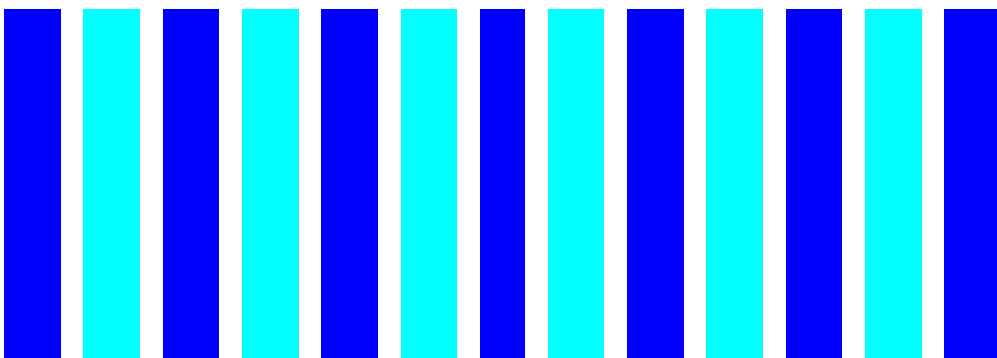
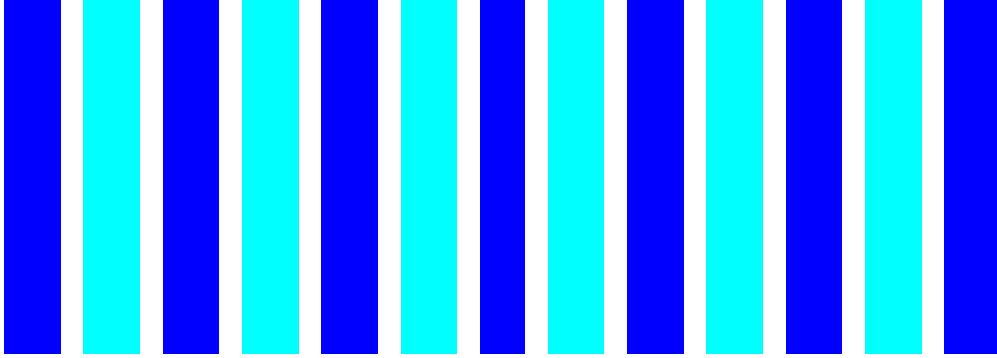


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Welding sculptures created by area high school welding teams in the 2013 Grayson College Welding Rodeo will display the “Planet Earth” theme. Pictured here is the winning sculpture from the 2012 Welding Rodeo. The competition and live auction will be at Grayson College May 10.

## HS Welding Teams Ready for May 10 Welding Rodeo at Grayson College

High school and corporate welding teams from across north Texas are preparing for Grayson College’s Third Annual Welding Rodeo scheduled for May 10 at the GC Main Campus. The community is invited to watch the sculptures being created and then purchase their favorite one in the afternoon live auction.

Welding teams have been sketching and planning their entry around the theme “Planet Earth”, but will have to pick through the scrap metal available the day of the competition to create their sculpture. Funded a second year by the National Endowment for the Arts, the college is able to host this event with generous support from local businesses and industries, and significant manpower provided by the college’s Welding Technology Association.

Targeting career tech welding students, ages 16-18, the GC Welding Rodeo allows students to showcase their unique welding skills and encourages them to seek post-secondary skills development. “There is a significant need for trained and employable welders in the Texoma region,” said Greg Beckley, director of Welding Technology at GC. “Area industries have expressed an enthusiastic desire to sponsor and participate in this event to promote awareness of these opportunities to future employees.”

The 2013 Welding Rodeo’s theme was announced during a special preparatory design and art show event in December that included art and welding instruction as well as a recognized artist’s exhibition of metal sculpture. More than 100 students attended the preparatory design and art show on the college’s Main Campus. The team and individual competitions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and team judging will begin at 4:00 p.m. The live auction will be held immediately following the announcement of winners.

Following completion of the preparatory event in December, students have had several months to work on their designs for the 2013 Welding Rodeo. The one-day competition offers both team and individual creations. Scholarship awards will be presented to the first-, second- and third-place winners. Proceeds from the event’s auction of their sculpted designs will benefit the welding scholarship fund for future events.

“Input from a planning committee of college faculty, industrial sponsors, high school instructors, and students contributed to the event’s achievements last year and is essential to the success of the 2013 event,” Beckley said.

The cost to conduct both events requires nearly \$40,000, therefore this competition could not be held without the generous support of local businesses and industries, whose donations also match the federal funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. This year’s \$1000 Platinum Level sponsors included ACS Manufacturing, Airgas, Best Pawn, Caterpillar, Monitor, Plyler Construction, Panda Power, Snelling Staffing Services and Vector Systems Inc. Gold Level sponsor is Save Phace. Silver Level sponsors are Denison Development Alliance, Elite Welding and Construction, Ruiz Food Products, Sherman Economic Development Corporation and Tyson Foods. Friends sponsor of the Welding Rodeo include Brad and Mattie McClenny, Landmark Bank, TAPS and Sunny Delight. Sponsor contributions include cash donations and/or in-kind support such as donated scrap metal, big generators, tents, refreshments, meals, water and cold drinks, supplies and professional donated time.

“It is a great experience to watch these high school students create beautiful sculptures out of scrap metal,” said event committee member Janis Thompson.

For information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2013 Welding Rodeo, please contact Thompson, GC grant coordinator, at 903-463-8766 or thompsonj@grayson.edu.

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## GC offers performing arts camp in June

Grayson College's Theatre Department is offering Grayson Performing Arts Camp (GPAC) June 9-22. It is the college's first theatre and film camp for high school performers and technicians where participants attend a variety of classes related to film, live performance and technology. They also produce a musical and two plays during the two-week camp.

"No other theatre camps are doing a musical, nor do they offer a film element," said Robin Robinson, GC professor and director of theatre. "It will be a fast-paced, highly instructional learning opportunity that is full of fun as well."

GPAC meets every day during the two-week camp from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the college's Arts & Communications Center on GC's Main Campus in Denison. The fine arts complex includes the renovated Cruce Stark Auditorium, Black Box Theatre, scene shop, costume center and more.

Performance classes include acting, acting for the camera, movement, dance, voice and diction. Each performer receives a professional headshot and reel. Technician classes include stage management, scenic construction, costuming, intelligent lighting, and audio. Each technician is involved in the construction and running of shows.

In addition to Robinson, GPAC instructors include Billy and Annie Dragoo from Austin High School in Austin; Craig Hertel from Gainesville ISD; Mark Scheibmeir from Los Angeles, film component; Tenna Matthews, GC's design and tech director; Thea Albert, GC adjunct professor of theatre; and several others.

Camp participants utilize all of the state-of-the-art technology in the auditorium's new fly and lighting systems. The fly loft brings flexibility to the college's productions by allowing larger scenery and more technical backdrops, called cycloramas, to be used. As for lighting, GC is the first school in Texas to have ReVEAL Color Wash fixtures, which were chosen for their brightness, dimming capacity and overall versatility.

GPAC participants also experience the Black Box Theatre's intimate performing space and versatility, which includes all the lighting, staging and sound capabilities of a larger theatre. Its flexibility allows productions to be presented "in the round"; that is, the audience surrounds the actors. It can accommodate one-, two- and three-sided audience configurations as well, all of which add to the theatre experience for audiences.

Registration deadline is May 1. Cost for the 14-day camp is \$795. Registration may be completed online at [www.cwlgcc.org](http://www.cwlgcc.org), in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards. Registration is not confirmed until participants complete the GPAC Student Application covering the student's health and safety during camp. Contact Katy Wilson at [kwilson@cwlgcc.org](mailto:kwilson@cwlgcc.org) to request the application.

## Austin College Classics Professor Honored

SHERMAN, TEXAS-Dr. Robert Cape, professor of classics at Austin College, has been honored by the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) with an Ovatio, the organization's highest award for service to CAMWS and the classics profession. The award was made in Latin at during the group's annual meeting in Iowa City, Iowa, earlier this week.

Cape was recognized for contributions in promotion of the study of Latin in Texas and throughout the United States and for his work as chief reader of the AP Latin Exam, according to Tom Sienkewicz, secretary-treasurer of CAMWS and professor of classics at Monmouth College. Peter Knox, president of CAMWS and professor of classics at the University of Colorado Boulder, added, "Professor Cape is highly regarded as a scholar in Roman political history and political rhetoric, so his devotion to teaching and his advocacy of Latin are all the more deserving of this recognition."

Cape has taught Greek, Latin, and ancient history at Austin for 19 years and has received national awards for his teaching and research. He has been a leader in developing support for Latin teachers and students across the country and has chaired state, regional, and national committees to support classical education.

According to Cape, enrollments in Latin and classics are growing in high schools, middle schools-and even elementary schools. Professionals are now designing new curricula and new materials that will keep students energized about studying classical civilization. Part of the increase, he said, is from the charter school interest in the subjects, but also a general push to help students develop language skills that will help them in other areas. And, he said, there is a lot of interest in the classical world, adding that references in the Percy Jackson and Harry Potter series create a buzz. Those that know classics have had a leg up and know some of the "secrets" of the stories, Cape said.

"A major challenge for us with the growing Latin enrollments around the country is to find Latin teachers," Cape said, adding that teachers probably are needed in every state in the U.S. "That's an area where Austin College has an advantage; the College has a reputation for preparing great Latin teachers."

"The way Latin is taught emphasizes how language functions in general so it helps students understand their own language better and gives an advantage when studying other languages," Cape said. "Learning any language gives students an understanding that other people do and have thought differently about the same issues and don't express them the same way."

Latin is also recognized as an aid in increasing vocabulary. "About 60 percent of English is Latin- and Greek-based, mostly Latin," Cape said.

*Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the College is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges That Change Lives* <<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.*

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## GC presents Spring Concert Series

Grayson College's Spring Concert Series and Recitals open April 20 and conclude May 10. Presented by the college's Music Program, the events begin at 7 p.m. and take place in Cruce Stark Auditorium, located in the college's Arts & Communications Center on GC's Main Campus in Denison. All programs are free and open to the public.

April 20: GC Symphonic Orchestra Concert, conducted by Dr. Fred Freeman, adjunct professor of music (strings).

April 23: GC Choir Concert and Voice Studio Recital, directed by Amye Derix, adjunct professor of music (voice).

April 25: Classical Guitar Recital, presented by sophomore Misty Hebert.

April 29: GC Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Studio Recital, directed by John O'Neal, adjunct professor of music (percussion), Inna Staneva, adjunct professor of music (woodwind), and Jeremy Stones, adjunct professor of music (brass).

April 30: Jazz Piano Recital, presented by sophomore Michael Brooks.

May 3: GC String and Guitar Recital, directed by Freeman and Dr. David Tercero, adjunct professor of music (guitar and bass).

May 7: Classical Piano Studio Recital, directed by Tatiana Bays, adjunct professor of music (classical piano).

May 10: Classical Piano Recital, presented by sophomore Timothy Jenkins.

For more information about the concert series, contact the college at 903-415-2610.

## Grayson College SBDC offers free session for start up businesses *GC Hosts Business Start-up Basics*

Need a little extra income? If so, you might want to take advantage of a free seminar and learn how to start your own small business. "Business Start-up Basics" will be held on May 8 at Grayson College from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The class is being offered free of charge by the Grayson College Small Business Development Center.

Participants will learn basic legal requirements for starting a small business, including home based and part time businesses. Other topics of discussion include evaluating business ideas, developing a business plan, estimating start-up costs, projecting business income, basic loan requirements and how to apply for a business loan.

Participants will also learn how to locate and access free one-on-one counseling including government contracting opportunities, how to protect intellectual property, creating a sustainable environmental business, managing business risks and international trade opportunities. Information on how to receive free assistance in business record-keeping by a Certified Quickbooks Pro Adviser will also be provided to those attending.

A packet of reference and instructional materials will be provided to each attendee. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required. Registration may be completed by contacting the GC SBDC office at 903-463-8787.

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## GC offers three healthcare courses

Three popular healthcare courses will begin again soon at Grayson College. Offered through GC's Center for Workplace Learning, the programs include Certified Nurse Aide, Medication Aide and Medication Aide Refresher.

