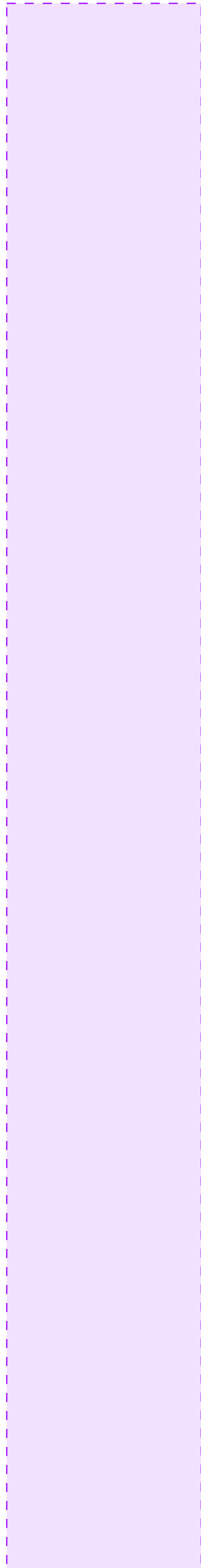


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Southeastern Commencement set for Saturday, May 12

DURANT, Okla. - Tulsa businessman and Distinguished Alumnus Jerry Buchanan will be the speaker at Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Spring Commencement.

One ceremony (for all schools) will begin at 10 am on Saturday, May 12, at Paul Laird Field. A reception for the graduates, families, and guests will follow at approximately 11:30 am in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

Buchanan, who operates an enterprise investing firm in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by Southeastern in 2010. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Southeastern Alumni Association and Southeastern Foundation, and spent five years as president of the Alumni Association.

In the event of inclement weather, commencement will be held in the Bloomer Sullivan Arena. Since seating is limited in the arena, there will be two ceremonies by degrees.

The first ceremony will be held from 10-11 am for the School of Arts & Sciences, John Massey School of Business, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science (Aerospace), Master of Technology, and Master of Science (Safety).

The second ceremony will be held from 1-2 pm for the School of Education & Behavioral Sciences, Master of Arts (Clinical Mental Health Counseling), Master of Education, Master of Arts (Teaching), and Master of Science (Sports Studies and Athletic Administration).

The decision concerning the location will be made by noon on Friday, May 11, and posted on the Southeastern website, [www. SE.edu](http://www.SE.edu), Blackboard (for graduates), and aired over the local radio and television stations, or you may call the Student Activity Line at 580-745-2888 or the Inclement Weather Line at 580-745-7272.

Following are local area candidates for graduation, listed by permanent hometown:

Allen TX: Kevin Michael Turner

Aubrey TX: Brian Lauer, Kelsey Diane Reding

Bells TX: Matthew Lawrence Powers, Sheila Ann Vaughn, Steven Clay Wilson, Justin Carlton Workman

Denison TX: Katie Lynn Allen, Susan H. Arthur, Courtney DeaAnna Barford, Patrica Renee Billy, William Joseph Blankenship, Paula Jean Bryant, Joyce Y. Butler, Michele Crabtree-Kelso, Crystal D. Crisler, Lindsay Rae Eastman, Rhiannon Nicole Estrada, Kellie Arthur Galyon, Tami R. Lashley, Caycee LeAnne Mahaffey, Jodie Marie Maresh, Alecia Michelle Maxwell, Danielle Leigh Mihm, Lydia Care Pine, Justin Stephenson, Joshua Lester Tingle

Gunter TX: Stuart Cameron Slakey

Howe TX: Halen James Kirby, Sergio Noe Lopez

Pottsboro TX: Bailey Patterson Baker, Lornna Mignon Bates, Jennifer Lynne Bergquist, James Matthew Freeman, Alician Nicole Hatch, Mandy D. Niblett, Karen Rane Salazar, Justin Bradley Scott

Savoy TX: Jessica Lewis

Sherman TX: Richard Kyle Andrews, Dustin Troyce Burkhalter, Kimberly Anne Cassell, Ryan Keith Emrick, Amy Joyce Gardner, Hailey Lauren Hall, Curtis G. Hightower, Shannon Eileen Maulding, Amanda Dean Oates, Carissa Marie Santiesteban, Traci L. Tate, Barbara Jean Vaden, Jackie Wayne

Tom Bean TX: Donna Cole Smith

Trenton TX: Ethan Edward Lovelace

Van Alstyne TX: Adam David Judd

Whitesboro TX: Ashley Taylor Clark, Leslie Dawn Guffee

Whitewright TX: Marka Lee Bodine



Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recipe



I am currently reading a book by Charles C. Mann. The title is *1493* (uncovering the new world Columbus created)

It is very interesting as Mann explains some of the consequences of globalization of the world.

For instance malaria is a disease given to humans by the bite of a mosquito.

In the book so far, Mann has cited the great number of deaths, both of Anglo-Saxons and Native Americans.

Early colonists did not know what caused malaria. They colonized areas near swamps (a prime spot for mosquito). In some instances the colonies were almost totally wiped out.

Even during the Civil War, Northern soldiers who came from areas with little or no exposure to malaria died from malaria. Others were weakened by the malaria and died of dysentery. Mann says that the Southern soldiers were less likely to be affected because many gained immunity over the years.

It is interesting to learn about how history has been affected over the years by very small things.

Cucumber Salad

3 medium cucumbers
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sour cream
1/2 onion, chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 Tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon mustard
Salt and pepper
Chopped parsley and chives (optional)

Peel cucumbers and slice paper-thin. Add 3/4 teaspoon salt. Let stand in colander to drain for at least 30 minutes. Press in colander until all water is removed.

Make dressing by mixing sour cream, onion, lemon juice, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper together. Combine cucumbers and dressing; chill. Sprinkle with chopped parsley or chives if desired.

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Gunter Library & Museum

Gunter Library & Museum celebrated Dia de los Ninos/ Dia de los Libros (Children's Day / Book Day) in Gunter park on Saturday, April 28.

Thirteen children gathered to listen to *The Ballerina with Webbed Feet* by Pam Van Scoyoc, read in Spanish and English.

Approximately 25 children participated in the breaking of the piñata. Afterwards children chose free books provided by the Gunter Library. Dia is an annual celebration of children and reading, which emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

The Gunter genealogy and family research group, which usually meets on the second Saturday of each month, has postponed its meeting to Saturday May 19, at 2 pm. Bring your family notes and learn how to search census records with Heritage Quest, on the Texas State Library's TexShare databases. Learn about the 1940 census, which has just been released.

On Saturday, May 19, from 5-7 pm, the Gunter Library welcomes you to bring your guitar, or banjo, or other musical instrument to our first Open Mike Nite @ the Library. This is your chance to jam with Friends. If you don't play an instrument, come and listen.

