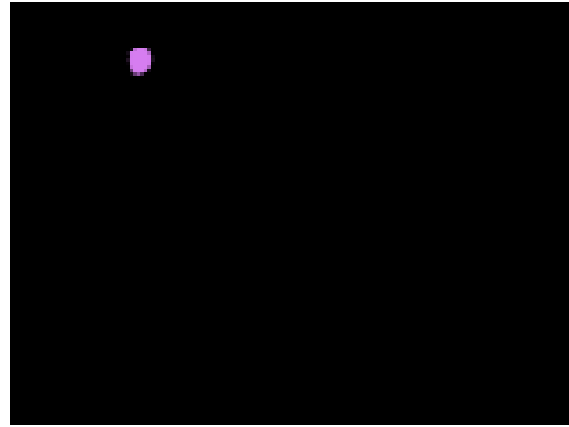


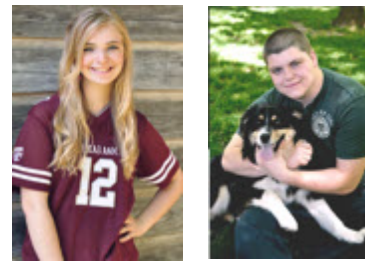
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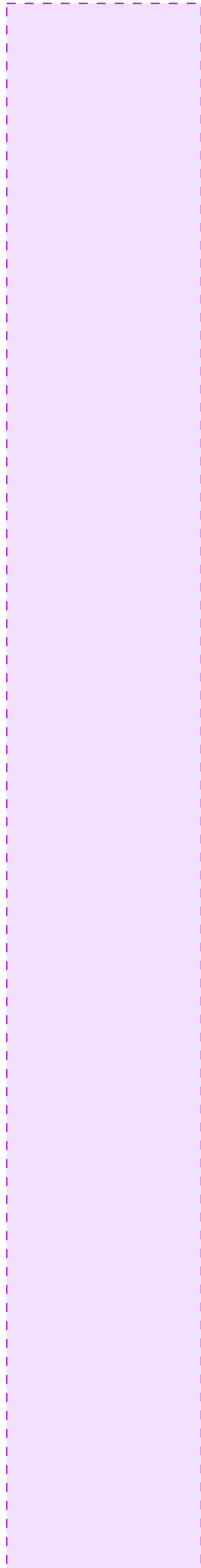
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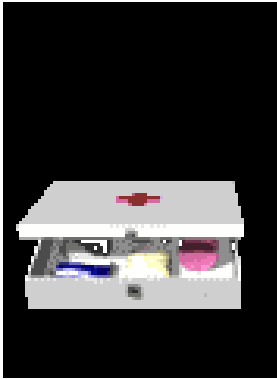


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GC offers Medication Aide course

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

by Lana Rideout

Back in 1962 when I was attending Abilene Christian College (now university), I took several Bible courses as was required by the college.

I had several excellent Bible teachers. One was a man named Paul Spain. He had made several trips abroad to help establish churches in eastern European countries.

Poland was one of the countries he visited. Under the rule of Communists, he was allowed to visit and to offer prayers; but he could not preach a sermon.

At several churches, he was asked to offer a prayer. He used those prayers as a tool to impart important news about Christianity.

Also, I want you to know that my granddaughter, Dominique Rideout, is the Valedictorian of the Howe High School Class of 2012. Our family is very proud of her.

Recipe



Cucumber Cake


1 pkg. butter cake mix
Place 1-2 cups of raisins in hot water
1 stick of butter at room temperature
Spray cake pan or 2 loaf pans with "Bakers Delight"
Take 4-5 medium cucumbers, cut off and discard both ends, and then chuck cucumbers, no need to peel. Place them in food processor with soft butter, and add:
½ cup rum (or water)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla
3 large eggs
Blend until fully pureed and fairly smooth.
Dump into large mixing bowl with cake mix and drained raisins. With a hand beater, beat mixture for about 3 minutes. Pour batter into prepared cake pan(s).
Bake in 375-degree oven for about 35-45 minutes. Test with table knife to see if it is done.
Cake can be frosted or just dusted with sifted powdered sugar.

