

March 17, 2011



On Friday, March 4th Lt. Patrick Radney, a former HMS Coach, visited his former students at Howe Middle School. Lt. Radney joined the Army in Dec. 2009, and once taught and coached at Howe Middle School. The students were very excited to see him and proud of his service to our country.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

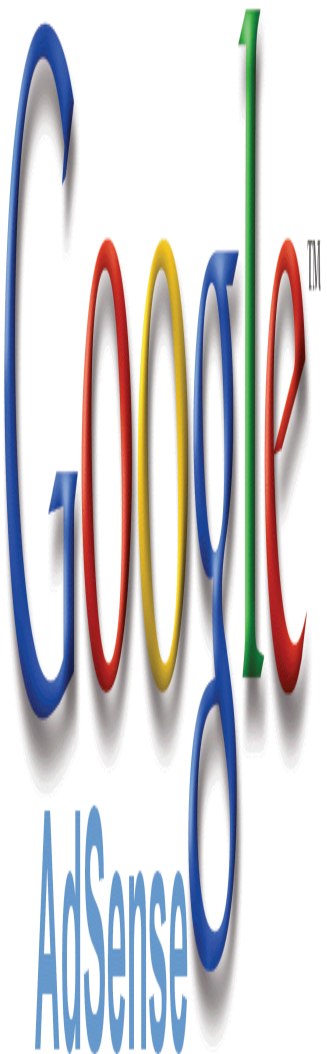
Donations needed for Eagle Scout project

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
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**This Just In
Late Breaking News -
Happenings Since Full Update**



Airman Donald J. White

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He is the grandson of Shirley White of Vaughan Road, Denison, Texas, and son of Shirlyne White of S. Rusk, Sherman, Texas.

White graduated in 2006 from Whitewright High School, Texas.



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Dorchester Women's Club

DORCHESTER - The Dorchester Women's Club on March 9, 2011 at the Dorchester Baptist Church Annex recognized the tradition of St. Patrick's Day. Vice President, Margie Noel, called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer and the pledge of allegiance. Members were welcomed with the thought for the day from Coco Chanel, "In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different." The humor statement from Will Rogers was, "No man is great if he thinks he is."

Noel gave a brief history of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who lived from AD 385 to AD 461. St. Patrick's mission in Ireland to convert the native pagans to Christianity, set up schools and churches lasted for thirty years. He died on March 17 which has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. The custom came to America in 1737 and was first publicly celebrated in this country in Boston.

Mary Lois O'Neal gave the program which was a book review of *100 Things I am Not Going To Do Now That I'm Over 50* by Wendy Reid Crisp. In her book Crisp gave many amusing stories to illustrate each of her resolves among which were not to repeat herself, not to discuss age, not to hoard money, not to apologize for memory lapse, not to store excessive possessions that others could use, and not to quit. This book led O'Neal to make resolves of her own for a better life not to be disagreeable, not to cut people out of her life, not to stop growing, and not to live outside the transforming grace of God.

During the business meeting the group agreed to make a donation to the Sherman Crisis Center and discussed plans for the next two meetings. March birthday celebrant was James Stewart. The door prize provided by Ruth Lankford was won by Barbara Welch. Hostesses Jackie Bartlett and Margie Noel carried out the theme of St. Patrick's Day in decorations and refreshments.

The next meeting will be held at 1 p. m. April 13 at the Dorchester Baptist Church Annex. Area women are invited to attend.



GCC invites community to open house

Grayson County College invites the public to its Renovation Appreciation Celebration March 25-26. The community-wide open house is set for 10 am to 2 pm both days on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

After nine years of construction and revitalization at GCC, the dust has settled. The extensive renovation plan polished the gem of Grayson County, which sparkles with new buildings, renovated spaces and landscaped grounds. A record enrollment of 5,000-plus students are reaping the benefits from the state-of-the-art facilities as are community members who visit the campus for events, activities, meetings and conferences.

On March 25, all Main Campus buildings will be open for self-guided tours. The Art and Communication Center (AC) will host hourly light shows in Cruce Stark Auditorium and an exhibit titled "Absolute Black and White IX" in its Art Gallery.

Guided tours of the Viking Residence Hall - home of GCC's athletes and other students - will be available as well. From noon until 2 p.m. in the GCC Library, local writer and nationally bestselling author Diana Cosby will share her insight in the publishing world. Afterward, she will be on hand for book sales and signing.

On March 26, all Main Campus buildings will open again for self-guided tours as will the AC for the hourly light shows and art exhibit. Refreshments will be served in the Career & Technology Center, Sports & Recreation Center, AC and the Bridge (walkway between the GCC Library and Student Life Center).

At 10 am, GCC's Parents 101 Workshop will take place in the college's Center for Workplace Learning. Presented by the Student Services division, the program introduces the resources and services available on admissions, financial aid,

GCC Cultural Arts series In March features scientist and violinist

Grayson County College's Cultural Arts Series continues in March with an oceanographic science lecture and a performance by an international violinist. The series meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in GCC's Cruce Stark Auditorium, located in the Arts & Communications Center on the college's Main Campus in Denison. Most presentations last one hour although some may go longer. All events are free and open to the public.

On March 23, "Eavesdropping on Our Neighbor: The Gulf of Mexico" is presented by Dr. Garry Jeffress, professor of geographic information science and director of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying Sciences at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He "eavesdrops" on the Gulf of Mexico with 46 in-water stations along the coast that send back real-time information every six minutes.

Jeffress and his team monitor water levels, wind speed and direction, water current, salinity, Ph, and other data that relates to oil spills, hurricanes, NASA launches, and a host of environmental studies. This presentation is an inside look at the information used by the National Weather Service, ship captains, researchers, astronauts, commercial fisherman, sports teams, and others.