The Brown Bag Book Discussion group will meet at the Gunter Library on May 23 at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and join our discussion of Kristin Hannah's newest novel, *Home Front*. This is the story of Black Hawk pilot Jolene Zarkades who is deployed to Iraq, leaving behind her attorney husband Michael to be a single parent to their two girls.

For more information about the Gunter Library & Museum, pick up a bookmark at the library with our May programs, and a flyer announcing our summer reading activities, with the theme "Get a Clue – at the Library!"



HES Exceptional Behavior -- 5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Dax Foster, Shianne Freeman, Kimberly Gonzalez, Emma Hitesman, Cassie Morrison, Kolin Murphy, Sandra Nitchman, Juanita Olivarez, Haley Richardson, Matalee Stewart, Kenneth York, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Caden Garner, Ryleigh Jenkins, Cooper Jones, Kayley Laubhan, Jace Martin, Cheyenne Mathews, Brooklyn McCaleb, Paris Menjivar, Lucas Mitchell, Rilyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Dakota Smith, Jonathan Smith, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Courtney White, Mia Wilson, Camryn Boatman, Mary Burris, Dakota Campbell, Ainsley Denham, Kendall Griffin, Willie Husband, Mikaylah Komorowski, Zadrian Morris, Morgan Pitt, Gabby McMillen, Casie Adams, Catelyn Armstrong, Garrett Gibbs, Jaycie Grisham, Jaeden Howard, Kelcey Ireland, Alex Jones, Carter Layton, Zeb Montgomery, Jacob Ortega, Emery Snapp, Payton Stapleton, Mahlon Walker



First Grade: Angie Burris, Morghan Gifford, Daniel Gonzalez, Korben Kemp, Dalton Laisy, Jacob McGill, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Linda Segura, Teagan Stubblefield, Kaidence Varnell, Yair Ayala, Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Britton Burt, Vel Chin, Jentrie Doty, Hunter Hance, Austin Haley, Tate Harvey, Ryan Hough, Cody McGill, Janna Nitchman, Keira Robertson, Demarcus Smith, Ethan Strunc, Jacob Upchurch, Samantha Lowder, Shijon Haywood, Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Carson Daniels, Ethan Duer, Connor Gauntt, Edith Hernandez, Jalie Hill, Audie Martin, Connor Martin, Taylor Reynolds, James Richardson, Sergio Rico, Ariana Ross, Emma Sutherland, Antonio Tapia, Kaylyn Bryant, Ayden Burris, Kelly Caballero, Hayden Calhoun, Breana Cole, Alex Huerta, Chesnee Lawson, Trey Phillips, Tinley Sisemore, Dakota Tinker, Stone Trevino, Gabrielle Vera

Second Grade: Sabian Acevedo, Jessica Bastida, Harley Brockelman, Jared Brussow, Zakry DeFrange, Will Fleming, John Griffin, Ethan Lopez, Katie Parker, Parker Pecina, Ricky Ramirez, Avery Snapp, Benjamin Speed, Caleb Wahrmond, Eli Wilson, Caytie Coco, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Colby Hopper, Kailyn Ireland, Za'Niyah Shaw, Jennifer Torres, Ethan Turner, Stanley Bik, Michelle Caballero, Ethan Conrad, Ashley Crees, Jaryn Grisham, Jaicob Husband, Christian Moody, Ramie Mosse, Conner Record, Trinity Williams, Hagen York, Blain Nuncio, Kevin Bateman, Cierra Brussow, Luke Catching, Louis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Lindsey Hymel, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Alyssa Sharp, Niko Longoria

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HES April Students of the Month

1st Row: Mahlon Walker, Emery Snapp; 2nd Row: Caytie CoCo, Benjamin Speed, Stone Trevino, Jalie Hill; 3rd Row: Mason Moreau, Kamryn Gardner, Layton Elvington, Madison Kenney

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John Cherry Completes Wood Badge



Wood Badge is the highest training for adult leaders in Boy Scouts. John Cherry recently completed the requirements for his Wood Badge certification.

These photos were taken at the ceremony on Friday, May 4 at the First United Methodist Church in Howe.

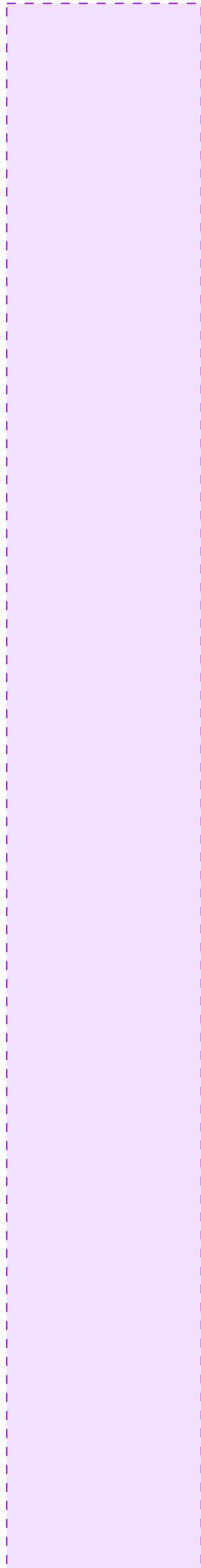
Scouts and family members attended to honor John's accomplishments that are needed to receive this certification.



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HES Math Blast -- 5th Six Weeks

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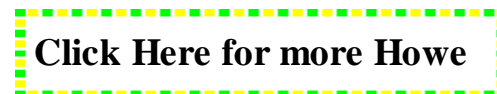
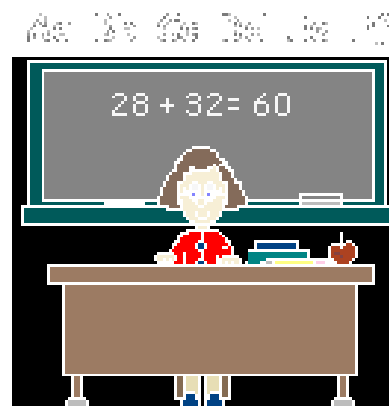
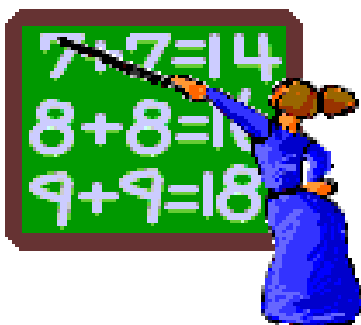
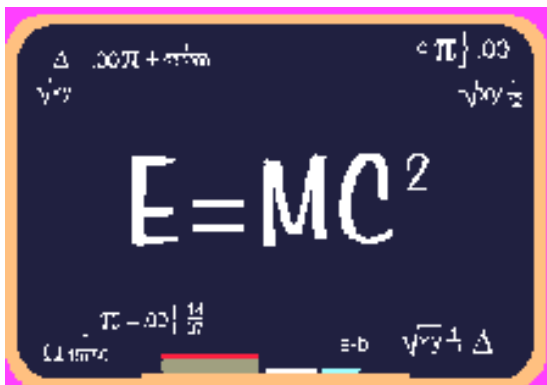
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Howe Elementary Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