Several years ago Ann Van Wynen Thomas of the Preston Peninsula sent me this recipe with the note: "I kept receiving an abundance of cucumbers from friends and I decided to make Cucumber Cake."

She added, "This cake freezes well, and is lots of fun to carry to social gatherings, allowing guests to figure out what is in it."



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Howe student first in state UIL competition

Howe High school junior Tanner Hawkins competed this year in the academic UIL in feature writing, bringing home a first place medal in the feature writing contest.

“He has a natural gift for writing,” said Saul Wright, Tanner’s teacher and UIL coach.

Tanner and others in the competition interviewed a man who told his story. Taking notes and listening to what was said, he was able to craft his feature to win the top prize.

Debner graduates from Texas A&M University

COLLEGE STATION, May 31, 2012 - Diplomas were awarded to approximately 7,300 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees were:

Sigrid K. Debner of Howe received Bachelor of Science – Community graduating CUM LAUDE

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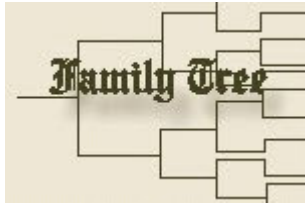
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*Foreign Exchange Student
#Lower case per student request



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.

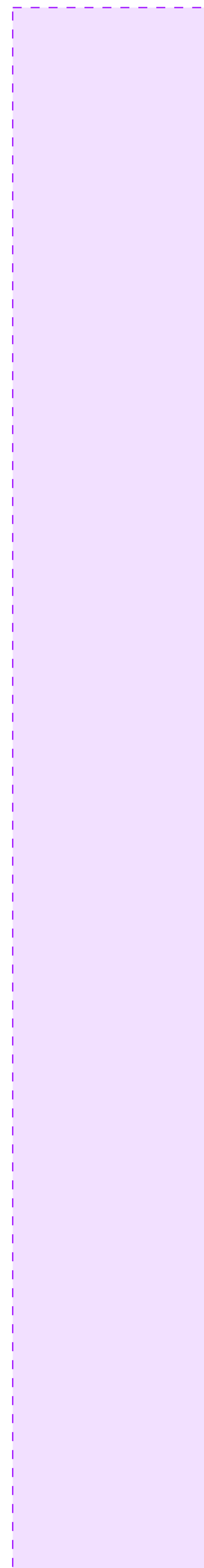
"Get a Clue at the Library" is the theme of the Texas State Library's Summer Reading Program. The Gunter Library will provide story times every Saturday in June at 10:30 am. We will also include related programming with local and county officials as speakers. Stop by the library soon to register your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



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Morgan Joy Ellis - Valedictorian

Daughter of Roger and Karla Ellis
GPA - 4.0

Class of 2012 Tom Bean High School Valedictorian
13 Years of Dance
3 Years National Honor Society (Sophomore-Senior)
1 Year National Honor Society President (Senior Year)
5 Years Marching and Jazz Band
4 Years Concert Band
2 Years Drumline Captain (Sophomore and Junior Year)
1 Year Drum Major (Senior)
4 Years One Act Play
2 Years All-Star Cast (Sophomore, Senior)
1 Year Best Actress (Sophomore)
1 Year Stage Manager (Junior)
1 Year State Honor Crew (Junior)
2 Years Spanish Club (Sophomore, Junior)
1 Year Yearbook (Senior)
1 Year Yearbook Co-Editor (Senior)
1 Year Class Vice-President (Sophomore Year)
1 Year Varsity Tennis (Junior)
1 Year PALS (Peer Assistance Leadership) (Senior)
2 Years Students Against Destructive Decisions (Freshman, Sophomore)
1 Year Students Against Destructive Decisions Treasurer/Secretary (Sophomore)
3 Years International Thespian Society (Sophomore-Senior)
1 Year Vice-President (Junior)
National Thespian
National Thespian Honor Scholar
NASA High School Aerospace Scholar (Summer between Junior and Senior)
Texas Governor's School Participant (Summer between Sophomore and Junior)
TREA Scholarship Recipient (\$1000)
Voted Most Likely to Succeed

