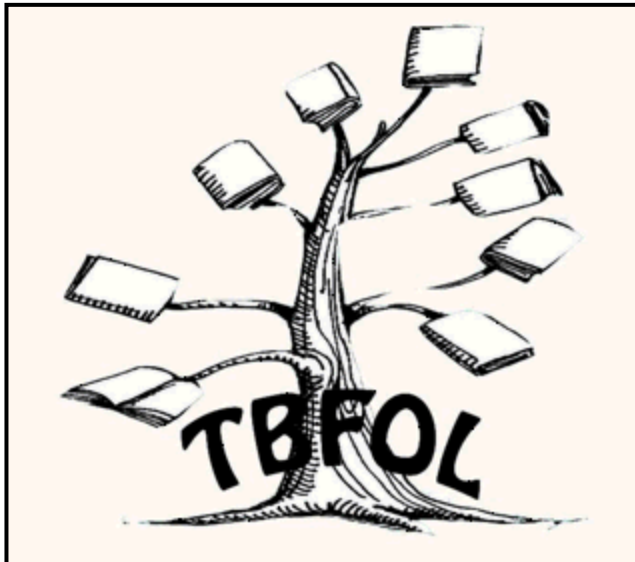


March 10, 2011



Tom Bean teacher Kenneth Williams with logo designer Racheal Cortez who received check from Ginger Mynatt

## ***Tom Bean Friends of the Library Has New LOGO***

Tom Bean Friends of Library has a new logo. Thanks to Kenneth Williams and his computer classes at Tom Bean High School, the Friends had several wonderful choices.

Rachael Cortez designed the winning logo and TBFOL gave her an award of \$25. Thanks to both Rachael and Kenneth.

TBFOL also had a successful Barbecue Dinner, Feb 26, and would like to thank Eddy Hamilton for smoking the brisket, Rhoda Harris for coordinating the event and Jan Hickerson and Lea Head for contributions and hard work. Other Friends contributing were Alyssa Mathes, Ginger Mynatt, Dale and Lana Rideout, Barbara Jordan, and Joetta and Ronnie Cotton.

## ***Donations needed for Eagle Scout project***

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

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

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

If you would like to help Travis, mail your donations to  
Travis Fulton  
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## ***Biting the bullet - cutting expenses***

I hope you will participate and do your part.

The President ordered the cabinet to cut \$100 million from the \$3.5 trillion federal budget.

I'm so impressed by this sacrifice that I have decided to do the same thing with my personal budget. I spend about \$2000 a month on groceries, household expenses, medicine, utilities, etc, but it's time to get out the budget cutting axe, go through my expenses, and cut back.

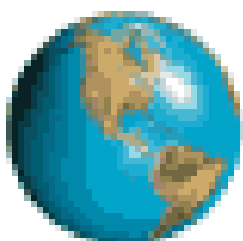
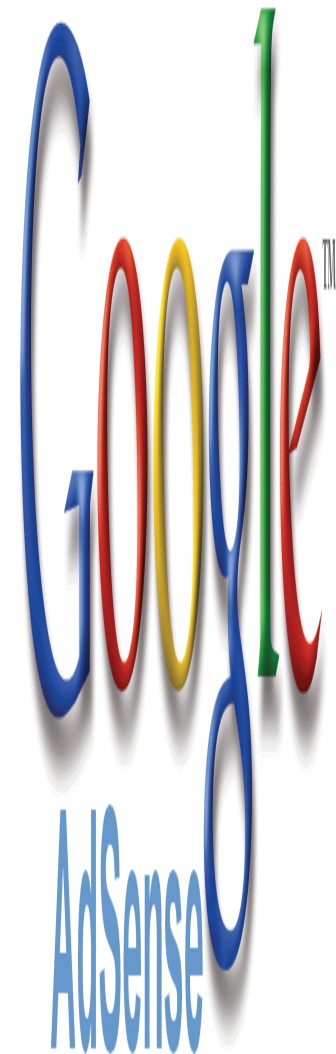
I'm going to cut my spending at exactly the same ratio, 1/35,000 of my total budget. After doing the math, it looks like instead of spending \$2000 a month; I'm going to have to cut that number by six cents.

Yes, I'm going to have to get by with \$1999.94, but that's what sacrifice is all about. I'll just have to do without some things, that are, frankly, luxuries.

(Did the president actually think no one would do the math?)

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

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

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

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

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



## Austin College President Dr. Marjorie Hass Was Honored as a Texas Luminary

SHERMAN, TEXAS-Austin College president Dr. Marjorie Hass was honored as a Texas Luminary during the Conference on American Leadership held on February 26 at North Central Texas College in Corinth, Texas.

The award honors leaders who “demonstrate remarkable innovation and dedication to improving the lives of Texans.” Criteria include expression of a compelling vision for Texas’ future, a proven history as a trailblazer or path maker, and history of innovative work.



Dr. Hass had spoken at the conference earlier in the day. “After Dr. Hass’ speech exploring the qualities of leadership, it’s easy to see why she was chosen as the 2011 Texas Luminary,” said Dr. Lisa Morales, director of the Conference on American Leadership. “Dr. Hass, for your dedication to engaging academic culture and your leadership at Austin College, we thank you. NCTC’s Conference on American Leadership confers on you the 2011 Texas Luminary award.”

Dr. Hass’s conference presentation was “Accountability, Leadership, and the Purpose of Education.” Other speakers were Steve Perry, a nationally renowned education contributor for U.S. News and World Report, CNN, FOX News, and MSNBC; and Dr. Patricia Crisp, the special representative for U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, whose office is responsible for implementing federal education initiatives.

This was the fifth year that North Central Texas College has held this conference. Previous speakers have included Senator Florence Shapiro, Dr. Michael Burgess, U.S. Congressman Jim Falk, and Bruce Bullock, SMU’s Director of the Maguire Energy Institute.

Dr. Hass assumed the Austin College presidency in June 2009.

## GCC scholarship applications due March 15

Most Grayson County College current and prospective students rely on the college’s Office of Financial Aid to help them find cost-effective ways to turn their college dreams into reality. For many students, that help is available through academic and need-based scholarships.

“Scholarships can ease the financial pressure associated with higher education,” said Donna King, director of financial aid at the college. “For some GCC students, it makes a huge difference in whether college is affordable.”

Every year, scholarship funds totaling more than \$520,000 are awarded to GCC students to encourage their scholastic pursuits. March 15 is the priority deadline for new and returning students to apply for scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year.

“Students who meet the priority deadline are considered for scholarships first,” King said.