May 1st - May 30th
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The following items are required for registration

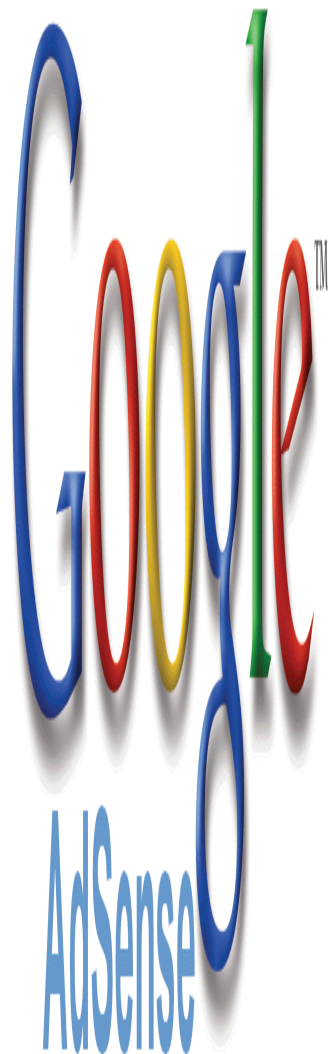
1. Shot Record
2. Birth Certificate
3. Social Security Card
4. Drivers License
5. Proof of Residence (utility bill, lease agreement, your name must appear on proof)
6. Proof of income (Pre-K Only)

Qualifications for Pre-K are as follows:

Unable to speak and comprehend the English Language.
Economically disadvantaged (participate in the National School Lunch Program)
Homeless
Be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States military forces, reserved component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.
Have ever been in the conservatorship (foster care) of the Department of Family and Protective Services



Howe Elementary 3rd and 4th grade Gifted and Talented students, Alex Blount, Brett Burnett, and Taylor Hinkle are pictured with Deuce the Frisco Roughrider's Mascot. They recently enjoyed a field trip to a Roughrider's baseball game.





Tom Bean FCCLA members Advance to National competition!

Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) members Lindsey Holder and Brianna Stowers are advancing to National STAR event competition in July! Their district-wide anti-tobacco chapter service project, KICKING BUTTS AND TAKING NAMES, won first place in State competition with a perfect composite score of 100 points.

Competing against the top six achievers from each of five Texas regions (1A - 5A schools), Holder and Stowers planned and coordinated their FCCLA's KICKING BUTTS project. The project involved peer education for fourth and fifth graders, Middle School students, and High School students. Motivational speaker Travis Reed spoke at an area-wide anti-tobacco rally at Tom Bean High School. These efforts and more earned recognition in national publications, including the Wall Street Journal and Houston Chronicle. Holder and Stowers then competed with their entry which involved a large trifold display, a 7 minute oral presentation to a panel of judges, and spontaneous answers to judges' questions.

National FCCLA Conference this year will be held from July 7 - 12 in Orlando, Florida.

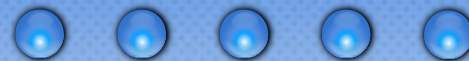
Tom Bean FCCLA members place 5th. at State!

Tom Bean High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) members Bonnie Billings, Candace Johnson, and Taylor Stephens placed 5th among 30 entries in this year's State FCCLA STAR event competition. Top competitors from across Texas (1A - 5A schools) presented a project to a panel of judges, including a 7 minute speech, a large trifold display board, and answers to spontaneous judges' questions.

Billings, Johnson and Stephens planned and coordinated a chapter Focus on Children project. The entire FCCLA chapter spent a day at the Tom Bean elementary school, presenting "Your Home is Your Castle ... Protect Your Family From Fire!", using games and learning activities designed to teach fire safety.



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James Tillet (1929-2012)

James Edward Tillet, 82, passed away on May 3, 2012, in Van Alstyne, Texas.

He was born in Van Alstyne, on May 16, 1929, to Clarence and Myrtle Geer Tillet. He married Rachel Clayton, his wife of 61 years, on October 20, 1950, at Boulevard Christian Church in Fort Worth.

James graduated from Howe High School in 1947. He played football for the Howe Bulldogs, while some of his brothers played for an opposing team at Van Alstyne. As a standout player, he was honored as a member of the 1900-1999 All-Century Howe Bulldog Football Team. In 1956, James and Rachel began their life's work, owning and operating the family business in Van Alstyne, Tillet Grocery. He was the butcher at "the store" until his retirement. James was a loyal football fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Longhorns, TCU Horned Frogs, Van Alstyne Panthers, and Howe Bulldogs. During football season, James could be found watching his children and then grandchildren perform as members of the football team, band, or cheerleading squad. He enjoyed hunting deer in Colorado, playing golf, gardening with his brother Billy, and watching western movies featuring John Wayne or Gene Autry.

James is survived by his wife, Rachel; five children, Michael Tillet and wife Lori of Van Alstyne, Sheri Stephens and husband Wendell of Van Alstyne, Gina Sartain and husband Mark of Harleton, Scott Tillet and wife Kim of Van Alstyne, and Melanie Fontaine and husband Rick of Howe; 12 grandchildren, Heather Stephens, Wade Stephens, Jeremy Tillet, Marshall Sartain, Megan Tillet Hodges, Melody Sartain Ojeda, Ryan Tillet, Jess Tillet, Chad Fontaine, Clayton Tillet, Lauren Tillet, and Chase Fontaine; three great-grandchildren, Jillian Sartain, Hannah Sartain, and Piper Ojeda; siblings, Jenny Wise of Van Alstyne, Juanita Boatright and husband Emmett of Sherman, Wayne Tillet of Fort Worth, Jerry Tillet and wife Kay of Caddo Mills, and Jo Ann Marr of Gordonville; sister-in-law, Maurine Tillet of Whitewright; and life-long friends, Carl and Ann Climer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Pauline Gentry, and brothers, Clarence Tillet Jr., Robert Tillet, and Billy Tillet.

