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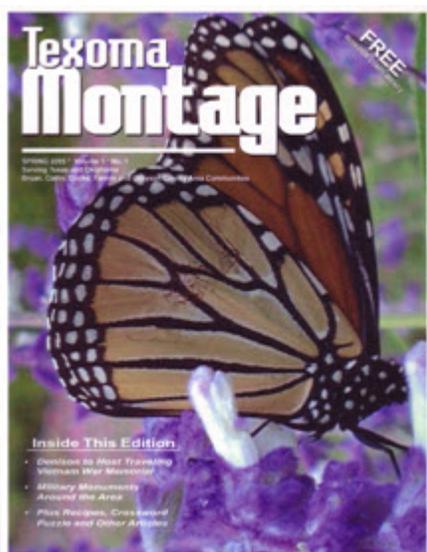
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Howe's That Recipe

by Lana Rideout

Be a Rocket Scientist!

Rocket Club is open to Howe boys and girls in the 4th grade. During the 6 lessons each student makes a launch pad, an electric launch controller and the rocket, all of which are reusable! We then meet on a Saturday morning and fly our rocket 3 times. Students are exposed to some rocket science and even physics along the way. Teachers lead them to the cafetorium each Thursday after school taught by Ted Mahler.

Launch day is November 3 from from 8:45am until about 11:30am.

Class schedule was September 20, September 27, October 4, October, 11, October 18, October 25, and Make up day on November 1

Rocket Club is an afterschool program led by Ted Mahler. Mr. Mahler is not a school employee and volunteers many hours for this each year. He has been doing this for 20 years, including 2 years where he was suffering from a terrible brain tumor. He is an incredibly bright man who shares his knowledge, talents, and love of rockets with our 4th grade students.

Double V Biscuits

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 cup shortening

1 teaspoon salt

1 Tablespoon baking powder

3/4 cup buttermilk

TO PREPARE: Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Mix flour, shortening, salt and baking powder until coarse. Add buttermilk and mix until dough is soft. Place dough on a floured surface and roll about 1/2 inch thick. Cut biscuits to preferred size and place in a greased pan and cook about 12 to 15 minutes.



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Honey Bee Coffee Cafe now open in downtown Howe.

Austin and Kira Hawkins have opened the new café at 110 E. Haning St. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 6am - 4 pm. Contact them at 903-662-8233 or Honeybeecoffeecafe.com

“We are a family friendly coffee cafe serving quality coffee, homemade breads, tortillas, breakfast, and lunch.

You will find many of our items infused with honey; we strive to use and sell local honey and are proud to offer a local Grayson County wildflower honey from Shady Bridge Farm Honey.

Tuesday Night is Family Game Night, 6-7:30 pm; Thursday is Texas 42 Dominoes, 5-7 pm. Also offering Princess Tea Parties for birthdays and special events.

Who are these folks and how did this business come about? I visited with the Hawkins family about just those questions.

Kira was born in San Antonio. Austin is a Howe boy. His father is Bobby Hawkins and his grandfather is Larry Hawkins, all Howe boys. Kira and Larry met and married in Houston, where they were both teachers. When their son, now 16 months old, came along they did not want to raise him in the “big city” so they moved back to this area. Everett, the 16 month old son was named after his Great-Great-Grandfather. Kira, Austin, and Everett now live in White Mound, just east of Howe.

The Hawkins family business is based on the idea that families should have a place to go and all feel safe and comfortable. In one corner of their cafe you will find a play area specially designed and built by Grandfather Larry for children to play. It is set up in such a way that the children cannot wander off from the area. This is also the reason for family game night and Texas 42 Dominoes night.

For breakfast you have a choice of fresh baked muffins, banana nut bread, various breakfast burritos with choice of meats and other toppings. Lunch will be homemade soup and/or sandwiches. There are a choice of soft drinks and juices, but the specialty is various flavored coffees and teas.

Kira loves to cook with honey. Most of her homemade breads have honey as a main ingredient. You can also get local honey. Additionally there is Himalayan Mountain honey. Kira plans to add other varieties of honey as she can find it.

Looking for gifts. There are candles that Kira decorates with various pictures. There are also homemade soaps. These soaps may have a goat's milk base, or a glycerine base. Some will even have real honey as part of their ingredients. They also contain real essential oils for a great aroma and healthy skin. They may have mint, peaches, lavender, oats, or more for great gifts or a treat for yourself.

Stop by and visit. You will be glad you did.



Kira preparing a cup of coffee, your way.



Honey on top shelf, Candles on middle, and soap on third. Bottom shelf has games for game night.



Play area for the kids.



Austin and Kira waiting to greet you.



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A Honor Roll, 1st Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Rian Cox, Colt Crane, Presley Quintero, Lucas Reese, Kamry Snapp, Beau Stephens, Colton Tinker, Ariel Uriostegui, Andrew Crane, Olivia Dimayuga, Macy Douglass, Noah Fowler, Williams Fuhr, Shelby Gard, Kenzlee Jones, Jaedyn Nance, Logan Reese, Hunter Shaw, Analys Turci, Travis Watson, Hayden Adkins, Tristan Chaney, Parker Daniels, Talan Haley, Heath Hendrix, Nathan Hernandez, Garren Lankford, Bailey McDonough, Kiefer Phillips, Gracie Randall, Brynn Riley, Presley Shockey, Alizabeth Banda, Stephanie Bastida, Benjamin Garibay, Zadavian Haywood, Ava Hodge, Tristin Smart, Emaleigh Sweeden,

First Grade: Jacob Campbell, Caden Garner, Carter Layton, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jake Snodgrass, Matalee Stewart, Riley Troxtell, Catelyn Armstrong, Garrett Gibbs, Kendall Griffin, Alex Jones, Jace Martin, Brooklyn McCaleb, Kolin Murphy, Jenna Roper, Emery Snapp, Mahlon Walker, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Jaycie Grisham, Emma Hitesman, Jaeden Howard, Willie Husband, Cooper Jones, Morghan Lamb, Gracie Max, Zadrrian Morris, Jonathan Smith, Mia Wilson, Casie Adams, Jayde Harris, Kolton Mitchell, Jacob Ortega, Noah Riley, Fisher Robertson, Jonathan Sanderson, Courtney White

Second: Mackenzie Bryant, Abby Earnhart, Trey Phillips, Korie Bouse, Jaggar Courtney, Ethan Duer, Kaden Dunn, Austin Haley, Christina Harper, Jalie Hill, Donna Mendoza, Christian Moody, Madison Morrow, Tinley Sisemore, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Jordan Brunner, Bryan Crees, Danielle Hargrove, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Za'Niyah Shaw, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Ayden Burris, Bryce Crosby, Carson Daniels, Bettye Delavan, Jentrie Doty, Ryan Hough, Samantha Lowder, Audie Martin, Noah Miller, Linda Segura, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc

Third Grade: Luke Catching, Niko Longoria, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Zoey Moore, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Jaicob Husband, Ben Speed

Fourth Grade: Alex Blount, Leah Butcher, Katie Grogan, Grace Brennan, Sierra Copeland, Kamryn Gardner, Kriston Harris, Austin Thurman, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robinson, Hannah Dwyer, Alex Hernandez

A/B Honor Roll - 1st Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Aviana Acevedo, William Bik, Hayden Brunner, Hali Howard, Luke Miller, Wyatt Renfro, Triston Williams, Kennadi Barrett, Andrew Crane, Olivia Dimayuga, Macy Douglas, Noah Fowler, Williams Fuhr, Shelby Gard, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kenzlee Jones, Anthony Lowder, Jaedyn Nance, Logan Reese, Gavin Rodgers, Hunter Shaw, Analys Turci, Travis Watson, Elizabeth Word, Hunter Roberson, Garrett Rodgers, Marcos Tapia, Braden Ulmer, Sophie Cherry, Christopher Garcia, David Grant, Cyri Gurley, McKinzy McCollum, Charles Turner, Devon Wallace

First Grade: Camryn Boatman, Ainsley Denham, Kayley Laubhan, Jesse Portman, Gage Troxtell, Britton Burt, Mikaylah Komorowski, Brooklyn McCaleb, Rilyn Murphy, Morgan Pitt, Mary Burris, Dax Foster, Kimberly Gonzalez, Nita Olivarez, Ashton Trevino, Isaac Vidales, Cody Adams, Zoey Bolen, Dakota Fetzer, Kelcey Ireland, Ryleigh Jenkins, Cheyenne Matthews, Gabby McMillen, Haley Richardson, Thomas Roberson, Payton Stapleton