On March 30, "One Man, One Violin" brings a performance by Jack Glatzer, an internationally known violinist, who was born and raised in Dallas. Drawing on his academic background, he often incorporates pictures, slides or video into his presentation to aid the audience in better understanding the music.

Glatzer began playing the violin at the age of 5 and performed as a soloist with the Dallas Symphony when he was 14. At 17, he won the nation's most prestigious violin competition and performed as a

SOSU Project TEACH orientation set for March 22

DURANT, Okla. - An orientation session for the Southeastern Oklahoma State University Project TEACH program will be held Tuesday, March 22, from 3:30-5 pm in the Glen D. Johnson Student Union (#213).

Project TEACH (Training Educators to Accept the Challenge) is a Student Support Services program specifically designed to enhance Teacher Preparation for K-12 education majors. This new and innovative program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$220,000 annually, is one of 81 Project TEACH programs in the nation and the only one of its kind in Oklahoma.

The mission of this program is to provide academic and student support to increase 140 eligible education majors' retention, academic success, and graduation rates. Services include development of personalized education plans, tutoring, academic advisement, workshops, personal counseling, supplemental instruction, cultural activities and diversity training, certification test study sessions, and mentoring and internships.

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Rozanna May, Director of Project TEACH, at 580-745-3226 (rmay@SE.edu), Leslie Collins, Administrative Assistant, at 580-745-3304, (lcollins@SE.edu) or Cathryn Harmon, M.Ed., Coordinator, at 580-745-3306 (charmon@SE.edu).



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GCC invites community to open house continued

scholarships, testing requirements, degree programs, and campus resources. It also features a financial aid workshop where parents can complete the online Free Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Representatives from GCC's Financial Aid Office will be there to answer questions and to assist them with the FAFSA. For better assistance, parents should bring their federal income tax records, W2 forms, bank statements and social security numbers to the session.

From 11 am to 1 pm, Cosby returns to the GCC Library to reveal the magic behind her historical romance novels. At 1 p.m. in the Administrative Services Building, the GCC Foundation will host a reception and unveiling for the Foundation Donor Recognition Wall.

At 1pm GCC Foundation members and donors will gather in the Administrative Services Building for the unveiling of the Foundation Donor Recognition Wall.

For GCC baseball and softball fans, both teams will host doubleheaders at 1 pm and 3 pm Lady Vikings Softball squares off against McLennan College while Vikings Baseball faces Temple College.

In addition to the GCC Renovation Appreciation Celebration activities, area high school students will be on campus both days for the college's first Welding Rodeo. The public is invited to watch as the students compete to create metal art from 10 am to 5 pm March 25. They return to compete again March 26 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Winners will be announced at 12:30 pm, followed by a live auction in the Main Parking Lot.

GCC Cultural Arts series In March features scientist and violinist continued

soloist with the National Symphony. He was graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Yale University before earning a degree with honors in history as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. Glatzer's career has taken him to more than 50 countries to perform in some of the most prestigious venues such as the Sydney Opera House, the Hong Kong Arts Center, St. Martin's in the Fields (London) and the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. During the summer, he performed all the Caprices of Paganini to full houses at the renowned Cambridge Summer Music Festival.

GCC's Cultural Arts Series runs September through May. It features lectures, performances and theater events from world-class speakers and performers from across Texas and the United States as well as GCC music and theater students. For more information about upcoming lectures and performances, visit the college's website at www.grayson.edu and click on GCC Cultural Arts Series, or call 903-463-8662.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

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God is in the details.

I have heard this saying often. Of course God is in the details because God is in everything.

I have a young friend named Mark Riddle who lives in Gunter and is a member of the church I am a member of.

Just last week he was accepted into the Nuclear Power Officers Candidate Program! (Quite an honor.)

Upon graduation from Texas A&M University, he will attend the Navy's Officer Candidate School and then be commissioned as an officer in the Navy. Then he will spend the next year at the Navy's Nuclear Power Training Academy and then to sea duty.

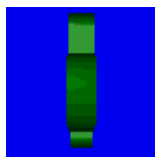
This is a BIG deal. Before he was interviewed, his family asked for the prayers of our church members to help him through this important interview.

In announcing his acceptance, Mark said, "... it must have been Divine Intervention because the process was a whole lot easier" than he expected. He added that the interviewers that he was placed with and the questions that he was asked to answer were very easy.

God was in the details of that interview, guiding Mark. I congratulate this fine young man and pray he will always remember to seek God's help in all he does.

Do you ever see God in the details of your life? Do you ask for his daily guidance? He is there waiting for you to seek his help.

I know He has been in the details of my life ... helping me to find the right man to marry, helping us raise our children, and many other events of my daily life.



What's Cooking?

Glazed Carrots

1 pound baby carrots
3 Tablespoons butter
1 Tablespoon brown sugar
1 Tablespoon orange juice

Place the carrots in a medium saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Cook for 15 minutes or until tender; drain. Add the butter, brown sugar and orange juice. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes or until the butter melts. Toss to coat evenly and serve.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Federal Spending That Will Blow Your Mind!!!

It is sad the more than 50% of our United States congressional member\$ don't think like Senator Coburn of Oklahoma, who wants to curb waste in government.

Our elected public \$ervants of both hou\$es of congre\$\$ are hell bent on re-election 24/7 in\$tead of repre\$enting we the people. They buy re-election through ear mark\$ for their con\$tituency and they couldn't care le\$\$ if they bankrupt the whole country.

John M. Elkins, Sherman, TX



Kevin Frantz has been named Howe Firefighter Of the Year. Howe Fire Chief Mary Jones presented the award at the Howe City Council meeting, March 15.