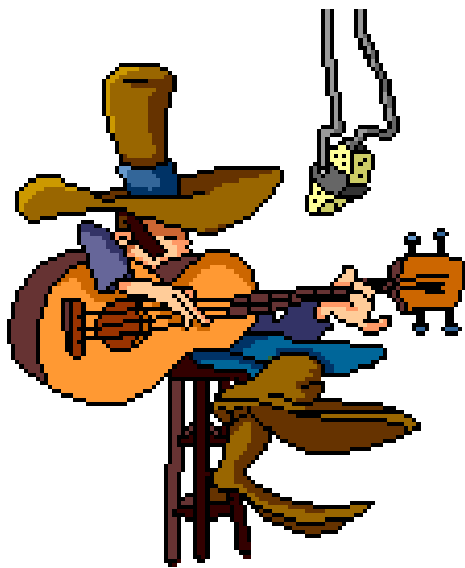
The family would like to extend a warm thank you to those who cared for him including Teresa and Kallie McClain, Emily Cross, and the staff at Meadowbrook Care Center and Hospice Plus.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 4 at Scoggins Funeral Home in Van Alstyne. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Scoggins Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Gibbs officiating. Burial will follow at Van Alstyne Cemetery. The grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Memorial donations can be made to First Christian Church of Van Alstyne.

You may sign the online guest book at www.scogginsfuneralhome.com.





Chrystal Opry House Benefit Event

We are hosting an Appreciation Benefit, May 11-12, for Glen Bonham, a Choctaw Indian bluegrass with no insurance and with a serious medical problem. Treatments for this problem are \$6,000 each. (Yes, that is six thousand dollars). There are 12 treatments. Six will be covered by his tribe but he will need \$36,000 in hand before treatments can begin. May 11 we will have four bands, and opportunities to purchase raffle tickets. Music will begin at 6 pm (doors will open at 5.) Bands for Friday night are The Full Quiver, The Upper Grassmen, Melody Ranch Ramblers and Bonham Review. \$10 is the suggested donation for admission.

Saturday's events begin at noon. Suggested admission is \$10 per session.

A cornbread and beans lunch/snack will be available for \$2.50 while supplies last. Proceeds from this will benefit Glen.

The raffles (quilt raffle, comfort basket, and guitar raffle) will continue throughout the day as well as a silent auction, baked goods auction and music. Bands that will play (in no particular order) are Mark Phillips & IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band, Brigade, The Upper Grassmen, Melody Ranch Ramblers, Karl Shiflett, Mack Smith Tanner Young, and Bill Grant. It should be an enjoyable day with lots going on.

Besides attending and enjoying the music, you can help by donating a pie, cake or cookies that may be auctioned off during the day. Also, if you have anything to donate for the silent auction, we will be happy to accept it. If you can help out in either of these ways, please reply to this email and I will gladly add your name to the list of "friends".

The concession area will be open with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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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Hagerman 2nd Saturday

The monthly "Second Saturday" program, as well as an upcoming "Nature 'Ology Camp" are among upcoming events at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman.

Talks on wildflowers and wildlife habitats, a nature walk and more are planned for this week's "Second Saturday" program at the refuge. The programs are free and open to the public.

Activities get underway at 8 am with a nature walk led by Jack Chiles, a long-time birder. Anyone wishing to participate should meet at the refuge's Friends of Hagerman (FOH) Center. Dress for the weather. The walk will not be held in case of rain.

Prescribed burns on national wildlife refuges will be the topic of a 10 a.m. program. The speaker will be Richard Baker, and a free nature program will be held in the multi-purpose meeting room located inside the refuge's visitor center.

Baker is a "Prescribed Fire Specialist" with the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge fire crew. He is one of the "burn bosses" who oversees the fire crew. Prescribed burns are used as a management tool in a number of scenarios and in varying habitats including cross timbers, grassland and sand sagebrush prairie, primarily to maintain a particular habitat and eliminate unwanted vegetation. In recent years, Baker has overseen prescribed burns at Hagerman and at Austin College's Sneed Prairie restoration project.

Second Saturday for Youth will be a program on wildflowers for youngsters ages 4 to 10. It will run from 10 am until 11:30 am and be held in the audio visual classroom in the FOH Center. Reservations are requested for the youth program to insure adequate supplies for each child. Call the refuge at 903-786-2826 for reservations.

At 12:30 pm, the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club will meet in the audio visual classroom for a technical program and photo sharing. The theme for May is "wildflowers." The club meets bi-monthly and is open to any photographer interested in nature photography, regardless of experience level or type of photo equipment used.

On June 14, 9 am until 4 pm, the refuge will be holding a "Nature 'Ology Camp" for children ages 8 to 12 years of age. The free camp will be a one-day, outdoor experience offering a variety of activities. Directing the camp will be Catherine Van Bebber, education chairwoman of the Friends of Hagerman.

Representatives from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will conduct "seine-ology." This involves dragging a net through the shallow waters of Lake Texoma to show campers what lives in the lake. They will also provide a "beaver-ology" demonstration and "water-ology," where youths will learn the earth's water cycle from Karen Glenn of Austin College. Participants will also be making terrariums to take home.

"Bird-ology" will include live raptors on display from the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center. Jack Chiles will demonstrate the latest applications and other technology which aids in identifying and reporting bird sightings.

Campers will go for a prairie walk and then prepare wildflower seed bombs under the direction of Katie Palmer, youth leader for the refuge's Second Saturday program. Talks on snakes and butterflies will accompany displays of a snake collection from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and from Master Naturalist Donna Cole's butterfly collection.

Steve O. Black, chairperson of the Grayson County College Fine Arts Department and a visual arts instructor, and Barbara Powell will lead "art-ology" sessions.

Advance registration is required and spaces are limited. To register, call the refuge between 7:30 am. and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Registered campers will receive detailed information on what to wear and bring to camp.

Second Saturday nature programs and the camp are sponsored by the refuge and by the Friends of Hagerman. For more information, go to www.friendsofhagerman.com or call the refuge at 903-786-2826.



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Choctaw Casino Resort In Durant, Oklahoma Unveiling Iconic Texas Venue Gilley's On June 1

Grand opening celebration includes a special performance by iconic country star Mickey Gilley, autograph signings from professional bull riders and rodeo champions, live music, food and drink specials, prize giveaways and more

DURANT, OKLAHOMA (May 9, 2012) -- A major milestone will be reached on Friday, June 1, 2012, at Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Oklahoma, with the unveiling of Gilley's, the iconic Texas entertainment venue made famous in the 1980 blockbuster, Urban Cowboy.

The Gilley's at Choctaw unveiling will kick off at 6 pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a special performance by Mickey Gilley and the original Gilley's band, Chris Rivers Band. Additional festivities include:

- * Autograph signings by multiple professional bull riders and rodeo champions, including Professional Bull Riders' (PBR) World Champion Justin McBride, legendary PBR bull riders Tuff Hedeman and Mark Cain, and more.
- * Live concerts from Somebody's Darling, John David Kent, In10City, Jamie Richards, Arkbuckle Xpress, and more.
- * Performances from the 'Gilley Girls' dressed in cowgirl-attire from head to toe.
- * Food and drink specials and tasting events, including Bud and Sissy-sized beer, cocktail and shot specials
- * One-of-a-kind, custom Gilley's merchandise giveaways.
- * Free mechanical bull rides.