Second: Kaylyn Bryant, Caleb Fetzer, Daniel Gonzalez, Hunter Hance, Matthew Hayes, Chesnee Lawson, Brody McCollum, Cody Richards, James Richardson, Keira Robertson, DeMarcus Smith, Antonio Tapia, Angie Burris, Connor Gauntt, Mikya Gurley, Edith Hernandez, Cody McGill, Matthew Bearden, Kelly Caballero, Landon Money, Landon Oswalt, Taylor Reynolds, Kolby Smith, Andra Jones, Colton Little, Sergio Rico

Third Grade: Jaden Bryant, Caytie Coco, John Griffin, Garrett Rudd, Caleb Searcey, Jessica Bastida, Kevin Bateman, Jared Brussow, Luis Gonzalez, Ramie Mosse, Brooke Potter, David Rocha, Justin Whitaker, Trinity Williams, Harley Brockelman, Paige Gifford, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Katie Parker, Skylar Petty, Aiden Roulette, Caleb Wahrmond, Abby Alvarez, Cierra Brussow, Ethan Conrad, Zak DeFrange, Will Fleming, Lindsey Hymel, Kailyn Ireland, Kelynn Jaresh, Conner Record, Jordan Sanderson, Alyssa Sharp, Ethan Tindell

Fourth Grade: Jackson Adkins, Ava Bader, Brett Burnett, Kayle Chapman, Cameron Lankford, Lizzy Robertson, Korbyn Thompson, Clay Barnett, Kameron Hopper, Reese Smiley, Laine Watson, Holly Cavender, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Reagan Troxtell, Camryn Adams, Noah Campbell, Erin Catching, Jake Fabacher, Tatum Hartsfield, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Kendell Posey, Kaytee Roper, Gage Streetman

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Teacher and Students of the Month

Howe High School recently selected teachers and students of the month. Receiving the teacher award was freshmen English teacher Kim Floyd. Mrs. Floyd graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in English Literature. She has been at Howe for six years and in addition to English I, she sponsors the PALs program and teaches ESL. She and her husband, Mark, have three children, Adriane, Morgan and Mallory, and two son-in-laws, Braden Haragan and Raymond Dilworth, and one daughter-in-law, Courtney Kisloski Floyd. They also have three granddaughters, Quinn, Edyn and Nora Kate. Mrs. Floyd enjoys traveling, and since her children, their spouses, and her grandchildren live all over the United States, she travels frequently. She also enjoys traveling abroad, reading, and photography.

Representing the freshmen and sophomore classes is Jamie Patterson. Jamie is the daughter of Trish and Jimmy Patterson and has attended Howe schools since kindergarten. She participates in BPA, Spanish Club, NHS, and Student Council. She is also a member of the band and the volleyball, basketball, and tennis teams. Jamie's hobbies include playing indoor soccer. Senior Morgan Bailey is the junior-senior representative. Morgan is the daughter of Amy Lindsey and Jim Bailey. She has been at Howe since the second grade and participates in volleyball, basketball, and track. Morgan enjoys playing all sports in her spare time.



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Howe City Council, Regular Meeting, October 16, 2012

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Dale Rideout, Georgia Richardson, Jack Leavenworth, Sam Haigis and Dennis Bozeman.

Dale Rideout gave the invocation.

Mayor Stanley led the pledge to the United States of American and the Texas flags.

Public Request - None

Public Hearing

ORDINANCE NO. 720
AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS, REVISING AND ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATES; SETTING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW RATES; ESTABLISHING A REPEAL CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 721
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS, TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 SECTION 1 ENTITLED SANITATION SERVICE, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT: PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

END PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve Ordinance No. 720 revising and establishing water and sewer service rates. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No – Sam Haigis.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve Ordinance No. 721 revising and establishing sanitation service rates. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No – Sam Haigis.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Jack Leavenworth to approve consent agenda which included September 2012 finance statements, minutes of September 4, September 11 and September 18, 2012 council meetings, agreement with Grayson County for library services contract, consulting agreement with Edward Peacock, CPA and moving date for “trick or treat” to Saturday, October 27, 2012. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Current Business

No action was taken on nomination to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority Board of Directors.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Dennis Bozeman to discontinue interlocal agreement with Texas Revenue Recovery Association. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Jack Leavenworth to approve modification of current residential solid waste service. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to appoint the Mayor in perpetuity to the Howe Community Facilities Corporation Board of Directors to serve when a vacancy occurs. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Dennis Bozeman to transfer funds from bond proceeds to utility fund to reimburse costs associated with repair of water leak on FM 902 on October 6th and 7th, 2012. Mayor Stanley and City Administrator Joe Shephard commended the Public Works staff on their work and dedication to getting the leak repaired. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Howe School Board Meets

On Thursday, Oct. 18, the board held a Regular Session of the Board of Education.

Board Members present were Leonard Huntsman Greg Akins, Pat Stewart, Mark Abner, Brad Anderson, Bruce Dawsey and Scott Renfro. Absent: None

Board President Leonard Huntsman established a quorum and opened the meeting according to Texas Government Code Section 551 at 6 pm.

The Invocation was given by Scott Renfro. The Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Will Fleming.

Public Forum: No one signed up for or participated in Public Forum.

Reports: Darla Williams recognized Angela Garner as the Elementary Teacher of the Month for her contributions to Howe ISD.

Darla Williams, Rebecca Mullendore, Stephanie Hawkins and several students presented the 3rd and 4th grade science projects. The students were Jacob Husband, Will Fleming, Zak DeFrage, Luke Catching, Reese Smiley, Lizzy Robertson, Eli Wilson, Avery Snapp, Harley Brockleman, Kaitlyn Fuhr and Abby Alvarez.

Darla Williams provided the elementary report. She reported on students and teacher of the month and various student activities including benchmarking and parent-teacher conferences. She also noted the Fall Festival

Jenny Martin provided the middle school report. She noted various student activities including football, Fall Festival and other programs.

Michael Smiley provided the high school report. He reviewed robotics competition information, athletic events and other student activities and results.

Clay Wilson provided the Highly Qualified Report. Howe ISD is 100% Highly Qualified for the 2011-12 school-year. He also noted the new accountability system and the fall newsletter for Howe ISD.

Kevin Wilson reviewed enrollment and attendance numbers. He noted the Team of Eight training and noted the resignation of Laura Moore.

A) Gary Sorrells and Coe Perry, representing the accounting firm Rutherford, Taylor and Company, reviewed the 2011-2012 Financial Audit. A recommendation was made by Kevin Wilson to accept the 2011-2012 Financial Audit as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Mark Abner to accept the 2011-12 Financial Audit as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

B) The Board reviewed the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 20, 2012. Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to approve the minutes from the

Regular Board Meeting on September 20, 2012 as presented.

A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on September 20, 2012 as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

C) Mrs. Julie Snapp reviewed the Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

A motion was made by Greg Akins and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

D) Julie Snapp reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Mark Abner to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E) Kevin Wilson reviewed Local Policy Update 95 and made the recommendation to approve Local Policy Update 95 as presented.

A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Greg Akins to approve Local Policy Update 95 as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

F) Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to sanction the Grayson County 4H for Extra-Curricular Activities and Designate County Extension Staff including Joyce White and Chuck Jones as Adjunct Faculty.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Brad Anderson to Sanction the Grayson County 4H for Extra-Curricular Activities and Designate County Extension Staff including Joyce White and Chuck Jones as Adjunct Faculty. The motion carried 7-0.

G) Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to Submit Required Documentation of Howe ISD Eminent Domain Authority to the State Comptroller.

A motion was made by Mark Abner and seconded by Bruce Dawsey to authorize the Superintendent to Submit Required Documentation of Howe ISD Eminent Domain Authority to the State Comptroller. The motion carried 7-0.

H) Kevin Wilson and the Board discussed potential facility expenditures. No action was taken on this item.

2010-2011 FIRST Report PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing commenced at 7:44.

Kevin Wilson and Julie Snapp reviewed the 2010-2011 FIRST Report.

The public was given an opportunity to comment and ask questions regarding the 2010-2011 FIRST Report.

The Public Hearing and Board Meeting Adjourned at 7:55.



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Tom Bean Robotics Team Is Headed to State!

Saturday 28 robotics teams from across Colin County met at Ereckson Middle School in Allen to compete for the "BEST" award. Your Tom Bean Robocats rose to the challenge, dominating Allen High School, Mckinney Boyd, Prosper and Princeton to bring home a First Place and the coveted "Most Robust" award.