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Howe Elementary A Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Korie Bouse, Kai Brown, Jentrie Doty, Janna Nitchman, Teagan Stubblefield, Matthew Bearden, Caleb Brown, Mackenzie Bryant, Nick Bullard, Danielle Hargrove, Andrew Harper, Ryan Hough, Colton Little, Donna Mendoza, Yair Ayala, Breana Cole, Bryan Crees, Carson Daniels, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Dalton Laisy, Trey Phillips, Cody Richards, Keira Robertson, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Dakota Tinker, Ethan Duer, Matthew Hayes, Jalie Hill, Hayley McEwin, Madison Troxtell, Bettye Delavan, Madison Morrow, Korben Kemp, Jaggar Courtney, Jacob Upchurch

First Grade: Zak DeFrange, John Griffin, Kailyn Ireland, Talen Miller, Aiden Roulette, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Zoey Moore, Avery Snapp, Ashlyn Beck, Eli Wilson, Ben Speed, Alexis Gruszka, Cierra Brussow, Caytie Coco

Second Grade: Camryn Adams, Kamryn Gardner, Ethen Grant, Gracie Lankford, Mason Moreau, Dylan Savage, Korbyn Thompson, Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Grace Brennan, Kriston Harris, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Ethan Sanders, Mikal Ann Beck, Brett Burnett, Holly Cavender, Sierra Copeland, Abby Fesperman, Katie Grogan, Tatum Hartsfield, Remington Lowe, Brooke Robinson, Brennan Speed, Austin Thurman

Third Grade: Cassidy Anderson, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Lane Griffin, Valerie Langford, Molly Wilson

Fourth Grade: Kindle Catching, Sheila Finney, T.J. Knight, Mikayla Doty, Carly Cannaday, Zoe Watson, Bethany Masters, Spencer Akins, Taylee Moss, Kelsey Pierce

Howe Elementary School A/B Honor Roll 4th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Jordan Brunner, Chesnee Lawson, Audie Martin, Brody McCollum, Dabney Henry, Renee Howard, Connor Martin, Cody McGill, Zachary Dorley, Ariana Ross, Marcus Smith, Gabrielle Vera, Jazmine Bookout, Chelsea Caughlan, Alexia Wakefield, Gracie Horton, Kelly Caballero, Kaylee Jones, Elijah Lewis, Jacob McGill, Zakery Ragland, Taylor Reynolds, Sergio Rico, Axel Segura, Emma Sutherland

First Grade: Kevin Bateman, Harley Brockelman, Brooke Potter, Luke Catching, Faith Risinger, Sabian Acevedo, Michelle Caballero, Will Fleming, Luke Lopez, Parker Pecina, David Rocha, Caleb Searcey, Alyssa Sharp, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, Ethan Conrad, Colby Hopper, Lindsey Hymel, Fenix Lugo, Shelby Waren, Katie Parker, Jacob Adams, Jessica Bastida, Jaden Bryant, Luis Gonzalez, Jordan Troxtell, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmond

Second Grade: Erin Catching, Alex Hernandez, Seth Key, Pablo Segura, AJ Shue, Gage Streetman, Leah Trevino, Kayle Chapman, Ruvy Enriquez, Gabriel Hariman, Spencer Heft, Caleb Maddison, Reagan Troxtell, Kobi Zolfaghari, Leah Butcher, Hannah Dwyer, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Aubreh Winegarden, Autumn Bassett, Makayla Hanson, Luke Jackson, Abigail Wakefield, Raul Hernandez, Kendell Posey, Mason Bearden, Karrah Gardner

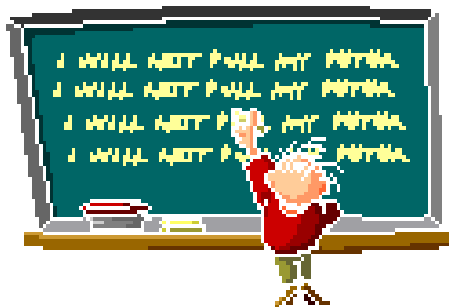
Third Grade: Zoie DeFrange, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Lukas Peacock, Caden Stewart, Kolby Windon, Nayeley Ayala, Kolbe Lappin, Kacie Morgan, Waylon Musgrove, Kaleigh Smith, Catherine Switzer, Colton Thurman, Jackson Wilson, Bailey Bond, Garrett Grigg, Mikayla Hudek, Jarron Ing, Matthew Robison, Jacob Roper, Kaden Bateman, Hally Bollier, Melanie Guzman, Caiden Harmon, Zane Hughes, Sarah Martin, Bonnie Olivarez, Jamie Taylor, Ty Trevino, Riley Underwood

Fourth Grade: Cody Brussow, Nathan Duffee, Hannah Lawson, Mason Riggs, Jorie Seibold, Taylor Thurman, Kaylin Bouse, Joseph Brennan, Hadin Gajadien, Carson Grogan, Taylor Hartsfield, Gianna Henry, Grace Jones, Madison Kehrer, Caleb Lankford, Dawson Mitchell, Natalie Murphy, Dylan Foster, Kaysie Hall, Clayton Haynes, Devin Howell, Riley Potter, Valeria Bastida, Parker Blount, Jake Catching, Levi Cavender, Samuel Cherry, Lian Cung, Aubrey Friedman, Gabe Quintero, Jayme Swayne

Howe ISD Calendar

March

7-20 – Houston Livestock Show
14-18 – Spring Break
18 – Tennis @ Van Alstyne Tournament, 8am
18 – Baseball @ Pottsboro, 4:30pm
21-25 – Support Staff Appreciation Week
21 – Girls Track Meet @ Gunter, 4pm
21 – Bulldog Golf @ The Bridges GC, 9am
21 – HHS Cheer meeting, 6:30pm
21 – Band Boosters, 6:30pm
22 – Girls Golf @ The Bridges GC, 8am
22 – Boys Track Meet @ Gunter, 4pm
22 – JV, V Baseball vs Callisburg, 4pm
22 – JV, V Softball vs Callisburg, 5pm
23 – HHS UIL academic district meet @ S&S high school, 8am-6pm
24 – Tarleton FFA Judging Contest @ Stephenville, 8am
24-26 – Tennis – Bland Tournament @ Princeton 8am
24 – HHS One Act Play Dress Rehearsal
24 – Howe School Board meeting, 6pm
25 – UIL One act Play Zone Contest @ NCTC, 8am-6pm
25 – HS Track Meet @ Pottsboro, 8am
Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information



Howe ISD Board meeting

On Thursday, March 10, the Howe School Board held a special meeting and took the following actions:

*They approved submission of a waiver for 4 instructional days missed due to bad weather. (The district will make up the other two days during their previously scheduled bad weather days on May 13 and May 27.)