The 8,900-square-foot Gilley's at Choctaw project was designed with the ultimate goal of recreating the original classic Texas Gilley's experience a rare combination of restaurant, bar and live music venue that combines a distinctly southern atmosphere with just the right amount of flavor, entertainment and western tradition.

Gilley's at Choctaw, which is located on the north side of Choctaw Casino Resort in the space previously home to the Diamondback Lounge, encompasses a full-service restaurant and bar/nightclub with 176 seats, a dance floor, an iconic mechanical bull like the one made famous from Urban Cowboy, and two bars with a dedicated draught beer system offering up to eight beers on tap, 32-ounce man-sized draft beers called 'Bud,' 16-ounce, regular-sized draft beers called 'Sissy,' and Gilley's specialty drinks served by the Gilley Girls dressed in cowgirl-attire from head to toe.

The new Gilley's Durant at Choctaw also features a 500-square-foot performance stage, which is positioned in the center of the venue and offers 360-degree views, including from the gaming floor. Live entertainment will take place each weekend from local, regional and national artists, with several shows already confirmed from musicians such as Two Tons of Steel, Chris Zalez & The Pistoleros, Jason Eady Band, TJ McFarland, and more.

"The addition of Gilley's Durant at Choctaw adds a unique southern charm to Choctaw Casino Resort and certainly makes our customer's overall experience a lot more fun," said Janie Dillard, executive director of gaming for the Choctaw Nation.

For more information, visit

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What Everyone Needs to Know about Diabetes

Do you or someone you know have Diabetes? If not, are you at risk for Diabetes? Do you know what Diabetes is? Some say that Diabetes is too much sugar in the blood – that is true. Some say that there is not enough insulin to take care of the sugar or glucose in your blood – that is true as well. Insulin is a hormone that is produced by the pancreas to control blood sugar. Diabetes can be caused by too little insulin, resistance to insulin or both.

Dr. Muhammad Imran Choudhry, MD will discuss the different types of Diabetes and the cause and effect of the illness at the May monthly Partners in Education, P.I.E. program on Tuesday, May 15, at the Texoma Council of Governments building, Eisenhower Room. He will also answer questions regarding Diabetes from the session participants.

Dr. Choudhry, practices diabetes, metabolism, endocrinology and internal medicine and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. His office is located in the professional building with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital – WNJ on Highland Street in Sherman.

Internal Medicine - Internal medicine is the branch of medicine that deals with treating the whole patient. An internal medicine physician, also called an internist, can treat many illnesses and conditions, and is skilled in treating a patient who has several illnesses or disorders at the same time. This internist, who can be a primary care physician, emphasizes disease prevention and wellness, but can treat problems of the eyes, ears, skin, nervous system and reproductive organs, along with mental health or substance abuse issues.

The internal medicine physician can also treat cancer or diseases of the heart, blood, kidneys, joints, and digestive, respiratory and vascular systems, while concentrating on the wellness of the patient as a whole.

“What Everyone Needs to Know about Diabetes” will be Tuesday May 15 at noon and will end by 1 pm. It will be held in the Eisenhower room on the first floor of the Texoma Council of Governments building at 1117 Gallagher Road in Sherman.

Complimentary pie and coffee will be served at the seminar and you are welcome to bring a “brown bag” lunch. P.I.E. programs are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The series is free and offered as a public service to anyone interested. Call either Joyce White from the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service at 903-813-4203, Sherry Little from Home Hospice of Grayson County, 903-868-9315, Judy Conner from TCOG at 903-813-3506 or Cheryl Brandon of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - WNJ at 903-813-8747 if you have questions.

The Area Agency on Aging - Texoma Council of Governments, Home Hospice of Grayson County, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - WNJ, and the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are delighted to provide this series free to the public. This collaborative effort was designed to bring health and wellness educational programs to our community. If you require transportation, remember that TAPS is only a telephone call away, but you do have to call at least the day before the program.

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Wilson N Jones Community Foundation Awards Scholarships To Area High School Students

Wilson N. Jones Community Foundation awarded \$25,000 in scholarships at a Community Scholarship Awards Banquet on April 19th held at the Austin College Wright Center. The Community Scholarship Fund was initiated in 1996 by a group of caring community leaders. The Wilson N. Jones Community Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Grayson and Fannin counties.

Julie Mitchell, Executive Director of Wilson N. Jones Community Foundation, welcomed students and their guests and expressed congratulations on behalf of the Foundation. Ms. Mitchell added, "The Foundation is excited to be able to contribute to the continuing education of the young people within our communities."

Marty Richardson, WNJ Foundation Board Member and Scholarship Chair, offered her congratulations and added that, "One of the goals of the Wilson N. Jones Community Foundation is to further advance the educational opportunities of the youth through providing these scholarships. We are here tonight to celebrate the culmination of many years of work and dedication on the part of these wonderful students and their parents."

Mrs. Richardson presented each student with the scholarship award and a laundry bag filled with a box of laundry detergent and fabric softener.

The following students received \$1,000 scholarships: Colby McKelva, Haley Walker, Bonham; Jacob Lodigiani, Collinsville; James Conrad, Kaitlyn Dowling, Icis Finley, Crystal Nichols, Kaylem Renfro, Samantha Stubbs, Deanna Wood, Jillianne Wylie, Denison; Shihei Williams, Dodd City; Kristina Sorenson, Ector; Hayden Perry, Gunter; Hailey Rater, Honey Grove; Madison Kirby, Howe; Jordan Baker, Leonard; Samantha Bandemir, Cole Miller, S&S; Natalie Brasher, Savoy; Sasha Giger, Erin McCoy, Kaitlyn White, Sherman; Jacqueline Panos, Texoma Christian; and Megan Gibson, Van Alstyne.



LET'S REMINISCE: GONE TO TEXAS

By Jerry Lincecum

There was a saying in post-Civil War Tennessee: "He's GTT." It meant, "Gone to Texas" and often implied leaving behind debts and other obligations. Texas being a relative latecomer to the civilized world, many of its citizens can tell you interesting stories about when their ancestors arrived and where they came from. Occasionally the "why" they left home is the best part.

Take Joe Roman, who came to Gordonville, Texas, in 1885. The family has two versions of his sudden departure from Tennessee, both of which involve his shooting a man and thinking he escaped a murder charge. The wounded man recovered, however, and Joe's father Bob paid him \$300.

Bob's will specified that the \$300 settlement should be deducted from his son Joe's portion of the estate. However, about six years after the boy's arrival in Texas, his father visited Joe and his family. While he didn't change his will, he wrote the following to the two men named to serve as executors of his will: "Do not charge Joe the \$300 I specified, because he is one of the poorest men I have ever seen."