This year's competition pushed the team into 2 new dimensions. Playing outside of Grayson County for the first time we had no idea what opposition the big schools of Collin County could mount. We are used to being beaten by Whitewright and could only imagine that these big schools would be equally tough. Second, the robot was faced with the difficult challenge of carrying scoring pieces up a 10 foot pole. The team's response to the engineering challenge was a lightweight sliding body with a minimal arm that specialized in picking up whiffle softballs and empty 2 liter pop bottles. The robot had 3 minutes to carry balls to the top of the pole and transfer bottles to the bottom. I was proud to watch the drivers step up to the controls with increasing confidence as they steadily increased Tom Bean's lead during the morning seeding rounds. It turns out there are advantages to growing up in Whitewright's neighborhood! You grow up tough. By the end of the seeding rounds the Tom Bean machine had racked up an average score double that of our nearest competitor.

But as in all competitive sports one should not get complacent. In the final rounds of the competition the score board is wiped clean and the machine must prove itself again against its top competitors. The first two rounds ran smoothly but at the end on the 4th round the arm stopped working. The pit crew had three minutes between rounds to find the problem (a loose wire) and fix it. In their haste they failed to notice the winch line had entangled the robot hand. When the whistle blew for the beginning of the final round it became obvious that unless the driver and the spotter could coax the robot free there would be no score. 60 seconds ticked by. First place was slipping through our fingers. Pressure mounted as everyone on the team held their breath. At last our driver (Stacy Welch) wriggled the arm free and went on to score with a ball and a bottle, just enough to save our first place trophy.

The team plays next at Texas BEST on November 10 in Garland's Curtis Culwell Center against robots from across Texas and New Mexico.

Wish us luck and endurance!

MOMS, GRANDMOMS and DAUGHTERS!!

GALS OF ALL AGES!

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

TO ATTEND OUR

"STORYBOOK TEA PARTY"

on

Saturday, Nov.3

10:00am. - 11:30am.

Tom Bean High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and Theatre Arts Department are joining to bring you Entertainment Tea party Snacks Door prizes Games...and more!!

Come as you are OR dress as your favorite storybook character...

(advance tickets \$10 adults; \$5 children under 12 at TBHS office; all tickets are \$10 at the door)

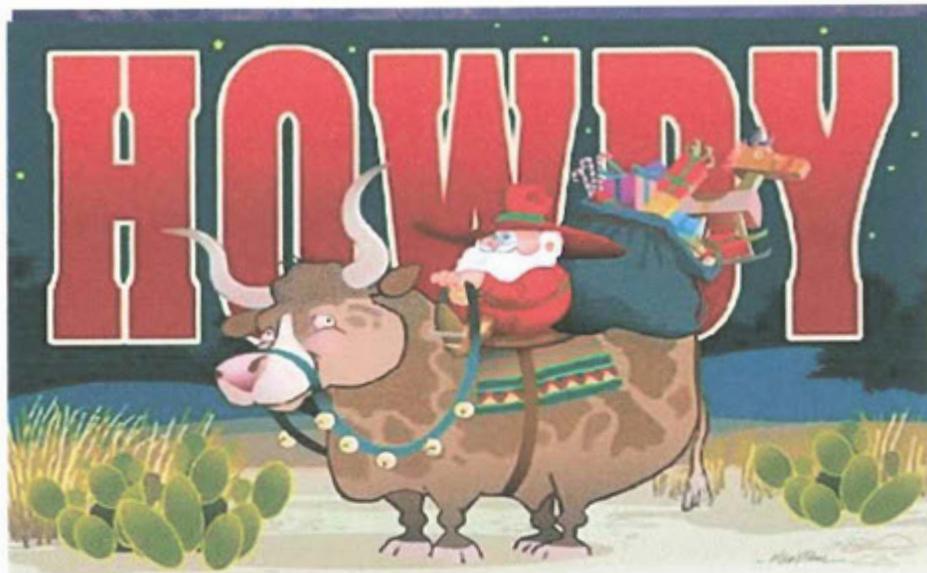
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"A True Country Christmas"



The City of Tom Bean is excited to announce our Annual Christmas Parade. This years event will be held on Saturday December 8, 2012 @ 11am! There will be lots of fun and exciting things happening that day, Keep on the look out for more information! If your family, church, business or organization would like to participate , help or donate for this wonderful community event, please contact Melinda Carrell at the below email or phone. You may also contact City Hall! Please help our community in supporting this years "A true Country Christmas" !

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Melinda: Cell: 903-744-2686
Email: tombeanparade@gmail.com

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Entry forms @ City Hall and various businesses in town!



Blood Drive Saturday, November 27, 2012 from 10 am to 3pm

The Texoma Regional Blood Center and Havertys Furniture in Sherman pull together in support of cancer patients and survivors this Saturday. The Blood Center will hold a blood drive on the parking lot of Havertys Furniture at 4612 Texoma Parkway from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Indoors, Havertys employees are raising money for the American Cancer Society with a bake sale and silent auction.

According to the American Cancer Society, blood product transfusions are used to replace important components of the blood when there are not enough in the body, either because they have been lost through bleeding or are not being made. There are many possible reasons people might need blood product transfusions, such as major bleeding (due to trauma or surgery) or diseases and treatments that slow production of blood cells. People with cancer might need blood transfusions because of the cancer itself.

For example:

1. Some cancers (especially digestive system cancers) can cause internal bleeding, which can lead to anemia (too few red blood cells).
2. Cancers that start in the bone marrow (such as leukemias) or cancers that spread there from other places may crowd out the normal blood-making cells, leading to low blood counts.
3. People who have had cancer for some time may develop what is known as anemia of chronic disease. This anemia results from certain long-term medical conditions that affect the production and lifespan of red blood cells.
4. Cancer can also lower blood counts in other ways by affecting organs such as the kidneys and spleen, which are involved in keeping enough cells in the blood.

Havertys Furniture stores raise money for the American Cancer Society each fall in support of their MSABC (Making Strides Against Breast Cancer) campaign. The Sherman Havertys location views their fund raising effort as an opportunity to provide public education and support of local organizations. The store invited the Texoma Regional Blood Center to conduct a blood drive on the parking lot to help draw attention to the need for blood transfusions by many cancer patients.

For information on who can donate, please visit the donating page of the Texoma Regional Blood Center website: <http://texomablood.org/donating.php>

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Photo Cutline:
Numerous frontier exhibits like this authentic chuck wagon will be on display during Frontier Day at Abilene State Park this Saturday. Park entrance fees have been reduced for adults, and kids ages 12 and younger are free.
(TPWD Photo by Bryan Frazier)

Frontier Day Lives Again at Abilene State Park *Outdoor Event Also Marks 20th Anniversary of Buffalo Soldiers Program*

TUSCOLA, TX -- A one-time popular annual event celebrating 19th-Century life on the rugged Texas plains, Frontier Day is again a part of Abilene State Park and scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 3.

From noon to 4 pm, park visitors can enjoy booths, activities, displays, re-enactors and demonstrations that highlight the daily routines and challenges experienced by settlers and soldiers who called this area home during the 1800s. Activities and programs scheduled for the day include a vintage baseball game, an authentic chuck wagon, a buffalo hunter, archery, Old-West re-enactors, 1870s military soldier demonstrations, animals from the official Texas State Longhorn herd, the Game Warden Operation Game Thief trailer, dulcimer music, flint knapping and more. The park friends group will also have snacks and drinks available for sale.

“They used to have a Frontier Day event at Abilene, and we decided to bring it back,” said Dawn Capps, park ranger and peace officer at Abilene State Park. “It’s important to show people what life would have been like so many years ago, and how people would have survived on the frontier. Things are, of course, dramatically different today, but we want to make sure that these stories and traditions don’t get lost. And Abilene is a perfect place to host this event; the area in and around the park was a strategic and leading edge to the frontier, because of the buffalo passageway, water and trees that have always been here.”

This Saturday’s festivities also mark the 20th Anniversary of the Buffalo Soldiers program at Texas Parks and Wildlife, a division of park staff that specializes in preserving and promoting the history, heritage and culture of the famed Black Soldier units of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and 24th and 25th Infantry regiments of the U.S. Army. The Buffalo Soldiers, who will have an encampment at Frontier Day, historically served at various frontier outposts across Texas during the Indian Wars campaign from 1866-1892. Through education programs and curriculum, outreach events and re-enactments, the Buffalo Soldiers unit of TPWD staff and volunteers travels the state as a living history exhibit, and is making its first return trip to Abilene since the program began two decades ago.

Park entrance fees will be discounted to \$3 per person for Frontier Day for adults, and kids ages 12 and younger are free. For more information about Frontier Day, contact Abilene State Park at (325) 572-3204, or visit www.texasstateparks.org.



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“Victory or Death” letters

AUSTIN -- The Texas State Library and Archives Commission voted today to allow the return of Col. Travis’ “Victory or Death” letter to the Alamo in March for the 177th Anniversary of its writing. Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, custodian of the Shrine of Texas Liberty, made the request for the historic return.