*The board also approved an early resignation bonus for professional staff who provide notice of resignation by April 1.

Superintendent Kevin Wilson said, "This will allow the district time to evaluate our staffing patterns and consider the impact on budget reductions."

TWU lists fall 2010 graduates

DENTON/HOUSTON — Texas Woman's University held winter commencement exercises Dec. 17-18, 2010 in Pioneer Hall on the university's Denton campus and Dec. 19, 2010 in the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.

TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart presided at each ceremony. Approximately 1,187 degrees were awarded during the five ceremonies.

Included in the graduates were

Ashley R. Freeman of Howe, Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Jenifer N. Shuttleworth of Howe, Bachelor of General Studies, General Studies

Local Student named to Dean's List at University of Arkansas

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - University of Arkansas chancellor G. David Gearhart is pleased to announce that the following local student has been named to the Dean's list: Jenna Burchfield, sophomore.



HISD Menus

March 21-25

Breakfast

Monday- Glazed donuts/toast, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced pears, apple juice

Tuesday-Biscuits & sausage/gravy, cereal w/toast, spiced apples, orange juice

Wednesday -Strawberry or blueberry pop tarts, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, grape juice

Thursday Breakfast bagel, cereal w/toast, applesauce, orange juice

Friday- Morning sausage roll, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY - Cheeseburger, fish sandwich, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced peaches, vanilla pudding

TUESDAY - Chicken rings, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, spiced apples, green beans, wheat roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY - BBQ sandwich, grilled cheese, pickle spears, carrot & celery sticks, orange halves, sugar cookie, ranch beans

THURSDAY -Cheese pizza, chicken spaghetti w/toast, tossed salad, spinach applesauce, frozen fruit bar

FRIDAY-Chicken crispeto, fiesta salad, refried beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

Milk & juice served with all meals

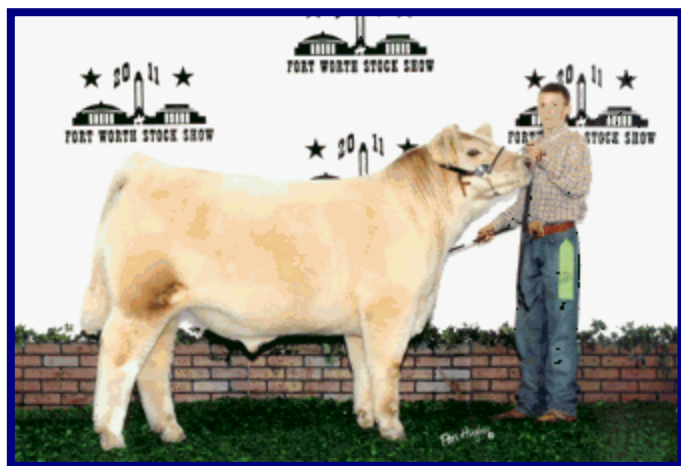


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Tom Bean

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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.



TOM BEAN

Sports Tidbits

Golf - The Tomcat Golfers competed in the Dr. Pepper Sherman High School Classic on March 8.

All three Ladycat golfers, Ashlyn Royal, Destiny Holloman, and Bethany Davidson had their best scored rounds of the year.

The Tomcat Boys team of Braydon Hill, Devin Johnston, Trent Byers, and Jacob Thompson scored a season best 399, finishing 6th.

Tyler Ellis took the individual championship scoring a season best 79 in frigid conditions.

The golfers will next be in action Monday, March 21 in Wolfe City.

Varsity softball – Thursday, March 10, the Lady Cat softball team earned their second district victory while improving to 11-3 on the season. Rachel Jones struck out 8 and only allowed 2 balls to leave the infield. Rachel Jones homered while Ashton Brogdon and Sarah Hagan had big days at the plate. The three combined for 6 RBI and went 5-9 from the plate.

The softball girls were scheduled to play at Howe for a district contest last Friday.

JV Baseball – March 10, Tom Bean JV Tomcats opened their district competition with a resounding performance against the Whitewright Tigers last night defeating them by a score of 18-1. In the first inning every player was on base at least once as the JV Tomcats dominated at the plate scoring 14 runs.

Devin Lutringer picked up the win, pitching the complete game and allowing only 5 base runners. The JV was set to play on Monday, March 14, against Farmersville in a non-district game, and then resume district play against Bells on Tuesday.



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Van Alstyne Library

by Juanita Hazelton

The staff of the Van Alstyne Library urge you to act on the following information sent last week from the Texas library Association in their publication *TexLine*:

“The Senate Finance Committee met on Monday to consider the Texas State Library and Archives Commission’s budget. Senators heard testimony about TexShare, Loan Star Libraries, the K-12 Databases, and the impact of losing federal funds for library programs. Several representatives from TLA and stakeholder groups, including the Texas Municipal League and Texas PTA, offered testimony. Sen. Zaffirini asked many important questions about the ramifications of eliminating state funding for library programs. Sen. Whitmire cautioned many witnesses to ‘put a face on the cuts.’ As Senate Finance Committee members deliberate on the State Library’s budget, it is imperative that senators hear from constituents and stakeholder groups.