Going even farther, when Bob Roman got back home to Tennessee he shipped his son a good horse, a jack, a jenny, and two sacks of oats. Joe began breeding these animals and was soon making a good living for his family.

In another case of GTT, my mother's father, C.D. Jones, also came to Texas from Tennessee. Our family legend is that his older half-brother (same father, different mother), Robert W. Jones, came first to central Texas and began the practice of medicine in the Oletha community (Limestone County).

Dr. Jones, some months after getting settled, overheard two school board members lamenting in June the fact that the local school they supervised had no teacher for the upcoming fall term.

He said, "Gentlemen, I have a brother in Tennessee who is qualified to teach."

"Send for him!" was their response, and he wrote the letter that brought his younger brother to join him in Oletha. Shifting now from legend to documented fact, C.D. Jones turned 21 on July 1, 1892, while on the train to Texas.

One more GTT story. Because my great-great-great grandfather Gideon Lincecum came to this state in 1835 and then moved his entire family here from Mississippi, I am a sixth-generation Texan and proud of it. A man who wanted to shield his children from the damages of civilized life, Gid fell in love with the abundance of natural wonders and the sparseness of population he found in Texas.

When Gid's grandson George W. Lincecum married in 1871, he and his bride moved into Robertson County. And in 1940, G.W.'s grandson Jack courted the daughter of C.D. Jones, in the next county over. Two years later, I was born in Texas.

What are your family stories about coming to Texas? I'd enjoy receiving them and might work them into a future column: jlincecum@me.com.

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Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He would like to read your reminiscences on any subject.



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Pass the Biscuits, Pappy

By Bob Bowman

Older East Texans who remember W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel will find a special appeal in a book by Bill Crawford.

Daniel, a song-writing flour salesman who launched the musical careers of Bob Wills and the Light Crust Doughboys, was a politician unlike any we've seen in Texas.

His Texas homilies, radio broadcasts, hillbilly music and affinity for rural Texas propelled him into the governor's office for two terms. He also handed Lyndon B. Johnson his only election defeat in Texas during a special election for the U.S. Senate and later won a full term.

Pappy decided in the spring of 1938 that selling flour wasn't much different than selling politicians. Even though he was a Republican in a state controlled by Democrats, Pappy ran for governor, campaigned across Texas with his family and the Hillbilly Boys (the forerunner of the Doughboys), and won.

During Pappy's cavalcade from Fort Worth to Austin for his inauguration in 1939, 250,000 people cheered him along the way with a chant that became famous in his campaign, "Please pass the biscuits, Pappy."

As governor, Pappy commandeered photographers from a state agency to record his activities and, as a result, Texas has an excellent pictorial history of a Texas governor. Bill Caldwell's book is a remarkable collection of many of these black-and-white images.

Scenes with links to East Texas towns like Zavalla, Marshall, Livingston, Troup, Winnsboro, Paris, Newton, Liberty and Tyler offer snapshots from a kinder political era in Texas. Many of them are scenes of Pappy



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Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

Bel and Mame, the two gray tabbies who chose my house and apparently me as the means to survival, are beginning to wind themselves around my heart. Not only is there something touching about seeing their two dark heads bent over their food bowls and the water bowl at the same time, there is also something endearing about seeing them asleep together on the white rug that protects the couch from their hair.

When I came to Sherman nearly 14 years ago, I came with a dog and two cats. The dog was a Dachshund who disappeared after the meter man opened the gate and let her out (a circumstance he denied). I never saw her again.

Leo, the yellow and white tabby, was quite old, but he adjusted well and loved his back yard, which kept him safe from predators and gave him lots of warm surface on which to sleep. He, like all my pets, was an inside/outside animal. He came in and went out at will.

The day I came home from work and found that he had collapsed in the driveway and couldn't get up was a very sad day. He was 17 or 18 years old and had lived a good life. I can't begin to count the number of times my mother and I got up in the middle of the night to rush him to the emergency veterinarian because he had (1) eaten a locust whose wings had cut his intestines to pieces or (2) defended his territory against a visiting cat and sustained a puncture wound that abscessed.

Leo was really my mother's cat. For reasons that will never be clear, she decided she wanted a kitten and my brother found one for her and he turned out to be Leo. Who else could he have been? She made him a bed on a chair in the living room by covering the seat cushion with a towel. That was his place and the only place he was allowed to sleep -- except that he would sneak into her bedroom and get on the foot of her bed.

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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

visiting the rural homes of Texas legislators during a tour in the fall of 1940.

The joy of "Please Pass the Biscuits, Pappy" lies in a close examination of the details found in the old photographs.

At Zavalla, when Pappy visited the home of legislator Ottis E. Lock, the photographer caught a foreground scene of a woman sitting in a car that had been converted into a homemade pickup truck.

In Marshall, a crowd of Pappy supporters was snapped as one of them was wheeled down a street in a wheelbarrow. A nearby man carries a sign, "Mountain Music and Biscuits Got Me."

At Livingston, Pappy and his wife were greeted by Alabama Coushatta Indian Chief Bronson Cooper Sylestine, robed in full ceremonial dress, at the home of Senator Clem Fain.

When Pappy visited the simple, clapboard home of legislator Washington M. Whitesides in Troup, the entire family, including a little grandmother and five children, were included in the photo. Pappy held one of the kids.

At Winnsboro, when Pappy visited Rep. Joe Gandy's ranch, the photographer snapped a photo of an old black ranchhand leaning on his walking cane -- a lasting symbol of a proud, hard-working cowboy.

At Paris, the photographer shot a scene of Pappy and his wife sitting down for supper with Senator A.M. Aikin, Jr. and his family.

In Newton, during a stop at the home of legislator N.O. Burnaman, Pappy paused to pet a favorite hound dog owned by Burnaman, an editor and county judge, and when he visited legislator Price M. Daniel at Liberty, the two Daniel families had their photo made under a moss-covered oak.

When Pappy's daughter Molly married Jack Wrather, Jr. of Tyler, a photographer caught them cutting their wedding cake in 1941 at Austin. In a radio broadcast heard throughout Texas, Pappy invited everyone to attend the wedding.

Some 25,000 people gathered on the lawn of the governor's mansion to hear the vows.

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



Dot's Dashes, continued

He was 14 or so when Mama died and his behavior deteriorated thereafter. It was hard to tell whether that was because he missed her, which he did, or because he had a "cat stroke" that adversely affected his behavior.

The day he collapsed, I rushed him to the veterinarian, who told me that he was too sick to survive. I held him in my arms while the vet, with the aid of the technician, prepared him for a lethal injection and then held him while he died.

In a host of ways, as grievous as that experience was, it was better than losing Cleo, who got up after her nap one day, went outside and never came home. I think perhaps she climbed into someone's car and no one noticed her. She was a lovely cat, a gray tabby that we rescued from the pound when she was a mere slip of a kitten. Her profile was like the ones you see in Egyptian art; thus the name Cleo.