This is the first time the letter has been at the Alamo since it was written there on February 24, 1836 at the beginning of the famous siege and battle. Col. William Barrett Travis wrote the letter in desperation as the Mexican tyrant Santa Anna’s troops laid siege. His letter -- now the crown jewel of Texas history-- drew the nation’s attention to the plight the Texians heroic last stand at the Alamo.

“I am honored to be entrusted with the display of this Texas treasure,” Patterson said. “Travis’ ‘Victory or Death’ letter is one of the great, defining documents of American history and will inspire countless Texans who take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see it for themselves.”

Patterson is now working to raise \$100,000 in private donations to pay for transportation and security expenses to display the letter.

“The question all Texans will be asking next spring is: Have you seen The Letter?” said Patterson. “We welcome the world to the Alamo to share in this moment in history.”

For more information on the Alamo, please visit the Texas General Land Office website at glo.texas.gov or the Official Alamo website at thealamo.org.

Remember November 11 Don Mathis

Children become soldiers;
there are a thousand reasons why.
Some will die in combat,
others will survive.

I won’t forget their sacrifices,
their families who had to wait,
and their careers they put on hold.
So, if it’s not too late,

I want to thank the veteran.
What he had to do, he did.
Soldiers grow old too fast. It seems
yesterday he was just a kid.

We can flower and flag the cemetery.
We can shed a little tear.
We can offer our thanks to the living
veterans who are still here.

Remember November 11

Texoma Poetry Society

The Texoma Poetry Society’s “My Favorite Poet” program will be this Saturday, 2 pm, in the Hope Waller Community Room of the Sherman Public Library. The session is free and open to all poetry enthusiasts.

Program topic is Emily Dickinson with guest Marilyn Kretsinger. After teaching at Grayson College, Kretsinger became an attorney with the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress and retired as General Counsel for that office. Currently, she volunteers with the Pottsboro Library.

Date & time: 2 pm this Saturday, Nov. 3, Place: Sherman Public Library Community Room.

After intermission at 3:00, writers and poetry lovers are invited to read original poems.

The public is welcome at both sessions.

Featured speaker, presenting “Emily Dickinson, A Poet For All Ages,” will be Marilyn Kretsinger. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Austin College, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin, and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Texas. She first taught English at Grayson College, then did legal work for a number of years at the Library of Congress. Her interest in law developed during a National Endowment for the Humanities grant awarded her for study with a Princeton professor at the University of Colorado and retired as its general counsel. For the Library of Congress bicentennial observance, Kretsinger selected Texas novelist Jane Roberts Woods to appear as the author representing the Copyright and Patent Office’s celebration. Locally, Kretsinger heads the summer reading program and works with the Pottsboro Kids Club. She is a member of the Tuesday Literary Book Club and enjoys reading poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

Following Kretsinger’s program, there will be a brief intermission, and then writers are encouraged to share their work.

The Full Quiver at the Chrystal Opry House

On Saturday, November 3, at 7 pm, we welcome The Full Quiver back to our stage. They will have the whole evening. We always enjoy having this family from Collinsville, Texas, because they do such a fine job of performing music. Members include John (banjo) and Shaun (rhythm guitar) Grubb and their children. Melody plays the fiddle. Faith plays the mandolin, John Walter plays the bass and lead guitar. James plays the bass. Abigail plays the mandolin and Joshi, plays the guitar. They all sing!

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

Admission for this event is \$6 per adult with children under 12 admitted free. Youth 12-18 are half price.

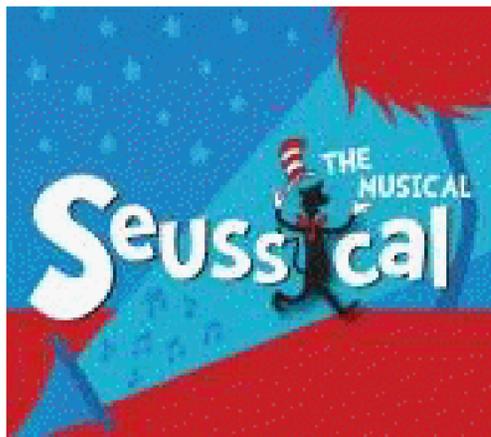
On November 1, at 7 pm we will host an acoustic jam. It is open for listeners as well as persons wishing to play. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses.

The Chrystal Opry House is located 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building.

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

(“Like” us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and (www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com))





Theatricks Opens 2012-2013 Season With SEUSSICAL

Theatricks new season starts Friday, November 2 with the musical *SEUSSICAL*. Now one of the most performed shows in America, *SEUSSICAL* is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and a little boy with a big imagination -- Jojo.

In March of 2013 will be *TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING*. Oh, brother! Sibling mischief and best pal escapades are the problems Peter Hatcher faces in his attempts to deal with his impossible little brother, Fudge. Based on the popular title by perennial favorite Judy Blume, *TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING* is a humorous look at family life and the troubles that can only be caused by a young sibling.

Then to close out the season next July 2013 is *THE HOBBIT* based on the book by J.R.R. Tolkien. Bilbo, one of the most conservative of all Hobbits, is asked to leave his large, roomy and very dry home in the ground in order to set off as chief robber in an attempt to recover an important treasure. It's the last thing that any sensitive Hobbit would want to do, but great benefit eventually results—not only for Bilbo, but for all of the Hobbits who inhabit Middle Earth and the hearts of those children and adults who continue to enjoy this kind of magic.

All three of these shows are included in Theatricks 2012/2013 season for a very reasonable price of \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$18 for students, and \$112 for a family of six. For everyone who becomes a Theatricks season member, they are entered into a drawing for four different prizes worth over \$125.00 each. The gift baskets will be drawn for the last performance of *SEUSSICAL* Sunday, November 18.



Late Fall Jam Week + Special Veteran's Show on Nov. 10

Are you looking for something enjoyable and relaxing to do next week? We are hosting an acoustic jam week Nov. 4-10 in the Chrystal Opry House at Melody Ranch. We have planned potlucks, and eating out, an ice cream/cake event, games (for those who are not involved with jamming.) and lots and lots of jamming. We will jam inside the Chrystal Opry House because you can't depend on the weather. We look forward to this fun week of socializing, games and jamming.

On November 10 we wish to honor our troops, both active and retired, with a program especially for them. Admission is by donation with all active military, veterans and spouses admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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903/482-6761
**SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

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

Dorchester

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

Gunter

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

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APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun.
10am & 6pm
**NEW BEGINNING
FELLOWSHIP/AG,**
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon
Hutson, pastor, 903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

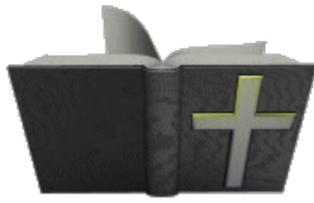
Luella

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

Tom Bean

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

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Revelation 2:1-7 (KJV)

¹ Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

² I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

³ And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

⁴ Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Christian Fellowship

D'anna Lodge will lead the worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Come join them at 9 am each Sunday morning for coffee and doughnuts and fellowship before our S.S. classes begin at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church also celebrates The Lords Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

The church hosts a "movie night" every third Friday of the month. The movie is free and the public is invited to attend. There will not be a movie night in November or December due to all the holiday activities, but will resume in January.

Wednesday nights begin at 6:30 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional study. The little kids are having a special class right now so bring them out for some fun.

The original Halloween party and hayride that was planned on Saturday October 27, has been cancelled due to conflicts with other activities. But there will be a hayride on Halloween night Oct 31 from 6:30-8 pm, at A Christian Fellowship Church. Kids will have a safe time and will be able to go to assigned houses. The public is invited for a fun night of trick or treating.

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 your way. For more info contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

We have 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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COWBOY CHURCH

FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

PILOT GROVE

BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450

WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH

OF CHRIST

800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers

RED RIVER

COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);
Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

Van Alstyne

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County
Line Rd.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

EAST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,

corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,

LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

WORSHIP CENTER

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

Chris Jones, pastor

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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972/562-0752

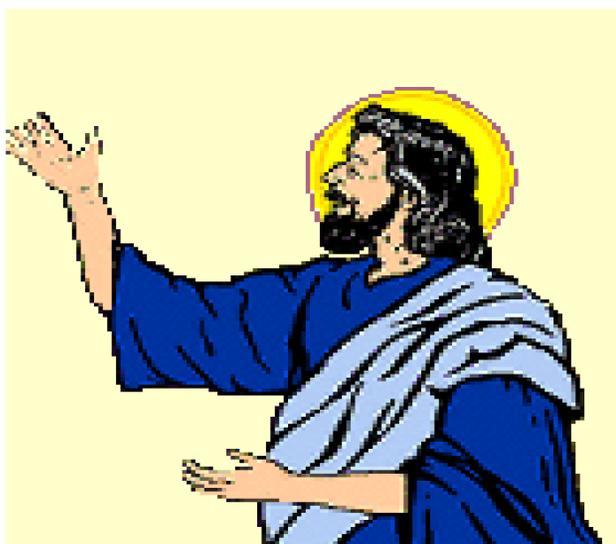
MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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



The Florist's Flower

One of the most well-known events in the year 1912 was the sinking of the luxury liner, Titanic, on April 15th. Another significant event occurred a week later on April 23, 1912: a little girl was born to Mattie and Freddie Hicks of Coffeenville, AL. They named her "Virgie Mae." Her birth did not make national headlines, but she was a "treasure" to all who knew and loved her. And, little did anyone know but this little girl would live to see her 100th birthday!

