

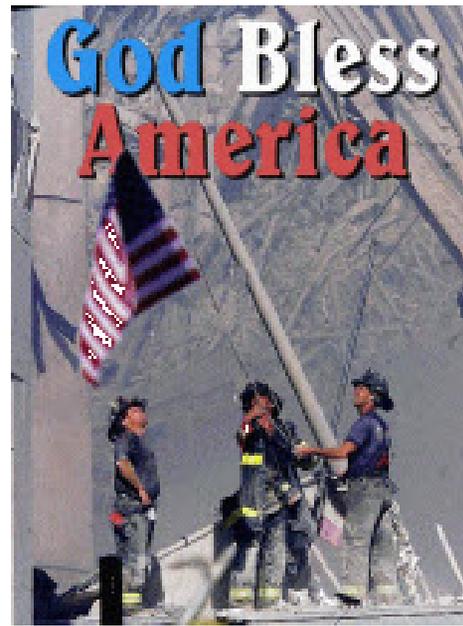
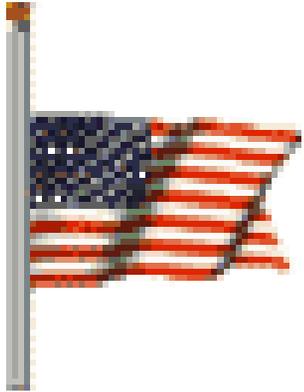
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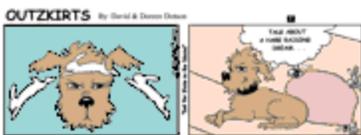
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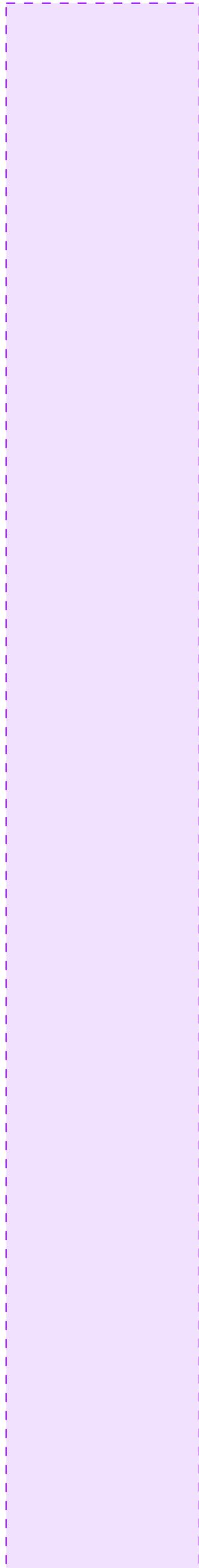
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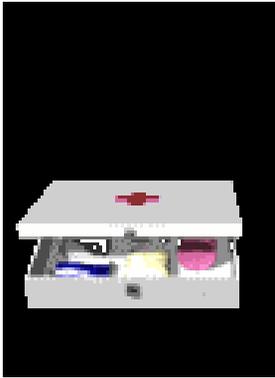


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GC offers Medication Aide course

Certified Nurse Aides who would like to become a Medication Aide will benefit from a course offered by Grayson College beginning June 4.

Safe, effective medication administration is essential to patient care, which is the basis of this course. It is designed for non-licensed nursing personnel employed in health care agencies licensed by the Texas Department of Health. The Medication Aide class delves into the procedure for preparing and administering designed medication and reviews the responsibilities associated with such administrations. The program has four prerequisites that must be met without exception. Participants should: be at least 18 years old; be a registered nurse aide or unlicensed direct care staff person on the first official day of your medication aide training program; work in a facility as a certified nurse aide or unlicensed direct care staff person, and have been employed in a facility for 90 days as an unlicensed direct care staff person; and have a high school diploma or GED.

The class will meet in the Silver Wings on West Extension, Mondays through Thursdays from 5:00-9:00 pm and costs \$450. The class begins June 4 and ends August 6. The State Examination will be administered at the end of the class.

Enrollment can be completed on line, <<http://www.cwlgcc.org>>
www.cwlgcc.org
or by calling the Center for Workplace Learning, 903-463-8765.



Howe's That

Recipe



by Lana Rideout

Last Saturday my husband and I went to see a movie at the movie theater. We used to go to movies very often, but in recent years we have only gone 3 or 4 times.

*We went to see **The Avengers**.*

More than a thousand people died and many buildings were destroyed. And that was just during the previews for upcoming films.

Once the movie started, about 20 to 30 minutes after the lights were turned down, the main film began. It, too, had lots of destruction to lives and property. It was an entertaining film; especially when it got close to the end.

As I said earlier, we don't go to the movies much. The last two films we saw were the final Harry Potter film and the Sherlock Holmes film starring Robert Downey, Jr.

As "old folks" ... we don't like 3-D films. Never really liked them back when the first 3-D films were done. Now they just make us dizzy!

Grilled Corn on the Cob

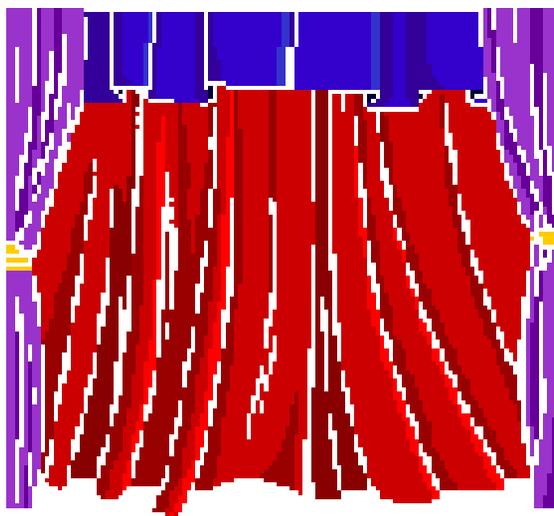
8 medium ears corn, husked and desilked, with ends trimmed
8 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
1/2 tablespoon seasoned salt
1/2 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
Combine butter, salt and pepper, and mix well.

Center each ear of corn on a square of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Liberally spread surface of ears of corn with butter mixture. Fold in ends of aluminum foil and roll up ears of corn.

Corn may be placed on the grill for 10 to 12 minutes, with grill lid down, or directly on the coals and turned frequently for about 8 minutes.

Look for the freshest corn possible when grilling. You do not have to remove the husks until you are ready to cook it.