The two cats who are here now almost became Cleo II and Cleo III, because they are gray, as she was. But they are not the delicately boned cats that she was and they are also not much like her.

Mame and Bel are talkative cats. I wish I could speak cat because I would so much like to know their history. I want to know whether they are sisters or whether one is the mother and the other her kitten, whether they belonged to someone in the neighborhood who abandoned them or whether they just decided to move in with me.

The one thing I do know about them is that they enjoy being here. It probably is the result of the regular meals and the good supply of water, but it also might be that they enjoy the ear and belly rubs. I wish they enjoyed the dogs more, but they are at least coexisting most of the time. Who knows? Maybe in time they will reach a real rapprochement.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



State Fire Marshal's Office

Over the next few weeks, I will be writing about the duties of various state agencies. The Texas Department of Insurance not only oversees insurance companies in Texas, it also contains the State Fire Marshall, Workers' Compensation Division, the Office of the Injured Employee Counsel, and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel. This week, I will discuss the Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFMO). The mission of the SFMO is to reduce the loss of life and property due to fire and related hazards.

The SFMO has four divisions: Prevention and Outreach; Fire Safety Inspections; Licensing and Enforcement; and Fire Investigations. The Prevention and Outreach Division provides fire protection information and education, administers a statewide youth fire prevention and intervention program, maintains the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System (TEXFIRS), and manages the fire suppression rating system process. The Fire Safety Inspections Division conducts fire safety inspections of public and private buildings and facilities throughout the state, including state buildings, daycare and elder-care centers, foster homes, hospitals, hotels and motels, university and college buildings, and other buildings upon request or complaint.

The SFMO Licensing Division regulates the planning, selling, installing, certifying, and servicing of fire extinguisher, fire alarm and fire sprinkler devices and systems through the statewide registration and licensing of firms and individuals who provide these services. To obtain a license, individuals must demonstrate a certain level of technical ability by passing tests and be employed by a registered firm. The Division also licenses and permits businesses that sell and store fireworks. Permits are issued to those holding a public fireworks display and licenses are issued to individuals responsible for conducting the display.

Lastly, the State Fire Marshal is the chief investigator in charge of the investigation of arson and suspected arson in the State of Texas. By statutory authority, the State Fire Marshal commissions peace officers to act as fire and arson investigators and to perform other law enforcement duties. Fire investigation assistance to local communities is one of the most critical services provided by the Texas Department of Insurance through the State Fire Marshal's Office. Upon a request from an authorized entity, or by order of the State Fire Marshal, the Fire Investigations Division will provide its services to help determine the cause and origin of the fire. Field Investigators may be assisted by the State Fire Marshal's Forensic Arson Laboratory in the analysis of evidence. Forensic Arson Laboratory services are also provided at no cost to the fire service and other law enforcement agencies in the State of Texas

For more information on the State Fire Marshal's Office or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



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2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Christian Fellowship

Each Sunday morning A Christian Fellowship starts the morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by Sunday School classes for all ages from the cradle to adult classes at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by David Ellis. Dress is casual.

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

Each Sunday morning the congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper during the worship service.

The church host's a "movie night" every month. This "free" event includes free hot buttered popcorn, candy, and drinks. The movie for May will be shown on May 18 and the movie to be shown is "Dolphin Tale". Join them for a great movie! Bring your family out for a free night of fellowship and fun.

C R Men's Step Study group has been put on hold for now. This class is for recovering alcoholics that would like to reconnect with God. Please contact Jesse @ 903-744-2716 for more information on this program.

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

The church will be hosting VBS July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 pm. So mark your calendar for this event.

For more information about any event please contact myself, Cathy Hossle @903-814-5381 or Mike Ball @903-870-0219. Our church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you.



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 10:00am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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

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Tattoo Mistakes

Dan Williams says that he sometimes cautions young people against making “tattoo mistakes” -- “that is, making impulsive decisions that have the potential to follow them for the rest of their lives.”

Williams recently made reference to an article in *The Daily Mail* about a young Belgian woman who regrets making a “tattoo mistake” -- literally.

In 2009, 18-year-old Kimberley Vlaeminck asked tattooist Rouslan Toumaniantz to tattoo some stars on her face. When he completed his task, he had tattooed 56 stars on her face.

Not long after the constellation had been imprinted on her face, Vlaeminck lied to family and reporters claiming that she had asked Toumaniantz for just three stars near her eye. She also claimed that he kept adding more and more stars after she fell asleep at the Tattoo Box in Courtrai, Belgium.

A week later, however, she confessed to a Dutch TV station that she had been awake throughout and had indeed asked for the full 56 marks.

Now at the age of 21, Vlaeminck regrets her decision. She says she has avoided going out in public because the tattoos make her feel like a “freak.” Last summer, she was preparing to pay £9,000 (over \$14,000 US dollars) for laser surgery to remove the black stars. She fears that her impulsive decision to get the tattoos is going to follow her for the rest of her life.

Decisions made impulsively without proper judgment bring regret, and many times the consequences linger for years or even a lifetime. Every one who has sinned knows this all too well, and EACH ONE of us has sinned (Romans 3:23).

But the Good News (the Gospel) is that regardless of our mistakes, forgiveness is available through Jesus Christ, the Son of God....

“For [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that our sins can be removed, washed away by His blood (Revelation 1:5). His blood cleanses us from the deadly effects of sin and provides the gift of eternal life to all who will accept His offer of salvation (Romans 6:23).

In order to accept His offer of salvation and life, we must: place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ so that His blood can wash away our sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

We may have to suffer some negative consequences (effects) for our impulsive and foolish decisions, but thanks be to God that through the blood of Jesus, we can be forgiven! And when we are forgiven by God, we don't have to feel GUILT and fear ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, because our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus.

Tattoos don't condemn us; the stain of SIN does!

Won't YOU allow Jesus to wash away your sins by accepting His offer on His terms?

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* Information gleaned from “Preacher Stuff Resource Exchange” (4/16/12) by Dan Williams, minister of the College Ave. church of Christ in El Dorado, AR (see www.cacoc.org) and “Still starstruck: Young Belgian's misery three years after she had 56 tattoos on her face” by Lyle Brennan in www.dailymail.co.uk

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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

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Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan.

The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children.

Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few.