After graduation, Morgan plans to attend Texas A&M University-College Station to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Tom Bean High School Salutatorian

David Lawson
Class Ranking: 2
Parents - Brent and Sandra Lawson
G.P.A. 98.055

School Activities and Honors: I have played football and powerlifted all 4 years of high school. I also participated in band, NHS, FCA since my sophomore year.

Outside Activities, Honors, and Accomplishments: I have a strong leadership role in my youth group at church and helped found the Path for Life Student Center to give kids a safe healthy place to go after school.

I plan to attend The University of Texas at Dallas and major in biomedical Engineering.



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.



Melody Ranch's 6th Annual Bluegrass Festival

Can you believe it? This is our 6th Annual Bluegrass Festival!

This year the dates are May 30-31, June 1-2. We have a kick-off potluck supper on May 30 at 6 pm which is free for campers. There will be fellowship and jamming afterwards.

The gospel section of the festival is focused on Thursday evening beginning at 6 pm. We have Hanks & Company, Full Quiver, and Copper Canyon for that evening. There will also be other gospel music performed by George Dickerson.

Friday's events begin at 1 pm with Melody Ranch Ramblers, Hanks & Company, Curtis Box & Santa Fe Line, and Mark Phillips & IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band. The evening performance will begin at 6:00 pm.

Saturday's events begin at 11:30 with an open mic. At 12 we have The Gaskills Family Bluegrass, Salt Creek, Copper Canyon, Shady Grove Ramblers, and Mark Phillips The evening performance will begin at 5:45 pm.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided.

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, and during the dinner hour on Friday and Saturday evening, we will serve an enchilada, beans, and rice plate.

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

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Ronnie McDowell in Concert

Ronnie McDowell will perform a concert at the Chrystal Opry House on June 9 at 7:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased online at www.dickersonproductions.com or by phone at 254-498-3564. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

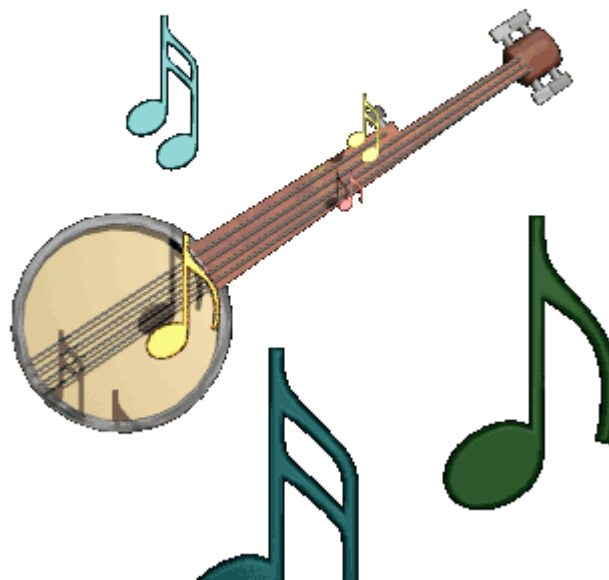
Best known for his visual and vocal resemblance to Elvis Presley, Ronnie McDowell enjoyed a series of Top Ten hit during the first half of the '80s. He was born in 1950 and raised in the small town of Portland, TN. He started singing publicly while serving in the Navy in the Philippines. He hit big in 1977 with "The King Is Gone", a tribute to Presley written immediately after the singer's death. McDowell capitalized on the exposure to land another hit, "I Love You, I love You, I Love You" in 1978. The following year he was tapped to sing the vocals for an Elvis movie starring Kurt Russell. Other hits by Ronnie include "Older Women", "Wandering Eyes", "Watchin' Girls Go By", "You Made a Wanted Man of Me", "In a New York Minute" and "You're Gonna Ruin My Bad Reputation".