Certified Nurse Aide is designed for students who have a heart for those in long-term care. Approved by the Nurse Aide Registry and Training Program of the Texas Department of Health, this 80-hour course introduces concepts and skills required for providing basic patient care in a long-term care facility. The curriculum also is appropriate for home health aides.

Course topics include human anatomy and physiology, infection control, safety, basic physical and psychological needs related to developmental stages, patient care skill and principles of nutrition. Students receive hands-on clinical work as well.

The course runs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Silver Wings Building on GC's West Extension in Denison. Students enroll in one of the two-week sessions offered. Sessions are set for May 6-17, June 3-14, July 8-19 and Aug. 5-16. Course fee is \$350 and includes liability insurance. The textbook costs about \$65 plus tax and is available in the GC Bookstore. An additional testing fee is required no later than the first week of class, and varies from \$93 (written) to \$106 (oral) per student.

A background check including criminal history will be completed prior to class start. All monies will be refunded if a registrant is ineligible to attend. Prior to enrollment, all students are required to provide TB Tine test results (within one year) and proof of completed immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria/tetanus (within past 10 years), varicella (chicken pox), and hepatitis B.

Medication Aide teaches the safe, effective medication administration that is essential to patient care. The course begins May 6 and concludes July 9. It meets Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in GC's Silver Wings Building.

Designed for non-licensed personnel employed in healthcare agencies licensed by the Texas Department of Health, this comprehensive course delves into the procedure for preparing and administering designated medication. It also reviews the responsibilities associated with such administrations.

Students must meet four requirements, including: (1) be at least 18 years old; (2) be a registered nurse aide or unlicensed direct care staff person on the first official day of the medication aide training program; (3) work in a facility as a certified nurse aid or unlicensed direct care staff person, and been employed in a facility for 90 days as an unlicensed direct care staff person; (4) have a high school diploma or GED.

Course fee is \$450. The textbook, available in the GC bookstore, is \$102. There also is an additional \$25 state exam fee.

Medication Aide Refresher fulfills the annual education requirement for the certified medication aid. Offered on April 22, June 18 and Aug. 20, the one-day program meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in GC's Silver Wings Building. Cost for the course is \$60.

Registration for any of the healthcare courses may be completed online at [www.cwlgcc.org](http://www.cwlgcc.org), in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.



## GC offers two gun courses

Grayson College is offering two recurring gun courses: Concealed Handgun License Course and Lipstick & Lead: Basic Pistol Course for Women. Both courses meet in Seminar Room A in the college's Center for Workplace Learning on its Main Campus in Denison.

"We've had a lot of interest about offering gun safety and concealed handgun licensing courses," said Kate Corder, GC's director of continuing education. "With the availability of the college's shooting range and qualified adjunct instructors, it made sense to offer these programs for our community."

Bob Douglas, a Grayson County constable, is instructor for both courses. He is certified as a classroom instructor and firearms instructor by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. He's also certified by the National Rifle Association for rifle, pistol, shotgun personal protection in the home, home firearm responsibility instructor, and training counselor. Since 1974, Douglas has been a hunter education instructor for Texas Parks and Wildlife and serves as area chief instructor for Grayson and surrounding Texas counties. He's listed in the TP&W Hall of Fame as having certified more than 3,000 students. Prior to serving as constable, he retired from the Van Alstyne and Howe Police Departments and from the Grayson County Sheriff's Office.

GC's Concealed Handgun License Course is offered on the third Saturday of each month; upcoming classes are set for April 20, May 18, June 15 and July 20. Each 10-hour course costs \$99 and runs from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Upon successful completion of the one-day program, participants are issued the state-required Handgun Proficiency Certificate (Form CHL-100).

Course content and length are set by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and both the classroom session and the firearm proficiency demonstration take place the same day. The CHL program's classroom portion includes the application process, license restrictions and rules, nonviolent dispute resolution, rights of citizens involving the use of force and their restrictions, and the safe handling and storage of firearms.

For the handgun proficiency demonstration, participants shoot a timed course of fire consisting of 50 rounds fired at a 24-inch by 45-inch silhouette target. Twenty rounds are fired from the three-yard line, 20 rounds are fired from the seven-yard line, and 10 rounds are fired from the 15-yard line. All firing is highly supervised.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and close-toes shoes. They must provide their own ammunition and complete the prerequisite Texas CHL Eligibility at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/CHL-16.pdf>.

Lipstick & Lead: Basic Pistol Course for Women introduces female students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. Cost is \$70 for the two-evening course, which meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Upcoming sessions are set for May 21 and 23, and June 11 and 13.

Students learn about pistol parts and operation, ammunition, gun safety and handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol-shooting sports and activities. They also learn about various types of pistols, fundamentals of pistol marksmanship, various pistol firing positions, practical exercises on the firing range, cleaning and storage. The course helps prepare students who want to obtain a CHL.

Registration for both of the gun courses may be completed online at [www.cwlgcc.org](http://www.cwlgcc.org), in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.

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My husband and I enjoy watching old TV programs from the past especially from our early years.

Dish Network is our source for TV and Movies. Recently we discovered a digital station (COZI). It comes out of the Dallas area.

We have been enjoying Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers, Wells Fargo, The Lone Ranger, and more.

We also like I Spy, Million Dollar Man, McCloud, Alias Smith and Jones, and Magnum PI.

It takes us back to the good old days.

### Strawberry Pretzel Salad

- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 2 (3 ounce) packages strawberry flavored Jell-O®
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 tablespoons sugar; mix well and press mixture into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.

In a large mixing bowl cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread mixture onto cooled crust.

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in still frozen strawberries and allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.



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*First Grade:* Brayden Bahr, Jacob Campbell, Caden Garner, Kayley Laubhan, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jake Snodgrass, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Kendall Griffin, Alex Jones, Brooklyn McCaleb, Kolin Murphy, Mahlon Walker, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dax Foster, Jaycie Grisham, Emma Hitesman, Morghan Lamb, Zadrion Morris, Jonathan Smith, Isaac Vidales, Kelcey Ireland, Jace Martin, Jacob Ortega, Haley Richardson, Noah Riley, Jonathan Sanderson, Payton Stapleton

*Second Grade:* Kaylyn Bryant, Mackenzie Bryant, Abby Earnhart, Caleb Fetzer, Trey Phillips, Keira Robertson, DeMarcus Smith, Jeslie Toral, Korie Bouse, Jaggart Courtney, Ethan Duer, Austin Haley, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Jordan Brunner, Kelly Caballero, Danielle Hargrove, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Landon Oswalt, Taylor Reynolds, Teagan Stubblefield, Grace Morrison, Yair Ayala, Ayden Burris, Carson Daniels, Bettye Delavan, Jentrie Doty, Ryan Hough, Andra Jones, Samantha Lowder, Audie Martin, Noah Miller, Linda Segura, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc

*Third Grade:* Luke Catching, Niko Longoria, Avery Snapp, Jennifer Torres, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Zak DeFrage, Jordan Sanderson, Ben Speed

*Fourth Grade:* Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Leah Butcher, Katie Grogan, Lizzy Robertson, Grace Brennan, Sierra Copeland, Kriston Harris, Kameron Hopper, Reese Smiley, Austin Thurman, Holly Cavender, Grace Lankford, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robinson, Camryn Adams, Hannah Dwyer, Tatum Hartsfield

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*First Grade:* Camryn Boatman, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Carter Layton, Jesse Portman, Matalee Stewart, Catelyn Armstrong, Garrett Gibbs, Mikaylah Komorowski, Cassie Morrison, Rilyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Emery Snapp, Mary Burris, Kimberly Gonzalez, Jaeden Howard, Cooper Jones, Gracie Max, Jade Neyland, Nita Olivarez, Makayla Smith, Ashton Trevino, Hunter Wilhite, Casie Adams, Cody Adams, Zoey Bolen, Dakota Campbell, Dakota Fetzer, Jayde Harris, Ryleigh Jenkins, Cheyenne Matthews, Kolton Mitchell, Logan Smith, Courtney White

*Second Grade:* Henry Gill, Daniel Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Chesnee Lawson, Brody McCollum, Cody Richards, James Richardson, Antonio Tapia, Gabrielle Vera, Leo Becerra, Connor Gauntt, Christina Harper, Jalie Hill, Christian Moody, Haley Spinks, Matthew Bearden, Bryan Crees, Landon Money, Kolby Smith, Bryce Crosby, Sergio Rico, Stone Trevino

*Third Grade:* Caytie Coco, John Griffin, Ricky Ramirez, Jennifer Torres, Eli Wilson, Jessica Bastida, Luis Gonzalez, Zoey Moore, Ramie Mosse, Brooke Potter, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, Harley Brockelman, Drew Cowin, Paige Gifford, Katie Parker, Caleb Wahrmund, Abby Alvarez, Ethan Conrad, Kailyn Ireland, Alyssa Sharp

*Fourth Grade:* Ava Bader, Brett Burnett, Kayle Chapman, Cameron Lankford, Korbyn Thompson, Clay Barnett, Kamryn Gardner, Rebecca Reinecke, Chase Sellers, Rene Spinks, Seth Key, Kaden Raborn, Ethan Sanders, Noah Campbell, Erin Catching, Jake Fabacher, Alex Hernandez, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Kaytee Roper, Gage Streetman

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## Howe Founders Day Set for May 11

Howe Founders Day will begin on Saturday May 11 at 8am and run to 1 pm (depending on FD Car Show times and ok with 5K times)

Street to be closed will include will be Davis St and Haning St (if Haning is needed).

Starr Stanley to handle revising vendor form, donation request letter, and flyers getting vendors arranged.

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Michelle Lankford to be contact at City Hall for form drop off and pick up/check with Pam Savage to get vendor contacts from Howe High School Band Booster Craft Show and the school contacts

Robert Maniet FD- Car Show times and what area needed FBC parking lot or if big enough do we need Haning St closed too.

Food Vendor does FD want to cook hamburger/hotdogs or BBQ for a FD fundraiser before we allow other vendor.

Police Chief Carl Hudman will make sure okay to have an officer lead the 5K runners on course vendor booth spot lighting Howe Police Department.

Doug Haun- Great Days of Service director to get local business sponsors for T-shirts for 5K as well to pick up vendor forms from city hall to take to business for a possibly booth

John Orozco in charge of 5K, to begin at 9 am; start and finish at the First Baptist Church.

LeAndra Beckemeyer Post Office will make sure Flag ceremony by Howe Cub Scouts Pack 45 is OK.

For more information, contact Howe City Hall.