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HES Students of the Month

1st Row: Zadrian Morris & Emma Hitesman; 2nd Row: Vel Chin, Daniel Gonzales, Kevin Bateman & Ramie Mosse; 3rd Row: Paetyn Ford, Hunter Brussow, Braeden Wise & Crista Timmons



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending May 18th are: Matthew Robison, Ireland Bryant, Zoie Defrange, Garrett Grigg, Mariana Cano, Gage Streetman, Ava Bader, Aniyah Shaw, Trinity Williams, Zoey Moore, Audie Martin, and Jaycie Grisham.

Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale

Saturday, May 26
8 am - 2 pm
205 E. Davis, Howe, TX 75459
Proceeds will go to support a team from
The Summit Church going
to serve orphans in Zambia in 2 weeks!

Howe Elementary Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

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

The following items are required for registration

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

Qualifications for Pre-K are as follows:

Unable to speak and comprehend the English Language.

Economically disadvantaged (participate in the National School Lunch Program)

Homeless

Be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States military forces, reserved component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty.

Have ever been in the conservatorship (foster care) of the Department of Family and Protective Services

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Howe ISD School Board honored campus Teachers of the Year

The Howe ISD School Board honored campus Teachers of the Year for their service at the May 17th School Board meeting. Superintendent Kevin Wilson said, "We are pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Jackie Dawsey, Lori Gaston, and Caroline Hughes. They all exemplify the defining characteristics of an exemplary teacher: student-centered, dedicated, and skilled in challenging students to maximize their potential. Mrs. Dawsey, Mrs. Gaston and Mrs. Hughes are all valuable members of their campus teams, and we are fortunate to have them on our staff."

Mrs. Gaston is a third grade Reading and Language Arts teacher. A North Texas State University graduate, Mrs. Gaston has spent 24 years at Howe, teaching both third and fourth grades. She is also the UIL Coordinator for the elementary campus. She and her husband, Doug, have three daughters, all graduates of Howe High School, two sons-in-law, and three granddaughters. She enjoys reading, crafting, and traveling.

Representing Howe Middle School is Mrs. Dawsey, a seventh grade Language Arts and Gifted and Talented teacher. Mrs. Dawsey graduated from Harding University with a double major in elementary education and special education. A 20-year teaching veteran, she taught in Memphis, Tennessee, Houston, and Sherman before joining the faculty at Howe in 2007. Mrs. Dawsey and her husband, Bruce, have two children, Emily and Justin, who attend Howe schools. She and her family volunteer with the Boy and Girl Scouts organizations, and her hobbies include spending time with her family playing board games, camping, and traveling.

Mrs. Hughes is the Howe High School Teacher of the Year. A member of the HHS faculty for 13 years, Mrs. Hughes teaches English III Advanced Placement, English IV, and college dual credit English. She also serves as Senior Class Coordinator. Mrs. Hughes is a Howe High School graduate and has 26 of teaching experience. She received her bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University, Commerce, and her master's degree from Texas A & M University, Texarkana. Mrs. Hughes and her husband, Barry, have two sons and two daughters-in-law. She enjoys reading and working out at the gym in her spare time.



Kevin Wilson dissolved the leadership positions of the Board and accepted nominations for position of Board President.

Mark Abner nominated Leonard Huntsman to be Board President. Leonard Huntsman was elected Board President by a vote of 6-0 with Leonard Huntsman abstaining.

Leonard Huntsman accepted nominations for position of Board Vice-President. Bruce Dawsey nominated Greg Akins to be Board Vice-President. Greg Akins was elected Vice-President by a vote of 6-0 with Greg Akins abstaining.

Leonard Huntsman accepted nominations for position of Board Secretary. Mark Abner nominated Pat Stewart for the position of Board Secretary. Pat Stewart was elected Board Secretary by a vote of 6-0 with Pat Stewart abstaining.

No action was taken concerning the signature cards.

Mr. Wilson and the Board discussed the meeting days and times for Regular Monthly Board Meetings. He made the recommendation to maintain the current schedule of Board Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 pm. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Mark Abner to continue the Regular Meeting schedule of the third Thursday of each month at 6 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board reviewed the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2012 and the Special Meeting on May 1, 2012. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2012 and the Special Meeting on May 1, 2012. A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Bruce Dawsey to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 19, 2012 and the Special Meeting on May 1, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

Wilson and Julie Snapp reviewed the Monthly Financial Report and made the recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Brad Anderson to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Employee Compensation Plan including maintaining the current salary schedule, a 2% raise for other employees, a \$500 raise for teachers over step 20 on the salary schedule and an increase of the employer contribution for employee insurance to \$338 per employee to cover the increased cost of insurance premiums.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Greg Akins to approve the Employee Compensation Plan including maintaining the current salary schedule, a 2% raise for other employees, a \$500 raise for teachers over step 20 on the salary schedule and an increase of the employer contribution for employee insurance to \$338 per employee to cover the increased cost of insurance premiums. The motion carried 7-0.

The Budget Workshop began at 6:38. Kevin Wilson and Julie Snapp reviewed Preliminary Revenue Projections and the Non-Payroll Budget. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Howe School Board Meets

Howe ISD School Board met May 17, 2012 for the regular meeting.

Board Members present were Leonard Huntsman, Brad Anderson, Pat Stewart, Mark Abner, Greg Akins, Bruce Dawsey and Scott Renfro.

Teacher Recognition: The Principals recognized the Teachers of the Year for their respective campuses. The teachers were Lori Gaston, Jackie Dawsey and Caroline Hughes.

Howe M.S.: Ritchie Bowling reported enrollment and attendance information. He recognized the students and teacher of the year. He also noted the STAAR, student activities and athletic events.

Howe E.S.: Darla Williams provided the elementary report. She noted enrollment, student activities and the end of year activities.

Howe H.S.: Shawn Martin provided the high school report. He reviewed enrollment data, testing information, athletic and FFA activities. He recognized individual students for their extra-curricular achievements.

Assistant Supt. Clay Wilson reviewed the Student Health Advisory Council Annual Report. He noted the committee's review of the food service program, health-related communication from the nurses and the Spring Break Fitness Challenge.

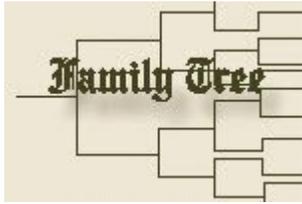
Wilson also noted the Howe ISD newsletter and an update on the state accountability system.

Supt. Kevin Wilson reviewed the enrollment and the upcoming budget workshop on May 30. He noted a donation from Howe Little Dribblers. He noted that he had received word that Genece Ferguson would be retiring. He also discussed Hiring Policy DC (Local), Baccalaureate and Graduation Procedures.