Can you imagine the changes that Ms. Virgie Mae witnessed in her lifetime? In addition to the incredible changes in technology and transportation, she went through many transitions in her own life. Born and raised in the small town of Coffeenville, Virgie moved to the city of Mobile, AL, and began working as a seamstress at a clothing mill. In 1942, she married Claude Ravier. They later had one child, Linda. During most of her married life Virgie helped her husband in his business, Ravier Brothers Florists.

Claude died in 1983 and several years later she went to live with Linda and her husband, Joe. In the last few years, her health declined more and more until she died peacefully in her home on October 20, 2012, six months after her 100th birthday.

Some refer to the "seasons" of a person's life. Perhaps one could summarize Ms. Virgie Mae's life that way:

Spring – her birth, childhood, and teenage years in Coffeenville

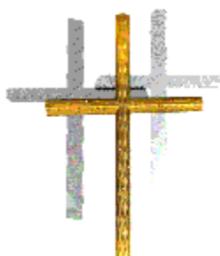
Summer – when she moved to Mobile and began working; married Claude; Linda was born

Fall – when her husband died, she grew older, moved in with Linda and Joe

Winter – when her health declined and ultimately passed from this life

In the Winter of her life, I once asked Ms. Virgie Mae to identify her favorite flower. I had been told that she loved working with all kinds of fresh flowers when she worked as a florist. She told me that her favorite flower is the ROSE.

Amanda McBroom wrote a song entitled, "The Rose," made famous by Bette Midler. That song contains the following words:



"Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows
Lies the seed that with the sun's love
In the spring becomes the rose."

If her decline and death was the Winter of Ms. Virgie Mae's life, please know that Spring is coming. It will occur when Jesus comes again (1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Jesus said, "Do not marvel at this....; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." – John 5:28-29

The difference in that day for each person hinges on if one has allowed Jesus to take care of his/her sin problem. Sin condemns (Matthew 7:13-14; Romans 6:23). But God loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Those who accept His offer of salvation will receive gift of eternal life – an eternal Spring in the Paradise of God! The seed of life that will grow in

God will forgive and provide eternal life to those who place their place their faith and Jesus in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31) confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

In loving memory of Ms. Virgie Mae Ravier, may this sweet florist's life and her favorite flower -- the rose – remind us all that for the faithful child of God, after the Winter of one's life, with the "SON'S" love, will one day bloom anew in an eternal Spring when Jesus comes again.

Won't YOU accept God's offer of salvation and life?

David A. Sargent, Minister
daidsargent1@comcast.net

Church of Christ at Creekwood
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org>
Mobile, Alabama 36695

Please visit our Web site
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org> AND share a drink of "Living Water" with a friend!

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

By Dorothy N. Fowler

By this time next week, if we have any luck at all, we will know who will be President of the United States for the next four years beginning on January 20, 2013.

This presidential campaign has been long and painfully negative, but in fact, its negativity does not hold a candle to some of the campaigns of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. What is different about this year's campaign is the swiftness with which campaign information and misinformation can be spread.

If, however, we think that ugly didn't get out quickly in the 1800's and early 1900's we either didn't have good history teachers or we just weren't listening -- or the radical right wing was censoring the textbooks and what teachers said.

For example, it was widely known in the 19th century that Thomas Jefferson had a "liaison" with one of his young house slaves. She may have been as young as 13 when the affair began, although I would like to think she was older. Her name was Sally Hemings. The affair became a subject for public discussion during his first term as president and has been debated for the last two centuries. Suspicions and gossip about the affair may be the reason why Federalists (the party of Washington and Adams) posted flyers warning the citizens of Washington, D.C., to lock up their wives and daughters when Jefferson and his administration got to town.

Andrew Jackson married a woman who was already married, which made her a bigamist and him morally unfit to hold public office. In addition to her marital problems, there is fairly strong evidence that she smoked a corn cob pipe and she may even have dipped snuff. When Jackson told members of his cabinet that their wives must treat his wife, Rachel, with respect or face being fired, they resigned. Rachel died of a broken heart, a death that was certainly her just desserts since she was "a fallen woman."

James G. Blaine, "The White Plume Knight from the State of Maine," was the Republican nominee for President of the United States in 1894. He was labeled by the Democrats "The Continental Liar from the State of Maine" because of his dealings with a railroad tycoon. Blaine got legislation favoring the tycoon's business dealings through Congress and then sold stock in the railroad and received inflated commissions for the sales. Blaine and the tycoon wrote a series of letters, one of which contained a note

Regional expressions.

By Bob Bowman

Standing in line for a movie a few days ago, I overheard a middle-aged man tell a friend, "Lord, I've been busier than a bee in a tar bucket."

Having written a couple of books on East Texas expressions, I thought I knew them all, but the bee in the tar bucket was new.

But, then again, East Texans have always been inventive when it comes to expressing themselves.

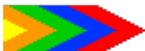
My wife often chides me about calling our refrigerator an "ice box."

But it's an expression I find hard to drop. Growing up in Diboll in the early forties, we had in the kitchen a tall box-like enclosure where my mom kept perishables such as meats, eggs and cheese.

To keep the box cool, an ice truck made its rounds around Diboll on a regular basis, leaving a block of ice in the box. Since he was a trusted delivery man, he walked through the kitchen door on the back porch and dumped the ice in the "ice box."

I am not sure, but I think this was one of those services provided without charge by Southern Pine Lumber Company.

But woe be unto the kid in the house who forgot to hang the "ice card" on the front porch. The card had different amounts and the ice man delivered the amount at the top of the card. If the card wasn't present, we likely went without ice until my father went to the ice house and picked up a block.

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BOB BOWMAN'S
EAST TEXAS, continued

Dot's Dashes, continued

East Texas expressions seem to be making a comeback. I recently heard a man say that his wife "has a biscuit in the oven," referring to the fact that she was pregnant.

Other expressions dealing with biscuits include these:

"Burn the biscuits and feed the devil."

"If you drop a biscuit, you'll likely marry a poor man."

"If you take the last biscuit on the plate, you'll marry the cook."

"Those biscuits are so big that it only takes nine to make a dozen."

The best delicacy in many rural households was 'nanner puddin' which, of course, is banana pudding.

Some people who come to East Texas have difficulty understanding our way of speaking.

A few years ago, while we were having guests for dinner, my wife instructed me to "run to the store" and pick up a loaf of bread. One of our guests looked at me and asked, "Instead of running to the store, why don't you drive your car?"

"I'm fixin' to go" or "I'm fixin' to do that" is another expression some people don't understand."

Here are a few other popular expressions:

"I'm so broke I can't buy dust."

"To tame a mule, bite him on the ear."

"He's so lazy he won't hit a lick at a snake."

"If your nose itches, you will kiss a fool."

"He'll charge hell with a bucket of water."

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asking the recipient to "burn this letter." A disgruntled clerk saved the letter and made it public.

Blaine's supporters sometimes dressed in suits of armor and when they were on parade, Democrats delighted in pushing them off the sidewalks (then mostly boardwalks) so they would fall and encumbered by the armor, not be able to get up.

What's worse, Blaine apparently impregnated a young woman and was forced at the point of her father's shotgun, to marry her.

Grover Cleveland, the Democrats' nominee, had his own problems. He hired a substitute to fight in the Civil War in his place, a practice that was legal but morally and ethically reprehensible. Moreover, he had fathered a child out of wedlock, something he never denied. He had to provide financial support for the child even though there was no real proof that she was his. When confronted with the evidence by his political advisors, Cleveland told them to tell the public anything, as long as it was the truth.

Republicans, of course, had a field day at their parades and campaign events as they chanted, "Ma, Ma, Where's my pa?"