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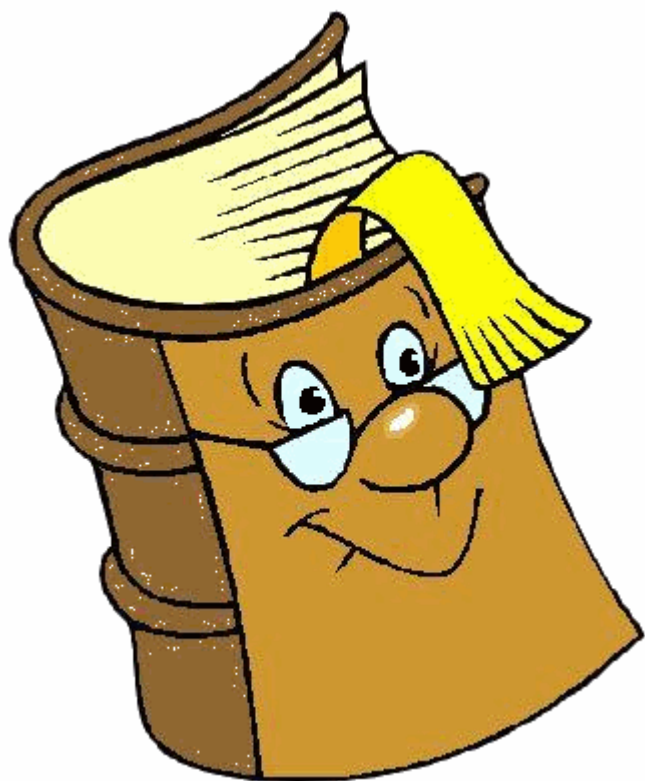
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## ACCELERATED READER TOP TEN, 5TH SIX WEEKS

**2nd Grade:** Janna Nitchman, Korie Bouse, Teagan Stubblefield, Brody McCollum, Danielle Hargrove, Korben Kemp, Connor Gauntt, Jentrie Doty, Dakota Tinker, Donna Mendoza

**3rd Grade:** Niko Longoria, Alyssa Sharp, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Jaden Bryant, Ethan Tindell, Samantha Lemley, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Paige Gifford-Lamb, Ethan Lopez

**4th Grade:** Jackson Adkins, Lizzy Robertson, Grace Brennan, Kriston Harris, Holly Cavender, Ramon Rocha, Karrah Gardner, Jake Fabacher, Rebecca Reinecke, Korbyn Thompson



## Accelerated Reader, 5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Aviana Acevedo, William Bik, Hayden Brunner, Rian Cox, Colt Crane, Hali Howard, Luke Miller, Dallas Neyland, Presley Quintero, Lucas Reese, Preston Reeves, Wyatt Renfro, Kamry Snapp, Beau Stephens, Colton Tinker, Ariel Uriostegui, Triston Williams, Kennadi Barrett, Andrew Crane, Olivia Dimayuga, Macy Douglas, Noah Fowler, Williams Fuhr, Shelby Gard, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kenzlee Jones, Seth Lea, Anthony Lowder, Jaedyn Nance, Logan Reese, Gavin Rodgers, Hunter Shaw, Travis Watson, Elizabeth Word, Hayden Adkins, Tristan Chaney, Parker Daniels, Talan Haley, Nathan Hernandez, Garren Lankford, Bailey McDonough, Gentry Morrow, Kiefer Phillips, Gracie Randall, Brynn Riley, Presley Shockey, Alizabeth Banda, Stephanie Bastida, Christopher Garcia, Benjamin Garibay, David Grant, Cyri Gurley, Zadavian Haywood, Ava Hodge, Alysiah Mathenia, McKinzy McCollum, Anthony Mendoza, Ashton Sider, Tristin Smart, Logan Smith, Emaleigh Sweeden, Charles Turner, Devon Wallace

First Grade: Brayden Bahr, Camryn Boatman, Jacob Campbell, Ainsley Denham, Anthony Gardner, Caden Garner, Kayley Laubhan, Carter Layton, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jesse Portman, Jake Snodgrass, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Charlie Vera, Kendall Griffin, Mikaylah Komorowski, Cassie Morrison, Mary Burris, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Dax Foster, Kimberly Gonzalez, Jaycie Grisham, Emma Hitesman, Jaeden Howard, Cooper Jones, Morghan Lamb, Gracie Max, Zadrion Morris, Jade Neyland, Jonathan Smith, Makayla Smith, Ashton Trevino, Isaac Vidales, Hunter Wilhite, Mia Wilson, Casie Adams, Cody Adams, Dakota Campbell, Dakota Fetzer, Jayde Harris, Jacob Ortega, Noah Riley, Jonathan Sanderson, Logan Smith, Courtney White

Second: Kaylyn Bryant, Mackenzie Bryant, Henry Gill, Daniel Gonzalez, Andrew Harper, Matthew Hayes, Chesnee Lawson, Brody McCollum, Trey Phillips, James Richardson, Keira Robertson, DeMarcus Smith, Antonio Tapia, Jeslie Toral, Leo Becerra, Korie Bouse, Jaggar Courtney, Ethan Duer, Kaden Dunn, Connor Gauntt, Austin Haley, Jalie Hill, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Jordan Brunner, Kelly Caballero, Bryan Crees, Danielle Hargrove, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Ayden Burris, Carson Daniels, Jentrie Doty, Ryan Hough, Andra Jones, Samantha Lowder, Audie Martin, Linda Segura, Ethan Strunc

Third Grade: Jaden Bryant, Luke Catching, Caytie Coco, Jaryn Grisham, Samantha Lemley, Niko Longoria, Ethan Lopez, Ricky Ramirez, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Kevin Bateman, Stanley Bik, Zoey Moore, Sabian Acevedo, Drew Cowin, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Luke Lopez, Caleb Maddison, Katie Parker, Caleb Wahrmond, Riley Griffith, Alyssa Sharp, Ethan Tindell

Fourth Grade: Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Brett Burnett, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Bianca Rodriguez, Korbyn Thompson, Grace Brennan, Sierra Copeland, Kriston Harris, Rebecca Reinecke, Ramon Rocha, Reese Smiley, Holly Cavender, Ruvy Enriquez, Karrah Gardner, Luke Jackson, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Camryn Adams, Noah Campbell, Erin Catching, Jake Fabacher, Alex Hernandez, David Huerta

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## ● U. S. Flag Lease Program

The **Howe Boy Scouts of Troop 45** invite you to join your friends and neighbors in displaying the American Flag on seven flag holidays,

**Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,  
Patriot Day (September 11<sup>th</sup>), Veterans Day, President's Day**

The flags give area residents an opportunity to display your patriotic spirit; pride and love for our country while providing funds with which Boy Scouts can provide much needed services to our community.

The flag lease program provides the following services to our community:

### Howe Boy Scouts

Summer and Winter camps Local Service Projects  
Scout Recognition Awards Boy Leadership training  
Adult Leader Training Camping and Scouting Equipment

The flag lease program includes: 3'x5' flag mounted on 10 foot metal pole, ground installation, retrieval, storage and maintenance. No brackets or fixtures are attached to your home. The Scouts will place the flags for display prior to the holiday and then pick them up a few days later. It's all done for you.

**The Annual Flag Lease is only \$40.00 per calendar year for all seven holidays**

*Thank you for supporting the Youth of Howe!*

**Send bottom portion along with check payable to "BSA Troop 45" to:**

Scout in charge of your flag renewal  
or if mailing  
Howe BSA Troop 45  
c/o Charter Organization First United Methodist Church of Howe  
PO Box 398  
Howe, TX 75459

Email: [mommycarolyn2@yahoo.com](mailto:mommycarolyn2@yahoo.com)  
903-814-0836 Carolyn Cherry or 903-532-6718 Charter Organization

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: New Customer \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Check#: \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash Scout's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested location of flag holder if a new customer \_\_\_\_\_





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## TIMES OF THE PRESTON TRAIL

BY LETA KOCH

“A HUMOROUS AND FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF LIFE ON THE OLD  
PRESTON TRAIL”

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Or

Make checks payable to: Preston Trail Chapter, NSSDAR

PO Box 645, Denison, Texas 75021





**Mayor Sherry E. Howard and Police Chief John E. Hunt**

## **Tom Bean Police Dept. Receives 2011 Ford F150 From Anonymous Donor**

In late March the Tom Bean PD was given an unexpected gift in the form of a 2011 Ford F150 from an anonymous donor. The truck comes as an unselfish gift to the PD from someone who loves this city and saw the need to replace the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria that was taken out of service because of non- economical repair and safety issues. The new truck will be used by the Chief as a take home vehicle in order to respond to after- hours emergency call outs and as a third vehicle in emergencies during regular business hours. Several times in the past, both Tahoe's had been involved in searches and emergencies as well as the Chief's personal truck. Emergency lights and graphics were installed this week to complete the truck of which was paid for by funds derived from the sale of the disabled Ford Crown Victoria. The entire truck package did not cost the citizens of Tom Bean or the city any money, budget or otherwise. From the entire Tom Bean Police Department to our anonymous donor - THANK YOU!



**Tom Bean High School is hosting** a softball playoff game between Sam Rayburn and Bland on Friday, May 3 and possibly Saturday, May 4.

We are hosting an Area round playoff game on Friday and Saturday.

- 2 out of 3 series

-Tickets will be \$5 dollars for adults and \$3 dollars for children

-Senior citizen passes will be accepted as well as coaching passes

-Tom Bean Booster Club will run the concessions stand and proceeds will benefit Tom Bean Athletics-so come out and buy a hot dog and coke

1A Region II Area Playoff Series

Sam Rayburn v/s Bland

Game 1 Friday 6:00 p.m.

Game 2 Friday 30 minutes following game 1

Game 3 (if necessary) Saturday 11:00 a.m.

## **Tom Bean High School Fifth Six Weeks – 2013 Honor Roll**

A HONOR ROLL: Ramie Byers, Taylor Canada, Danielle Dean, Charlotte Huckestein, Tessa Williams, Mary Cogbill, Tanner Ellis, Shyenne Garrison, Madison Gordon, Sasha Hopper, Lauren Khoury, Madeline McMeen, Dylan Goff, Sierra Harris, Griffin Kury, Sarah Langford, Jill McLain, Nathan Shipman, Ashley Selman, Rachel Van Horn, Maddi Cavender, Bethany Davidson, Hailey Goff, Kinzie Griffin, Emma Kury, Devin Lutringer, Danielle Reaves, Colby Stephens, Savannah Thompson

A/B HONOR ROLL: Mariah Adcock, Amber Blasingame, Randi Cole, David Dickison, Zach Hamilton, Bradley Presson, Hailey Robinson, Devin Rose, Kelsey Ulmer, Jordan Woodarz, Kelsi Achimon, Dylan Ashlock, Hunter Book, Dwayne Bruce, Ashley DeBerry, Madison DeBerry, Lexis Fuller, Katie Jones, Garrett Morris, Kaleb Patterson, Taylor Stephens, Haley Stofa, Johanna Winslett, Triston Bannister, Mason Barber, Marshall Brown, Paige Carter, Daniel Dickison, Taylor Haston, Caroline Henderson, Alex Hendry, Rynne Jordan, Logan LeDane, Shelly Peterson, Bridgette Preece, Ashlyn Royal, Courtney Smith, Jacob Thompson, Michael Walker, Cody Barrera, Brandon Bramer, Hannah Burns, Alexis Gilmore, Candace Johnson, Mathew Kirby, Dustin Lacey, Elisha McGee, Kristian Miller, Macey Montgomery, Zach Newman, Kalie Tackett, Miranda Taylor, Ronni Trentman, Bethany Ulch, Mindy Welch, Shelbi Wilson, Shianne Wilson

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☞ <http://www.tombean-isd.org>

### Candidates File for May Election Tom Bean ISD Calls for a Bond

Tom Bean Independent School District will hold an election in May to fill three vacancies on the TBISD Board of Trustees. The four candidates up for election are Chris Curd, Marion Williams, and incumbents, Jinger Peeples and James Harris. Current interim board member, David Ellis, did not file to run for election.

In addition to the Board of Trustee election, the District will be asking voters to support a \$10 million dollar bond proposal for a new elementary school. The proposed project includes mostly new construction and partial renovation of the elementary campus. This will bring the District into compliance by providing Texas Education Agency (TEA) compliant classrooms and library facilities, ADA compliant restrooms, secure entrances and exits, and a multi-purpose gymnasium with air conditioning and heat. The complete bond project will improve our students' educational needs and allow room for growth in a safe and secure environment.

The District will hold its first community Town Hall Meeting regarding the bond proposal on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 PM, in the Elementary Cafeteria. The second Town Hall Meeting will be held Monday, April 29, at 6:30 PM, in the Middle School Cafeteria. All community members are encouraged to attend.

Early voting begins Monday, April 28, and Election Day is Saturday, May 11. The voting public is encouraged to visit the District's website at [www.tombean-isd.org](http://www.tombean-isd.org) for detailed information regarding the bond proposal and its impact on tax payers. You are also welcome to contact the Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Kathy Garrison, at 903-546-6076 for additional information.

This is a very exciting time for TBISD! We pride ourselves on "*Achieving Excellence*" by putting kids first. On behalf of the Board, we appreciate our community and their support of our kids.