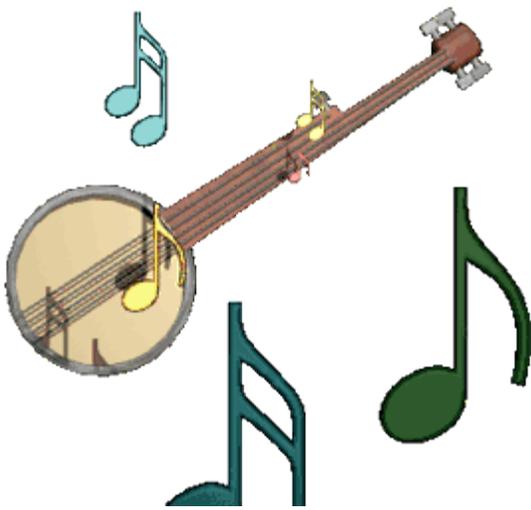
Julie Snapp administered the Oath of Office to Bruce Dawsey, Mark Abner and Pat Stewart as members of the Board of Trustees.



Gunter Library & Museum



On Saturday May 19, persons interested in family research met at the Gunter Library to use Heritage Quest to check U.S. Census records for family information. Those interested in genealogical research are invited to meet at 2:00 on the second Saturday of each month to use library Internet connections to search online information resources. Bring your own laptop if you have one, and use the library's high speed wi-fi connections. Juanita Hazelton will be there to help you learn to use the research tools.



The library's initial Open Mike Nite on Saturday evening, May 19, was lacking in musicians but long on listeners. We will find another evening in June that we hope will be a better choice for the program. Our vision is to provide a venue for those who play guitars, banjos, fiddles, or other musical instruments to jam with friends, and in the process, allow those who don't play but love to listen, an opportunity to enjoy good music.

"Get a Clue at the Library" is the theme of the Texas State Library's Summer Reading Program. The Gunter Library will provide story times every Saturday in June at 10:30 am. We will also include related programming with local and county officials as speakers. Stop by the library soon to register your child for the summer reading program and to pick up a schedule of activities.

On Wednesday, May 23, at noon, the Brown Bag Book Discussion group will meet to discuss Kristin Hannah's newest book *Home Front*. This is the story of a woman Black Hawk pilot who is deployed to Iraq and the effect it has on her marriage and children. Those of you who have read books by Kristin Hannah know to expect a great family story that explores the effects of war on those who stay at home as well as those who go to war. Those of you who haven't read Kristin Hannah will find a new author to add to their "must read" list.





TB ISD Receives \$1 Mil. Grant

Tom Bean ISD is the recipient of an energy grant. The school lost more than \$200,000; but the district will receive a grant for one million dollars.

Due some extremely old equipment, plus a lot of paperwork, Tom Bean ISD is receiving a much needed makeover.

Tom Bean superintendent Kathy Garrison was excited about the grant.

The "Cool Schools" energy efficiency grant was awarded by the state comptroller's office. The money will go toward replacing old heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems in all the buildings -- 65 in all. Garrison helped write the grant that was submitted back in August.

"That is a twenty percent cost savings across the board in energy reductions for our district," said Garrison, "where we can use that money and taxpayer money elsewhere in our district to instruct our kids and support our kids."

Garrison was aware about the award back in October, but was unable to share the good news with parents and staff until final confirmation last week.

Parents and staff are pleased with the grant. A million bucks might be a drop in the bucket to some school districts, but to one with an annual budget of around seven million dollars it's a breath of fresh air.



Brandon McLain named All-State Academic Athlete



Tom Bean MS Student Wins Scholarship

Shelby Thompson, Tom Bean Middle School Student, Wins National Scholarship from Raytheon's MathMovesU Program

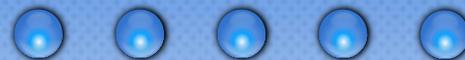
MathMovesU invited the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students nationwide to answer, "How does Math put the action in your passion?" Based on a multimedia or paper submission, students will be awarded camperships of up to \$1,000 or scholarships of \$1,000 and their schools will receive matching grants of \$1,000 to be used for math-related programs. Students must demonstrate an enthusiasm for math and the ability to illustrate the importance of math in the hobby/sports/subject/activity the student cares about the most. Tom Bean Middle School students turned in entries for the scholarship opportunity along with hundreds of schools across the nation. Raytheon awarded 150 scholarships national. There were eight scholarship recipients in Texas. Tom Bean Middle School student, Shelby Thompson, was awarded one of the eight scholarships for her outstanding application! Principal Mr. Dewitt Smith says, "Shelby is a terrific student, a hard worker and very deserving of the scholarship. We are so very proud of her". Shelby Thompson said "She is thankful to Raytheon for the scholarship and for providing students with this opportunity. She also noted that "She was so appreciative of Ms. Reagan Wilson and Ms. Julie Cummings for supporting her in the process". Additionally, Shelby's 7th grade Math teacher, Ms. Reagan Wilson, stated, "I am so proud of Shelby. She is such a great student and works so hard in my math class".

Thompson was presented the scholarship award at the 6th and 7th grade Awards Ceremony at Tom Bean Middle School by Mrs. Sherry Howard, Mayor of Tom Bean. Ms. Howard, an employee of Raytheon, was honored to present the award to Thompson. Ms. Howard has been instrumental in bringing the Math Moves U Program to Tom Bean each year. This is the first time students have had the opportunity to apply for the MathMovesU scholarship.

For years, Raytheon has dedicated resources to creating a greater awareness and appreciation of math among young people. Raytheon understands that in order to inspire students, we need to engage them when they are young, support them during critical middle school years and continue to build on that support throughout their academic lives. Raytheon's many-tiered MathMovesU program utilizes a host of engaging learning programs, including MathMovesU's interactive website, scholarships, sponsorships and events to help students from middle school through college remain interested in math and science and, by extension, ensure the continued strength of the American work force.

Raytheon celebrated the fifth anniversary of the company's signature MathMovesU program recently by launching a new MathMovesU website-<<http://www.mathmovesu.com/>>. This expanded resource provides an interactive online destination for middle school students, parents, educators and others interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education excellence. The new website is the latest effort in a program that has inspired more than 1 million U.S. middle school students to experience the excitement that is possible with math and science.

Mr. Smith stated that he hopes that this is the first in many future student scholarships to be awarded to TBMS students as a result of the partnership between Raytheon and Tom Bean Middle School.