Scholarship applicants must enroll as full-time students (12 or more semester hour credits) and maintain a 2.5 grade point average. All new and renewing applicants must complete and file the 2011-2012 version of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). They also must complete the application process with GCC’s Office of Financial Aid. To download a scholarship application, visit the College’s website at [www.grayson.edu](http://www.grayson.edu), click on Financial Aid under Quick Links, and scroll to Scholarships to find the application link. Information about the various scholarships available is listed there as well.

In addition to the scholarship application, applicants must submit their high school transcript/GED or college transcript(s), an essay, and a letter of reference or recommendation.

Return the completed application and attachments in person or by mail to: Office of Financial Aid; Grayson County College; 6101 Grayson Drive; Denison, Texas 75020.

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

“Last year, GCC awarded nearly \$11 million in federal, state and institutional aid,” King said.

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

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## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

*Life is not given to us that we might live idly without work. No, our life is a struggle and a journey. Good should struggle with evil; truth should struggle with falsehood; freedom should struggle with slavery; love should struggle with hatred. Life is movement, a walk along the way of life to the fulfillment of those ideas which illuminate us, both in our intellect and in our hearts, with divine light. - Giuseppe Mazzini*

*There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel - that will stand. - Proverbs 19:21, The New King James Version*

I have some friends who go out on mission trips in the US and knock on doors inviting people to study the Bible. Recently they were telling us about a time when the lady of the house invited them in and began studying the gospel with them.

The lady was listening carefully and beginning to see the need to be baptized. But her husband who had been watching TV in another room came out and told my friends to leave. He was upset about something he had seen on TV and thought my friends were a different group.

A day or two later, my friends were invited back to the home by both the lady and her husband. He apologized to my friends and joined the Bible study. They both agreed to become Christians.

In a society that is often hostile to Christ and Christianity, we should continue our good works and try to lead as many as we can to the "Way" - a term used in Acts 26 to describe Christians.

My friends also shared with us some of the troubles they have had in journeying to various cities and states. They have a travel home and a car attached. Recently they were stranded in a city or two from mishaps. But they made it home safely and that is a good thing.

## What's Cooking?

### Chocolate Potato Layer Cake

What happens when you make a chocolate cake with mashed potatoes? If you use this recipe, a moist, delicious, very chocolatey cake with a touch of mocha happens. You'll be pleased.

3/4 cup cocoa powder  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon instant coffee powder  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened  
2 cups sugar  
4 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup mashed potatoes (no milk or seasonings added), cooled  
1 cup buttermilk  
Preheat oven to 350°F, and grease and flour two 9-inch cake pans.

Sift together the cocoa, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and instant coffee in a medium bowl. Set aside.

In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter and sugar for 4 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla and mashed potatoes.

Reduce speed to low, and add dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients, just until blended. Do not overbeat.

Pour batter into prepared pans and bake for 30 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks. Allow to cool completely before frosting.

Two excellent frostings for this cake are Chocolate Buttercream Frosting and Coffee-Chocolate Frosting.

Grandma's Cookbook contains these and more than 600 kitchen tested (and time tested) recipes. It's your online cookbook.

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## Good advice to the new Congress

If Republicans Are Serious About Budget Cutting... Start by identifying expenditures and taxes which are not expressly authorized by our Constitution, and schedule them for termination

--- Mark Alexander, Publisher, The Patriot Post

I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents.

--- Father of the Constitution, James Madison



## Howe ISD Calendar

### March

7-20 – Houston Livestock Show  
10 – 1st grade Texas Cookout  
10 – HS track meet @Bells  
10 – HMS One Act Play, 7pm  
10-12 – Tennis Community Tournament @Princeton  
10-12 – Varsity Baseball Tourney @Van Alstyne  
11 – JV/V softball vs. Tom Bean  
11 – Early release  
14-18 – Spring Break  
14 – JV/V Softball @Pottsboro, 1 pm  
14 – Athletic Booster Club, 6:30pm  
15 – JV/V softball vs. Gunter, noon  
15 – JV/V baseball vs. Gunter, 1 pm  
16 – Lady Bulldog Golf Tourney @Gainesville, 8am  
16 – Bulldog Golf Tourney Gainesville, 9am  
18 – Tennis @Van Alstyne Tournament, 8am  
18 – Baseball @ Pottsboro, 4:30pm  
21-25 – Support Staff Appreciation Week  
21 – Band Boosters, 6:30pm  
23 – HHS UIL academic district meet @S&S high school, 8am-6pmH  
24 – Howe School Board meeting, 6pm  
Go to [howeisd.net](http://howeisd.net) for more school events and information

## Howe Elementary School Math Goal 4th Six Weeks

**First Grade:** Kevin Bateman, Zak DeFrage, John Griffin, Kailyn Ireland, Talen Miller, Faith Risinger, Linda Segura, Blain Nuncio, Ashlyn Beck, Cierra Brussow, Caytie Coco, Fenix Lugo, Katie Parker, Ricky Ramirez, Benjamin Speed, Eli Wilson, Colby Hopper, Ethan Conrad, Lindsey Hymel, Shelby Waren, Sabian Acevedo, Jared Brussow, Will Fleming, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Ryan Murphy, Parker Pecina., David Rocha, Alyssa Sharp, Braydon Smith, Avery Snapp, Trinity Williams, Christian Moody, Ramie Mosse, Connolly Shaffer, Kolby Smith, Jordan Troxtell, Caleb Wahrmond

**Second Grade:** Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Grace Brennan, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Spencer Heft, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Ethan Sanders, Kobi Zolfaghari, Austin Jones, Kelynn Jaresch, Ruvy Enriquez, Kayle Chapman, Reagan Troxtell, Leah Butcher, Hannah Dwyer, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Jonathan Meneses, Jason Ortega, Aubreh Winegarden, Dylan Savage, Erin Catching, Gracie Lankford, Leah Trevino, Korbyn Thompson, Mason Moreau, Ethen Grant, Kamryn Gardner, Alex Hernandez, Camryn Adams, Gage Streetman, A.J. Shue, Joseph Hymel, Kaytee Roper, Ashley Crees, Sierra Copeland, Kendell Posey, Tatum Hartsfield, Remington Lowe, Holly Cavender, Abigail Wakefield, Abby Fesperman, Katie Grogan, Brett Burnett, Mikal Ann Beck, Brooke Robinson, Austin Thurman, Mason Bearden, Brennan Speed