Best regards,

Jinger Peeples  
President, TBISD Board of Trustees

*"Achieving Excellence"*

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## School Bond Election Information

Tom Bean Independent School District

May 11, 2013 Election

### Important 2013 Dates:

#### April 11

Deadline to become a registered voter

Website: <http://votetexas.gov/register-to-vote>

#### Town Hall Meetings

April 15 at 6:30PM  
Elementary Cafeteria

April 29 at 6:30PM  
Middle School Cafeteria

#### April 29 - May 7 Early Voting

Tom Bean City Hall  
201 S. BriDon  
Tom Bean  
8:00AM - 12:00PM  
and 1:00PM - 4:30PM

#### May 6 - 7

Early Voting (extended hours)  
7:00AM - 7:00PM

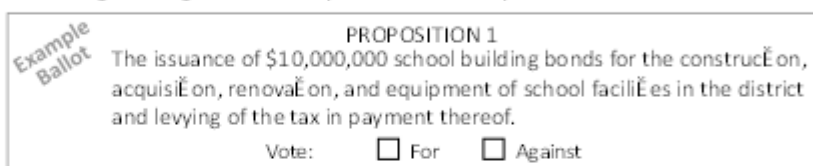
#### May 11, Saturday Election Day

Tom Bean City Hall  
201 S. BriDon  
Tom Bean  
7:00AM - 7:00PM

### School Bond Project

#### Improve Education, Safety, and Alleviate Overcrowding

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013, a school bond proposition will be presented to the voters of our community. The bond proposition addresses the educational needs of our growing community of elementary school students.



After many committee meetings involving research, analysis, and community input, a creative, cost-effective, long-term solution has been developed that will address our students' educational needs and allow room for growth in a safe and secure environment.

**The Creative Solution** The District's plan involves one proposition which includes new construction and partial renovation of the elementary campus.

### What is the Cost of the Proposed School Bond?

The estimated property tax net effect would be \$0.14 per \$100 of assessed property value for the \$10 million bond. Additionally, the District will receive 37% toward the bond payment from the State Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) program.

#### Tax Exemptions for Seniors and Disabled

If you are 65 or older, you will not see a tax increase on your homestead. For more information, call the Grayson County Tax Assessor office at (903) 892-8297.

### Example New Cost of Bond to Tax Payer

2014 Estimated Increase (proposed School Bond)

Home Value	annual	monthly
\$50,000	\$ 70.00	\$ 5.83
\$75,000	\$105.00	\$ 8.75
\$100,000	\$140.00	\$11.67

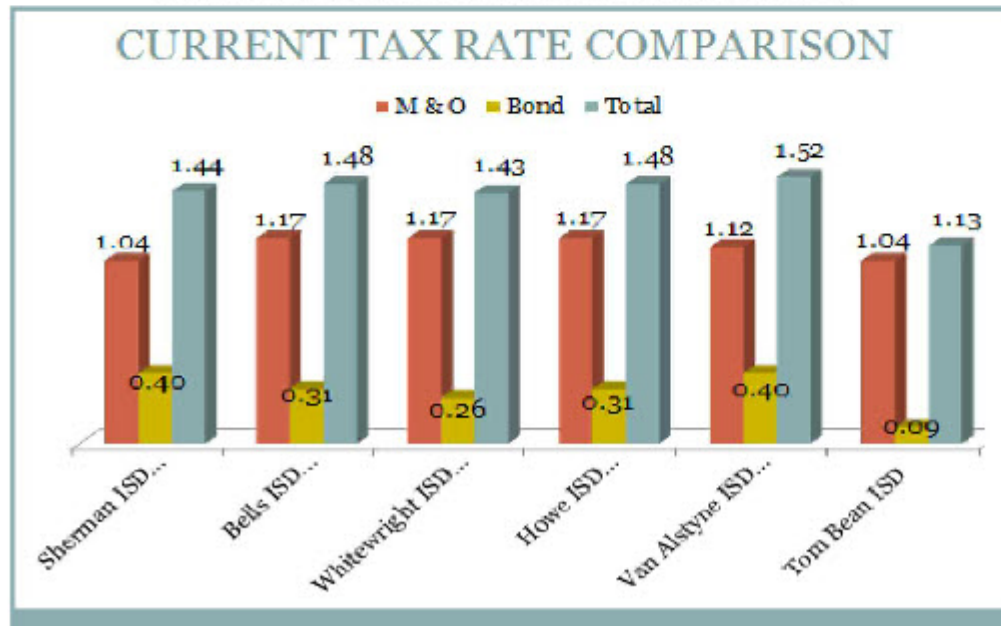
### What Would the Bond Provide?

The bond proceeds would be used for new construction and partial renovation at the elementary campus in order to bring students under one roof. This project will alleviate many of the security and safety concerns by relocating the playground away from the highway, separating the bus and parent pick-up and drop-off locations, adding security entrances and exits, surveillance, and fire alarm systems. The complete project will include the following:

- ✓ Multi-purpose Gym (AC/Heat)
- ✓ Cafeteria/Kitchen
- ✓ Additional 7 Classrooms
- ✓ Conference Room
- ✓ Principal & Office Spaces
- ✓ ADA Compliant Restrooms
- ✓ Additional Parking
- ✓ Speech Room
- ✓ Nurse's Office
- ✓ Library/Media Center
- ✓ Fine Arts/Music Room
- ✓ TEA-Compliant Classrooms
- ✓ Special Needs Classrooms
- ✓ Teacher Workspaces
- ✓ Computer Labs
- ✓ Security Fence
- ✓ Twenty First Century Technology
- ✓ Storage



With the passing of the bond, taxes will have a net effect of \$0.14 bringing the total tax amount for TBISD to \$1.27 beginning 2014. Below is a chart of Tom Bean tax rates compared to nearby communities.



For more information, visit [www.tombean-isd.org](http://www.tombean-isd.org) or [www.facebook.com/TomBeanISD](http://www.facebook.com/TomBeanISD).





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## Civil Air Patrol Cadet Receives Milestone Award

DENISON, Texas - On April 22, 2013, a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadet with the Texoma Composite Squadron in Denison received an award in recognition of her achievements in the CAP Cadet Program in ceremonies held at the squadron's facility at North Texas Regional Airport.

Cadet Captain Mollianne Flood received the Amelia Earhart Award. Named in honor of the famed woman aviator and pioneer who achieved many aviation firsts before her disappearance while attempting to circumnavigate the world, the Earhart award is the third milestone in the CAP Cadet Program, and is awarded to cadets who have completed 11 of the 16 achievements in the program. Less than 3 percent of all cadets nationwide receive this award.

Cadet Flood has been a member of CAP since 2008, and has served as the Cadet Commander for the squadron since August 2012.

On hand to present the award was Grayson County Judge Drue Bynum, himself a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a former U.S. Army officer.

In remarks following the presentation, Judge Bynum praised the Cadets for choosing to participate in the Cadet Program. "I think what you're doing is different from most kids. Anything we can do to surround ourselves with other people who are trying to help us build leadership, character, integrity, honesty, and work ethic, that's a good thing. In this age and time, especially as young people, that's a great thing for you. This program can add a lot of good things to your life."

In closing, he further challenged the cadets. "Appreciate and understand what this program has to offer, learn from it, and continue down the path you're on. I appreciate what you're doing, and I can tell you that you're going to make Grayson County a better place to live because of what you're doing today."

For more information about this event or the Texoma Composite Squadron, call (903) 786-6227, e-mail to [info@captexoma.org](mailto:info@captexoma.org), or visit the squadron website at <http://www.captexoma.org>.

*Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 71 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.*



**(L-R) Cadet Captain Mollianne Flood, Amelia Earhart Award recipient; Grayson County Judge Drue Bynum.**



**(L-R) Lt. Col. Jeff Harrell, Texoma Composite Squadron Commander; Cadet Captain Mollianne Flood, Amelia Earhart Award Recipient; Grayson County Judge Drue Bynum.**

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## 2013 Whitesboro Community Swimming Pool Programs

The Whitesboro Parks and Recreation Department announces the 2013 schedule for its Community Swimming Pool Programs. The pool will open to the public for its 33rd annual Splash Day on Saturday, June 1. On that day everyone will be admitted to the pool for free! Hours of operation on Splash Day will be 1:00 to 6:00 PM.

The normal hours of operation will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 1:00 – 7:00 PM; Wednesday, 2:00 – 7:00 PM; Saturday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Sunday, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. The pool is located at 400 Wilson Street next to the Whitesboro Community Center. The phone number for the pool during the swim season is 903.564.3039.

Admissions fees are as follows: Children ages 2 & younger—free; children age 3 to 7-- one free per paying adult; ages 3 & older--\$2.00. Season passes are available. An individual pass is \$40.00, and a family pass for a family of four is \$75.00. Additional family members may be added for \$10.00 per person. (Family members must live in the same household.)

Swim lessons are available at a cost of \$30.00 per two-week session. Children must be 4 years old to take public swim lessons. Private swim lessons are available; check with the pool office for details. The schedule for public lessons is the following:

SESSION 1 -- June 10-21  
Children's Tree transportation this session.

9 AM: Level II, Level III, Level IV

10 AM: Level I, Level II, Level V

11 AM: Level I, Level II, Level III

SESSION 2 -- June 24-July 5

9 AM: Guardstart, Level IV, Level III

10 AM: Level I, Level II, Level VI

11 AM: Level I, Level II, Level III

SESSION 3 -- July 8-19

9 AM: Level I, Level II, Level VI

10 AM: Level I, Level III, Level V

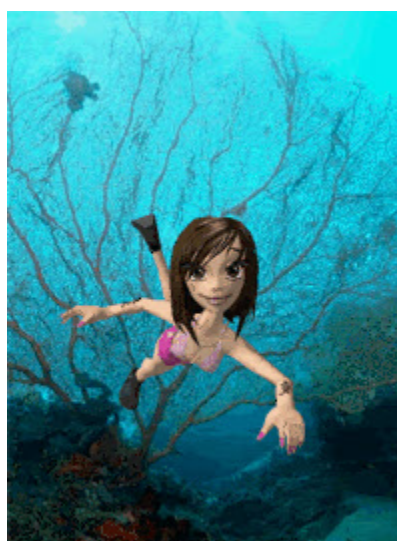
11 AM: Level I, Level II, Level IV

SESSION 4 -- July 22-August 2

9 AM: Level I, Level II, Level VI

10 AM: Level I, Level III, Level V

11 AM: Level II, Level IV, IPAP



The schedule for special pool activities is varied, with something for everyone! Water Aerobics classes are \$3.00 per person. The Ladies' Shallow Water Class will meet on Mon/Tues/Thurs, 7-8 PM; the Co-ed Deep Water Class will meet on Mon/Tues/Thurs, 8-9 PM; and the Morning Class will meet on Mon/Wed/Fri, 7:45-8:45 AM.

Lap swimming is available for those who wish to swim for exercise weekdays from 12:00-1:00 PM. The cost is \$2.00.

There will be a special time for senior men to enjoy the pool on Mon/Wed/Fri mornings from 8-8:45 AM. The cost is \$2.00.

Mom & Me Swim Time will be held again on Fridays from 12:00-1:00 PM. This is a time for preschoolers and moms to use the pool. The normal fees will apply.

Ladies' Day will be on Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 PM. This will be a time for ladies only ages 18 and older. Cost is \$2.00.

Fathers' Day will be special at the Whitesboro Swimming Pool, as dads will be admitted free when accompanied by their child. This will be on Sunday, June 16.

There will be a Middle School Mixer for students going into grades 6, 7, or 8 only. This special pool party for them will include music, swimming, games, and fun for \$2.00 per person. The Mixer is planned for Friday, June 7 from 7-9 PM.

The pool is available for rental on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9 pm, Saturdays from 6 to 8 pm, and Sundays from 5 to 7 pm. The cost is \$100 and the fee includes lifeguards. Visit the PARD office to make reservations.

A Lifeguard Training Course will be sponsored by the PARD. Learn the knowledge and skills needed to prevent and respond to emergencies in and around an aquatic environment. CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid are included in the course. Students must attend all classes. All City of Whitesboro lifeguards are Red Cross certified. Completion of course does not guarantee employment with the City of Whitesboro. Students must be 15 years old and pass a swimming pre-test to take the class. Deadline to register is May 10, 2013. Class dates are from May 13 through June 7, 2013. A class schedule is available at [www.whitesborotexas.com/pard](http://www.whitesborotexas.com/pard). There is a pre-test fee of \$25.00, and the class fee is \$175.00.

No regular diapers are allowed in the pool—only "Little Swimmers" or contained swimsuits. Private swim lessons are available. Please see pool office for details. Ten minutes each hour of public swim is set aside for a safety break for ages 15 and under. Children under 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times who will watch and be responsible for the child.