Mark Washburn (1952-2012)

SHERMAN – Funeral services for Mark Lyn Washburn, 60, will be held 10 am Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the Meador Funeral Home Chapel in Whitesboro, with Rev. Joe Patterson officiating assisted by Rev. Jason Anderson. Interment will follow the service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Bells. Family visitation was Thursday, May 24 at the funeral home.

He passed away on May 22, 2012 in Sherman.

Mark was born on January 31, 1952 to W.H. “Jack” and Alta Fay (Arnwine) Washburn in Bells. He was very involved in local, state and national politics. He was passionate about the pro-life movement. It was a personal victory for him when the Planned Parenthood (in Sherman, Texas) was closed down. He lived a full life. He was tenacious in facing his life’s difficulties. He loved to talk. He was a dispatcher for the Grayson County and Cooke County Sheriff’s Departments and also for Whitesboro, Iowa Park and Bowie Police Departments.

He is survived by his brothers, Bill Washburn and his wife Shirley of Bonham, Joe Washburn and his wife Becky of Bonham, and Dale Washburn and wife Carol of Whitesboro; sister-in-law, Linda Washburn; nieces and nephews, Tracy Washburn, Tamera Lorentz, Terry Washburn, Tisha Brown, Alicia Powell, Alison Godbey, Andrew Washburn, Kaley Washburn, and Lane Washburn; and special friend, Evonne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.H. and Alta Washburn; his brother, Larry Washburn; and a niece, Debra Nault.

Pallbearers were Jackie Crisp, Billy Hampton, Audie Hall, Johnny Waldrip, Gene Lund, and Larry Millson.

To sign the online directory, please go to www.meadorfuneralhome.com.



Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event



On Saturday night, May 26, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Our second band for the evening will be Rocky Crigler and the King's Trail Cowboy Church band. He will introduce his band members that evening. We look forward to a wonderful evening of gospel music.

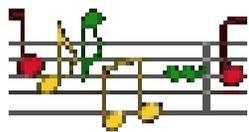
Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and refreshments is available.



The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half miles west of Tom Bean (or 6 miles east of Howe) on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.

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Jazz Weekend in Denison

This weekend, Downtown Denison will feature a jazz lover's dream with music and photographs. The Ephraim Owens Experience and Jazz at Five will complement The Fine Art of Jazz, an exhibition showcasing the names and faces synonymous with the Kansas City tradition of American jazz. The free photographic exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday and will run through Friday, May 25 at 413 W. Main in Downtown Denison.



The Ephraim Owens Experience will be live at the Rialto Theatre in Denison on Friday, May 18 at 8 pm. Tickets are only \$10. Ephraim will be featuring Red Young on the B3 Hammond and Brannen Temple on Drums.

Ephraim is one of the hottest horn players on the Austin Club Scene, and he is especially well known for his signature solos. He is a very popular South by Southwest artist and has been voted the "Best Horn" in Austin.



Saturday, May 19 will feature Jazz at Five performing in the exhibit space at 413 W. Main. During this free concert, performers will be offering commentary from 4-7 during "Downtown Open Late". Downtown Denison businesses will have sidewalk sales and extended hours on this special Saturday evening.

Concerts are made possible through a grant from the Wal Mart Foundation. ExhibitsUSA is a national program of the Mid-America Arts Alliance through support of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Texas Commission of the Arts. For more information, call 903-464-4452 or visit www.downtowndenison.com <<https://mail.cityofdenison.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=a16a59347d784e45bf5b9089353c8e41&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.downtowndenison.com%2f>>.

Charlie Parker. Pete Johnson. Mary Lou Williams. Count Basie. Jay McShann. Booker Washington.



These and many more musicians and vocalists associated with Prohibition-era jazz found a welcome home in Kansas City nightclubs, bustling with crowds eager for the entertainment. The Roaring 20s saw local and out-of-town musicians forge a distinctive Kansas City style of jazz as they enjoyed the camaraderie of all-night jam sessions with boisterous, noisy clubs as the backdrop. Many of the musicians who got their start in Kansas City's jazz hub became household names across the nation in the 1930s and 1940s as jazz exploded in popularity, but the genesis of the movement also left its mark forever on the Kansas City music scene. Today the tradition jams on, with clubs across the city featuring jazz nightly.

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AgriLand Co-Sponsors Fire Protection Dinner for Landowners, Rural Homeowners

TYLER, Texas - Landowners learned what a powerful force nature can be during last year's devastating wildfire season. This year, a free Community Wildfire Protection meeting will help them learn how fire behaves so that they can safeguard their lives and livelihoods. The June 5 meeting in Huntsville will include a free rib-eye dinner sponsored in part by AgriLand Farm Credit.

Rural homeowners will hear a presentation from the Huntsville Fire Department on the Ready Set Go! program, designed for people who live in the wildland-urban interface, or those areas where fire can quickly spread to homes from forests, brush and grasslands. Texas AgriLife Extension Service will present tips to protect the animals that depend on livestock managers.

Additional information will be available from the Texas Forest Service, the Walker County Office of Emergency Management and other city, county and state organizations.

"The safety of our customers is a top priority at AgriLand Farm Credit," said John Holland, the rural lending cooperative's chief executive officer. "A wildfire can't always be prevented, but planning and preparation can go a long way in protecting lives and property."

Seating for the meeting is limited, and registration is required by May 30. Call the Walker Country Texas AgriLife Extension office at 936-435-2426 to reserve a seat for the meeting, to be held at 6:30 pm June 5 at the Walker County Storm Shelter, Veterans Complex, 455 Texas 75 North in Huntsville. The dinner will be provided by AgriLand, Texas Farm Bureau-Walker County and Nolan Ryan's Guaranteed Tender Beef.

AgriLand Farm Credit is a customer-owned lending cooperative that finances agricultural operations, rural recreational property, agribusiness and other rural real estate. It is headquartered in Tyler and has lending offices in Athens, Beaumont, Bonham, Clarksville, Fairfield, Gainesville, Nacogdoches, New Waverly, Paris, Sulphur Springs and Tyler.

Friends of Hagerman

The Friends of Hagerman will host a garage sale at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on June 1 and 2. The sale will be held from 9 am until 4 pm inside the Friends of Hagerman Center at the refuge, and all proceeds will support the refuge.