**Third Grade:** Bailey Bond, Jayce Bryan, Taylor Bryan, Ireland Bryant, Lane Griffin, Garrett Grigg, Mikayla Hudek, Jarron Ing, Matthew Robison, Jacob Roper, Cassidy Anderson, Kaden Bateman, Hally Bollier, Dylan Cernero, Melanie Guzman, Caiden Harmon, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Zane Hughes, Sarah Martin, Bonnie Olivarez, Jamie Taylor, Brian Timmons, Ty Trevino, Riley Underwood, Kira Allen, Nayely Ayala, Valerie Langford, Kolbe Lappin, Kacie Morgan, Kaleigh Smith, Catherine Switzer, Colton Thurman, Hailey Upchurch, Ashlyn Wahrmond, Zimry Weatherspoon, Jackson Wilson, Zoie DeFrage, Morgan Dyer, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Lukas Peacock, Caden Stewart, Cindy Torres, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon

**Fourth Grade:** Taylee Moss, Parker Blount, Valeria Bastida, Aurora Winegarden, Luis Chacon, Spencer Akins, Trey Lastor, Joseph Brennan, Gianna Henry, Sheila Finney, Taylor Hartsfield, Colten Raiser, Caleb Lankford, Carson Grogan, Kindle Catching, Cody Brussow, Carly Cannaday, Mikayla Doty, Kaysie Hall, Clayton Haynes, Gage Hendrickson, Autumn Hobbs, Garret Johnson, Hannah Lawson, Colton Lowe, Bethany Masters, Mason Riggs, Hayley Roper, Jorie Seibold, Zoe Watson



Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending March 4th, 2011 are: Taylor Hartsfield, Jorie Seibold, Taylor Bryan, Jade Cox, Caiden Harmon, Ashlyn Wahrmond, Aubreh Winegarden, AJ Shue, Brooke Robinson, Austin Jones, Emma Harvey, Riley Griffith, Dakota Fetzer, Madison Morrow, Tate Harvey, and Nathan Wooten.



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**First Grade:** Sabian Acevedo, Michelle Caballero, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Zoey Moore, David Rocha, Caleb Searcey, Avery Snapp, Kevin Bateman, Harley Brockelman, Luke Catching, Zak DeFrange, John Griffin, Emma Harvey, Kailyn Ireland, Ethan Lopez, Nicholas Miller, Conner Record, Faith Risinger, Aiden Roulette, Linda Segura, Ashlyn Beck, Caytie Coco, Ethan Conrad, Lindsey Hymel, Katie Parker, Benjamin Speed, Shelby Waren, Elijah Wilson, Jacob Adams, Jessica Bastida, Jaden Bryant, Louis Enriquez, Ramie Mosse, Kolby Smith, Jordan Troxtell, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmond

**Second Grade:** Leah Butcher, Mariana Cano, David Huerta, Jonathan Meneses, Christian Risinger, Ramon Rocha, Camryn Adams, Erin Catching, Kamryn Gardner, Alex Hernandez, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Hunter Robertson, Kaytee Roper, Dylan Savage, Avery Shue, Gage Streetman, Korbyn Thompson, Leah Trevino, Braeden Wise, Mason Bearden, Mikal Ann Beck, Brett Burnett, Holly Cavender, Sierra Copeland, Abigail Fesperman, Karrah Gardner, Katie Grogan, Tatum Hartsfield, Raul Hernandez, Luke Jackson, Remington Lowe, Brooke Robinson, Austin Thurman, Jackson Adkins, Alexandra Blount, Grace Brennan, Kayle Chapman, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Cameron Lankford, Elizabeth Robertson, Ethan Sanders, Kobi Zolfaghari

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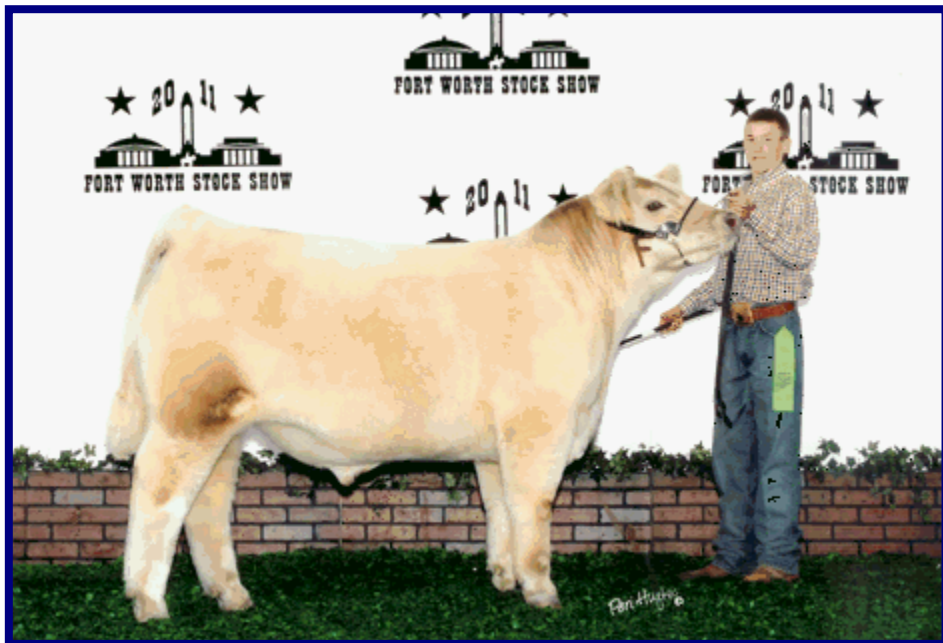
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## Tom Bean

## FFA

## Travels

The Tom Bean FFA traveled to Ft. Worth the first week of February for the steer show. Brok Shields was 6th place with his crossbred steer and made the sale bringing six dollars a pound. This totaled to almost \$7,000 dollars Maddi Cavender was 10th place with her crossbred steer and made the sale bring 5 dollars a pound. This totaled to a little over \$6,000 dollars. Others exhibiting who were not lucky enough to make the sale were Travis Hill, Will Holloway, Ashley Deberry, and Michael Lake.

We also traveled to San Antonio and during the heifer show the Tom Bean FFA was well represented again. Maddi Cavender had the Reserve Grand Champion Angus heifer. Michael Lake was 1st with one of his Limousin heifers and 2nd with his other one.

The steer show at San Antonio steer show was not quite as good to us as in the past. Travis Hill placed 7th in his Charolais class but only the top five made the sale. Others exhibiting but not placing were Ashley Deberry, Bret Shields, Michael Lake, and Jessie Hill.