Information regarding all of the PARD's programs is available by visiting the website at [www.whitesborotexas.com/pard](http://www.whitesborotexas.com/pard). Those interested may also call the PARD offices at 903.564.5964.

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## BirdFest Texoma May 3 - 5

BirdFest Texoma, scheduled at the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge May 3-5, will offer several free events for youngsters and families.

On Saturday, "Eensy Weensy Spider" will be presented by John Slaughter at 10 am and "Leave it to Beaver" will be presented by Texas Parks and Wildlife ranger, Kelly Lauderdale, at 1 pm. Both sessions will be in the Audio Visual Classroom at the refuge. A general presentation on snakes will be given by Don Walker at 1:30 pm on May 5 in the refuge's A/V Classroom. Advance registration is recommended for these events to guarantee seating.

Jarryd Robison will exhibit snakes all day and the Raptor Project, live outdoor show with 36 birds of prey -- owls, hawks, eagles and falcons -- is set for 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm on Saturday and 1 pm and 3 pm on Sunday.

Families can also enjoy reading a nature-themed story together as they walk the Storybook Trail at the refuge, available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday, the Bluestem Master Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists will help children make wildflower seed bombs from 1 pm until 4 pm on the Visitor Center patio.

Food and nature-themed merchandise vendors will be on hand throughout the festival, or families may bring picnics and non-alcoholic beverages (no glass allowed) and enjoy one of the three picnic areas at the refuge. There is no charge for parking or admission.

Hagerman NWR is located on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma, at 6465 Refuge Road. Information and registration is online at [www.birdfesttexoma.org](http://www.birdfesttexoma.org), or call the refuge at 903-786-2826.

## Civil Air Patrol To Host Open House

DENISON, Texas - The Texoma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) will hold an Open House on Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 3 pm at their squadron building located at North Texas Regional Airport in Denison.

The open house will feature demonstrations, presentations, and exhibits to educate visitors on how CAP supports youth and the local community, and how they can become involved. Activities scheduled include model rocket flights, a flight simulator allowing visitors to try their hand at flying, equipment and uniform displays, and a CAP vehicle on display. Adult members (ages 18 and up) and Cadets (ages 12-18) will be available to discuss CAP's history, missions and programs, and to answer any questions.

A special invitation is extended to former CAP members living in the Texoma area (regardless of whether they were Cadets or Senior members, or of when or where they may have served). All former members who visit during Open House will receive a certificate in recognition of their service.

For more information about this event or the Texoma Composite Squadron, call (903) 786-6227, e-mail to [info@captexoma.org](mailto:info@captexoma.org), or visit the squadron website at <http://www.captexoma.org>.

*Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 26,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 71 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://www.capvolunteernow.com) for more information.*

## TxDOT Paris District Debuts Portable Rumble Strips

New temporary, portable rumble strips are now showing up at entrances to work zones across the nine county Paris District. These rumble strips, along with warning signs, will be in place to alert motorists to slow down and watch for construction workers. Please do not try to avoid the strips by moving into the oncoming traffic lane or onto the shoulder, also do not come to a sudden stop at the strips causing vehicles behind you to brake abruptly. The rumble strips will not harm vehicles; they are in place for the driver and construction crews' safety. When driven over, the strips provide a secession of bumps, alerting drivers they will soon be entering an upcoming work zone. The rumble strips are not hazardous debris in the road and should not be avoided. At 11 feet long, the rumble strip traverses an entire lane. The strips are 12" wide and almost an inch thick; this generates a significant audible and vibratory alert to get the drivers attention. The beveled edge, which faces traffic, makes the rumble strips motorcycle-friendly. These temporary, portable rumble strips improves work zone safety and is the latest innovation in work zone safety devises.

For your safety and the safety of our road construction crews, please keep the following tips in mind when driving through work zones:

- \*Observe work zone warning signs.
- \*Keep a safe distance between your vehicle, other vehicles, barriers, workers and equipment.
- \*Pay attention to flaggers directing traffic.
- \*Merge at the first notice of a lane closure or change.
- \*Avoid distractions. Don't use your cell phone, drink, eat or change radio stations or CDs.

[Click It or Ticket. Back seat, too.]<<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/traffic/safety/laws/clickit.html>>

## Texoma Poetry Society

The program will be held in the Sherman Library Community Room at 2 pm

Bobbie Hays will present Robert Browning (esp. dramatic monologues) Saturday, May 4.

Browning is famed for Dramatic Monologues and Poems (he also eloped with Poet Elizabeth Barrett).

The event is free to the public and visitors are welcome.



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## May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

In the late 1940's mental health awareness week was launched in the United States. Then in the 1960's the week was upgrade to a month long campaign. Texoma Community Center encourages individuals to be healthy by promoting Mental Health Awareness Month.

Just about every person wants to be healthy. Physical health receives most of the attention, but mental health is an important part of the equation for healthfulness. Fully embracing the concept of wellness improves health of the mind, body, and spirit, but also maximizes one's potential to lead a full and productive life.

Individuals can take positive steps to prevent mental health issues during times of personal challenges and stress. Promoting mental health includes reducing stress by eating a well-balanced diet, exercising daily, getting enough sleep, experiencing a sense of self-worth, developing coping skills that lead to resiliency, emotional awareness, and connecting with family, friends, and the community.

Most of us get physical check-ups once a year. We also need to take a look at our mental health. Some doctors may conduct mental health screenings when you go in for your annual physical. They will check by using a series of questions about lifestyle, eating and drinking habits and mental wellness. There are online screening tools you can use in the privacy of your own home to evaluate your own mental health.

Conditions like depression are common. Roughly 1 in 5 Americans have a mental health condition. One in four families have a family member who has a mental illness. Mental illnesses are extremely treatable. More and more people are accepting others with mental illness and supporting them. Individuals with mental illness who have support accomplish better results in getting healthier than those who do not have support. Mental illness is not carrying as much stigma as in earlier times. Many people are receiving education about mental illness, and education helps to eliminate fear of the unknown.

Fully embracing the concept of wellness not only improves health of the mind, body and spirit, but also maximizes one's potential to lead a full and productive life. Using strategies that promote resiliency and strengthen mental health and prevent mental health and substance use conditions lead to improved general health and a healthier society: greater academic achievement by our children, a more productive economy, and families that stay together.

Help for mental health problems is available in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson counties through Texoma Community Center. Services have been provided in since 1974. For 24-hour crisis services, call 1-877-277-2226. Mental health centers are located in each county: Cooke Mental Health Center, 319 West Dixon, Gainesville, 940-665-3962; Fannin Mental Health Center, 1221 East 6th Street, Bonham, 903-583-8583; Grayson Mental Health Center, 315 West McLain, Sherman, 903-957-4701; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, 315 West McLain, Sherman, 903-357-4820.

## Harvest Equipment - Owning vs. Renting

*By: Jeff Elliott, Chief Financial Officer, MachineryLink, Inc.*

Farmers face tough decisions when selecting farm machinery. However, there are several sound options when considering equipment needs. Our conversations with farmers revolve around the decision of owning or renting combines.

We advise approaching that decision from three perspectives:

- \* Cash or capital priorities;
- \* Tax implications; and,
- \* Acreage and efficiency/utilization.

Cash or capital priorities – Harvest equipment is typically the most expensive on the farm. A new combine price can range from \$280,000 for a basic machine to over half-a-million for one fully loaded. Consequently, the deciding factor we hear most often when farmers decide to rent is cost savings. As a general rule, renting is significantly less per acre than owning, sometimes offering a 10-50% savings over the total cost of ownership. For some farmers with large farms or multiple holdings, ownership is still a good investment; however, one caution: if you're not prepared for both initial and ongoing ownership costs, they can quickly erode capital and reserves.

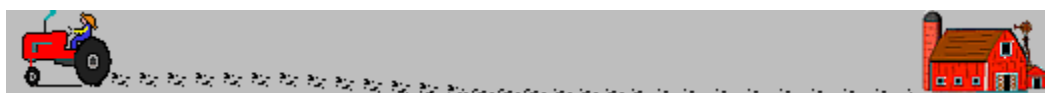
The key question: Is owning a combine the best use of capital or are there better uses such as appreciable assets, grain handling or storage, more fully-utilized equipment, or others?

Acreage and efficiency/utilization – A newer combine is likely more efficient than an aging one, and renting provides the opportunity to leverage that benefit at relatively low cost. Farmers with larger acreage that more fully utilize their combines may see fewer advantages to renting. However, many farmers who own combines still opt for additional capacity through renting.

Tax implications – Tax rules and bonus depreciation enable you to deduct a sizable amount for equipment purchases. There are ownership tax advantages made possible by IRS accelerated depreciation rules (MACRS and Section 179), but farmers should understand that the benefit is limited to the time value of money. The net tax deduction over the ownership period on the machine is ultimately limited to the depreciation on that machine. Farmers are often surprised on this important point. When a farmer sells the machine, he will face a tax hit from IRS depreciation recapture rules. Recapture can be avoided in a like-kind exchange but the accelerated depreciation benefit on the replacement machine is greatly reduced. Conversely, rent payments are 100 percent deductible as ordinary operating expenses.

In conclusion, many considerations go into making equipment decisions. Arm yourself with information and clearly understand what you need for your farm, and you will make the best decision.

Jeff Elliott is the Chief Financial Officer of MachineryLink, Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. With a focus on helping customers improve profitability and overall business performance, the company provides combine rental programs and proprietary grower information services to farmers throughout the country.





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## Area Churches

### Cannon

**CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,  
903/482-6761  
**SOVEREIGN GRACE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

### Cherry Mound

**BAPTIST CHURCH,**  
6335 FM 1753, Denison  
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11,  
evening 6; Wednesday, 7pm

### Dorchester

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

### Gunter

**COLLEGE HILL  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
304 E. College, 903/433-4835  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335  
**GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
Pastor Bruce Stinson  
Brooks Plaza  
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship  
www.thegbf.com  
**VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

### Howe

**APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC**  
405 S. Collins Frwy,  
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun.  
10am & 6pm  
**NEW BEGINNING  
FELLOWSHIP/AG,**  
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 ; Kcvin 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

### Luella

**LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
3162 St. Hwy. 11,  
Harvey Patterson,  
903/893-2252  
**A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,**  
150 Fellowship Ln, Luella  
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

### Tom Bean

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
903/546-6620  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
903/546-6231  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
903/546-6898

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## Psalm 1:1-6 (KJV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

<sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading this week's service. Come out and join them for coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30 and worship service at 10:30. Dress is casual.

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

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service.

ACF offers a class for children ages 2-10 called Kidz in Da Zone For Jesus and they learn bible verses, play games and have skits and puppet shows.

ACF will be having their VBS the week of July 22-26. Theme is "Gotta Move By Go Fish."

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

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0219 or David Ellis @ 903-815-1333.

## Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

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

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on [www.PregnancyDecisions.org](http://www.PregnancyDecisions.org).

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**INSPIRATION POINT**

**COWBOY CHURCH**

FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,  
903-815-2278

**PILOT GROVE**

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708



**Sherman/Denison**

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER DAY SAINTS**

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

**FRIENDSHIP UNITED**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

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**

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County  
Line Rd.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

105 Hopson,  
Shannon Jackson, minister,  
903/482-6033

**EAST SIDE**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,  
minister; worship 11am

**ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**

206 Waco, 903/482-5515,  
Gary Gibbs, pastor

**FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

903/482-6646,  
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**

**CHURCH**  
301 S. Preston,  
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

**GREYWOOD HEIGHTS**

**WORSHIP CENTER**

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen,  
903/482-6700;  
Chris Jones, pastor

**HOLY FAMILY**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,  
972/562-0752

**MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN**

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL**

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

**SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.  
Arnold Baker, pastor

## Healing Crumbs

*By Willie Sofey*

Persistent perseverance seems to be a characteristic of the human soul that our Lord takes notice of.

There are many instances of perseverance throughout Old and New Testament scriptures that our Lord has allowed to be transcribed in His holy inspired Word, the Holy Bible.

I like to refer to the story of the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15:22-28 and the Greek born Syrian Phoenician woman in Mark 7:25-30.

“Lord, son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.” Jesus, seemingly trying to ignore her, answered “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel” (Matt. 15:22-24). “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to their dogs.” (Matt. 15:26, Mark 7:22).