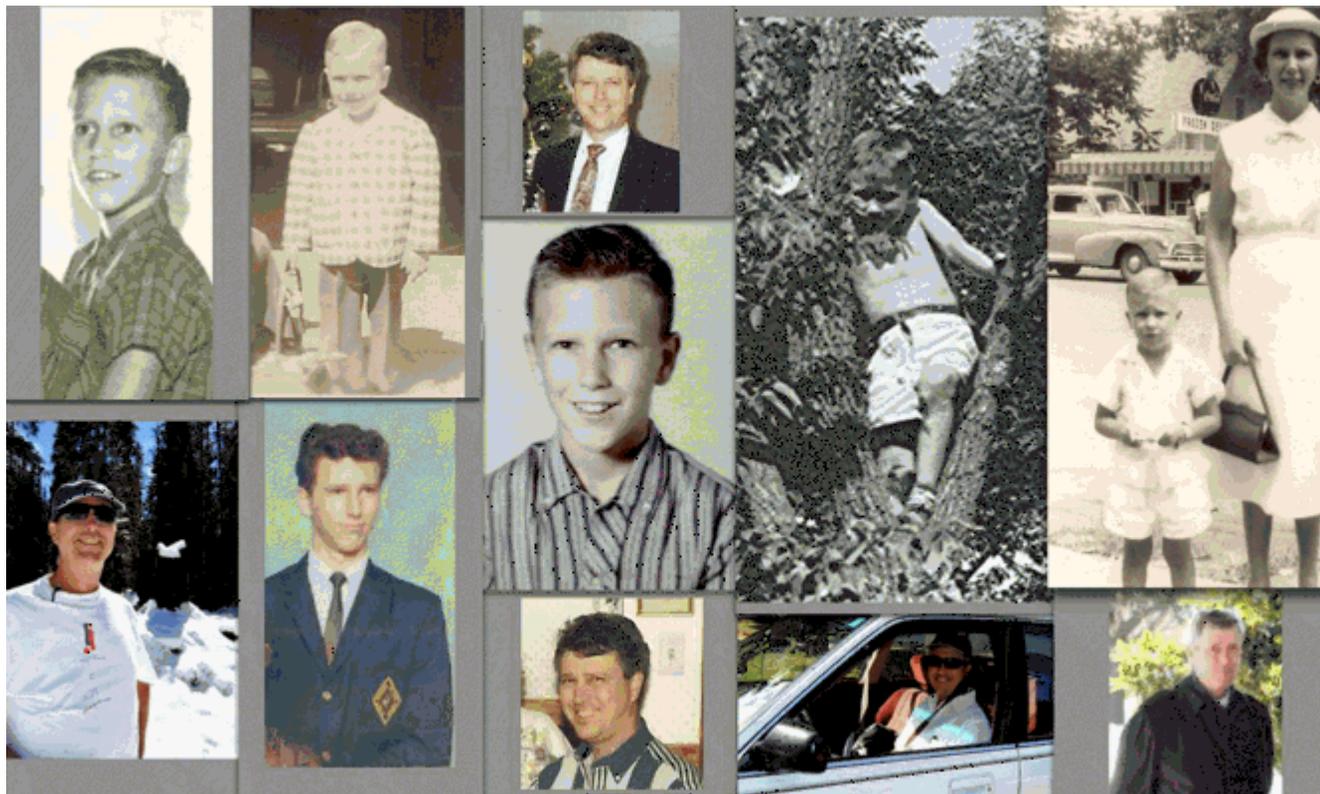
The sale is part of a series of sales that will be hosted on those two days by the Red River Valley Tourism Association. Yard sales, sidewalk sales, farmers' markets and flea markets will be featured along 425 miles of U.S. Hwy. 82 and Highway 287 corridors. The sales will run from New Boston in the east to Munday and Seymour in the west, south to Henrietta and north to Quanah, Fredericks and Hugo, Oklahoma.

For more information on the sale at Hagerman, visit www.friendsofhagerman.com. A map of all the towns participating in the 425-mile sale can be found at www.redrivervalley.info.



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My Brother Jeff (Walter Jeff Mathis, 1949-2012)

I've always looked up to my big brother. He blazed the trail for me.

As a kid, I had some of the same teachers he had and my parents knew which ones were hard and which were unfair. Jeff helped me explore every creek in the neighborhood. If he liked a book, I read it too. He taught me to play chess on a chessboard from S&H Green Stamps -- and he taught me well. We would ride our bikes three miles to the swimming pool at Fort Sam Houston and throw rocks at the yellow jacket nests, and hide under water until they stopped swarming.

Jeff joined DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) and I was so envious of his diamond-shaped patch, the way he looked, so cool in his sport jacket. He got to go to the Montreal World's Fair on his senior trip. I never even got a senior trip. After he got his high school diploma, he took a computer class, and, for a while, he made more money than our old man. Of course, he was working 80 hours a week, and that wasn't counting Dad's Army retirement pay, but still.

We went to countless movie premieres in the Washington, D.C. area in his metallic blue Volkswagen Beetle. What a thrill! When the draft called him, he went. Two years later, when the draft called me, I thought, "How hard could it be?" Mom's prayers for us to NOT go to Vietnam were answered. We were both assigned to Germany. Then Mom prayed we would NOT bring back a German wife. Her prayers were answered again.

Jeff would roar down from Frankfurt to visit me in Baumholder on his huge Triumph motorcycle. Comrade would pull him over on the autobahn just to check out his bike, he was that cool. Then he got a bigger one, an 850 Norton, which stopped traffic everywhere, even more so after he brought it back to the States. Jeff worked for the Audio Club in Frankfurt after he got off work at the Farben Building, and he directed me to the best discount on the best stereo system in the world. It was still state-of-the-art years later when it was stolen.

When Mom and Dad visited us in Germany, Jeff was our guide. He borrowed his roommate's car and we toured Europe on \$5 & \$10 a day, we really did! And Jeff would pick up enough German, or Italian, or French, to order our meals, to arrange hotels, to never get us lost. After we got out of the Army, Jeff and I toured the USA; road trip from Florida to upstate New York. He drove his little rag-top M.G. Midget through a hurricane in Georgia, the swamps of Suwannee, the flat sands of Daytona, We cooled the engine with spring water, visited friends and family along the way, crashed our cousin's wedding in New Jersey, and a thousand other adventures!

Afterwards, he enrolled at the University of Texas in Austin and got a part-time job. I got a full-time job and enrolled at San Antonio College night school. I just didn't have the confidence he had. He was the first in our family to get a degree. And then, with his B.S. and his computer skills, he rose to the top of the heap -- several times. He would hit rock bottom -- but he would always rise!

I've always looked up to my brother. But now, I'm looking down at his grave. Then again, I take a look at the sky and feel his spirit floating by. I've always looked up to my big brother.