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

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3 pm -- open mic voluntary readings of original poems and/or favorite poems by non-writers.

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Relay For Life is an annual fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. These photos from this year's event are provided by Brian Brody.





LET'S REMINISCE: RESPECT FOR BUS DRIVERS

By Jerry Lincecum

As the school year comes to an end, I remember how important bus drivers were to my first twelve years of school. The distance from our farm to Marquez school was about 10 miles, as the crow flies. The circuitous route taken in order to pick up a couple of dozen kids probably doubled the mileage.

The morning schedule at our house was get up at 6:30 and get on the bus by 7:15, in order to reach school before 8:00. I realize now that a long bus ride was an important part of my education. Observing the language and behavior of my fellow students from first graders to seniors was interesting to say the least.

The drivers did not allow any bullying or fighting, but there were occasional ear thumpings and verbal spats (sometimes between members of one family). Some kids were habitually tardy about getting to the bus stop. Then there was that amazing morning when an angry father met the bus to cuss out the driver.

I took in some new words before the driver shut the door and drove away. My dad was on the school board, and he went with the school superintendent to visit that fellow and make sure the drama did not recur.

Most memorable of all was wading through a flood. Prior to the completion of Highway 7, we had to cross the Navasota River on a shaky old bridge, and there were several smaller bridges on the "dump" that elevated the gravel road through the floodplain. The main bridge had a steel frame, but I remember the sounds our bus made on the wooden runners.

On one occasion after several days of heavy rain, we were on our way home from school.

Anticipating trouble, the school superintendent had followed us in his car. He and the bus driver conferred when we got to the flooded river. They agreed that the busload of children should not be driven through the rising water that was just beginning to flow across the lower end of the dump.

There were also some parents waiting on the other side. Holding hands with several adults to make a chain, we children waded barefoot through the water without any problem. I always enjoyed wading, and the water was no more than an inch or two deep at that point, so a sense of adventure overcame any anxiety.

Then came the truly amazing part, as our bus driver slowly steered the empty bus through the running water. By next morning, the flood had receded and we made the routine trip without incident. But an unforgettable memory was stored in my brain.

A big "Thank You" to all those bus drivers who are responsible for transporting so many children to and from school five days a week, nine months a year.

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



A steamboat's tale

By Bob Bowman

Lying in the Trinity River at Parker's Bluff, near Palestine, a cluster of remnants from an old sidewheeler steamboat serve as reminders of an era when cotton was king in much of East Texas.

The A.S. Ruthven, weighing 144 tons and measuring 127 feet long, was built at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1860 by a shipyard that turned out 288 steamboats.

While most of the steamboats were placed in service on the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers, the Ruthven came to Texas, where she was placed in service hauling cotton down the Trinity River to Galveston.

But the craft had barely established herself on the Trinity when Texas seceded from the Union and the Ruthven's owners leased her to the Texas Marine Department for use as a transport vessel. On the last day of 1861 she arrived at Galveston with a pair of artillery pieces, part of a shipment of fourteen for the defense of Galveston Island during the Civil War.

In 1862 the Ruthven was running between Galveston and Buffalo Bayou and during October of that year, she was inoperable and had to be towed up Buffalo Bayou to escape the Union attack on Galveston.

When the Civil War ended, the Ruthven went back to the Trinity River and, with the Texas cotton markets open again, she resumed hauling bales from East Texas to Galveston. But the Trinity was a fickle river. Some boats lingered too long upstream and found themselves trapped by low waters and were forced to wait until spring rains lifted the river.