None of these alleged scandals had as much effect on that election as a remark made by a Republican Protestant clergyman at a rally attended by Blaine in New York. The preacher, who was a supporter of prohibition, attacked the so-called MugWumps (the undecided voters who had their mugs on one side of the fence and their wumps on the other), characterizing Democrats as the party of Rum, Romanism and Rebellion, i.e., drunks, Catholics and Confederates. A Democrat in the audience got the remark printed on flyers that were distributed to Roman Catholic parishioners as they left church on Sunday. That remark cost Blaine the election by a margin of fewer than 1,100 popular votes.

Blaine, by the way, was himself a Catholic and his sister was a nun, so it is a mystery why he did not repudiate the clergyman's statement.

Many are the scandals, all of them fairly well known in their own times and none, not even the Watergate affair, have brought the nation down. Perhaps we will be able to survive the next four years no matter the winner of the presidential election.

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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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Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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A 'grass-fed' popsicle please, with a side of bean sprouts

By Mike Barnett

I wandered the Cedar Park Farmers Market in Austin recently and found every kind of agriculture product under the sun.

Of course there were the standard "fresh" tomatoes and other "local" food.

But a young couple was making good money selling "sustainable" bean sprouts and micro-greens. Another was selling "organic" fresh meat -- everything from duck to rabbit to beef and pork—cut up, packaged and ready to cook.

There was even a lady selling "grass-fed" pops, a popsicle made with milk from dairy cows that apparently were not fed grain. Each to their own.

What really impressed me was a young man from Central Texas who runs a small herd of dairy cows and markets the "natural" milk in a variety of ways. A family business, the dairy sells fresh milk at farmers markets not only in Austin, but in Waco and Clifton as well. The family bottles their own low-heat pasteurized milk, which reminds me of the milk I used to drink as a kid, with the cream floating on top.

But this young man takes his business many steps further. The family makes many varieties of cheese and offers them for sale. They provide milk for a young lady who makes fresh yogurt, with cross promotion between the two. The dairy even provides the base milk products for a company that makes ice cream in the Austin area. They're thinking about opening up a retail site at their dairy.

Business is booming for this young entrepreneur. In fact, it was booming across the market as vendors used foodie buzz words, quality products and face-time with consumers to market their wares.

Are bean sprouts, local food, specialty meats and grass-fed popsicles going to feed the world? No. But they serve a niche market for affluent people with money to burn, who are putting cash in the pockets of these people who are thinking outside of the box when it comes to agriculture.

Sounds like a win-win situation for these young entrepreneurs and the market they serve. As my blogging partner Gene Hall is fond of saying, there's room under this big tent called agriculture for everyone!

Mike Barnett, Director of Publications, Texas Farm Bureau

I'm a firm believer that farmers and ranchers will continue to meet the needs of a growing world population by employing equal measures of common sense, conservation and technology.

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Letter to the Editor:

Obama's Failed Economic Policies

More people gave up looking for work in September causing the U. S. unemployment rate to dip to 7.8%. The unemployment rate has hovered over 8% during Obama's entire term up until last month. The President promised a 5.6% unemployment rate by this time in his administration.

The growth of the U.S. population requires the creation of 150,000 to 200,000 jobs per month to hold unemployment steady. In September only 114,000 jobs were created, which means we continue to fall behind in creating jobs. At the current rate of job creation, we might not hit full employment (4% unemployment) for at least another four years if we are mired in another Obama administration.

The current administration has done a terrible job with the economy. We have 23 million Americans underemployed/unemployed, and only 58% of the working-age population is currently employed compared to 63% in 2008 before Obama became president. Americans on food stamps have increased by 15 million in the past four years. And the national debt has gone from \$10 trillion to \$16 trillion under Obama.

We are in worse shape now than we were when Obama took office, and we cannot afford to continue these failed economic policies.

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Medicare's Observation Policy Comes Under Scrutiny

Medicare is launching a pilot program to determine whether relaxing its payment rules can help patients who require nursing home care after a hospital stay and then are charged thousands of dollars. Seniors are often unexpectedly required to pay for nursing home care because they were considered to be under "observation" in the hospital, rather than an inpatient. According to an article in the Washington Post, the new program may make it easier for hospitals to label patients as inpatients.

Medicare only pays for nursing home care if it follows a three-day inpatient hospital stay. Staying overnight in a hospital does not automatically make you an inpatient. Often the stay is classified as observation, which is considered outpatient care. If you are dismissed to a nursing home after being in the hospital for observation, you will be responsible for paying for your care.

Currently, if a hospital bills for an inpatient stay, but Medicare decides the patient should have been classified as under observation, then the hospital can lose its entire Medicare reimbursement. Therefore, hospitals are often reluctant to classify a patient as inpatient. The pilot program would allow the hospital to rebill Medicare for observation services if the inpatient care bill is rejected. The program is being implemented at 380 hospitals and will run for three years.

While Medicare implements this pilot program, the observation policy is being challenged through legislation and lawsuits. As ElderLawAnswers previously reported, seven Medicare patients have filed a class action lawsuit challenging the policy, and Kaiser Health News gives an update on a bill introduced in Congress that would allow the days in observation to count toward the required three-day hospital stay.

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



This weekend, the 16th annual Texas Book Festival will be held in Austin on the Capitol grounds. The Texas Book Festival celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. The festival will utilize a majority of the Capitol building, including both the House and Senate chambers, and many committee rooms. Tents featuring music, readings, and other events will be on the lawn.

The Texas Book Festival was established in 1995 by First Lady Laura Bush. Mrs. Bush created a task force to plan the book festival to honor Texas authors, promote the joys of reading and serve to benefit the state's public libraries. The first Festival took place at the Capitol in November 1996; the Festival has quickly evolved into one of the largest literary events in the country, annually hosting over 250 Texas and nationally known authors. More than 40,000 visitors are expected to participate this year in a weekend of author readings and presentations, panel discussions, book signings, and musical entertainment. There is also an extensive list of events for children, including readings, puppet shows, and short plays.

Since its founding, the Texas Book Festival has made it a mission to provide additional financial assistance to the state's public libraries. TBF has since awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to 616 Texas public libraries, allowing them to promote literature and learning in their respective communities through aid in updating technology, encouraging literacy, and expanding collections. All Texas Public Libraries are eligible to apply for the grants.

For more information on the Texas Book Festival, please visit the website www.texasbookfestival.org. You can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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Coming in November - One Hour Tram Tours at Refuge

All aboard! Take a one-hour tour along Wildlife Drive on the new all-electric tram, the C&E Cardinal Express! Advance reservations needed, call the Refuge, 903 786 2826 - unreserved seats go to standbys at time of tour. To view the schedule of tours for November, click Calendar. Thanks to Dr. Carlos and Eulalia Araoz, donors, for this wonderful addition at the Refuge!

Whether you prefer a guided walk along a Refuge trail or an educational talk, whether you are adult or youth, the Friends have a program or activity for you. Enjoy photography? Visit the Gallery for Refuge photos and news of photo activities. Interested in hunting, fishing, or boating.

High on the Hawg November 17 -- Back for the 3rd year! Step right up for wild hog BBQ - this year we will be serving on ONE NIGHT ONLY!! 5:30 - 8 pm, Saturday, November 17, at the Refuge. \$10/person, \$5/kids 12 and under. Friend and FUN-d Raiser for the Friends of Hagerman!

Events November 2012

Nov 3, Saturday All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour, 10am – 11am, One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour, 2 pm – 3 pm, One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

Nov 4, Sunday; All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour, 2 pm – 3 pm, One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

Nov 7, Wednesday -- All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour, 10 am – 11 am; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

Nov. 10, Saturday, Small Mammals of the Southern Great Plains, 10 am – 11 am; Jessica Healy, Assistant Professor of Biology and Mammologist with the the Austin College Department of Biology, will present on Small Mammals of the Southern Great Plains. View Details

Woohoo for Owls -- 10am – 11:30am; Owls will be the topic for November, what a hoot! Be sure to make a reservation for program of hands-on nature activities. For ages 4 - 10, parents please accompany youngsters age 6 and younger.

Nature Photo Club Meeting, 12:30pm – 2 pm; Club meets bi-monthly, in the A/V Classroom, FOH Center at the Refuge. Open to any photographer who is interested in nature photography, regardless of experience level or type of photo equipment.

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Nov. 11, Sunday -- All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour; 2 pm; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

Nov. 12, Monday; Veterans Day; The Refuge Office will be closed November 12 in observance of the federal holiday, Veterans Day. There will be no official business and no Senior or Access Passes will be available.

Nov. 14, Wednesday, All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour; 10 am - 11 am; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

Nov. 17, Saturday; All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour; 10 am - 11 am; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

High on the Hawg, 5:30pm – 8pm; Eat Local! Enjoy a wild hog BBQ dinner with all the trimmings! \$10 per person, \$5 for age 12 and under. Friend and Fund Raiser for the Friends of Hagerman.