I find this story quite interesting, in so much as Jesus refers to these Gentile women as dogs. I also find it interesting that these women persisted in their pursuit of pleading with Jesus to heal their daughters. I have to believe that Jesus, in His infinite all knowing mind did not have this

conversation to insult the pagan gentile race but to make a point of how important faith is in believing that He, Jesus, was the son of God and had the power of healing.

Love comes into play in this situation also. These mothers loved their daughters so much they were willing to face rejection from their people as well as Jesus, in their pursuit of a healing for their daughters.

Replying to Jesus, “Yes Lord, but even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs” (Matt. 15:27, Mark 7:28). Jesus replied, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed from that hour. (Matt. 15:28).

Jesus came that all might be saved and experience all the benefits and blessings of His house. Have the faith to seek and pursue Him. “The testing of your faith develops perseverance.” (James 1:3). “Be faithful, even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life.” (Rev. 2:10).

Even the crumbs from the “bread of life” have healing powers.





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

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Dale & Lana Rideout



Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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## HB 2748 is bad news for eminent domain in Texas

By *Steve Pringle*, TFB Legislative Director

For years, Texas claimed to be a property rights state. Our politicians waxed eloquent on the stump about the sanctity of private property in Texas. Sometimes you get the idea that Davy Crockett died at the Alamo strictly because of Mexico's eminent domain policy. It was, however, a sham. Texas, until the legislative session of 2011, had one of the nation's worst eminent domain laws.

In that session, a decade-long battle resulted in substantial improvement. Now, only two years later, the Legislature is poised to surrender many of the gains in that landmark legislation. It's called House Bill 2748 and it's one of the worst ideas to emerge in the Legislature this session. If it passes, we'll no longer be certain that private lands will not be taken to enrich other private interests. It once again greases the skids for pipeline companies to take private property -- as they used to tell so many -- "because we can."

To be sure, Texas politicians always served a heaping helping of rhetorical outrage on eminent domain. The trouble is, most of that angst was reserved for eminent domain by government. Nothing whips up voter outrage in Texas quite like attacking government. But when eminent domain abuse is perpetrated by corporations like pipeline companies, the outrage of elected officials melts away quicker than ice cream in August.

Is HB 2748 really bad? You tell me.

- It fails to include mailed notice to affected landowners of a permit application hearing whose property falls within a county where part of a pipeline may be located.

- It creates a very short window of opportunity for a landowner to register their protest and become eligible to participate in the application review hearing--21 days is too short. No kidding. How could there be someone writing bills who thought this might be a good idea?

- HB 2748 establishes that an approved order by the Railroad Commission is a "conclusive determination" for the purpose of judicial review, which limits a landowner from appealing the decision to a district court and offer new evidence not provided to the agency.

- It does not provide for a meaningful review of the private company permit application, nor does it outline exact evidence requirements for a private company to prove they will operate as a "common carrier" provider.

The idea behind eminent domain reform in 2011 was that it should be difficult. Everyone recognizes that eminent domain is a useful tool of government and commerce. At its best, it's a necessary evil. Taking private property should be hard, time-consuming and a last resort.

I've been told, "Texas is an oil and gas state. The pipeline companies are going to get their way on this." Maybe. I think it should be possible for Texas to be both an energy state and a private property rights state. If HB 2748 passes, the next time a politician tells you about Texas' strong property rights law, it won't apply to oil and gas corporations. Once again, farmers, ranchers and property owners will say, "They told us they are taking it because they can."

Editor's note: Farm Bureau opposes HB 2748 by Lewis. Please take action to protect your private property rights! Email your state representative: <http://www.capwiz.com/txfb/state/main/?state=TX>

## Congress Passes Reducing Flight Delays Act Of 2013

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Last week, Rep. Hall voted in favor of H.R. 1765, The Reducing Flight Delays Act of 2013. This bill, which passed the Senate last evening by unanimous consent, passed the House 361-41. After the vote, Hall released the following statement:

"The Reducing Flight Delays Act is a victory for the American people in the fight to reduce federal spending while preserving vital services. Republicans have stood firm against the White House's and Democrat-controlled Senate's threats that sequester cuts would only be replaced with tax increases, and when the Administration used flight delays this past week to make the sequester as painful as possible, the American people spoke out. Today's bill is proof that our citizens demand common-sense solutions -- not political ploys.

"Nine days ago, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced to Congress and U.S. airlines their decision to begin furloughing air traffic controllers and all other employees between now and September in order to meet the 5% sequester cut first proposed and later signed into law by President Obama. The announcement was made a mere four days before furloughs were set to begin.

"Despite the fact that the Administration knew about the \$637 million sequester for over a year and a half and that they have the authority to reduce costs elsewhere, the FAA chose to implement furloughs that leave air traffic operations understaffed. Because air traffic controllers at both large and small facilities are set to be furloughed at the same rate, travelers and employees at smaller airports would be put at a particular disadvantage.

"Today's vote will allow the FAA to transfer funds within its budget to fully fund air traffic controllers' activities, thereby ending furloughs that have resulted in thousands of commercial flight delays this week. This could also prevent the closure of smaller federally funded, privately contracted towers.

"I will continue to work for responsible spending cuts and balancing the budget."

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## The Nation is Still at Risk - and the Public is Still in the Dark

By J.E. Stone

Thirty years ago, the Nation at Risk report declared that the nation was threatened by a “rising tide of mediocrity” in education. Today, it’s a tsunami and the underlying reason is the same. Children are still not learning to read and everyone thinks the problem is in someone else’s school or district.

The recent teacher cheating scandal in Atlanta illustrates the problem. How could a scam this massive take place right under the nose of parents, concerned citizens, and the school board and not be noticed for 10 years?

The answer is simple: Most people, including most school board members are blind to the problems in their local schools. When asked, they say that education in general has problems but their school(s) is the happy exception. Why this rosy view? Because almost all of what they know about their local schools comes from the schools themselves.

School districts routinely feed school boards and the public carefully scrubbed reports in which successes are hyped, failures rationalized, and statistics reported with skimpy context. Despite the districts’ obvious incentive to maintain a positive image, most board members and other interested parties habitually accept excuses and reassurances that they would never swallow if they came from another agency or business.

It’s a problem. The only way to actually improve educational outcomes is to have accurate reports and hold schools accountable. And to do that, boards and the public need independent sources of information about student achievement, budgets, program effectiveness, and the like. If a scandal involving thousands could be concealed for 10 years, would it be surprising to find that most school boards have no information as to whether their students are mastering reading or math beyond what their school district tells them?

It’s no secret that too many students aren’t learning. Today, only about 30 percent of children can read at grade-level by the third grade. For low-income students, an astounding 83 percent of students fail to meet this mark. And half of the U.S. workforce - about 80 million adults – currently lacks the educational skills necessary to earn a family-sustaining wage. The future is in jeopardy but local schools continue to tell us that all is well or on the upturn.

To get a sense of the reality gap, consider the differences between the scores reported by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the national “gold standard,” and those reported by the states.

For instance, the Texas Education Agency claims 89 percent of its 4th-grade students are proficient in math. According to the NAEP, only 39 percent are actually proficient.

Texas isn’t unique. Scores are just as inflated in states like Georgia-and that is in addition to distortions caused by Atlanta’s cheating. The state says over 80 percent are proficient in math but the NAEP says that 40 percent is closer to reality.

But wait, there’s more! Much more. The Maryland Department of Education claims 90 percent of its students are proficient in 4th-grade math. NAEP says it’s actually closer to 50 percent. California’s Education Department says six in ten 8th graders are proficient in science. NAEP’s assessment? Just barely above 20 percent. Most states follow this pattern.

In a global economy, the U.S. will inevitably sink unless parents, school boards, and educators are able to confront the facts, warts and all. Some states - such as Florida, Tennessee and Massachusetts - have tried to close these reporting gaps, but resistance is huge. Educators fear exposure.

Fortunately, there are unvarnished data out there. Parents don’t have to wait for distant bureaucrats to tinker their way to trustworthy school reports. Right now, they can find detailed report cards at websites like [greatschools.org](http://greatschools.org) and [schooldigger.com](http://schooldigger.com). My organization, the Education Consumers Foundation, displays school-by-school data online in easy-to-understand graphics for virtually all states.

These are just a few of the resources available to parents, boards, and community leaders who want to look beyond inflated self reports and into the facts that can lead to real school improvement.

*J.E. Stone is President and CEO of Education Consumers Foundation. For data on your school, head to [www.education-consumers.org/rad.htm](http://www.education-consumers.org/rad.htm).*



## Hall Recognizes 62nd National Day Of Prayer

WASHINGTON, DC . . . In response to National Prayer Day, observed annually on the first Thursday of May since 1952, Congressman Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement:

“As our nation recognizes the 62nd Annual National Day of Prayer, it is an opportunity for us all to reflect on our faith and recognize that, though we may differ in our beliefs, we possess a common strength in prayer.

“Matthew 12:21 states, ‘In His name the nations put their hope.’ The events in Boston and West, Texas the last few weeks serve as a reminder that we can and should come together in a spirit of unity and compassion to pray for our nation and its leaders. I encourage everyone to join me in the spirit of this year’s theme, ‘Pray for America.’

“We are lucky to live in a nation that possesses the greatest military in the world, but the greatest weapon we possess is the power of prayer. I am thankful for our great country and the freedoms we all enjoy, and pray that God continues to bless America.”

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## Water: Local control, state control or both: What is the right answer?

*By Billy Howe, TFB State Legislative Director*

Every session of the Texas Legislature, bills are filed to provide more state oversight of groundwater management. This session is no exception.

Water marketers and water supply entities come to Austin and tell their stories of how they have been mistreated by local districts, or how the policies of the district don't recognize the realities of building multi-million dollar water projects.

To remedy these problems with the local districts, legislation has been filed to require permit renewals every five years, provide uniform permitting and rulemaking for brackish groundwater desalination projects, provide for uniform groundwater usage data collection, and grant the Texas Water Development Board authority to determine if the local district's management plan has goals "consistent" with achieving the Desired Future Conditions for the aquifer.

There are now 98 groundwater conservation districts in the state. These districts manage groundwater in diverse aquifers, geographic areas, and population centers. While there are certainly a few districts that may be "bad actors" in the eyes of some, in the 16 years since the state oversight was created in SB 1, only one district has been referred to the Commission on Environmental Quality for action. And, only a handful have been sued.

How many cities, counties and state agencies have been sued in the last 16 years? In a recent committee hearing, Rep. Tracy King (D-Batesville) asked the pertinent question of exactly what problem are we trying to solve with all these bills? Do we really have so many "bad" districts that the judgment of staff at a state agency is better than the local professionals managing groundwater? The data doesn't seem to support such a conclusion.

Ultimately, the answer to almost every issue being raised with a local district is private property rights. Landowners have an ownership interest in the water below the surface of their land. That ownership gives every landowner an equal right to drill a well, produce groundwater and use the groundwater without waste.

Yes, the districts can regulate these activities to conserve groundwater and prevent "harm" to the aquifer. But, if the district crosses the line into discrimination, or limits production without good science to support the regulation, then the landowner or groundwater rights owner can challenge that action in court.

While some would prefer another solution, the bottom line is that the courthouse is where we defend our rights. And, it is at the courthouse that the law is made clear for others to follow. Constantly changing the Texas Water Code to address these individual issues just creates more questions that must be answered.

Texas Farm Bureau policy supports local control and opposes state control of groundwater. This policy was adopted by our members many years ago. Our staff is working hard to advocate this policy, but our members must also advocate their policy.

If you support local control of groundwater, then please let your legislators know.

Information on these bills is under the Legislative link of the Texas Farm Bureau website under the Austin Newsletter: <http://www.texasfarmbureau.org/AustinNL.aspx>.

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

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## Do-It-Yourself Will Leads to Unwanted Result

If you choose to write your own will, you run the risk of not having your estate distributed the way you want, as a recent Pennsylvania case illustrates.

George Zeevering apparently wanted his estate to go to two of his five children. Instead of seeking out an elder law attorney to advise him on drawing up an estate plan, he decided to write his own will. The will gave his pickup truck to his daughter Diane and his summer property to his son Wayne. Mr. Zeevering also wrote in the will that he was intentionally leaving out his other three children.

