS Increases Spring Break DWI Enforcement

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from March 8 - March 17, one of the most active Spring Break periods in Texas. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

“Too frequently people choose to drink and drive during Spring Break, which is an extremely dangerous decision that often leads to senseless tragedy,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Getting impaired drivers off the roads during Spring Break is a major priority for the department, and we also urge the public to make responsible decisions, such as designating a non-drinking driver or finding alternative transportation if they are impaired.”

During last year’s Spring Break enforcement period, DPS troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 300 were the direct result of the increased patrols funded by the grant. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 9,400 speeding citations, 1,500 seat belt/child safety seat tickets and 12,500 other citations. In addition, troopers made 545 fugitive arrests and 402 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

The drinking age in Texas is 21, and any driver under that age with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system can be charged with breaking the law. Additional troopers will also be patrolling in areas with high concentrations of Spring Break activity.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- * Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- * Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.
- * Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it’s the law.
- * Don’t drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- * Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- * Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- * Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it’s the law.
- * Avoid travel to Mexico. (U.S. citizens who do travel to Mexico should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest information regarding security issues in Mexico, and they should register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html.)

Appointment of Paul Montgomery as Paris District Engineer

The Texas Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul Montgomery, P.E., as the new Paris District Engineer effective March 11, 2013.

In his new role, Paul will oversee the planning, designing, building, operation and maintenance of the state transportation system in the nine-county Paris District. He has served as the Director of Maintenance in the Lufkin District since 2003.

A 25-year agency veteran, Paul started his TxDOT career in 1988 at the Tyler Residency, serving eight months before transferring to the Mineola Residency where he served as an engineering assistant involved in the design, construction and maintenance of highways over the next two years. He then spent two years in the district design section in Tyler before being elevated to Assistant Area Engineer in the Jacksonville Area Office.

While in Jacksonville, Paul oversaw the design, construction and maintenance of highways and bridges including a unique project involving the replacement of nine bridges of the Texas State Railroad for Texas Parks and Wildlife. In 1995, Paul became the Assistant Director of Maintenance in the Tyler District, and then was named the Waco District's Director of Maintenance in 1998. In that role, Paul was responsible for all district maintenance operations and was one of the lead individuals in the development and implementation of TxDOT's first Total Maintenance Contract. He was selected to be the Lufkin District's Director of Maintenance in 2003.

Paul earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1987 and became a licensed professional engineer in 1992. He and his wife, Hadley, have two daughters, Olivia and Sydney, and one son, Walker.



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Psalm 40:1-17 (KJV)

- ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
² He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.
³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
⁴ Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
⁵ Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderful works *which* thou hast done, and thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are more than can be numbered.
⁶ Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
⁷ Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me,
⁸ I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.
⁹ I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.
¹⁰ I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
¹¹ Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
¹² For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.
¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me.
¹⁴ Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.
¹⁵ Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha.
¹⁶ Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.
¹⁷ But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship. Each week begins at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

A Christian Fellowship is a part of the "One" movement in Texoma.

ACF offers a class for kids ages 2-10 that is called "Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus" and it is held during worship service. They learn Bible verses, stories, they have puppet shows, skits and play games, and lots of other fun things.

Wednesday nights begin with a pot-luck dinner that starts at 6:30pm followed with praise and worship and a devotional.

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 the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333.

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 with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord Supper's is given each Sunday. 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 radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

We invite everyone to our 2013' Spring Meeting April 7 - 12 at 7:30pm each night.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.



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They Stumble in Their Iniquity

By Willie Sofey, Sherman, Tx.

“Now all these things happened to them (Israel) as examples, and they (God’s Word – Bible) were written for our (all peoples till the end of this age) admonition (warning), upon the ENDS of the AGES (until Christ returns) have come”, Paul in 1 Cor. 10:11.

“Ephraim (ancient ancestors of Great Britain), you have now turned to prostitution (act of corruption of the Word), Israel (ancient ancestors of Britain – Ephraim and America – Manasseh, grandsons of Israel / Jacob) is corrupt.” (Gen. 49:19-20, Gen22:16-18). “Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God.” (Hos. 5:34).