During the 1866-87 cotton season, the Ruthven made successful runs from East Texas to Galveston, delivering more than 2,200 bales.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

The year I was ordained I was one of two women clergy in the New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church. Now there are almost as many women ministers as there are men ministers in the conference.

It is too much to say that Liz Spence and I broke the trail for the women who followed because we were not the first women on the trail. We were just the first women in the New Mexico Conference. There had been women in other conferences for a considerable time.

Nevertheless, we were objects of some curiosity. Liz left New Mexico years ago for a church in the northern Midwest, but I stayed in Odessa, at the edge of the conference border for 15 years, serving churches that couldn't afford a "real" preacher.

I knew I wasn't "real" because the authentic preachers, i.e. male preachers frequently asked, "How does it feel to be a woman preacher?" I never came up with an adequate answer that could be said in a meeting with clergymen and finally gave up trying. I was at a meeting of clergy, standing in the lunch line, when some well-meaning but clueless colleague asked the question and my friend and occasional mentor the Reverend Rodney Williams, patted me on the head and asked, "Yes, dear, how does it feel to be the preacherette?" and laughed.

The next time someone asked the question, I remembered Rodney's question and laughed myself.

However, I never quite got accustomed to having people meet me the door after church to tell me they enjoyed the "sweet little talk." I knew they would never have characterized a man's sermon, no matter how sappy, as a "sweet little talk," or at least if they did, they would never have said it to his face.

One of the members of the first church I served was the superintendent of schools. He was a great mentor and a



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

In March of 1867, the *Galveston Weekly News* reported: "Coming up, the Ruthven met 14 flatboats at various points, all loaded with cotton for Galveston. We understand that the Ruthven will go as high up as Wild Cat Bluff and will return up the river and remain above Magnolia until next fall. The snow, sleet and hail fell on the deck of the boat to a depth of six inches. The cold was so severe that the steam pipes of the steamers and sawmills were frozen and burst. Such severe weather in the month of March was never known before."

The Ruthven continued to serve customers on the Trinity through the 1860s, but with growing competition from the railroads, the Ruthven was pulled from service. In the early 1870s George Anderson Wright of Palestine bought the old sidewheeler for \$900, moved her to Parker's Bluff, and began to dismantle parts of the vessel.

The steamboat's boilers, engines and machinery were removed and sold to gins and sawmills in the area. The cabin was also removed and incorporated into the construction of a large Palestine home. The hull of the boat was left to deteriorate in the Trinity.

In the 1970s an archeology team from the Texas Historical Commission traveled to Parker's Bluff to determine if any of the Ruthven's wreckage could be salvaged. While the boat's hull had survived nearly 130 years in the river, the remains were in poor shape and had been scattered along the river.

To the general public, the only visible reminder of the Ruthven is an anchor recovered by a group of young men in the 1920s or 1930s.

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

Dot's Dashes, continued

slave driver who tolerated no excuses from staff at the school or from me. It was the custom for the pastors in Wink to rotate the responsibility for the Baccalaureate service. It was the Methodists' turn the first year of my appointment and I suggested that perhaps it would be better for the superintendent to ask the Baptist or the Church of Christ or the Assemblies preacher because they were male.

"Hell, no," he said. "You're the pastor of this church and you're my pastor and you are going to preach at Baccalaureate and that's the end of it. If people don't want to come, they don't have to."

As it turned out, there was a record crowd, probably because everyone was curious about whether a preacher who happened to be a woman would have two heads or only one eye in the center of her forehead. And, I am happy to report, I did the Methodists proud and more important, did well what God called me to do.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the superintendent, now gone to his heavenly reward. Toward the end of the first year, there was a fight of some kind in the church, probably over the heat or the air conditioning, two things experienced preachers know they should never touch. All I remember about the fight is watching the superintendent walk across the school parking lot on his way to the church when he saw me drive into the church parking lot.