Don Mathis



Good ol' boy expressions

By Bob Bowman

A few years ago, I made a talk to a group in Fort Worth. When I finished, an obviously educated lady of some means chastised me for repeating a series of good ol' boy expressions used in East Texas.

"Don't you think," she began, "that using those expressions destroys the integrity of the English language?"

She may have a point, but the last time I looked, there wasn't an organized movement by East Texans to bring political correctness to the way they talk.

Instead, the good ol' boy expressions and idioms for which we are famous seem to be proliferating and keeping pace with today's times.

The other day, for example, I heard a business owner describe a stern and uncompromising manager this way: "He'll stare down a computer." In my days, it went this way: "He'll stare down a mule."

While most of our sayings are being updated every day, most of them are the products of rural folks who were forced to rely on their country experiences to emphasize a point in conversations.

Consider these examples:

- "She has as much use for that as a hog needs pockets."
- "I had a piece of pie as big as the baby's high chair."
- "He's smiling like a mule eating briars."

A lot of word-stingy editors I've known will never accept this theory, but there are a lot of expressions which make more sense than single words. Such as:

- Angry: "He's hotter than a pot of collards."
- Big: "She's a well-watered woman."



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Dot's

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Radio was a wondrous invention, and the transistor radio, which could be carried in one hand or laid on one shoulder, was, I think, the most important invention of the 20th Century.

That's because it opened the world to people who might never have known any world but their own neighborhood. In some ways the transistor was the most dangerous of the inventions of the 20th Century because once people had the means to KNOW, they were often dissatisfied with the status quo. Once the genie was out of the box, it was no longer possible to keep people ignorant unless they chose to be ignorant.

Such ignorance is called "willful ignorance," and I suspect it is the ultimate unforgivable sin.

One thing the transistor did was to make it possible to transmit willful ignorance to huge numbers of people by broadcasting falsehoods, half-truths, and opinion masquerading as fact far and wide. The advent of television and the Internet increased the possibilities for such broadcasting.

Consider for a moment that there are a substantial number of people who are anticipating "End of Days" at some hour of Dec. 21, 2012. It is said, although I have not been able to substantiate the claim, that several people in one small community in Grayson County have bought fallout shelters and are stocking up on survival supplies from Costco and Sam's Club in anticipation of either that or of Armageddon.

I do know people who, although they are not buying fallout shelters, are delaying medical treatment for themselves or their children until after Dec 21 on the theory that there wouldn't be any point if the world ends so soon.

Before transistor radios, television and the Internet, most of us would never have heard of that prediction based the Mayan calendar's "end of days."



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

- Foolish: "He buys crutches for lame ducks."
- Amazement: "Great gobs of galloping goose grease."

Ugly is described by East Texans in more ways that I can count. Here are some samples:

- She's so ugly she could snag lightning.
- He has a head like a stomped 'possum.
- He looks like the dogs have kept him under the house.
- Never marry an ugly girl; she's hard to get shed of.

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Dot's Dashes, continued

To be fair, there have always been people who thought we were approaching the end of the world. I lived through such prophecies several times with my students at Permian High School. Some group or other would go up a mountain and await the end, usually after selling all their possessions. Oddly, they carried all they could up the mountain, including the cash in their wallets and purses. I don't know why they thought they would need those possessions and the money, but I have always suspected they were really glad they had them when they had to come down from the mountain.

If the day when the world was supposed to end came during the school week, I assigned a student to keep up with the time when it was supposed to happen so he or she could warn us 30 seconds before it was supposed to happen. Then I would stop whatever we were doing and wait: a minute after the projected time, we talked a little bit about how the people on the mountain must feel and how people ought to use a little sense, and then went back to the study of American government or economics, depending on what semester we were in.

You might think that in the days when communication is so good and so universal, that the current worry about the Mayan calendar's "end of days" would be dissipated by information from Mayan scholars who have said repeatedly that the Mayans just ran out of calendar -- or some variation of that -- and were not predicting the end of the world.

Of course, I have to admit that the people who expect the end on Dec 21, 2012, believe that I am the one who is being willfully ignorant, that I am ignoring the clear evidence before me and that I should be preparing for wrath to come, whatever that may be.

Clearly there is, at this time, no way to know who will be proved correct, but I will tell you that I am already buying Christmas presents.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will continue discussing interim charges. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation; and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

House Committee on Technology

***Examine ways** to create incentives for technology companies to come to Texas, including the feasibility of public-private partnerships. The study should include the economic impact of the high-tech industry in Texas and the state's ability to compete with other states for high-tech jobs. Examine the state's current areas of differentiated technology research and development and recommend strategies to capitalize on that intellectual property and commercialization. Include strategies to attract Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) funding to Texas.

***Examine the benefits** and financial costs associated with modernizing 911 call centers with the newest technology to connect dispatchers with callers using mobile means of communication in the fastest and most accurate manner possible during a time of emergency.

***Study the impact** of federal broadband expansion programs on rural areas. Coordinate this review with the Public Utility Commission's evaluation of the state Texas Universal Service Fund and the Federal Communications Commission's national broadband plan.

***Examine methods** of cloud computing technology to streamline agency operations and generate greater efficiencies for more cost-effective operations. (Joint with the House Committee on State Affairs)

The House Committee on Technology can be reached at 512-463-0794. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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James 1:2-6 (ASV)

2 Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations;

3 Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience.

4 And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed.

Christian Fellowship

Each Sunday morning A Christian Fellowship starts the morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by Sunday School classes for all ages from the cradle to adult classes at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. Mike Ball will lead the worship service. Dress is casual.

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

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

The church host's a "movie night" every month. This "free" event includes free hot buttered popcorn, candy, and drinks. The movie for June will be announced later. Come join them for a great movie night. Bring your family out for a free night of fellowship and fun.

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

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

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

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



Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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Under the Watch

By Willie Sofey

Abraham was promised, by God, that his descendants would be as the sand on the seashore (Gen. 22:16-17). God told his grandson Jacob that his descendants would include a “nation and a company of nations” (Gen. 35:10-12).

Jacob passed these promises to his grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh born in Egypt by Joseph who was sold into slavery several years prior (Gen. 48:15-20). The descendants of Israel were to be “high above all nations” (Deut. 26:19).

King Solomon’s kingdom (970-930 B.C.), was the wealthiest of its day as a single nation not as a “company of nations”... and not nearly as large as the Chinese empire at the time.