Have America and Great Britain reached the point of “no return”? Over the past 40 years, the proof is in the pudding. Study the history of the anti-God legislation and abominable lifestyles these societies have evolved into. Because of their “arrogance”, they will stumble in their sin (Hos. 5:5). Have you noticed all the stumbling America, Britain, and the rest of Europe is experiencing?

“When they go, to seek the Lord, they will not find Him, (because) they are unfaithful to the Lord” Hos. 5:6-7).

The western nations of the world will continue to experience the wrath of God if they continue on this path of disobedience to the Word of God.

“You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. The Lord will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking Him.” (Deut. 28:19-20).

“The Lord will plague you with diseases, drought, being defeated by your enemies, madness, blindness, and confusion of mind, oppression, loss of fruits of labor (failure of the economy) and loss of your sons and daughters in other nations” (Deut. 28”22-68).

“My people are fools, they are skilled in doing evil” (Jer. 4:22).

“The prophets (anti-God leaders) prophesy lies, and my people love it this way” (Jer. 5:31). Do you see this comparison to what America and the rest of the world is experiencing in these “latter days”?

Americans need to take heed to the Word of God given to the above mentioned prophets and to the apostle Paul in his letter to the opulent, albeit sinful, city of Corinth, Greece (1Cor. Ch. 10).

The relatively free western world civilizations of today have no excuse for choosing anti-God leaders and living in abominable lifestyles. These nations have had free access to the written Word of God for several hundred years.

Jesus said in Matt. 12:41, “The men of (sinful) Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this (latter day) generation and condemn it; for they (Nineveh) repented at the preaching of Jonah”, and the majority of America’s present generation hasn’t repented.

America has access to the Words of “the Alpha and Omega” and must repent or face the judgment of King Jesus. God Bless Israel and America



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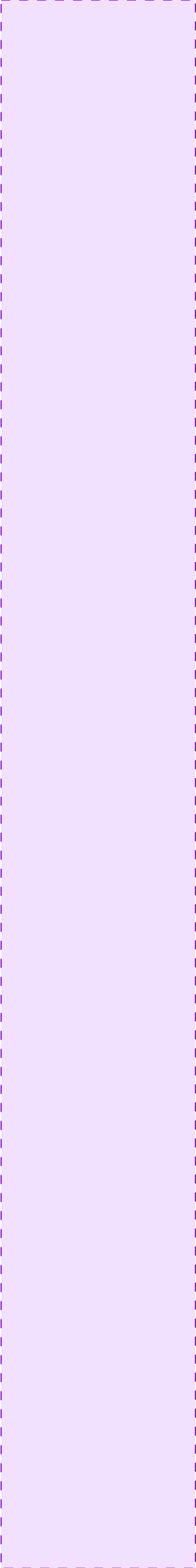


"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Lessons learned at the end of a dirt road

By Erik Spain

A few weeks ago my wife Secily and I took a trip to Chicago to celebrate our anniversary and it reminded me how lucky I was to be a West Texas farm kid.

We were taken aback by the beauty and architectural magnificence of the many skyscrapers. While examining the city's great history and beauty, we wandered in and out of shops. I noticed many kids and teenagers hanging out in a mall as if that was the cool thing to do.

And I started to think how different my life would have been if I had spent my youth engulfed by consumerism and artificial happiness.

Growing up in a small town in West Texas and working on a farm, I didn't have the so-called advantages many people from a city think are necessary.

But I had so many other experiences that molded me into the person I am today.

It is hard to quantify what learning to properly drive a tractor at the age of 7 or following granddad to the next field does for a young boy's self-confidence. Those of us who grew up working on the farm and around agriculture were given responsibilities at such a young age that helped develop our love for hard work and showed us the need for integrity.

I do agree that it is the parents' responsibility to raise good, self-reliant children. And there are many good, hard-working kids that come from cities. I feel as farmers and ranchers, we have so many more opportunities to teach our kids the value of dedication and hard work, and that you don't need to spend money to have fun. There are so many lessons for kids to learn at the end of a dirt road.

Cities are important for trade and commerce to work in this world. But we need to realize that they aren't the ultimate destination. Move outside of the manmade buildings and hectic lifestyle and step into rural America to see Mother Nature's masterpieces. Farmers and ranchers work side-by-side with them every day to produce the food and fiber upon which we all depend.