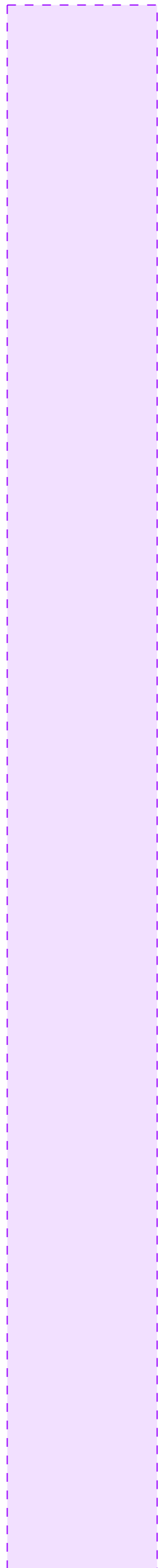
We will be traveling to Houston March 6-12 for the steer show and then over spring break for the heifer show.



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## State Powerlifting

The state qualifier is Samantha Langford, daughter of Hydee and Marlon Langford, is a state qualifier in the State Powerlifting contest.

Samantha placed 2nd at the Regional Powerlifting Meet in Leonard on Feb. 26, 2011 with a total lift of 655 pounds.



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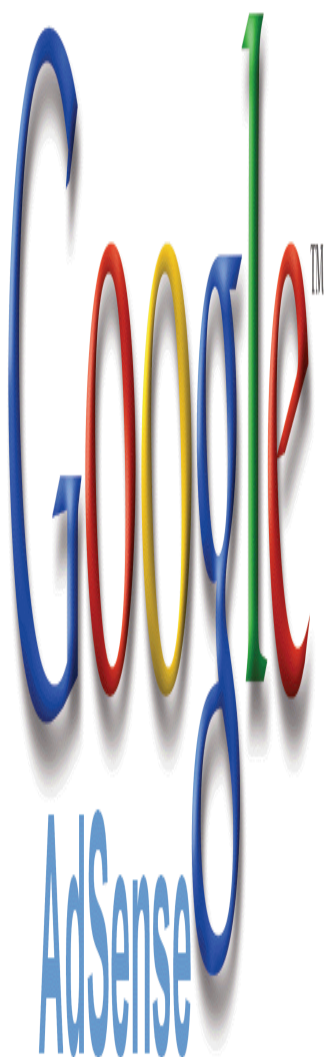
## Takes 2nd Place at Panther Classic Baseball Tournament Bells

The Tom Bean Tomcat baseball team finished 2nd in the Panther Classic tournament in Bells over the weekend. Johnny Johnson did a great job on Friday pitching a 3 hitter and allowing only 2 runs while striking out 9 in an 8-2 victory over Muskogee (OK 6A team) Travis Hill, Dalton Griffin, & Brandon Bramer went 2 for 3 at the plate.

The team played Frisco Lone Star (2 year old 4A School) in the finals on Saturday, losing to them 12-2 in 6 innings and ended up finishing 2nd out of 8 teams in the tournament.

The boys did a great job and are ready to face Whitewright in our first district game on Tuesday. The JV game begins at 4:30pm and the Varsity game will start at 7:30pm. Hope to see you there.

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## BookShelf

### Van Alstyne Library

by Juanita Hazelton

The Van Alstyne Library invites you to view an exhibition of paintings by Mary Beth Gibson. Ms. Gibson has been an artist for 40 years. She has been a fashion illustrator, is a portrait and mural artist, does T-shirt designs, and is an outdoor and still life painter. She is the official artist for the Texas Highway Patrol Fallen Officers. In 1972 she did the original Chili's logo. We know you will enjoy the selection of still life and landscapes she has on exhibit at the library. Other paintings by Ms. Gibson are on view in Van Alstyne's Sali's Restaurant and in the Donut Shop.

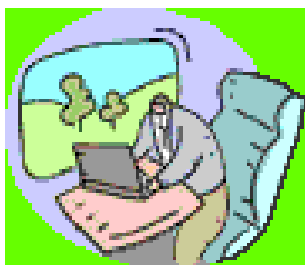
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*From the Desk of Amy Parrish:* Family Night at the Library has been scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at 6:30-8 pm. Bring your families for an evening of Scattergories, Scrabble, Clue, and Chutes & Ladders. Spring Break is March 14-19, so no story times will be scheduled on Tuesday and Wednesday. Enjoy your vacation.

*From the Desk of Judy Spence:* Book Reviews by Teen Council: Ben George read *The Last Apprentice; Revenge of the Witch* by Joseph Delany. He enjoyed the book and summarizes it for us. "Thomas Ward is the seventh son of a seventh son. Iron maiden references aside, this means he can be a spook, the person who protects the area from magical forces. This book is about his training beginning. It's well written. Inevitably comparisons will come up between Harry Potter and this book. This book isn't the better, however it is a fun ride that will make you chuckle and keep you on edge of your seat at times." He recommends the book to "fans of Harry Potter, Fablehaven, and supernatural fantasy. If you don't like fantasy, this won't change your mind."



## Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

March 7, 2011 - Van Alstyne Voices Sergeant-at-Arms M.J. Presley opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge, and then introduced Toastmaster for the evening, Juanita Hazelton. Merrill Hazelton was the first speaker, with a speech entitled "Embarrassed." Charles Bannister was the second speaker with a speech titled "Man as Animal." Sally Hall evaluated Hazelton's speech and M.J. Presley evaluated Bannister's speech. Jeff Hall filled in for Allison Presley as General Evaluator and was also Table Topics Master. Hall used magazine photos as topic props, challenging Sally Hall, Bob Bishop, and M.J. Presley to speak about the photos. M.J. Presley was timer. Merrill Hazelton introduced the word of the day, "Necromancer." Sally Hall entertained as Jokemaster. Sally Hall was awarded a ribbon for her Table Topic, M. J. Presley for his evaluation, and Merrill Hazelton for his speech.