The problem with the will was that Mr. Zeevering did not specify what to do with the remainder of his estate (called a "residuary clause"). While Mr. Zeevering probably intended that the rest of his estate – which totaled \$217,000 – would go to his favorite children, he didn't state that in the will. Because the will had no residuary clause, the remainder of Mr. Zeevering's estate passed under the state law that specifies who inherits when there is no will. Under Pennsylvania law, this meant that the rest of Mr. Zeevering's estate would be divided equally between his five children.

A state court confirmed this result, but only after the children had spent much more in attorney fees than their father would have paid a lawyer to have his will done properly. While you may save some money drafting your own will, you are in danger of making mistakes that can cause unneeded conflict and don't get the result you want. Always seek the advice of your elder law attorney before creating an estate plan.

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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Economic Stabilization Fund

One topic of much debate this session has been the possible use of the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF), which is more commonly referred to as the Rainy Day Fund. This week, I will discuss the ESF, how it is funded, its purpose, and the rules regarding its use.

The Economic Stabilization Fund was created in 1988, in a constitutional amendment approved by voters. The ESF receives most of its funding from oil and gas production taxes. The fund also retains interest earned on its fund balance. The Legislature also may make direct appropriations to the fund, but has never done so.

The ESF received its first funds in 1990. Deposits and withdrawals directed by the Legislature usually kept the ESF balance below \$100 million until 2001. In 2002, ESF deposits and interest exceeded \$700 million, and the fund's balance rose to over \$900 million. However, the 2003 Legislature, facing a \$10 billion shortfall, appropriated nearly all of the fund's balance that session. Since that time, the state has seen a dramatic increase in oil and gas production in areas of the state like the Permian Basin, Barnett Shale, and the Eagle Ford Shale. Unless otherwise appropriated, the ESF is estimated to reach over \$9 billion later this year.

For money to be appropriated from the Rainy Day Fund, 2/3 of the members of both the House and Senate must vote to do so. However, if the appropriation is used to close a budget deficit, the 3/5 of the membership must vote to do so. These super-majority votes were put in place to ensure that the funds could be used only for purposes that had overwhelming state-wide support.

The balance in the fund is also used by credit-rating agencies to rate the state's credit worthiness. By having a significant balance in the fund, the state has been able to maintain a high credit rating. This high rating allows for the a favorable borrowing rate when the state or other political entity issues bonds, and saves money by providing for low interest rates.

Traditionally, the legislature has not readily used money from the ESF for items that constitute an ongoing expense, but rather for one-time expenditures. In this way, the fund is not used biannually as part of the overall budget, but rather only in times of economic hardship as was intended.

This session, although many of the cuts made during the 2011 recession have been restored, there are calls to use the ESF for many programs. Currently, there is legislation to appropriate one-time amounts for the purpose of funding water and transportation programs throughout the state.

For more information on the Economic Stabilization Fund or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at [larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us).





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### Biblical Puns

Q: What was the secret of Delilah getting into Samson's house?  
A: She picked his locks.

Q: Why didn't Pharaoh let the Israelites go into the wilderness after the first six plagues?  
A: He was in de Nile.

Q: Why did Samson try to avoid arguing with Delilah?  
A: He didn't want to split hairs.

### Heaven's Unitarian Population

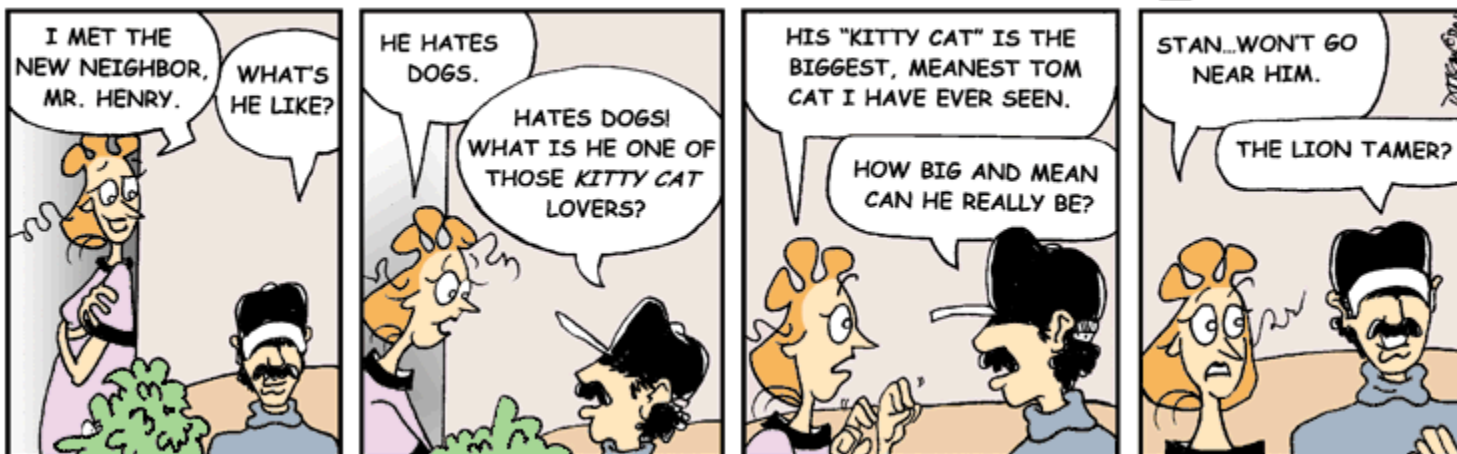
Why are there are no Unitarians in Heaven?

Because they heard there was a choice between going to Heaven or a discussion group about the existence of Heaven.

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

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

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## LET'S REMINISCE: Selling Soap

By Jerry Lincecum

Readers of this column who are my age or older can recall any number of marketing strategies used to sell laundry soap. There was the inclusion of a free dishcloth or towel in the box of soap. All the "soap operas" and comedy shows sponsored by Procter and Gamble on TV and radio. Cents-off coupons galore, including the latest version printed for you in the grocery store aisle by a little machine on the shelf.

Innovation, in the sense of keeping up with social change and the lifestyles of consumers, has always been a key component of the business. That is why, according to Wikipedia, P&G has created scores of webpages on the internet to promote its products.

However, it is possible to innovate too far and hurt your business as a result. That appears to be what happened when P&G came out with its new laundry product, Tide Pods capsules that you just drop in the washing machine.

The problem with premeasured detergent pods (besides children thinking they are candy) is that they keep consumers from overdosing or pouring in too much detergent. For years the soap companies could count on extra sales from shoppers who overdosed with every washing load. The sales bonus increased when manufacturers rolled out increasingly concentrated detergent and users thought, "That doesn't look like enough soap; I will add a little extra."

However, after the introduction of pod capsules, sales have begun to decline. According to the latest market information, U.S. sales of laundry detergents fell 2.1 percent in the 12 months ending in March 2013. Compared to the pre-pod era of three years ago, sales are down more than 5 percent (and that amounts to big bucks). The finger-pointing has already begun.

At a recent industry conference, the head of P&G's chief competitor didn't mince words: "Pod is killing the laundry detergent category and P&G is to blame." New products ought to expand the revenue pie for manufacturers and retailers, not shrink it. That is what innovation always did in the past, he said. The last round of more-concentrated liquid, in 2008, drove laundry detergent sales up 5%.

The introduction of pods forced Tide's competitors to follow suit. Now the entire laundry soap industry is stuck with declining sales, unless they can figure out some new gimmick that will convince consumers to do more laundry.

Back to the overdosing problem, one expert says a major contributor is the oversize laundry jug, which he compares to sport-utility vehicles. The caps (used to measure the dose) tend to be much bigger than the amount needed for even the heaviest loads.

If bottles and packages become smaller, he believes, consumers will be less apt to over-pour. But that is something the detergent-makers won't want to give up. Why? For the simple reason that going to a format that eliminated all the consumers overdosing would reduce profits. Then you'd have a shareholder issue on your hands and somebody near the top would get fired.

Meanwhile, keep clipping those coupons.

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





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## James "Jim" Craven

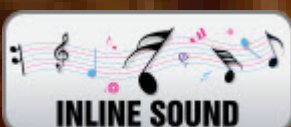
Howe - James "Jim" Joseph Craven, 68, of Howe died Monday, April 22, 2013 in Dallas. Jim was born March 10, 1945 in Evanston, Ill. to George and Dorothy Craven.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha Bonner Craven; children, Jennifer Leigh Craven and Joseph Powell Craven; stepchildren, Sarah Carver of Sherman and Kelly and Michael Skelton of Pilot Point; along with three grandchildren, Nicolette, Bryar and Nate.

A celebration of life memorial will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2013 at the Choctaw Lodge "The Den" in Durant, Okla. Family and friends are invited to attend this celebration.

The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, that a donation be made in his name to the American Cancer Society by calling 800-227-2345, or send a donation to the Howe Youth Baseball, P.O. Box 692, Howe, TX 75459.

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## Kathleen Rivard

HOWE - Kathleen Ann Rivard, 60, of Howe, passed away Friday, April 26, 2013 at her residence. A Memorial Service was held at 1 pm on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Sherman.

Kathleen was a retired Licensed Vocational Nurse.

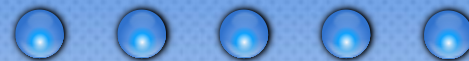
Surviving members of her family are her husband, Ernest Rivard of Howe; son, Chris Suttlehan of Howe; daughters, Christine Frazier and husband Nathan of Denison, Jennifer Eads and husband Daniel of Denton; brothers, Steven James of New York and Richard James of Florida; three grandchildren, Brendan Frazier, Emma Frazier and Kaitlyn Eads.

Kathleen will be dearly missed by her friends and family.

You may sign the online guestbook at [www.dannelfuneralhome.com](http://www.dannelfuneralhome.com)

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## John Wesley McDonough

HOWE, Texas - John Wesley McDonough, 19, of Howe, Texas was called to his Heavenly home on Friday, April 26, 2013, as a result of a car accident.

John was born October 6, 1993 in Sherman to Joey Blair and JoAnn French McDonough. He was born again and followed through in believer's baptism, June 4, 2005.

John was a senior at Howe High School. He was a beloved member of King's Trail Cowboy Church, where he was a helper in the youth ministry, leader of the youth band and a bass guitar player for the KTCC band. He was a vocalist and rhythm guitar player for a Christian Metalcore/Hardcore band named Saints Can Lie, along with his good friends Bryce Garland, Hunter Shaw, and Jake Shaw. He had a natural talent and passion for playing the guitar and used this as his ministry to serve God.

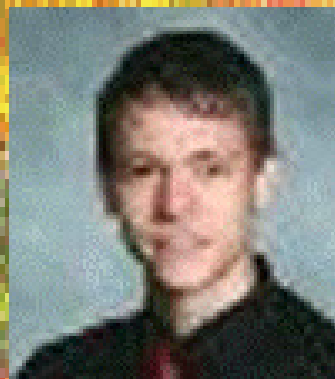
After graduation, John planned to go to work for Collin County Detention Facility until he was eligible to attend Police academy. His goal was to become a Deputy Sherriff.

He is survived by his parents, Joey and Olivia McDonough of Howe; mother, JoAnn Scott of Sherman; brothers: TJ Cunningham of Westminster, and Levi Stone McDonough of the home; sister, Bailey Grace McDonough of the home; grandparents: PawPaw and Nana, Dean and Judy McDonough of Howe, Grandma Margie and Papa Terry Humphries of Westminster, Paw, Bobby French of Tenaha, Mamie and Papa, Barbara and Doyle Burk of Van Alstyne, Papaw Tom and Mamaw Dianne Stone of Perryville, Ark.; great-grandmothers, Ma, Mary Blair of Van Alstyne, Tiny Reatherford of Sherman, and Beverly French of Lubbock; uncles and aunts, Jeremy McDonough of Sherman, Janna and Theron Whitley of Van Alstyne, Gerald Dobbins of Sherman, Gary Dobbins of Sherman, Eric and Jamie Stone of Perryville, Ark., Jacob and Jaime Garrett of Vilonia, Ark., and Amy and Rick Wyles of Houston, Ark.; numerous cousins, extended family, and close friends.