Erik and Secily Spain represent District 2 on the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher Committee and farm cotton, corn and small grains on their farm near Olton.

Local Elections Coming Up

City of Dorchester - David Smith (i) is running for mayor, and Stanley Stewart ((1) and Jimmy Aaron are running for two city council seats.

City of Howe - Jeff Stanley (i) is running for mayor and Dale Rideout (1), Debbie Lowery and Bill French are running for two, at-large council seats.

Howe ISD - Greg Akins (i) and Scott Renfro (i) are running for the two, at-large seats.

City of Tom Bean - Don Reed (i) Lisa Collins (i) and Billie Shields are running for three, at-large seats.

Tom Bean ISD - Jinger Peebles (i), James Harris (i), Chris Curd and Marion Williams are running for three seats.



Cornyn Presses Holder on Obama Administration's Failure to Prosecute Gun Crimes

'A crime not prosecuted does not produce the kind of deterrent we would want to prevent other people from committing those similar crimes.'

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today questioned Attorney General Eric Holder on the Obama Administration's failure to prosecute gun crimes:

"Out of 76,000 failed background checks, your department pursued a guilty plea or a guilty verdict in just 13 cases. How is that consistent with making violation of the crime a deterrent if the likelihood of prosecution is so slight? A crime not prosecuted does not produce the kind of deterrent we would want to prevent other people from committing those similar crimes."

You can watch video of the full exchange here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLZqPnR1t_k&feature=youtu.be>.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Sen. Cornyn Statement on Texas Independence Day

GALVESTON--U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, March 6 issued the following statement commemorating the 177th anniversary of Texas' independence:

"Today we celebrate Texas' independence won 177 years ago by brave men like William B. Travis, Davy Crockett, James Bowie and the man whose seat I'm proud to hold in the U.S. Senate - Sam Houston.

"As Texans, we have much to be proud of and many to thank for making the Lone Star State the best state in the nation to raise a family and run a business. Entrepreneurs and business leaders are attracted to Texas because our taxes are low and our government is limited. As a result, Texas' economy is leading the nation and our job market is growing.

"May we always remember those who contributed to birth of this great state and those who continue to defend it. May God bless you and yours and may He continue to bless Texas."

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Cornyn Response to Keystone Environmental Report

WASHINGTON- Today U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after the U.S. State Department released its draft environmental assessment of the Keystone XL Pipeline:

"It is time to approve the Keystone XL pipeline, which has undergone more than four years of the most exhaustive environmental scrutiny of any pipeline in U.S. history.

"An 'all of the above' energy strategy starts with signing off on Keystone and the tens of thousands of American jobs that come with it, which the President could do with the simple stroke of a pen. Keystone will be good for the economy, good for national security, and good for Texas.

"There is no reason for the President to delay this job-creation project any further."

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Senator Craig Estes files "Freedom to Film Act"

Bill confirms the legality of filming, photographing and observing the police

Austin - State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) announced today his filing of Senate Bill 897, also known as the "Freedom to Film Act," which will secure every citizen's right to film and document the police without being harassed.

In recent years, as more and more people have started carrying smartphones, there has been a disturbing trend nationwide of citizens being harassed by law enforcement for filming, photographing, and recording law enforcement officers. Unfortunately, multiple incidents have occurred in Texas where citizens were told to stop filming the police, even though filming the police is perfectly legal.

SB 897 seeks to clarify that a citizen is perfectly within their legal right to film police officers during the course of their normal duties. Specifically, if a citizen is charged with interference with public duties, failure to obey the police, or assaulting an officer and is subsequently acquitted, the citizen may recover the costs of defending the frivolous charges.

"My hope is that this bill will cause our police departments to think twice before arresting and charging a person who is doing nothing more than filming the police," Estes said. "The police are public servants, so they should not be doing anything that they would not want caught on film."

Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.





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Social Security Switching to All-Electronic Payment System

No more paper checks in the mail. Starting March 1, nearly everyone who receives Social Security must switch to the government's new electronic payment system. Beneficiaries will be able to have their checks directly deposited into their bank account or put on to a debit card.