Please call or send an email to your senator. Click on Protect Statewide Library Program and make your case for state support of library programs.

TLA also encourages you to get your stakeholder groups to email all members of the Senate Finance Committee. Senate Finance Committee Members:

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Judith.zaffirini@senate.state.tx.us.”

The Van Alstyne Library and the Friends of the Van Alstyne Library invite you to attend an Open House on Saturday, March 26, 4–7 pm. We will be showcasing some of the many things your public library provides for the community. Please join us for food, fun, and information at your VAPL-Info Depot.

Books recently added to collection: Lisa Scottoline, *Think Twice*; Harlan Coben, *Caught*; Clive Cussler, *The Silent Sea*; Sarah Blake, *The Postmistress*; Leslie Meier, *Wicked Witch Murder*; Loren Estleman, *Left-Handed Dollar*; Joanne Fluke, *Devil’s Food Cake Murder*; Spencer Quinn, *To Fetch a Thief*; JoAnna Carl, *The Chocolate Pirate Plot*; Steve Berry, *Emperor’s Tomb*; John Grisham, *Confession*; James Patterson, *Cross Fire*; Adam Bradley, *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*; Kate Moss, *Winter Ghost*; Fern Michaels, *To Taste the Wine*; and Randy Barrow, *Saving Zasha*.



Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

On March 14, Van Alstyne Voices Sergeant-at-Arms M.J. Presley opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge, and then introduced Toastmaster for the evening, Jeff Hall. Stuart Presley was the speaker, leading a group role playing discussion on “Texas Education Testing.” Merrill Hazelton evaluated the speech. Sally Hall was Table Topics Master, calling on Chuck Bardroff and M.J. Presley to respond as character witnesses in a mock court trial, with testimony by the accused, Bob Bishop. Charles Bannister was timer and also provided the word of the day “ubiquitous”. Juanita Hazelton entertained as Jokemaster. Bob Bishop was awarded a ribbon for his table topic. Guests were John Foscoe, Josh Holbrook, and Beth Wells.

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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Donkey Basketball Coming to Whitewright...March 31st.

Buckeye donkey basketball show! The craziest show on earth! It's wilder than a rodeo! It's funnier than a circus!

This doubleheader extravaganza will be at the Whitewright High School gym on March 31st. the start time is 7:00. A playoff game between the winning teams will determine this year's champion. Come watch students and administration have a ride of their lives.

Real, live, donkeys, specially selected for donkey basketball, will be used for this fantastic show presented by the Whitewright Band Parents Organization. Funds benefit the hard working band students and their upcoming trip to Branson, Missouri. So, come out and have some laughs, dinner, and a night you won't easily forget.

Come out and see...Dynamite....He's rough and tough and hard to bluff and hasn't been ridden in years.

Buckeye donkey ball of Columbus, Ohio, provided the donkeys for this experience. Buckeye, in business since 1934, is the oldest and largest donkey ball company in the world.

Other attractions include free donkey rides for kids under 12 (accompanied by parent) at intermission, and a sausage on a stick or hot dog meal deal offered for \$5.

Advance tickets for the game are \$6 and are available at the Whitewright High School office,

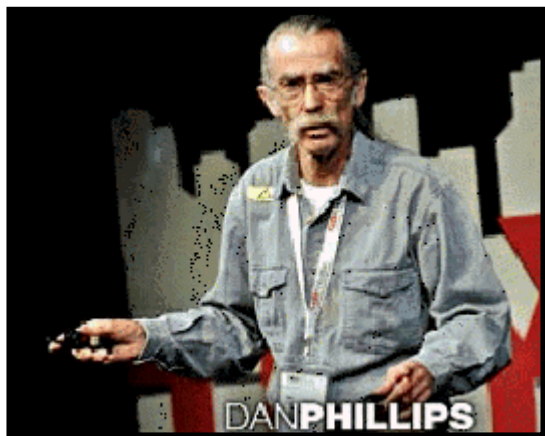
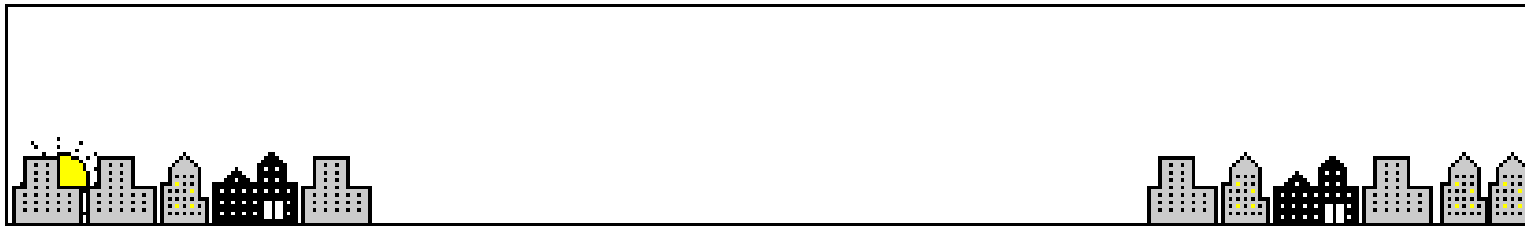
Admission at the door is \$8. Children under 4 get in FREE.

Come one, come all, to the craziest show on earth: donkey basketball!

For more information, call Tyler Wiggains, 903-364-2535 extension 4.



Music by Kevin McCloud



Dan Phillips
Photo courtesy of Phoenix Commotion.

Texoma Earth Day Festival

Plans for the third annual Texoma Earth Day Festival are shaping up. The theme this year is “Thinking Green, Living Green,” and is set for April 16, 9 am to 5 pm, on the Sherman Municipal Grounds.