After the death of Solomon, Israel & Judah became separate nations because of the “heavy yoke” of tax burdens placed on the people by Solomon’s son Rehoboam to keep opulent Israel afloat (1Kings 12). Of course the real reason for the beginning of the history of the demise of this nation... was a falling away from the Lord. In his old age Solomon had allowed his wives and concubines to let paganistic practices enter into the cultural fabric of this great nation.

Israel was defeated by Assyria in 722 B.C. (2Kings 17), and then Judah by Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C. (2Kings 24&25). It was after the defeat of Israel by the Assyrians in 722 B.C., that many Israelis were deported and migrated to an area between the Black and Caspian Seas.

As history progressed these 10 tribes of Israel migrated into Northwestern Europe; becoming France, Belgium, the Netherlands, as well as the British descended nations of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and eventually to the United States.

The Anglo-Saxon nations are referred to as “sons of Isaac”... Saxons being defined as “sons of Isaac”. Besides spiritual promises for all humanity through the Messiah, there were promises of physical inheritance of wealth and territory... possessing the gates of their enemies (Gen. 22:17).

The prophet Amos (760-750 B.C.) had a dual prophesy for the nation of Israel during his time and for the “latter days” of the descendants of Israel. These “latter days” descendants I’m speaking about are the modern day nations I mentioned earlier.

Because of the nation’s sinful and obstinate ways, the Lord abhors “the pride of Jacob” (Israel), and will deliver the nation punishment (Amos 6:8). Israel (and it’s descendants) will experience economic collapse, bad weather, disease, famine, pestilence (Amos 4:6-10), then war (Amos 4:10), culminating in national collapse (Amos 4:2; 5:3). God will also “send a famine on the land of hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:11).

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, some 780 years later, spoke these same words in His apocalyptic discourse (Luke 21:5-36).

America and Europe (latter day descendants of Israel) are presently experiencing the beginnings of the tribulation spoken of by all the previous Old Testament prophets and the New Testament of Jesus Christ and His apostles.

The nation of America “Under the Watch” of this present administration and certain so-called leaders in the House and Senate have continued to condone the sins of ancient heathen nations as well as the sins of ancient Israel by legislating laws of murder (5 million abortions “Under the Watch” of this administration) and legalizing all kinds of practices... from wholesale pornography right up to legalized practice of homosexuality including the rights of same sex marriage and benefits of this sinful lifestyle.

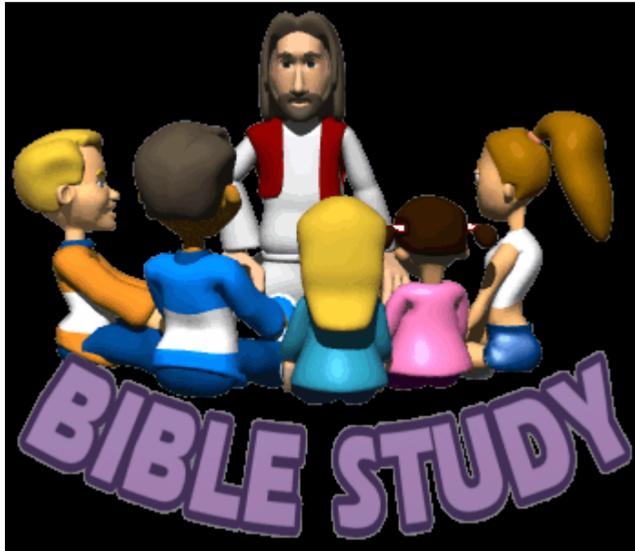
Our people are blinded by satanic deceitfully inspired men that are feeding on the frenzy of the citizen’s fleshly appetites. “Take heed lest any man deceive you” Jesus – Mark 13:5).

The problem in Europe is worse only because their sinful lifestyle has gone unchecked longer than America has. The citizens of Hitler in the 30’s, were more interested in their depressed economy of their flesh than holding Hitler accountable for destroying 6 million plus Jews.

Many of the Germans of that day as well as American’s today believed and believe in our Lord but “loved (and love) the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42-43). I’m speaking about a Pharisaical mindset here and at least the sin of apathy by ignoring our responsibility to “sound the alarm” to a dying nation.

Yes, God has allowed nations to be “Under the Watch” of certain leaders and kings, but remember all are “Under the Watch” of Almighty God.

Trying to sound the alarm, Willie Sofey





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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

By Matt Sullivan, J.D., LL.M.
Attorney & Counselor at Law

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This article is not intended as specific legal advice and you should consult with your own attorney.



Hall Receives 2011 ACU Ratings Award

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) was again honored by the American Conservative Union, receiving their American Conservative Union Ratings Award for 2011.

"I am honored to receive the American Conservative Union's award, and am proud to hold the second highest rating in Texas with a score of 95.83%," Hall stated. "My constituents of the 4th District of Texas believe in reining in out-of-control federal spending and balancing America's budget. I have always said I would rather be respected at home than liked in Washington, and I consistently vote my district, even when that vote goes against Republican Leadership. I will continue to fight to make the voice of 4th District constituents heard in Washington and vote to uphold conservative values."

The following are Key Votes highlighted by the ACU in which Rep. Hall supported a conservative vote:

Legal Services Corporation. HR 1 (Roll Call 54)
National Endowment for the Arts. HR 1 (Roll Call 68)
Planned Parenthood. HR 1 (Roll Call 93)
Firearm reporting requirements. HR 1 (Roll Call 115)
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'Meat glue' in your Memorial Day steak?

By Amanda Hill

Are you worried about "meat glue?" At first blush, we revert back to that kid in elementary art class, snacking from the Elmer's bottle -- gross. The media would have you believe we're eating the same thing in "meat glue." But, as some irresponsible reporters tend to do, they've given an unappetizing name to a safe food product. (Remember "pink slime?")

Meat glue is actually transglutaminase, or TG, a naturally-occurring enzyme that is found in plants, animals and the human body. TG is used to thicken egg yolks, strengthen dough mixtures, thicken dairy products and even improve the yield of tofu, according to this fact sheet from the American Meat Institute.

The media and food activists call it "meat glue," scaring consumers into thinking their food isn't safe. Does meat glue sell papers and boost ratings? Sure. Does it make you sick or is it bad for you? No. Food safety is always about proper preparation, information and personal choice. The FDA has approved TG in food products, deeming it safe. Transglutaminase is clearly listed on food labels, and diners can ask the chef if it is included in a dish. Steaks cooked thoroughly (to 160 degrees Fahrenheit) are 100 percent safe.