The government is switching to electronic payments in order to save money and to provide a more reliable method of delivering payments. The move to paperless payments will save the government close to \$1 billion dollars over the next 10 years. It also eliminates the problem of checks that get lost in the mail or are delayed due bad weather.

Currently, around 93 percent of payments are made electronically, but about 5 million checks are still being mailed each month. If you are among those who haven't converted to electronic payments, the following are your options:

You can have the checks deposited directly into your bank account. This option allows flexibility with withdrawals and you will be subject to the bank fees and limits you already have in place.

If you can't afford a regular checking or savings account, you may be able to open a special low-cost bank account called an electronic transfer account (ETA). ETA fees are low and you are allowed four free withdrawals a month. However, not a lot of banks have joined the ETA program.

You can have your payment put on a Direct Express debit card. The debit card does carry some additional fees if you are planning to withdraw cash. You get one free withdrawal a month and then a \$0.90 fee (or more depending on the bank) applies every time you make a subsequent withdrawal that month. You can also use the card like a MasterCard to make purchases directly without fees.

Some individuals are exempted from the requirement to switch to paperless payments. If you are over age 90, live in a remote area that doesn't have electronic payment options, or have a mental impairment that doesn't allow you to manage finances, you may not have to switch to an electronic payment system.

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



The Legislative Process

The legislative process is now fully underway: bills are being heard in committee, and this month bills will begin to be debated by the full House. As of this writing, approximately 3200 bills have been filed by both the House and Senate. The deadline to file most bills is Friday, March 8. Last week, I wrote about the committee process each bill must go through before it reaches the floor for debate. This week, I will talk about the rest of steps through which each bill must pass.

Once session begins, each bill is read before the full House and is then referred to a committee by the Speaker. If the bill is passed out of committee, it is sent to the Calendars Committee. The Calendars Committee then votes whether or not to schedule the bill for a 2nd reading. If the Calendars Committee schedules the bill, the bill is read again before the full House. It is during the 2nd reading that most of the debate on the bill is heard. Amendments to the bill can be offered and voted on during this time as well. After debate on the bill has been heard, the bill comes up for a vote. If a majority of the members vote in favor of the bill, it is passed to third reading. If a majority of members vote against the bill, then it does not pass and will not become law.

During the third reading of the bill, some debate is heard, but not usually as much as during the 2nd reading. Another vote is taken on the bill, and if it passes, it is considered "engrossed." Engrossed bills are then sent to the Senate to repeat the entire process again. If a bill passes through the Senate, it is then sent to the governor. The governor can either let the bill become law or veto it.

Bills that originate in the Senate go through almost the same process. Senate rules are slightly different than those of the House, but all bills must pass both houses in order to become law.

For more information on the legislative process, or to review legislation that has been filed, please visit the website www.capitol.state.tx.us<<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>>. You can 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. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297. Rep. Larry Phillips

The Legislative Process

The legislative process is now fully underway: the deadline to file most bills was Friday, March 08, at 6 pm. As of this writing, approximately 5300 bills have been filed by both the House and Senate. Bills are being referred out of committee, and it is expected that the House will begin debating its first bills on the floor sometime next week. This week, I will discuss a few of the bills filed by other legislators that have been passed out of committee and could be taken up by the full House sometime soon.

It has been reported that some unscrupulous auto repair shops have been using counterfeit airbags as replacement parts for vehicles involved in accidents. In many cases, these counterfeit airbags were shown to malfunction and pose a high risk of bodily injury or even death to passengers in the vehicle. House Bill 38 would increase the penalty from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony for the following offenses: knowingly installing a counterfeit airbag; purporting to install an airbag and failing to do so; making or selling a counterfeit airbag to be installed in a motor vehicle; intentionally altering an airbag that is not counterfeit in a manner that causes the airbag to not meet all applicable federal safety regulations for an airbag; representing to another person that a counterfeit airbag installed in a motor vehicle is not counterfeit; or causing another person to commit such a violation or assisting a person in such a violation. The bill enhances the penalty for such an offense to a felony of the first degree if it is shown at trial that the offense resulted in the death of a person.