Amy Hoffman-Shehan, organizer of Texoma Earth Day, said tables are still available for vendors and exhibitors, but space is filling up fast. Businesses and groups can save \$25 if registration is received before March 15. Amy said sponsors are welcome too.

The keynote speaker, Dan Phillips – designer and home builder from the Phoenix Commotion – is sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors. This maverick artist from Huntsville brings innovative building techniques and recycled materials into his creations.

Dan’s houses may contain flooring made of thousands of wine corks, spiky glass shards, even cast-offs from a picture frame factory. Salvaged materials that would probably go to landfills are instead used for ceilings, walls and floors. Dan proves that it is feasible to build affordable houses that are environmentally friendly.

An essay contest for area middle and high school students is offered by Success Center for Learning. Contestants are asked to identify a local environmental problem and offer at least one possible solution. Deadline is March 25.

Another event encourages youth to be “Thinking Green, Living Green.” Grayson, Fannin, and Bryan county children from kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to a Children’s Art Show. Art from the Heart Director Barbara Powell is organizing this exhibit in the ballroom of the Sherman Municipal Building.

Entry forms for these contests and other details can be found at www.EarthDayTexoma.org.

“Earth Day is an event for the entire family,” Amy said. “We will have kid’s activities, art, music, food, demonstrations, flowers and plants, electric cars and hybrids, and pet adoptions,” she said. There will also be E-waste recycling, paper shredding, a blood drive, and the Sherman Public Library used book sale. Free admission – free parking.

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>”



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A Newspaper's Centennial

by Bob Bowman

One of my favorite weekly newspapers, the *Frankston Citizen*, celebrated its 100th anniversary recently by packing a time capsule with items from 2010.

But what I enjoyed most were reproductions of front pages from the *Citizens'* issues during the past century.

In the early days, newspapers carried down-to-earth news that you seldom read in newspapers today.

Some examples:

*From the front page of Friday, April 7, 1918, the pretty home of a Frankston couple was the scene of a birthday dinner for a friend. And a couple named Kirby and Sanders were married, according to a story at the very top of the front page.

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Dot's
D-A-S-H-E-S



by Dorothy N. Fowler

A friend sent this to me recently. I don't know who the original author is and I don't know why it was formatted the way it is, as it were free verse poetry. Nevertheless, I am sharing it with you because -- well, after you read it, you figure out why.

The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle,
When 24 hours in a day is not enough;
Remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class
And had some items in front of him.

When the class began, wordlessly,
He picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar
And start to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students if the jar was full.
They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured
It into the jar. He shook the jar lightly.
The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls.
He then asked the students again
If the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand
And poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up
everything else
He asked once more if the jar was full. The students
responded
With an unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under
the table
And poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively
Filling the empty space between the sand.

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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

On Friday, January 17, 1945, a proposed highway was announced to connect Frankston with Palestine on the south and with Tyler on the north. We presume this was the beginning of Highway 155, which today is one of the busiest highways in East Texas.

On Thursday, July 16, 1955, a photo of a man holding a squash that appeared to be almost tall as he was appeared on the front page.

On the same page was a story about a Louisiana man who visited Frankston after an absence of 41 years. He probably made the front page because he once worked for the *Citizen*.

In the early days of the 1900s, newspapers often placed advertisements on the front page.

In 1918, the Frankston Fruit Palace advertised a fresh line of biscuits and mixed cakes "direct from the factory."

At Kickapoo, J.T. Daniels announced that he was now in charge of the Kickapoo Cash Grocery "and would be glad to have at least a part of your trade."

Thrasher and Dickerson advertised "Cleaning and Pressing, Also Barbering."

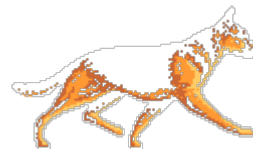
Cole's Market announced that "we are butchering nice meal-fed beeves, as well as butchered pork, when we can get it."

By the 1930s, however, the ads had disappeared from the front pages ... and bigger headlines were being written for local news. On Friday, March 28, the big news was Frankston's school winning first place in a county event. The news was bannered with a six-column headline.

On Thursday, January 18, 2001, a front page headline noted that "Barricades and signs were erected for the widening of State Highway 155," the same highway that was announced back in 1945.

(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

The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided,
'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life.

The golf balls are the important things - God, family,
Children, health, friends, and favorite passions
Things that if everything else was lost
And only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and
car.

The sand is everything else --
The small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued,
'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls.
The same goes for life.

If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff,
You will never have room for the things that are
Important to you.'

So...

'Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.
Play with your children.
Take time to get medical checkups.
Take your spouse out to dinner.

There will always be time
To clean the house and fix the dripping tap.

'Take care of the golf balls first --
The things that really matter.
Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.'

One of the students raised her hand
And inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled.

'I'm glad you asked.
It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may
seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a
friend.'

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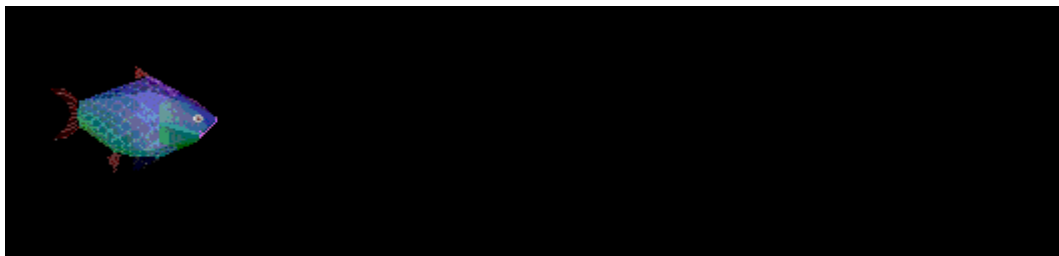


Kids Fishing Event at Hagerman NWR

The ponds at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge re-open for fishing on March 15, when most of the waterfowl at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will have begun the journey north to their breeding grounds. On Saturday, March 19, area children are invited to come and fish in the Display Pond near Refuge Headquarters. The event will be held from 9:30 am until noon and is being sponsored by Hagerman NWR and the Friends of Hagerman. Children may bring their own fishing pole or use one provided by the Friends; bait will be provided and there is no charge for the event, but children must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.