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

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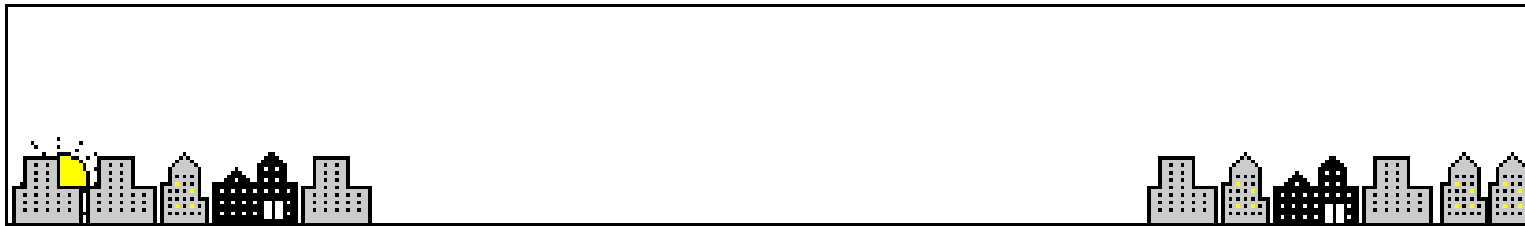
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## George Dickerson Live In Concert

On April 9 at 7:30 pm, the Chrystal Opry House will host Elvis tribute artist, George Dickerson who started his singing career at the age of 5. For the last three years George has been singing with country sensation Ronnie McDowell. George is a tribute artist singing the songs of his two favorite entertainers, Elvis Presley and Ronnie McDowell. Recent shows include: Red Boiling Springs, TN (Donoho), Loretta Lynn's in Hurricane Mills, TN, and Garland Plaza Theatre with Curb recording star Ronnie McDowell.

Don't miss the magic as George takes you back in time to the 50's, 60's, and the 70's, singing the songs that made Elvis Presley the King of Rock and Roll. Admission is \$10 each at the door. A snack bar will be available.

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

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

## Ann's Haven VNA Offers Free Grief Recovery Workshop on March 22

Ann's Haven VNA will be conducting a one-day grief recovery workshop called "Good Grief" for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The workshop will be held Tuesday, March 22, from 9 am to 10:30 am at the Ann's Haven VNA office on 325 West McKinney Street, Suite 101, in Denton.

Information and support will be provided on topics that include common grief experiences, coping with grief, myths about grief, and resources for help.

There is no cost to attend the "Good Grief" workshop, but reservations are requested. Call Molly Harrison, Ann's Haven VNA bereavement coordinator, at 940-349-5900.



**Molly Harrison, Ann's Haven VNA bereavement coordinator, will be conducting a free grief recovery workshop on March 22.**



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## Old Bevilport

by Bob Bowman

History laid a heavy hand on Bevilport. But you won't find it on many road maps or marked by highway signs.

The old town site -- once a steamboat port on the Angelina River -- was named for John Bevil, a Virginian who came to Texas in the 1820s. He is given credit for founding the community, as well as Bevil's Settlement, the forerunner of Jasper.

As a speculator, Bevil's propensity for land deals got him in trouble, and he was reportedly forced to leave Jasper County for a time as a result of disputes over land titles. He also developed the unsuccessful City of the Pass (now Sabine Pass) in Jefferson County.

As a river navigation point from 1830 to 1860, Bevilport was noted for its bustling river docks, which shipped East Texas cotton and hides to New Orleans. General Sam Houston, who engineered the Texas Revolution, was given the first lot in the town site.

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Dot's  
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by Dorothy N. Fowler

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night.

'Yes, ma'm.' the boy replied.

'And, do you always say them in the morning, too?' the pastor asked.

'No ma'am,' the boy replied. 'I'm not scared in the daytime.'

Preachers who read that story know that it "will preach," and they certainly might be tempted to use it in their next sermon on the efficacy of prayer in all times and at all places. However, the story has broader implications than that.

More than 20 years ago, when AIDS was in the news much more than it is now, the Permian High School Student Council sponsored a blood drive. The blood bank brought its big trailer into the school parking lot, set up shop, and students who were old enough, heavy enough, and who did not want to be labeled "chicken," flocked in to give their pint of the red stuff.

When they came back to class, they wore the slightly glazed expressions and the buttons that declared, "I donated blood today. What did you do?"

Donors expected to get a postcard from the blood bank within two weeks telling them what their blood type was, along with their cholesterol numbers. The cards did not come within the expected time frame and a rumor swept through the school that it was because so much of the blood was contaminated with the AIDS virus that public health authorities were having a hard time mobilizing resources to take care of those who were dying and didn't yet know it.

If you had been there, you would have seen a group of senior students who were absolutely devastated by fear.

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## **BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued**

Bevilport had a main street and a hotel by the 1850s and served as a business and social center until the Civil War.

But, when logging for Beaumont sawmills began to interfere with riverboat traffic on the Neches River below its confluence with the Angelina River, Bevilport began to decline.

Today, there are few buildings left at Bevilport.

One of the town's old homes, once owned by Randolph C. Doom, an early customs collector, still stands -- but not in Bevilport.

Former Congressman Jack Brooks of Beaumont bought the home, moved it a few miles north of the river, and refurbished it as a family retreat.

During Brooks' heyday as a political power broker, House Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Lyndon Johnson stayed there several times. An old Doom ledger shows that Sam Houston bought a gallon of kerosene on credit at the store in the 1830s -- and never paid for it.

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

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

I confess. It was all I could do to keep a straight face. "What have you been doing that you believe might have put you at risk?" I asked.

Of course, they didn't tell me. "Are you going to keep on doing whatever you've been doing when this scare is over?" was my next question.

That was a stupid question, because the answer was clearly, "Yes." When the scare was over, they might not have planned to go back to the old ways, but most of them did.

That's what we Americans will do -- again -- after the price of gasoline, which is now approaching \$3.50 a gallon and threatening to climb higher -- falls to a more reasonable level. Instead of making a serious effort to find a less expensive, equally reliable means of transportation, we will revert to the internal combustion engine that has served us so well in the vehicles we use to get from place to place.

People who want to drill in Alaska, tap the national oil reserves, and engage in deep sea drilling are not attacking the root problem, which is that the supply of oil is finite. Soon or late, it will get down to the last drop.

It's not enough to develop an electricity powered vehicle. The electricity has to come from somewhere and a lot of it comes from natural gas and coal powered plants, both of which create their own set of production and environmental problems and both of which are, like oil, finite resources.

Even the electricity-generating windmills, now ubiquitous in West Texas, create a set of environmental problems that hardly anyone has yet addressed.

What needs to happen, when this gasoline scare is over, is to encourage original research and development that might result in some new technology that at the moment lies only at the periphery of imagination.

That kind of research and development is expensive and it frequently requires many years to see any result from it. While it is occurring, the bottom line, the quick profits, the rich dividends have to be delayed.

Maybe right now, when we are scared, would be a good time to remember that when we aren't scared any more is the best time to seek solutions to the problem of how to quit being an oil based economy.