In recent years, the recreational and ecological value of Texas lakes has been threatened by harmful invasive aquatic species, such as the zebra mussel at Lake Texoma. In light of the potentially devastating nature of invasive aquatic species, it is important to educate the public on means of preventing exotic harmful aquatic species from penetrating lakes currently unaffected by such species. House Bill 597 would require a boater education course or to include information on how to prevent the spread of exotic harmful or potentially harmful aquatic plants, fish, and shellfish, including methods approved by the Parks and Wildlife Department for cleaning a boat, a boat's motor, fishing and other equipment, and a boat trailer.

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Heaven and Hell

A young woman came home and told her mom that her steady boyfriend had proposed, but she had turned him down because she found out he was an atheist, and didn't believe in Heaven or Hell. "Marry him anyway, honey. Between the two of us, we'll show him just how very wrong he is."

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Let's Reminisce: People And Dogs

By Jerry Lincecum

I recently read an article about the history of dogs and their relationship with humans that set me to remembering family dogs I have previously written about: Old Fritz, Dot and Dash, Big Jon and Sparky. In this column I'd to pass on a few things I just learned about dogs as a species.

According to archeologists, dogs and humans began their familiar relationship about 15,000 years ago. The fossil record supports this, as does a study of DNA of the hair of some 650 dogs. There is another DNA study that puts dogs and people together much earlier, but that one has no archaeology record to confirm it.

What's not in dispute is the domestic dog's ancestry, and this surprised me. A dog's mitochondrial DNA differs from a gray wolf's by a mere 0.2 percent. (Coyotes, in contrast, have a 4 percent difference.) So, in one sense dogs are grey wolves that we humans have bred selectively to work for us or serve as our companions and pets.

Yet it is obvious that dogs are not wolves. They don't look like wolves except in their broadest outlines, they don't act like wolves, and they are loved and celebrated in the popular imagination whereas wolves are feared and hated.

So the question is how did dogs evolve from wolves? Were their ancestors the most passive of the pack, the ones that hung around human camps, willing to do the humans' bidding? Did people then deliberately breed those wolves that were most attuned to them, understanding their value?

Or could dogs have essentially domesticated themselves, as docile animals mated, producing a human-centered species? And did those dog precursors possess some kind of intelligence that enabled them to read human social cues?

We have only to look around us to see more diversity among dogs than there is for any other species. Surprisingly, geneticists tell us the dog is a basic template that can be diversified with the variation of a fairly small number of genes.

A single gene determines if a dog will have the short, squat legs of a dachshund or the long, elegant legs of a greyhound. One gene controls for color in Labrador retrievers, another for floppy ears. There is even a single gene that will make distinctive white "socks" on a black Lab (that disqualify it from meeting the breed standard).

When humans breed dogs, we breed them for us -- to suit our fancy, primarily, and sometimes to help us accomplish certain tasks. To cite a recent example, the labradoodle -- a cross between a poodle and a Labrador retriever -- was initially made to create non-shedding guide dogs because the standard ones -- German shepherds, Labs, and golden retrievers -- could not be used by people with allergies.

Well, I'm a long way from remembering the dogs of my childhood, but I'd enjoy hearing some of your stories about dogs.