A fishing license is not needed for children up to age 17. Event will be held at a later date in case of rain.

Hagerman National Refuge is located at 6465 Refuge Drive, Sherman, 75092. The Refuge is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, and there is no admission fee. Weekday office hours are 7:30 am – 4 pm, and until the new Visitor Center is completed, Saturday hours are 9 am – 3 pm, and Sunday, 1 – 4 pm. For more information, contact the Refuge, 903 786 2826.





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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 Greets Astronauts



Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) - Chairman of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee - greets Astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson and Colonel Doug Wheelock during their visit to the Capitol on March 15, 2011. Mr. Hall is a long-time supporter of NASA and human spaceflight exploration.

Astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson joined the Expedition 23 crew aboard the International Space Station (ISS), where she logged a total of 176 days in space. Caldwell Dyson performed three successful spacewalks, logging 22 hours and 49 minutes of EVA time.

Colonel Doug Wheelock assumed command of the ISS and the Expedition 25 crew. The duration of the mission was 163 days, and he has accumulated 178 days in space. The Expedition 25 crew performed more than 120 microgravity experiments in human research, biology and biotechnology, physical and material sciences, technology development, and Earth and space sciences. During their mission the crew experienced an emergency shutdown of half of the station's external cooling system. Wheelock responded by supporting three unplanned spacewalks to replace the faulty pump module that caused the shutdown - the station's critical cooling system was restored to full function under his leadership.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Legislative Deadlines

This week I will talk about the legislative process, and specifically some of the deadlines that the legislature works under every session. My office frequently receives questions regarding the legislative process, especially from those who are watching specific legislation or issues. The legislature convenes on the second Tuesday in January of odd-numbered years, and lasts for 140 days. The house and senate rules lay out the deadlines for the consideration of bills to help legislation move through the process. All house and senate bills must go through a committee and a report must be issued on each bill before consideration by the full body; bills and joint resolutions must also be read three times before being passed by either chamber of the legislature. Below are some of the major dates during this legislative session.

* Tuesday, January 12, 2011 (1st day): Legislature convenes at noon.

* Friday, March 11, 2011 (60th Day): Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor.

* Monday, May 19, 2011 (119th day): Last day for house committees to report house bills and house joint resolutions.

* Friday, May 13, 2011 (123rd day): Last day for house to consider nonlocal house bills and joint resolutions on third reading and to consider consent house bills on second and third reading.

* Friday, May 20, 2011 (130th day): Last day for house to consider local house bills.

* Saturday, May 21, 2011 (131st day): Last day for house committees to report senate bills and senate joint resolutions.

* Tuesday, May 24, 2011 (134th day): Last day for house to consider senate bills and joint resolutions, other than local and consent, on second reading.

* Wednesday, May 25, 2011 (135th day): Last day for house to consider local and consent senate bills on second reading or any senate bills or joint resolutions on third reading; last day for senate to consider any bills or joint resolutions on third reading.

* Sunday, May 29, 2011 (139th day): Last day for house to adopt conference committee reports. Last day for senate to concur in house amendments or adopt conference committee reports.

* Monday, May 30, 2011 (140th day): Last day of 82nd Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate. Session ends.

* Sunday, June 20, 2011 (20th day following final adjournment): Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session.

* Monday, August 30, 2011 (91st day following final adjournment): Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law.

For more information on the legislative process, please visit the website 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.



When it comes to food, are you agriculturally incorrect?

Agriculture is Your Culture

by Gene Hall

I was proud to be involved in an event at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo last Tuesday (March 8). Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples launched his "Agriculture is Your Culture" initiative.

The Commissioner's point is simple. You can't avoid the impact of modern agriculture on your life, even if you wanted to. As Staples said in the video, all manner of products contain agricultural products -- things you might not think about -- like toothpaste, plastics and medicines. Of course, there's also the abundance of food and fiber products, bulging grocery store shelves, pet food and livestock feed. There are fuel additives to help cities meet air quality goals and developing energy for the future -- all start out on a farm or ranch.

Houston area farmer and Texas Farm Bureau member Tom Paben stood with the Commissioner and spoke of the 2 million-plus souls who live in and near Houston. He farms near the roads they travel each day. The fact that they never think of his existence may indicate he's doing a good job, but he believes that's a shame.

Tom worries that the disconnect between consumers and those who grow their food causes indifference, and leads to Americans allowing decisions to be made on their behalf which could cripple the country's ability to feed itself long-term. He hopes Americans -- especially Texans -- come to understand that agriculture is indeed their own culture.

One in seven Texas jobs is generated by agriculture. The industry has changed as much as any industry because of the abundance now demanded by ever increasing population and a decline in the numbers of folks who continue to farm. Pesticide use is declining. Management of water supplies is becoming more efficient. Perhaps most important, we are growing more on essentially the same number of acres we used half

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a century ago. Ninety-eight percent of America's farms and ranches are owned and operated by families like the Tom Paben family.

It's one of history's greatest success stories. I am a product of a family farm and I'm proud to say I work for the farmers and ranchers of Texas. Agriculture is my culture -- and yours too. I hope you take the time to learn more about it. Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural researchers have made a lot of progress. More necessary changes should and will be made. Some activists have a different view and plan to drastically change the way your food supply is produced. I think they are trying to fix something that is essentially not broken.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.txfb.org.