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## Hagerman 2nd Saturday Events



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

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

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

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

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

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





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## The Virtues of Private Reverse Mortgages

Banks have been touting the advantages of so-called "reverse" mortgages for many years as a way for cash-strapped seniors to tap into the equity in their homes to meet their expenses, whether simply for day-to-day living or to pay for the increased costs of home care.

The basic concept of a reverse mortgage is that the bank will make payments to the homeowner, rather than the other way around. The payments can be a single lump-sum, a line of credit, or a stream of monthly payments. The bank does not have to be paid back until the homeowner moves out or passes away.

But the bank must be paid back at that time. For a senior who moves to a nursing home, this means liquidating an asset that is non-countable for Medicaid purposes and turning it into a countable asset that must be spent down before the former homeowner can qualify for Medicaid coverage.

In addition, because the bank is advancing money without knowing for sure when it will be paid back, there are high upfront costs to reverse mortgages. And these mortgages are limited to about half of the equity in the home, which may or may not meet the homeowner's needs.

For these reasons, many elder law attorneys advise clients to seek out more traditional financing if at all possible, such as a line of credit from a bank.

However, there is another alternative that in many instances better meets the needs and goals of older homeowners -- the private reverse mortgage. This is a private loan, usually from a family member, to the homeowner secured by a mortgage on the senior's home.

Here are some of the advantages for the senior homeowner:

It's cheaper. The upfront costs of paying an attorney to set up a private reverse mortgage may be as little as 10 percent of the cost of a commercial reverse mortgage.

Interest rates are lower. The interest rate on a private reverse mortgage is set by the IRS each month and is less than the interest rate on a commercial reverse mortgage.

There's no limit on what percentage of the home equity may be borrowed. The ability to tap into more equity in the home can delay the day of reckoning when the senior must move to a nursing home just because there's not enough money to pay for caregivers.

The loan need not be paid back until the house is sold, so if a senior moves to a nursing home, she can keep her house.

Once in a nursing home or other facility, the senior can continue to receive payments on the private reverse mortgage if needed to maintain the house or to pay for extra care in the nursing home -- even to pay for family members to come visit.

Here are some of the advantages of private reverse mortgages for family members:

What's good for a parent or grandparent is good for the entire family. To the extent the senior can save money in mortgage costs, the bigger the ultimate estate that will pass to the family.

The ability to tap into more equity in the home can mean that family members who are providing assistance can either alleviate the burden by hiring more paid caregivers or be paid themselves for providing care.

While current interest rates are very low, the rates set by the IRS are higher than money markets and certificates of deposit are paying these days. This means that the family member or members advancing the funds will earn a bit more than they would if the money were sitting in the bank.

A private reverse mortgage can help protect the equity in the home because it takes precedence over any claim by Medicaid.

The family of any senior who owns a home but who has little in savings should consider the private reverse mortgage as a way to help parents and grandparents have the retirement they deserve. Contact your elder law attorney for more information.



## Hall Votes For Federal Budget Cuts

*Short-Term Budget Extension Cutting \$4 Billion, Repeal Of 1099*

WASHINGTON, DC (March 4)- Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) voted with a House majority, 335-91, to pass a two-week continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government through March 18th. The resolution prevents a government-wide shutdown that would have occurred on March 4 had a short-term budget not been agreed upon. The Senate passed the House resolution the following morning. Negotiations will continue with the Senate on a CR to fund the rest of the fiscal year (FY).

“My focus is to help create jobs and save our children’s future from national bankruptcy,” said Hall. “In order to do this, we must stop spending money we don’t have. The way to national financial prosperity is not found through increased spending or an increasing size of government – if it were, we would not be in the position we currently find ourselves.”

Hall continued, “Polls clearly show that the American people want significant spending cuts in Washington, and House Republicans continue to pass bills that reflect the will of the people. The original CR passed by the House on February 19 proposed \$100 billion in cuts from the remaining fiscal year 2011 budget. The two-week CR is the second option the House sent the Senate. Both resolutions offer federal spending reductions that would promote job creation and economic growth.”

The latest resolution includes \$4 billion in spending reductions, including \$2.7 billion in cuts by removing approximately fifty unspent earmarks from FY 2010, and \$1.24 billion through program cuts and terminations that both House Republicans and the President targeted for savings.

“It is imperative that Congress promptly complete a federal budget in an open and transparent fashion,” said Hall. “I will continue to uphold my responsibility by fulfilling my commitment to the American people to cut spending and get the national debt under control.”

### Repeal of Health Care Law’s 1099 Provision

On Thursday Hall voted with the House to pass H.R. 4, which repeals the burdensome 1099 tax reporting provision included in the Democrats’ health care law passed last Congress. The legislation:

- \* Repeals onerous tax reporting provisions enacted last year to help pay for both the health care law and TARP III legislation;
- \* Protects taxpayers by reducing waste, fraud and abuse in the health care law; and
- \* Reduces the deficit by \$166 million in the first ten years and by billions of dollars over the long run, while reducing federal spending by nearly \$20 billion over ten years.

H.R. 4 repeals the health law’s 1099 expanded tax information reporting rules on small businesses, as well as requirements imposed on taxpayers not engaged in business activity, which would require a 1099 form for any payments that exceed \$600 per year per payee. Small businesses would be forced to issue a 1099 form for any payments to corporations or payments for property that exceed \$600, and the everyday taxpayer would be responsible for issuing a Form 1099 for everyone they pay more than \$600 in a year (e.g. plumbers, lawn services, pool cleaners, rental proprietors).

Meeting these requirements would be time consuming and a waste of monetary resources, which could cripple families and small businesses already struggling financially.

“This legislation is committed to protecting small business, their workers, and American taxpayers,” said Hall. “They are the backbone of our economy. Small businesses have generated 64% of net new jobs over the past fifteen years. Financially stable families and small businesses translate to a financial stable economy.”

## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## DPS Testifies Before the Border and Intergovernmental Affairs

This week, the House Committee on Border and Intergovernmental Affairs held its first hearing of this session. There were no bills discussed this week; Chairwoman Gonzales asked border community leaders and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide background information on the various issues the border region faces. This is my first session to be a member of this committee, and I found the background information provided by the witnesses to be very interesting. Testimony was given on the trade between Texas and Mexico, colonias, crime, and public safety. This week I will address some of the statistics on crime and the drug trade that DPS Director Steve McCraw provided to the committee.

The Texas-Mexico Border is 1,254 miles long, and approximately 2.1 million in Texas live in border communities. As has been reported extensively, Mexico is currently caught up in battle with and between the various drug cartels. While the violence has largely been contained in Mexico, there are indications that the cartels are establishing a presence throughout Texas.