-30- Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject: jlincecum@me.com



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Back to Enterprise

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout

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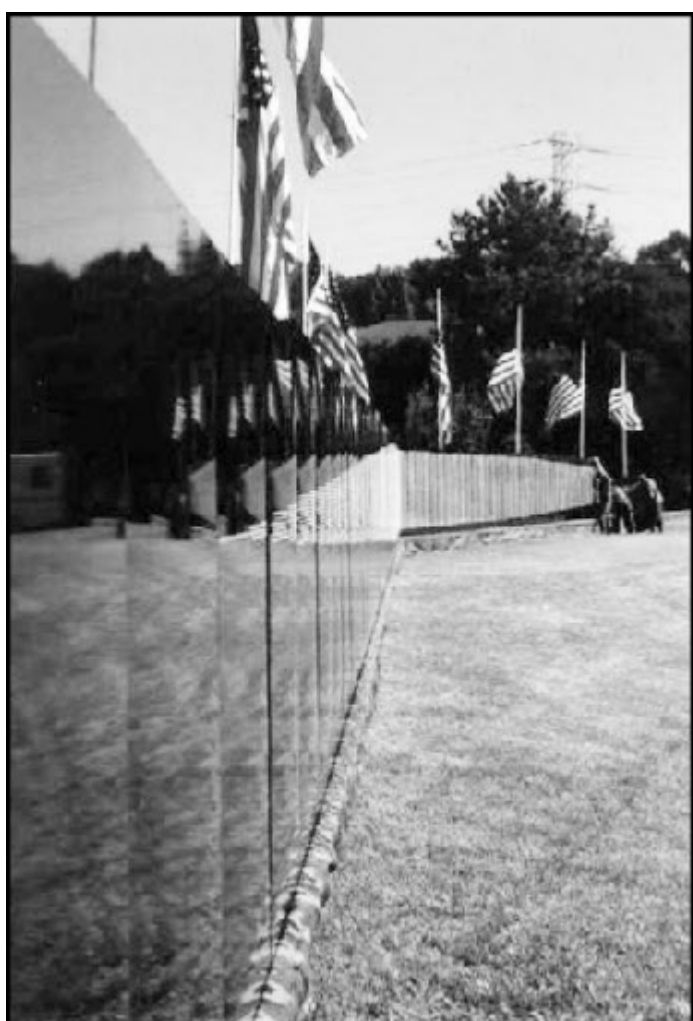
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

by Dorothy N. Fowler

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

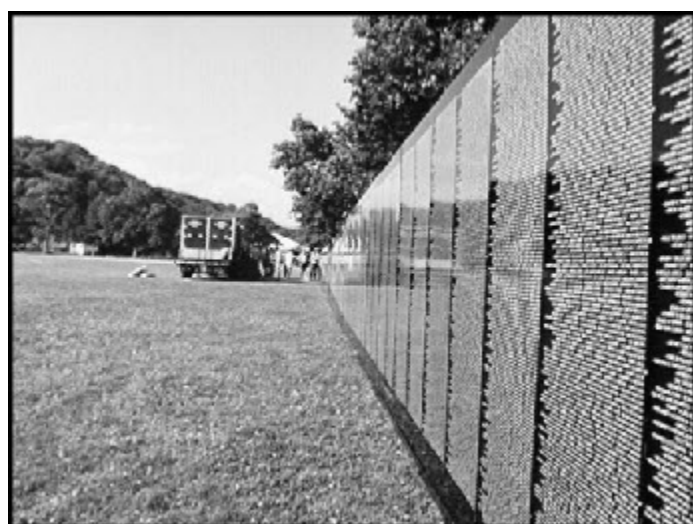
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.



What's Cookin...

By Lana Rideout

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Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.

Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?

Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

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Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler

Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

Texoma Montage

The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium

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Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11th Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

G. A. R.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors

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Texoma Montage

Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery, each identified by a federal shield on the headstone.

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20th Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.

The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville.

The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.

War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “*At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.*”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “*They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.*”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words:

“*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam.

The other memorial is at the cemetery.

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On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who) died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

Fort Washita

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

Texoma Montage





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Telling Our Stories

DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

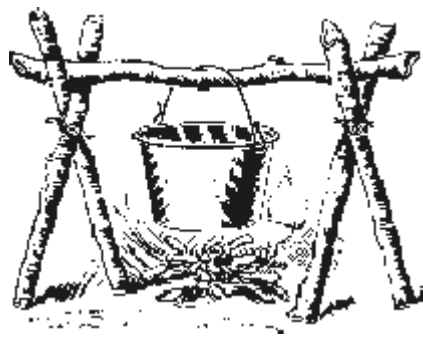
"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



Ruby Frizzell Draisey

Cookin' Out



Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.
10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.
12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.
14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.
16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

Dump Cake

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

¼ pound butter or margarine

1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)

1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

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Southern Algebra

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.

2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO

3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?

4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?

5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?

6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?

7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?

8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?

9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?

10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?

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Turkey Vultures

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.

One Vote

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.

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Telling Our Stories

REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us. She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.

Jack Frost McGraw

Jack Frost (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918

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Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*