"I want to talk to you," he said. "It's up to you to settle this thing and I want you to do it now. We're paying you to lead. Now, damn it, lead!"

"Yes, Sir," I said. I stayed eight more years for a total of nine years at a church where the average pastoral tenure had been nine months. That was probably because of my "sweet little talks."



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges for the House Committee on Transportation, of which I am the chairman. This past week, the committee toured the Port of Houston and heard testimony from numerous entities regarding the infrastructure needs in preparation for the expansion of the Panama Canal. In March, the committee held a hearing on the first and fourth charges listed below.

House Committee on Transportation

***Review** the state of our current transportation infrastructure, including studying roadway, bridge, and waterway quality and long-range plans by the Texas Department of Transportation for maintaining these assets. Explore future needs of our infrastructure for the next decade and make recommendations to ensure long-range sufficiency.

***Study** the state's preparedness for the expansion of the Panama Canal and determine whether the state's infrastructure is ready for the increase in commerce.

***Conduct** a thorough review of the operations of transit organizations in Texas. Explore possible reforms to streamline and improve services to Texans.

***Study** the environmental review process for transportation projects and monitor the implementation of reforms newly passed by the 82nd Legislature. Continue to work with all stakeholders to develop any necessary changes. (Joint with the House Committee on Environmental Regulation)

***Study** transportation funding reforms and develop long-term state funding recommendations, with an eye on any federal reforms that become law. Explore options to eliminate "diversions" from the State Highway Fund to non-transportation-related programs. (Joint with the House Committee on Appropriations)

The House Committee on Transportation can be reached at 512-463-0818. 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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[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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Proverbs 15:1-7 (ASV)

1 A soft answer turneth away wrath; But a grievous word stirreth up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise uttereth knowledge aright; But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.

3 The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.

4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life; But perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's correction; But he that regardeth reproof getteth prudence.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure; But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; But the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Come join them at 9 am for coffee and donuts, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. Dress is casual.

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

The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service. Come on out and join them for a family oriented worship service. If you are looking for a church home, you've found it.

C R Men's Step Study group has been put on hold for now. This class helps those with drug and alcohol abuse situations and the need to find your way back to Christ call Jesse @903-744-2716 and he can help you.

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

The church host movie night each month that is free to the public. Also popcorn, candy and drinks are free, so come on out for some fun family time. The movie for June will be announced at a later time.

The church will be having Vacation Bible School July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30pm so mark your calendar for this event.

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 more info contact Mike Ball @ 903-870-0219 or Cathy Hossle @903-814-5381.



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 10am. 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.

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

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Near the Summit

Had he chosen to continue climbing, Ben-Yehuda (age 24) would have been the youngest Israeli ever to make it to the summit of Mt. Everest. Instead, he chose to help his friend...

Nadav Ben-Yehuda was maneuvering through the last 1,000 meters from Mount Everest's Camp IV to its summit on May 19 when he saw a body sprawled motionlessly on the icy ridges. He was shocked to find that it was his friend from the base camp,

Aydin Irmak, a 46-year-old American of Turkish origin. Even though he was only 250 meters from reaching the world's highest peak, Ben-Yehuda said his decision to help his friend was "automatic."

Ben-Yehuda told *The Associated Press* that Irmak "was in a dire state and without basic equipment." Irmak later revealed that on his return from the summit, he had collapsed in the extreme conditions, without an oxygen supply, a flashlight and a backpack.

Ben-Yehuda lifted Irmak over his shoulders and carried his friend alongside his Sherpa guide for about 8 hours back down to Camp IV. Both Ben-Yehuda and Irmak suffered burns on their faces from the negative 40-degree Fahrenheit temperatures. But, they are both alive!

Despite growing tensions between their native countries of Israel and Turkey, Ben-Yehuda and Irmak continue to think of one another as friends, even brothers.

"I believe I almost died," said Irmak. "Nadav saved my life." *

This meaningful account of rescue and relationship illustrates another

demonstration of the same that can have direct application in our own lives.