DPS testified that of the seven major Mexican drug cartels, six are operating in Texas. The cartels are working with existing gangs in Texas to smuggle and distribute drugs and guns, and to recruit new, young members to work for the cartel. The gun that was used to kill U.S. Agent Jaime Zapata in Mexico was traced back to a suspected gun ring in Lancaster, a suburb of Dallas. Cartels are also working to hinder law enforcement by using items such as nails, spikes, and caltrops to disable law enforcement vehicles by puncturing tires. In addition to law enforcement officers, there has been an increase in the threats made to farmers and ranchers along the border.

Over the last two years, DPS has seen a 28% increase in the seizure of cocaine; 124% increase in the seizure of marijuana; 136% increase in the seizure of methamphetamines; 155% increase in the seizure of weapons; and a 2489% increase in the seizure of heroin. DPS has also seen a 168% increase in the seizure of actual cash related to drug trafficking. Over the past four years, DPS has seized over \$140 million in cash; however estimates put the amount of money related to drug trafficking that flows across the entire U.S.-Mexico border at \$29 billion per year. DPS is continuing to work on ways to combat gun and drug trafficking, and the related cartel presence and violence seeping into Texas. I look forward to working on this committee and working with DPS to assist in their efforts.

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



## Texas History Is Under Assault

In the early 1800's, it was a common occurrence to see signs on homes and businesses across America that read "Gone to Texas". This rush was driven by the excitement of a new land of boundless opportunity and fortune, a land that gave a chance to all: builders, entrepreneurs and a cast of low and humble characters.

The new citizens who came here helped to create the most colorful and dramatic history of any state in the union. They fought in wars and perished, became Texians and Tejanos, and established a republic that built the identity of Texas: proud and independent. Through this rich and diverse history grew the internationally famous Texas mystique.

How we honor our history is what makes us Texans. It binds us together. It makes us distinct and, we believe, makes us the envy of most Americans and propels both national and international visitors to come see the places and hear the stories that built this great land. Arguably, only one or two other states in the Union evoke international interest, visitation, and admiration as Texas. Because of our state's history, the economic benefits of investing in, maintaining the awareness and presence of, and placing more history on display supports tourism on a global scale.

Today, however, the worldwide Texas mystique, built on both its history and this economic engine is under siege. The unthinkable is happening: the ability to discover and preserve Texas history is under assault.

The recent State of the State address and pronouncements by a policy foundation have called for either the suspension or the outright elimination of the Texas Historical Commission as non-mission critical. That, of course implies that the pursuit of Texas history, your history, is not critical. In one breath, our ability to discover and preserve unique Texas history which attracts tourists to visit us, plus a great investment on behalf of taxpayers, could be seriously compromised, if not destroyed.

Heritage tourists spend 50% more, take more trips and stay longer than any other segment in all tourism. For Texas, the math is simple.

For every one dollar spent in tourism promotion in 2010, over six dollars of tax revenue is realized. Heritage travelers are the most profitable segment of this model. But that's not the whole story. Through the Texas Heritage Trails Program, much of small town Texas is able to make this proud history visible to visitors and, most importantly, to the biggest segment of all Texas tourism -- Texans.

So a question must be posed - is the most sound business plan for Texas one that will undercut and cripple an agency that maintains and generates fuel for one of the state's three most prolific economic engines?

Texas in 1895 realized that to ensure the future performance of local governance in all local matters for its citizens, it must invest in a network of its governmental sub-divisions: the counties. The idea was- in the spirit of this epoch program that created perhaps the nation's best collection of public architecture- that a century later, state leadership determined to again reach out beyond



## Are the days of "cheap food" over?

by Gene Hall

You hear it more and more in the media. The days of cheap food for American consumers -- or maybe I should say inexpensive food -- may be gone for good.

I've been following and writing about agriculture too long to make any assumptions. Americans consistently pay an average of less than 10 percent of disposable income to eat. Food in America has been among the most incredible bargains the world has ever known, and it's a world that has historically known hunger far too often and in way too many places.

For U.S. farmers in recent decades, the problem has been the opposite. Bin-busting surpluses depressed commodity prices and thinned the numbers of farmers and ranchers to less than 2 percent of the population. Now, a perfect storm of various factors has raised commodity prices to historic levels, increasing retail food costs as well.

We've had crop failures around the world, including a freeze in the major vegetable production regions of Mexico. The emerging economies of the world -- primarily China and India --are upgrading their diets to include more meat and vegetables. Then there's energy, which adds costs at every step of the marketing chain. Farmers may be receiving higher prices, but they are paying record amounts to produce a crop.

Here at Texas Farm Bureau, we promote an event known as Food Check-Out Week. Making some calculations based on government data, we've determined that the "average American" works for only a few weeks to earn enough income to pay for his or her food for the whole year. In recent years, we've held the event on or about Feb. 9. This year, it slipped to the week of Feb. 21, reflecting those recent increases. By the way, that same average American will work until late April to pay taxes.

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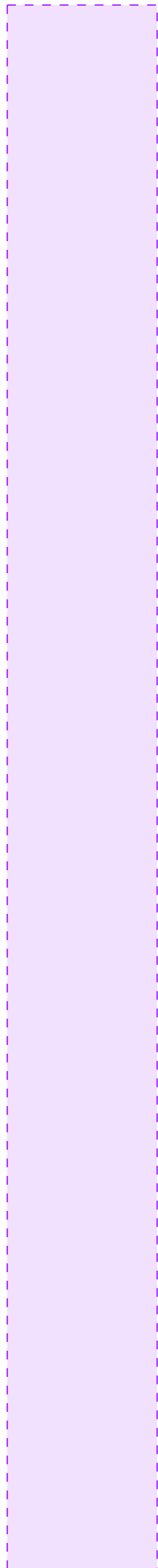
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## Texas History Is Under Assault, continued

Austin into rural communities to invest in and assist counties with their courthouses through the brilliantly conceived Historic Courthouse Restoration Program. This was a real action to balance the use and leverage of funds in all of Texas, not just Austin. This program has been as big as Texas, for all Texans. However, it is unfinished.

The undeniable economic impact of the Historic Courthouse Restoration Program is only part of the THC story. THC programs help communities plan the best use of their main streets spurring redevelopments of downtowns, while all the time saving our precious and distinctive Texas history. The THC reaches into every county in Texas with an unpaid network of over 3,000 volunteers who depend on the THC for guidance and expert advice.

So the history that makes us proud, makes us who we are and makes us distinctive to others should be cast aside? Put on hold? Suspended? Eliminated entirely?