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Class Tools - for classroom use - games, tests, timer, tools.

Quotations Page

Spanish Dictionary

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.

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

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship/Luella

If you are looking for a homelike place to worship each Sunday morning, come join them at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Every Sunday morning begins 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 Palmer Miller.

The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship time, and also dress is casual.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service.

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

For more information on anything related to the church contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219. 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 ... Looking forward to seeing you all!

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us.

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

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

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

The Forever Family

"Every baby needs a lap." -- Henry Robin

That's God's design: that every baby is born into a loving family where the child can be cared for, loved, and nurtured.

The same is true for being born into God's family. God wants each of us to become a part of His family (cf. Revelation 22:17). Those who are "born again" (John 3:3,5), are born into a family, God's family! They then become "blood relatives" – related to God and to each other by the precious BLOOD of Christ. God's family is the church (see 1 Timothy 3:15).

In God's family we have God as our Father and Christians as our brothers & sisters in Christ. The church is to be a family where babes in Christ can be cared for, loved, and nurtured so that the new Christian can grow to maturity and prepare himself for his eternal home in heaven.

Yet some object to the importance of the church. Some claim, "I don't need the church." Others say, "They're just a bunch of hypocrites."

Here's a reminder: NO family is perfect – not even God's family. The church is perfect in its divine design, but it consists of imperfect people. But the church IS God's family, and it is HIS family that He will bring home one day (cf. Ephesians 5:23).

Consider the following description of the church by Andrew Connally:



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George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound
BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison
Dennis Stewart, pastor,
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

Dorchester
DORCHESTER BAPTIST
CHURCH Hwy. 902W,
903/476-5525

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COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE
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912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis, 903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 810 N. Denny,
903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister
Ida
IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am

Charles Morris, pastor
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BAPTIST CHURCH
3162 St. Hwy. 11,
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903/893-2252
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Mike Ball, 903/870-0219
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CHURCH 903/546-6898
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COWBOY CHURCH
FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
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The Forever Family , continued

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others... rather than they are.

The church is not made up of perfect people... but of people who follow a perfect Lord and realize they ought to do the best they can.

The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes... but of those who acknowledge their mistakes and try not to make the same ones again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone... but rather to bring everyone into its fellowship and love.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone... but to show how following the rule of Christ helps us all.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of life... but to put real joy into life.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly... but trying to instill the beauty of holiness in your life.

-Andrew Connally

“The church is NOT made up of perfect people.” That’s a relief, because none of us is perfect! “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23), and “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). But God gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16), so that each of us can be saved from sin and become a part of the Family of God.

We are born into God’s family when we: place our faith and trust in Christ (Acts

16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (“born of water and the Spirit” in immersion) into Christ (John 3:3,5; Acts 2:38). When we respond to Him in this way, we are added to the church, the Family of God (Acts 2:41, 47). Then we are to live out the rest of our days, loving and serving our Heavenly Father, along with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Remember, God wants YOU to be a part of His family. Won’t YOU be born into God’s “Forever Family,” the church?

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1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
FRIENDSHIP UNITED
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RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers
RED RIVER
COWBOY CHURCH
3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,
903/463-5840
Van Alstyne
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033
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PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am
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FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,
LIFE CHURCH,
201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting started

by Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Continue down the Ancestry chart with all you GGGrandparents.

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

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

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

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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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Do You Like Being Old?

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend..

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 &70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love .. I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face.

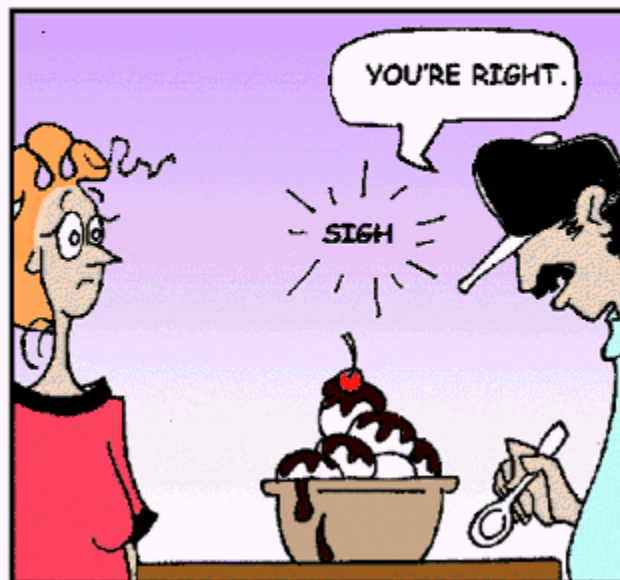
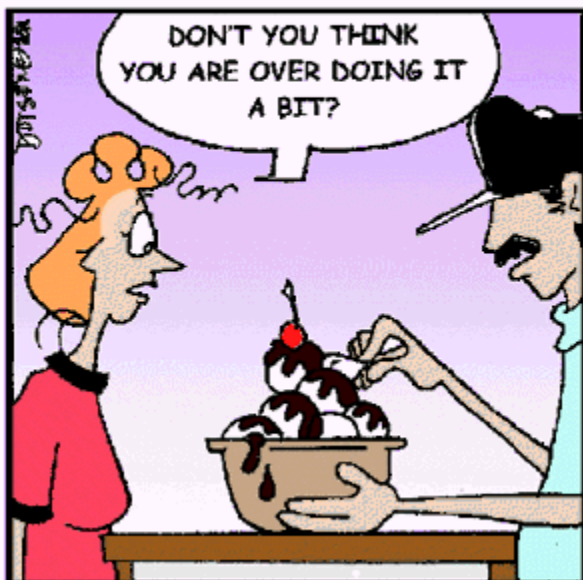
So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore.. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day(if I feel like it).



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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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

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



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