Nov. 18, Sunday; All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour; 2pm – 3pm; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

Nov. 22, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day; All Day The Refuge Office and Visitor Center will be closed for Thanksgiving Day. Refuge lands are open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Nov. 24, Saturday, All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour; 10 am - 11 am; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

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Nov. 25, Sunday, All Aboard the C&E Tram Tour; 2 pm – 3 pm; One hour tour along Wildlife Drive at the Refuge aboard an all-electric open tram. At present we are accepting 8 adult reservations with additional room for up to 3 children. Advance reservations.

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him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was
about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is
coming."**

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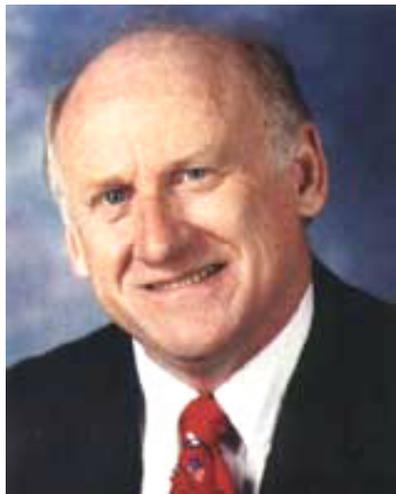
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LET'S REMINISCE: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By *Jerry Lincecum*

While driving across North Texas recently, I saw a small herd of black cattle off in the distance and began to ponder: How can there be enough Angus cattle in the world to produce all the beef that bears their brand?

When I was a boy in the middle of the 20th century, the ranches in Central Texas had a lot of white-face cows and a few mongrels (mixed breed or hybrids). Black Angus cattle were few and far between. If you wanted to improve your herd, Angus bulls were among the options (along with Brahman and Santa Gertrudis).

And now in the 21st century, Angus beef has become the lean meat for discerning (and other) dining establishments, as well as supermarket displays across our fair nation. In fact, the way things are going, soon school cafeterias will be offering Angus Tacos along with those nutritious veggies kids won't eat.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, somewhere in all this Anguish there is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma. The riddle is that according to a reputable internet source, only eight percent of the beef marketed in this country qualifies as "certified Angus beef." We all know about mystery meat, but how can so many restaurants and supermarkets be selling us 100% "Angus beef"? That constitutes an enigma, a very puzzling thing.

Which connects with another perplexing idea I wonder about on road trips. It occurs as I find myself tailgating a Nissan Cube or a Kia Soul: what ridiculous names are given to some cars these days.

Back in the 20th century, we started with the Ford Model T. Sensible choices after WWII included the Chevy Deluxe and Dodge Dart. We grew accustomed to fancier names, such as the Buick Roadmaster, Ford Ranchero, Plymouth Fury. But at least those made sense. We even had our share of curious monikers, like the Edsel and AMC Gremlin.

But nothing to match the dumb names nowadays. What about the Daihatsu Charade: is it pretending to be a car? Is the Dodge Scamp a naughty child or a mean adult? The Mitsubishi Mirage must be the car you only think you are driving.

The Mazda Bongo Brawny undoubtedly makes a lot of noise when chugging down the road. The 2013 Kia Quoris may be an answer to Quo Vadis (Latin for "Where are you going?"), but it's not a sensible name for a car. Scion iQ leaves me speechless.

To end on a positive note, I suggest a few good names that haven't been used yet. The Audi Alcatraz has a nice solid ring to it. Honda Heman and Shewolf could be the same car with different accessories. How about Hyundai Baby Beast? Does the Peugeot Pinocchio, the BMW Bratwurst, or the Yugo Dinky appeal to you?

Readers, send me your suggestions to rescue the good name of the auto industry from meaningless names generated by a computer.

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





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John Tilley

HOWE - Graveside services for John Franklin Tilley, 87, of Howe were held at 2 pm Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 at Hall Cemetery in Howe. Mr. Tilley passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012 at his residence in Howe. The family received friends from Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012 at Scoggins Funeral Home in Howe.

John served in the United States Navy and was an electrician by trade. Mr. Tilley is survived by his sons and their wives, John Edwin and Debra Tilley, Jerry and Jessica Tilley; daughter-in-law, Terri Tilley; six grandchildren, John Michael Tilley, Tony Tilley, Jeremy Tilley, Jodie Delphin, Shelly Hill and Kimberely Tilley; two great-granddaughters, Kayla Delphin and Leah Delphin; three great-grandsons, John Reagan Tilley, James Meador Tilley and Henry Brodie Tillet.

Mr. Tilley was preceded in death by his wife Patsy and son James Franklin Tilley.

Services are under the direction of Scoggins Funeral Home 415 S. Collins Freeway, Howe, 903-532-5577. You may sign the online guestbook at www.scogginsfuneralhome.com.



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

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

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

Dale and Lana Rideout



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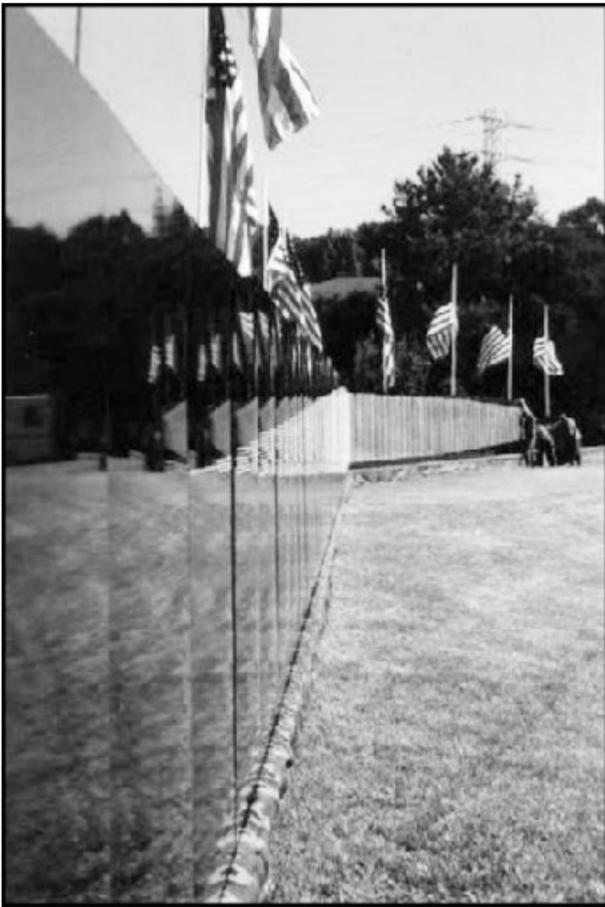
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The Wall, looking East
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Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

by Dorothy N. Fowler

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

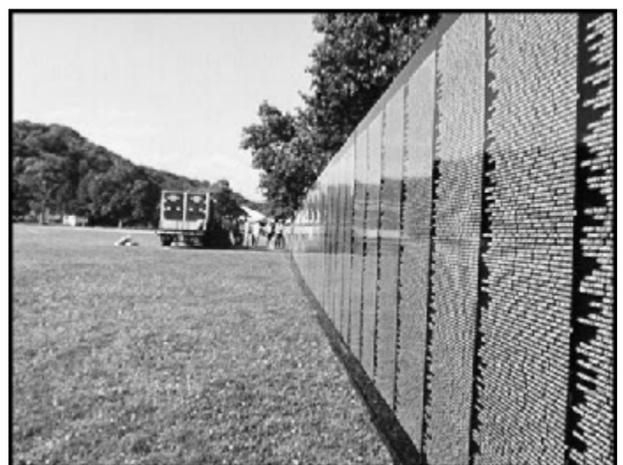
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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

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



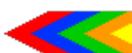
The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
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The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
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What's Cookin...

By Lana Rideout

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Cooking During Wartime

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

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

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

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

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

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

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

Southern Johnny Cake

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

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

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



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



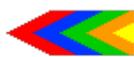
WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.



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Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

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

by Dorothy N. Fowler

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

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

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

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The other men nod agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Thanks.”

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

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

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

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

Photo by Dorothy Fowler



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

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

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

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

Ely Park World War II Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fairview Park War Memorial

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

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

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

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

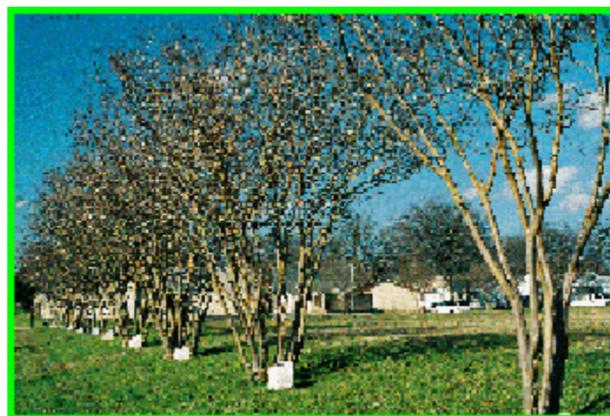
The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer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

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

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



Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium



Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

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

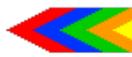
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Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery,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

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

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

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

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

The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

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

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

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

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

War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words: “*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

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

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

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

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

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam. The other memorial is at the cemetery.