It is in this current budget frenzy that calm heads should step back a moment and realize that these changes contemplated to the Texas Historical Commission have the unintended consequences of undermining the very thing that makes Texas a place like no other and creates such a significant and statewide economic benefit. Texas history should not be negotiable or suspendible. It should be revered, guarded and upheld.

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## Are the days of “cheap food” over? continued

I don't know if the days of so called “cheap food” are really over. I would need to know about future energy prices. What will the regulatory environment be? Bad weather will be a factor, but there will be good years too. The world population will continue in its desire to eat better. We can't change that and we don't want to.

What can we do? We need to encourage food production --lots of it. We need to understand that politicizing food production hampers it. And of course, those who grow food must make a profit.

This year may be as close as America gets to actually seeing empty food shelves. I hope so. Here's some numbers to think about. According to the Consumer Price Index, since January of 2010, energy prices have risen 7.3 percent. Gasoline is up in the same time period by 13.4 percent.

Food during that time went up 1.8 percent.

I don't want to dismiss the difficult time some are having in making ends meet, but food is still a bargain.

*For more information visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org).*

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## Selected Sites

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

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

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

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## Christian Fellowship

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

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

They also have home study groups throughout the week. Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm followed by praise and worship and a devotional at 7:30.

For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219



## Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX

Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is

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

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

## “In The Latter Days You Will Understand It Clearly”

God to Jeremiah (627-585 B.C.)

“In The Latter Days You Will Understand It Clearly” God to Jeremiah (627-585 B.C.) by Willie Sofey, Sherman, Tx.

Jeremiah was known as the “weeping prophet” (9:1; 13:17), or “prophet of loneliness” because he was commanded not to marry (Jer. 16:2). What a strong request from God to make towards a young robust male probably less than 20 years of age. Jeremiah was a “reluctant

prophet” (Jer. 1:6), and rightfully so.. because the nation of Judah was at the height of decadency in its perverse activity of sexual promiscuity as well as its folly in idol worship.

However, Jeremiah was obedient towards God's request and restrained his fleshly appetite and served the Lord for over 40 years.., proclaiming God's judgment on apostate Judah. He endured

imprisonment, beatings, and much opposition from all.

“The anger of the Lord will not turn back, until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly” (Jer. 23:20, Jer. 30:24).

God is showing Jeremiah about a future time of destruction to come upon Judah and Israel after the death of the good King Josiah, who was

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## “In The Latter Days You Will Understand It Clearly”cont.

God to Jeremiah (627-585 B.C.)

killed by Neco of Egypt at Megiddo (2 Kings 23:29-30). Judah under the corrupt kings of Jehoiakim (Egyptian vassal) and Zedekiah (Babylonian vassal) had become apostate to the degree that the Lord would allow a devastating destruction to come upon the nation of Judah under Egyptian and Babylonian rule.

Jeremiah was appalled by the extent of the coming judgment. “I looked at the earth and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone, the mountains were quaking; all the hills were swaying, there were no people, every bird flown away, the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins, though I will not destroy it completely, the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark” (Jer. 23:21-40).

“Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams, they tell them to lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them” (Jer. 23:32).

In Jeremiah 24:1-10, Jeremiah received a vision depicting (“good figs”) a restoration and return of the captives deported to Babylon that would return as a remnant and did so, but ultimately would receive promised blessings on the return of Christ during the “Millennium.”

In Jeremiah 23:5-6, this prophesy speaks about the fulfillment of prophesy. “In his days, Judah will be saved and Israel (all Israel’s descendents throughout the world, my add) will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: the Lord Our Righteousness.” Also see Isa. 4:2 and Romans 11:26 about this future prophesy in the “Millennium” rule of Christ and the promise to Abraham by God about the security the many nations from his loins would enjoy. (Gen. 15:18-21).

Paraphrasing Jeremiah 31:31-40, the Lord depicts this future time to Jeremiah, “When I will make a new covenant, I will put my law in their minds and write it in their hearts, they will all know me, I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

In the book of Lamentations, Jeremiah expresses (in five melancholy poems) this mourning over the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Babylonians. In the book of the prophet Jeremiah, as well as all the biblical God-ordained prophets, there were prophesies for their times that were fulfilled but definitely more futuristic prophesies for the “latter days” that seem to be in motion presently that will ultimately be fulfilled.

Speaking of the 1000 year reign of Jesus Christ after his defeat of the anti-christ at “Armageddon,” the prophet Micah describes these coming days of peace, “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lords house shall be established on the top of the mountains, He shall judge between many peoples, nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Micah 4:1-3).

Presently many men and women of God are taking heed to the ancient prophets of God’s words, and with “clear understanding,” they are teaching these “oracles” of God to today’s dying world just as the prophets of old did in their time.

Jesus’ closing words, “Yes, I am coming soon” (Rev. 22:20). “Do come soon, Lord Jesus.”

*From a small voice in the wilderness, Willie Sofey*



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## Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting started

by Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Continue down the Ancestry chart with all you GGGrandparents.

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

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

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

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## *Highway Patrol Plans Increased DWI Patrols for Spring Break*

Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be out in force during Spring Break looking for drivers who are intoxicated.

The increased patrols will run across the state from March 12 to March 20, in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The patrols are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation targeting impaired driving.

“Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be looking for intoxicated drivers. College and high school students should remember that the drinking age in Texas is 21 -- and anyone under that age can be arrested for DWI if there is any detectable amount of alcohol in their system. We don't want to ruin anyone's Spring Break, but you should know that drinking and driving will have serious consequences,” said Chief David G. Baker, assistant director for the Highway Patrol.

The remaining enforcement periods this year are Independence Day and Labor Day.



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FARM KID in Marines (NOW AT San Diego MARINE CORPS RECRUIT TRAINING)

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well. Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you get to stay in bed till nearly 6 a.m. But I am getting so I like to sleep late.

Tell Walt and Elmer all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot, and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to sp li t, fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water.

Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal, eggs, bacon, etc., but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food, but tell Walt and Elmer you can always sit by the two city boys that live on coffee. Their food, plus yours, holds you until noon when you get fed again. It's no wonder these cityboys can't walk much.

We go on 'route marches,' which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A 'route march' is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city guys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

The sergeant is like a school teacher. He nags a lot. The Captain is like the school board. Majors and colonels just ride around and frown. They don't bother you none.

This next will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that ole bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him once. He joined up the same time as me, but I'm only 5'6' and 130 pounds and he's 6'8' and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter,

Alice

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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

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



"Santa" Rideout