When WE were lost on the slopes of sin, unable to save ourselves, and destined to die, Jesus came from the Summit of all summits -- heaven itself -- to save us (see Phil 2:5-8).

Even though our sins made us enemies with God, Jesus rescued us. In order to save us, Jesus had to give His own life as payment for our sins. "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ... But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6,8).

In order to be saved and have eternal life, we must accept Jesus' offer of salvation. Jesus will save those who will place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Because of our sins, we can never reach the Summit (heaven) on our own. But because of His great love for us, Jesus left the Summit to save us so that one day, because of what He has done for us, WE may enter the eternal Summit of life and joy in heaven! Won't YOU accept His offer?

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LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Can we win this race? We'd better...

By Gene Hall

"The race is on...Slow Food is running up the backstretch, Starvation's going to the inside. My fears are holding back, agriculture cannot fall..."

Forgive me, George Jones, for butchering your song. But I need to make a point. I ain't scared of my food. I know what I should eat and how much, though I don't always follow my own rules. I do know my food is as safe as it's ever been. I'm a tough target for the food police because I know better. What am I afraid of? I'm afraid of losing the race.

What race? We'll get to that in a minute. But we are letting the self-appointed food police make us terrified of our food. That's a real shame, because it is today more carefully grown, more regulated, as affordable and as safe as any food supply in the recorded history of humanity.

Grass-fed beef? I'll eat it if the grain-fed variety is not available. Fattened on biotech corn? Bring it on...cooked medium please. High fructose corn syrup? My body doesn't know the difference between that and other sugars. I should not eat too much of any of them, but I am not afraid of pecan pie or my Jelly Bellys.

Meanwhile, while we're told most everything we eat is bad for us, the race is heating up. The finish line is the year 2050. I will not likely get there, but I fear for many of those who will. We'll have more than nine billion people on the planet by then -- two billion more than now.

Starvation is the favorite horse in this race. He has a head start. Others will run, too. Slow Food, Real Food -- excuse me, but which food is it that's "imaginary?" Local Food -- and several other pop culture buzzword names and causes -- will come and go. By themselves, all of these will be left in the dust. They don't have a chance. There is a strong dark horse entry, though. His name is Technology. He'll win, too, if we don't force him to carry too much dead weight.

And of course, some -- celebrity chefs, Hollywood elites and other food police -- will choose to sit near the starting line, never really getting into the race, totally absorbed in a game of Trivial Pursuit.

Seriously now, all of these production systems have a role to play in producing food. But let's face it. We need to produce a heck of a lot of it in the decades ahead to win this race. Let's figure out a way to do it together.

Gene Hall -- Public Relations Director
Texas Farm Bureau

I believe that the only hope for a food secure world is capitalism and reasonable profits for America's farm and ranch families--that the first element of sustainability is economic survival.

The Eagle Has Landed

Saturday, May 26, 2012 4:15 PM

Congressman Hall, the oldest Member of Congress fulfilled his dream of making a parachute jump. He wanted to jump for his Band of Brothers and to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. The next morning at 4 am he was at his home county's veterans memorial to salute the former Navy SEAL Clint Bruce who founded Carry the Load in honor of America's military heroes and to carry the load of the men and women who gave America their last full measure of service.



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The Advil Commandments

So Moses is up on Mount Sinai and he says to God, "God, do I have a pounding headache!"

And God says, "Here, take these two tablets."

Out of Eden

A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of their favorite Old Testament story. As she moved around the class, she saw there were many wonderful drawings being done. Then she came across the drawing of one little boy. He was busy drawing a man driving an old car. In the backseat were two passengers -- both scantily dressed."

"It's a lovely picture," prompted the teacher, "but which story does it tell?"

The little boy seemed surprised at the question. "Well," he exclaimed, "doesn't it say in the Bible that God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden?"

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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007