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

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

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

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

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

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

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

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

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

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

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

Fort Washita

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Specialties are:

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

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

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Telling Our Stories

DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Cookin' Out



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Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dump Cake

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

¼ pound butter or margarine

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

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

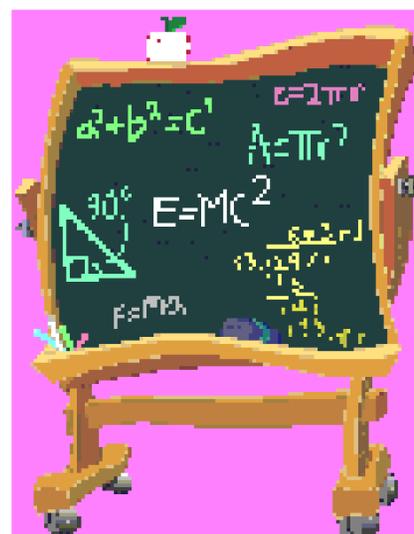
Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.



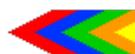
Southern Algebra

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

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?
6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?
7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?
10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?



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Turkey Vultures

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



One Vote

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

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

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

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

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

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

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

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

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

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

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

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

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us. She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

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

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

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



Jack Frost McGraw



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



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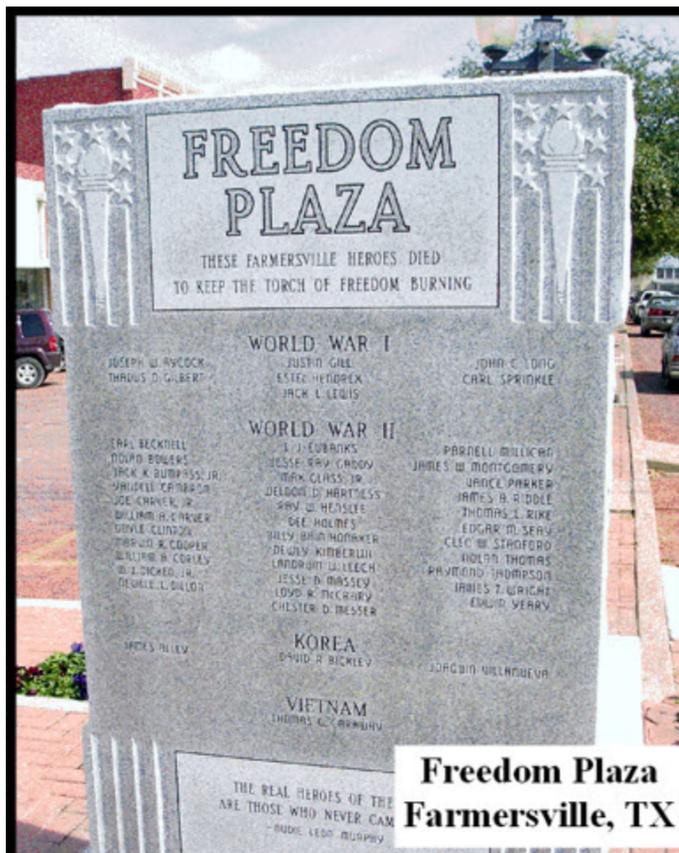
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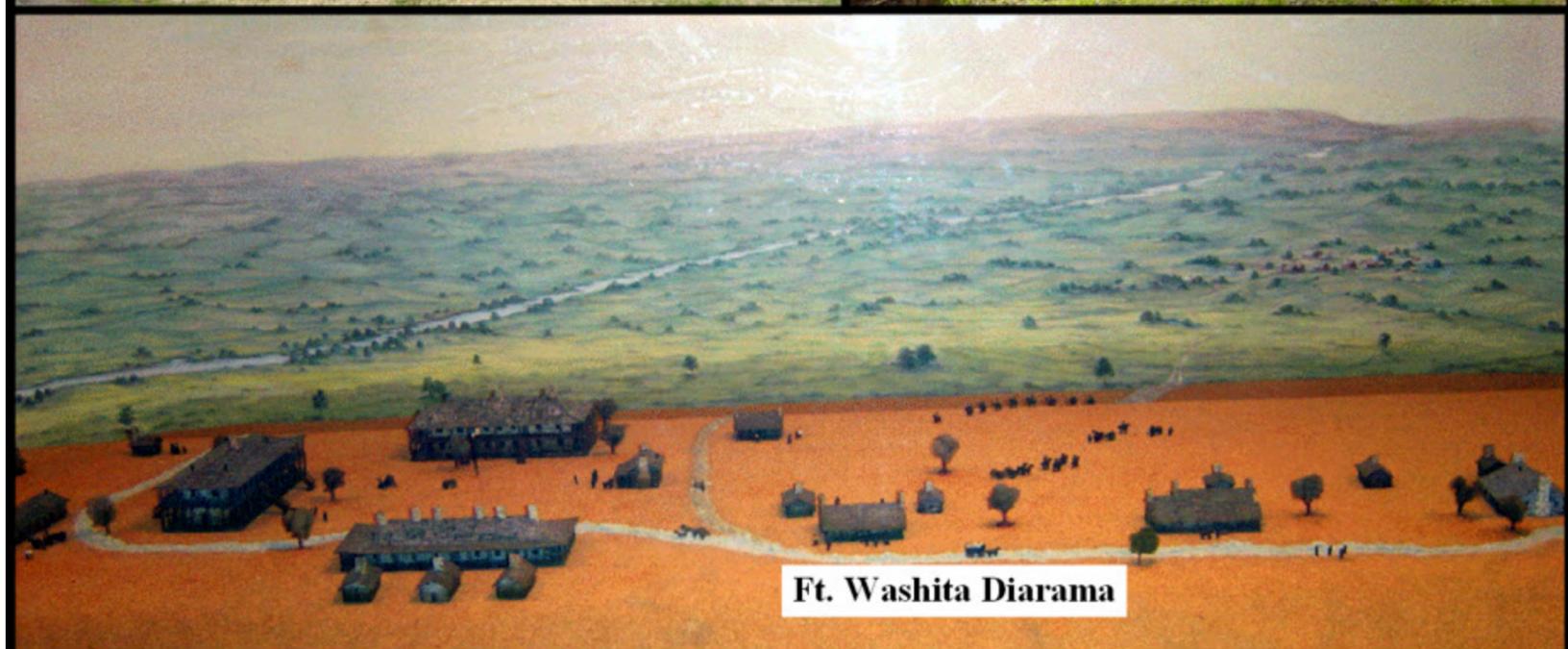
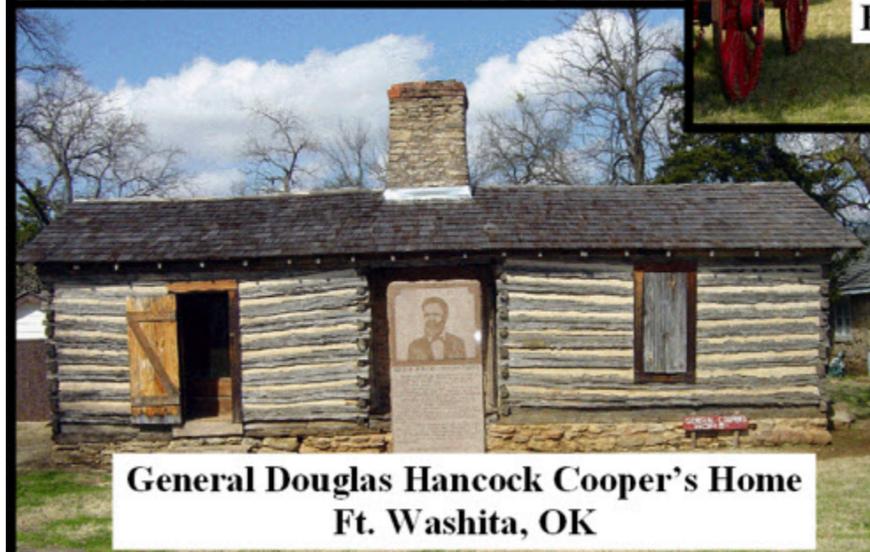


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