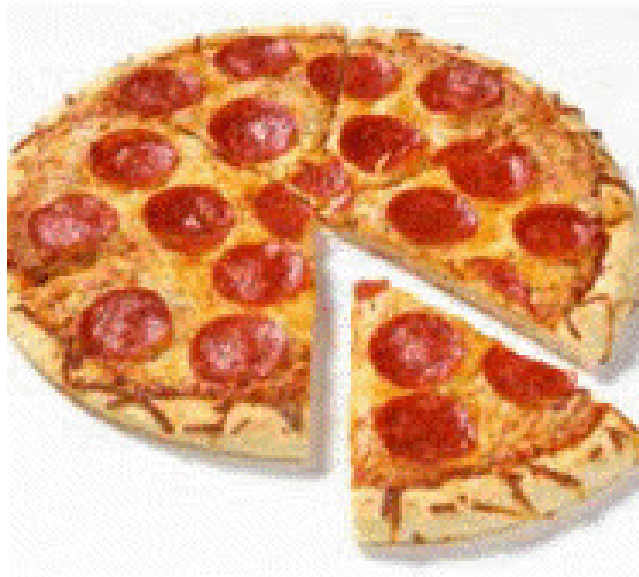
Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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Domino's Pizza 'just says no' to Humane Society of the United States

By *Mike Barnett*

Domino's Pizza "just said no" to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

Shareholders of the pizza giant overwhelmingly rejected a HSUS proposal to study ending the use of pork from suppliers who confine pregnant pigs in gestation stalls.

It's about time one of the major fast food franchises showed some backbone to the animal rights activist group. Other fast-food companies -- including Burger King, McDonald's and Wendy's -- have caved to their demands, fearing HSUS will stir public outcry and reprisal if they don't.

The use of the gestation stalls -- which confine sows during pregnancy -- is at the center of the controversy. I'm not defending nor condemning their use. I truly don't know enough about pork production to make that judgment.

Lacking knowledge, I'll turn to the experts -- the American Veterinary Medical Association -- for their views on animal care. That organization says there are advantages and disadvantages to both cage-free and caged pork production methods.

To address animal welfare in the long term, they suggest retaining advantages of current housing systems while making improvements in design to overcome identified problems.

Sounds reasonable to me: let research and science determine what animal welfare standards should be, not an animal rights activist group who misplays public sentiments not to achieve better animal welfare, but to end food-animal production.

"We rely on animal experts to determine what is the best way to raise an animal that's being used for food," Domino's spokesperson Tim McIntyre said.

I don't think animal rights activists qualify as experts. I think livestock growers working hand-in-hand with veterinarians do.

Thank you, Domino's, for not playing follow-the-leader in these fast-food follies.

I'll take an extra-large... Pepperoni, please!

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Letter to the Editor

I am disappointed that President Obama has become the first U.S. president to "come out" in support of same-sex marriage. Even more disturbing is his pointing to his Christian faith as a motivation for his position. This is to mock Christianity for the Bible clearly and unequivocally condemns homosexual acts. The Golden Rule does not sanction the approval of any kind of moral evil.

Obama can call himself a Christian or anything else he likes. However, Christianity advances a culture of life. Obama, in stark contrast, advances a culture of death which is clearly evident in his radical support for abortion (murder) and contraception which, like homosexuality, thwarts the natural generation of life.

Obama has finally taken off his mask and revealed to the world his true intent which is the annihilation of America. Let us hope his emboldened arrogance will be his own undoing at the polls in November.

With respectful and cordial best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Kokoski
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Letter to the Editor

Do You Know the Signs of Serious Engine Trouble?

Engine trouble symptoms can mean major problems with your car. If you see, hear, feel or smell anything that is out of the ordinary, take your vehicle to a reputable automotive repair shop or engine installation center for diagnosis to avoid the inconvenience and unexpected cost of a breakdown.

Symptoms of major engine trouble include:

*excessive smoke from exhaust - particularly dark smoke indicates oil leaking into the combustion chamber

*oil on the driveway indicates a leak which will cause the oil level to drop

*excessive oil consumption

*unusual noise from the engine such as knocking or tapping

*illuminated engine indicator lights: oil, water or engine

If your car or truck is diagnosed with major engine damage, but the rest of your vehicle is in relatively good shape, talk with your technician about your options, including repowering with a remanufactured/ rebuilt engine. For the cost of an average down payment on a new car or truck, a vehicle's engine can be repowered with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine, gaining years of reliable service without monthly car payments and higher insurance rates.

With repowering, a vehicle's engine or an identical one from another like-vehicle is completely disassembled, cleaned, machined and remanufactured/rebuilt. Unlike used or junk yard engines with an unknown performance and maintenance history, remanufactured/rebuilt engines are dependable, reliable and backed by excellent warranty programs.

To learn more about the benefits of remanufactured/rebuilt engines, visit the Engine Rebuilders Council at www.enginerebuilder.org

Sincerely,

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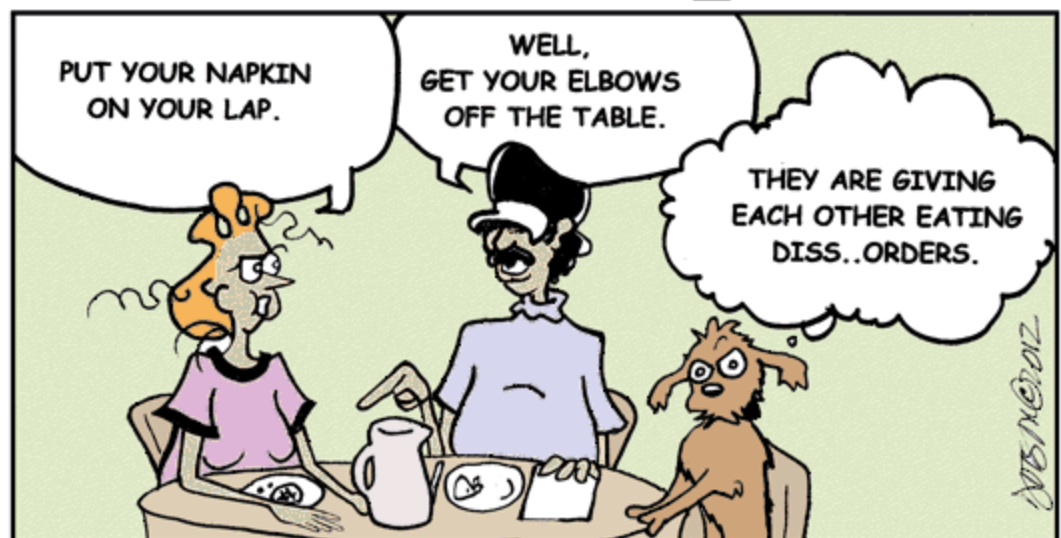


Christian Bulletin Bloopers

- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- She sang “I Will Not Pass This Way Again,” giving much pleasure to the congregation.
- Sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. Sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- The patient is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack’s sermons.
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say “hell “ to someone who doesn’t care much about you.
- A letter to the men’s fellowship reads: “All members are requested to bring their wives and one other covered dish to the annual banquet.”

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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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