TG is used by gourmet chefs to create new culinary dishes. For example, TG is used to hold the piece of bacon in place on your filet mignon. Some restaurants will use it to create more uniform pieces of steak like tenderloin. How much TG does a meat dish have? No more than 65 parts per million (ppm) per product -- a very small amount.

The real issue is a bigger movement to scare Americans into eating a certain way. Food additives have been proven safe and are vetted by health professionals, researchers and a host of experts. A news report telling me I'm eating glue is pretty jolting. But, I'm also a trained journalist, and I know to look for the full story. When it comes to TG, I'll trust experts like chef and culinary science expert Dave Arnold. He gives a great explanation of "meat glue" and dispels the myths here.

So, do the research and decide for yourself. For me, I'll gladly eat a bacon-wrapped filet this Memorial Day.

Letter to the Editor:

China's Expansionist Policies

The U.S. Defense Department believes China will soon have anti-ship missiles with a range of 1000 miles, B-6 bombers armed with long range cruise missiles, aircraft carriers, 75 surface navy ships, 60 submarines and missile boats. These forces will enable China to project its influence in the Asia Pacific region.

China has claimed territorial sovereignty over most of the South China Sea, including areas near the Philippines and Japan, and Chinese ships have violated waters in close proximity to a number of Asian countries. This has prompted the U.S., South Korea, Australia and India to implement security agreements, and Vietnam, Taiwan and the Philippines have sought to foster closer ties to the U.S., India and Japan.

In the face of China's expansionist policies the U.S. should encourage Pacific allies, especially Japan, South Korea and India, to build up their military forces. We should rethink the proposed cuts in our military, especially the cuts to our Navy. We are down to 285 ships and might eventually have less than the 11 carrier battle groups needed to patrol the world's oceans. China can concentrate its forces in its region, while we have to deploy our forces around the globe.

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Obamacare's Assault on Women

By Sally C. Pipes

President Obama has opened up a healthy lead over Republican candidate Mitt Romney among women, according to a new Reuters poll. Many pundits are attributing the lead to the president's healthcare law -- particularly its much-discussed mandate of contraception coverage.

But President Obama's views -- particularly on health care -- are hardly in step with most women. The law fundamentally shifts control over medical decisions from patients and their doctors to the federal government. That's bad news for all Americans -- especially women.

For starters, it's not even clear that women support Obamacare's contraception mandate, which requires all organizations -- including religiously affiliated ones -- to provide coverage for services that may run contrary to their teachings.

According to a March New York Times/CBS poll, a majority of women believe that religious organizations should not have to cover the full cost of birth control. A plurality of women even said that no employer -- secular or religious -- should be forced to supply contraceptives.

These women recognize that a government powerful enough to mandate birth control coverage is also powerful enough to potentially take it -- or any other medical service -- away down the road.

Obamacare's reams of mandates endanger Americans' ability to select the health insurance they want -- or to keep the insurance they already have.

This week, the House Ways and Means Committee released a report estimating that American employers could save \$422 billion over the course of a decade by dropping insurance coverage in 2014, when Obamacare's insurance subsidies kick in.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects that up to 20 million people will lose the coverage they currently get through their employer once Obamacare is fully in place. Former CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin estimates that nearly twice as many -- 35 million -- will be dropped from employer plans.

Many of those folks will find themselves on Medicaid in swift order.

Further decisions that should be between doctors and patients will increasingly end up in the hands of the feds.

Just look at the new Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), which specializes in comparing the effectiveness of various treatment methods.

Comparative-effectiveness research has been used for years in Great Britain to decide which treatments the government will pay for. A new drug or procedure must be deemed to provide sufficient bang for its buck.

In other words, a treatment may be medically effective but not considered cost-effective according to the government's quality-adjusted life years index. In that case, Britain's nationalized healthcare system wouldn't cover it -- no matter how many lives it might save.

For instance, the British government refuses to cover the breast cancer drug Lapatinib -- denying thousands of terminally ill Britons access to a treatment that can halve the speed at which their breast cancer grows.

The Obama Administration says that PCORI won't take cost into consideration -- but with government now paying for half of all health care consumed in this country, that promise will be hard to keep.

Outcomes research was also behind the 2009 recommendation by a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services panel that women in their 40s not receive regular mammograms. The panel said that mammograms don't save enough lives to be worth the cost -- even though breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for women aged 40 to 49. Further, early detection vastly improves a person's chance of survival.

Obamacare's economic impact should also be worrisome to women. The White House sold the law as a way to reduce the deficit by \$140 billion over the next ten years -- and by as much as \$1 billion in the decade after that.

But a recent report by Dr. Charles Blahous, a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center and a public trustee for Social Security and Medicare, showed that the new healthcare law will add between \$346 billion and \$527 billion to the deficit over the next decade.

That's money that future generations will have to shell out in the form of higher taxes and reduced services from the federal government. Thanks to Obamacare, mothers concerned about their kids' futures have yet one more thing to fret about.

Indeed, if keeping one's family healthy and preserving a strong economy for future generations aren't women's issues, then what are?

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And God Created Woman

One fine morning in the Garden of Eden, God looked down upon Adam and noticed that he was looking glum. So the Lord said to Adam "What troubles you, my Son?"

Adam looked up to God and said "I'm lonely, Father. I have no one to talk to."

Adam and Eve Joke So God said "Then I shall give you a companion, and she will cook and clean for you, and wash your clothes. She shall bear your children and never wake you in the middle of the night to take care of them. She will give you love and compassion whenever you want it. She will not nag at you, and will always be the first to admit she is wrong if you two ever disagree. She will love and support you no matter what, and always agree with any important decision you make. She shall be called a 'woman.'

Intrigued, Adam asked God "What shall this woman cost, Father?"

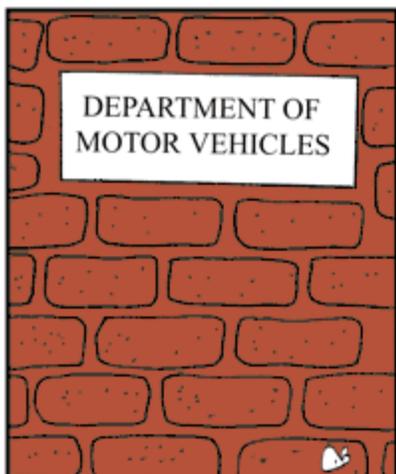
God replied "One arm and one leg, my son."

Adam pondered this question for a minute, and with the seriousness that only comes from complete certainty, he answered... "Hmm, what can I get for just a rib?"

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



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Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007