John was predeceased by brother, Dusty Scott; great-grandfathers, John Wesley Blair (his namesake), Vernon Samuel McDonough, Johnny French and DH Reatherford; and great-grandmother, Lily Adeline McDonough.

A memorial tribute was held Sunday, April 28, 2013 at KTCC. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday April 30, 2013 at King's Trail Cowboy Church, 498 Bethel-Cannon Rd, Whitewright, TX. Officiating: Pastor Jason Norton. Pallbearers are Jeremy McDonough, Theron Whitley, Eric Stone, Everett Barnhill, Wes Robertson and Roy Layman. Honorary Pallbearers: TJ Cunningham, Bryce Garland, Hunter Shaw, Jake Shaw, and Nick Caro.

Memorials can be made in John's name at Texas Star Bank. John will lie in State from 9 a.m., Monday until noon, Tuesday at Scoggins Funeral Home 415 S. Collins Freeway, Howe, TX 903-532-5577. Services are under the direction of Scoggins Funeral Home-Howe. You may sign the online guest book at [www.scogginsfuneralhome.com](http://www.scogginsfuneralhome.com).





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**Dr. John R Brinkley**



## **John R. Brinkley – Millionaire, Mountebank, Medicine Man**

*by Don Mathis*

My dad used to tell me stories about a doctor in the Great Depression who would broadcast his services on the radio. Folks from the Rockies to the Appalachians could pick up his advertisements for live baby chicks – and for goat glands. Thousands of men were swayed by the idea that a gonad graft would improve sexual performance.

Years later, I listened to the Doors' tune, "Texas Radio," as well as the ZZ Top song, "Heard it on the X." These recordings were about XER, the radio transmitter in Acuña, Mexico, that used to broadcast early rock from disc jockeys like Wolfman Jack and others. The beat of rock and roll could be said to improve sexual performance as well.

Then I learned of the connection between the powerful radio station that pushed airwaves from Arkansas to Alberta in the 1930s and laid the Big Beat across America in the 1960s. Laws in Mexico were more lenient than in the U.S in the early days of radio. More wattage could be broadcast. Less content was censored.

The Playhouse in San Pedro Park presents "Roads Courageous" (February 22 – March 17), a musical about the implanter of goat glands and the implementer of electronic media manipulation. John R. Brinkley (born in 1885 in Jackson County, North Carolina, died in 1942 in San Antonio) may be an unusual subject for a song and dance or a comedy/drama, but he was an unusual man.

Dr. Brinkley took advantage of the nebulous distinctions in professional medicine and the advent of electronic technology in the early 20th century. He made his cash registers ring. At a time when distrust in big government was at its highest and faith in corporate power was at its lowest, disapproval from the American Medical Association only strengthened his appeal.

Two reasons the AMA (or the Amateur Meat-cutter's Association, as he liked to call them) considered Dr. Brinkley a quack was for his propensity to prescribe pills over the radio and his collection of kickbacks from participating pharmacies. He had a showmanship that stretched the boundaries of professional decorum. And then there was that goat gland business.

Dr. Brinkley was an astute observer of the human psyche and he knew what people wanted to hear. He perfected the art of stroking the ego of men who had been kicked to the curb by the Great Depression. He offered better health, more energy, and increased libido. His sheer enthusiasm and promises for a better life may have helped many with a placebo effect.

But he did so much more than promote sexual vitality. Dr. Brinkley owned one of the first commercial radio stations in the country. KFKB in Milford, Kansas, broadcast regional weather reports and news of Chicago stocks – and farmers and ranchers turned in. The careers of Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and Hank Williams were also enhanced from Dr. Brinkley's broadcasts. The doctor even offered college courses over the air. Listeners could get a degree from the Kansas State Agricultural College which was every bit as valid as Dr. Brinkley's own credentials.

When State authorities finally revoked Dr. Brinkley's medical and broadcasting licenses, he ran for governor of Kansas in an effort to restore them. He pioneered the use of radio and aviation to further his political ends. Dr. Brinkley championed a message of the common man. He rejected elitism and embraced rustic values. His political rallies were a mixture of religious revival with a touch of state fair flamboyance. The crowds were huge.

We see a lot of the same attractions in today's political and health-care fields. Some candidates take pride in covert racism and anti-intellectualism. And who hasn't seen the draw for 'alternative health' zealots? A campaign for education reform, assistance to the elderly, a fair tax system, and free health care still holds appeal to a lot of voters.

Although he gathered 240,000 votes, Dr. Brinkley failed in his 1932 election attempt and his attempt to maintain his accreditation in Kansas. By the mid-30s, he was broadcasting again, this time from the powerful XER in Acuña and running a very successful hospital on this side of the river in Del Rio.

Armed with an assortment of eclectic degrees and foreign diplomas from a variety of quasi-medical schools, he attained a level of authenticity. The cost of his goat gland operation increased from \$750 to \$1,500. The signal from his radio station reached all 48 states with enough power left over (as the Chicago Daily News reported) "to light the street lights in Calgary." Whether or not South Texas ranchers could listen to XER on their barbwire fence or screen door, on a clear night the signal could be received in Europe and China.

Times were good. About 4,000 patients a year visited his facility in Del Rio for dysfunction. More visited his hospital for rectal diseases in San Juan, Texas. Dr. Brinkley's goat farm in Oklahoma was doing extremely well. He bought 6,500 acres in North Carolina, a ranch in Texas and opened up two more hospitals in Arkansas. At one time he owned three yachts, a Lockheed Electra airplane, and a dozen Cadillac cars.

It all came crashing down rather quickly. He claimed he was libeled by the editor of an AMA publication but the jury decided in 1939 he had been accurately identified as a charlatan. A 'cut-rate' competitor appeared in Del Rio, siphoning off his customers, some right from his waiting room. Dr. Brinkley filed for bankruptcy after getting hit with several malpractice suits and a government claim for \$200,000 in back taxes.

Then, in 1941, Mexico had to reallocate the wavelength assigned to his radio and the voice of the people's physician was silenced forever. The next year, on a spring day in San Antonio, Dr. Brinkley died from heart disease and complications of a leg amputation brought on by a blood clot.

His house in Del Rio still stands (512 Qualia Drive). Where he lived in San Antonio is a mystery. But for a generation, Dr. Brinkley riveted the imagination with the symbolism of the billy goat and the prowess of Pan.

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

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

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

Dale and Lana Rideout

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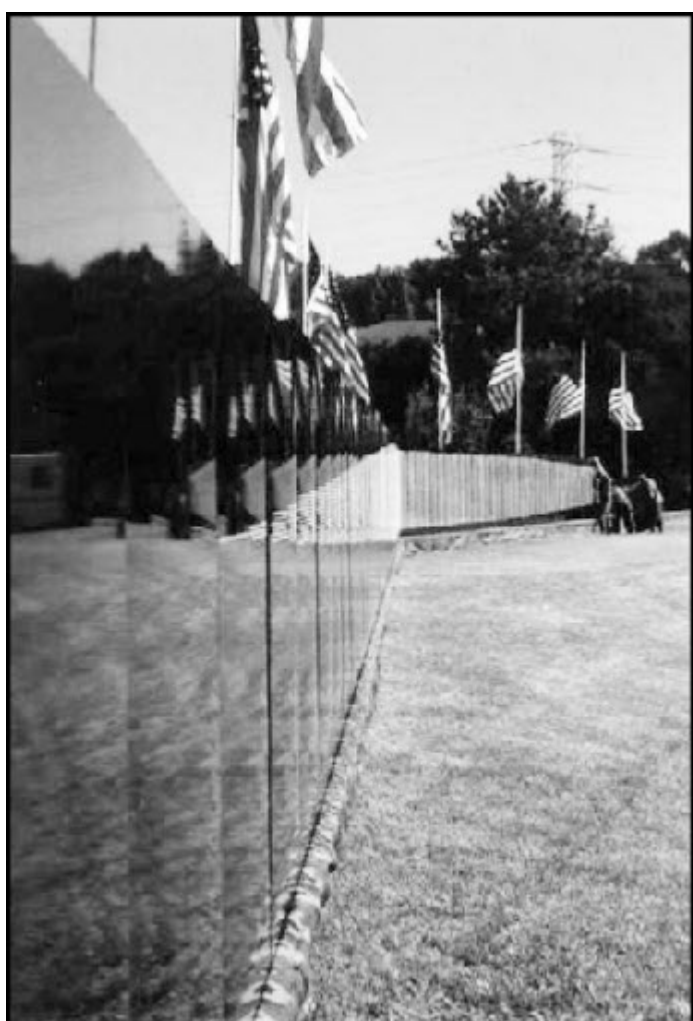
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**The Wall**, looking East  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*

**by Dorothy N. Fowler**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

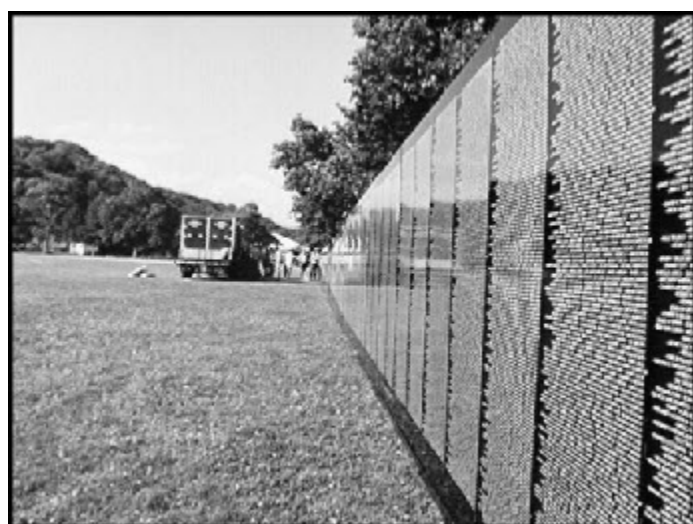
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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

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



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



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





# What's Cookin...

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By Lana Rideout

## Cooking During Wartime

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

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

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

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

### Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

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

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

### Southern Johnny Cake

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

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

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



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

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

# Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

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

by Dorothy N. Fowler

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

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

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

## **VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The other men nod agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Thanks.”

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

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

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

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

Photo by Dorothy Fowler



## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

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

### Ely Park World War II Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Fairview Park War Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium



## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

### Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

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

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## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

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

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

### **The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas**

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

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

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

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

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

### **War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The other memorial is at the cemetery.



## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Fort Washita**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lincecum is owner of Big Barn Press which publishes autobiography and local history books by local authors. Their most recent publication in the "Telling Our Stories" series is Volume 10, entitled "20 Years of Telling Our Stories." It includes 48 stories by local writers who have participated in TOS, which began in 1990. Check out their webpage: <http://www.austincollege.edu/Info.asp?4124>

Specialties are:

- \*collecting life stories from geriatric patients with early dementia
- \*editing stories and books for publication
- \*training Home Hospice volunteers to collect life stories and edit them for publication in booklet form
- \*leading workshops for writers of autobiography and family history
- \*Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

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## Telling Our Stories

# DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

*by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham*

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

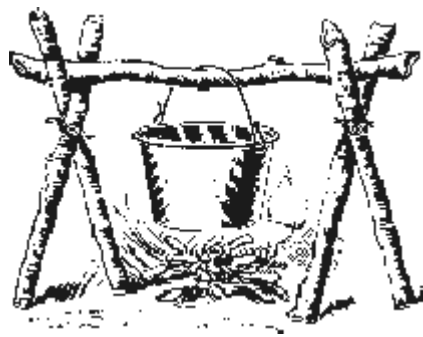
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



*Ruby Frizzell Draisey*



## *Cookin' Out*



### **Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake**

*by Dale Rideout*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Dump Cake**

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

*¼ pound butter or margarine*

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

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

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

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## *Southern Algebra*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## *Turkey Vultures*

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

## *One Vote*

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

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

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

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

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

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## *Dining Out with my Grandson*

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## *Telling Our Stories*

## REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

*by Jack Frost McGraw*

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

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

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

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

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

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

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us.

She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

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

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

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

**Jack Frost McGraw**

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



# Texoma Montage

*This was the backpage for our first issue.  
Hope you enjoyed our magazine.*