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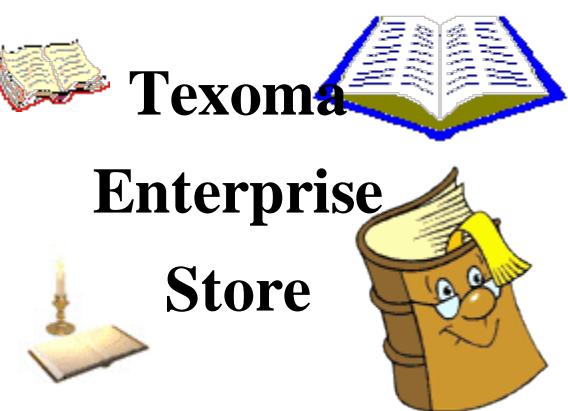
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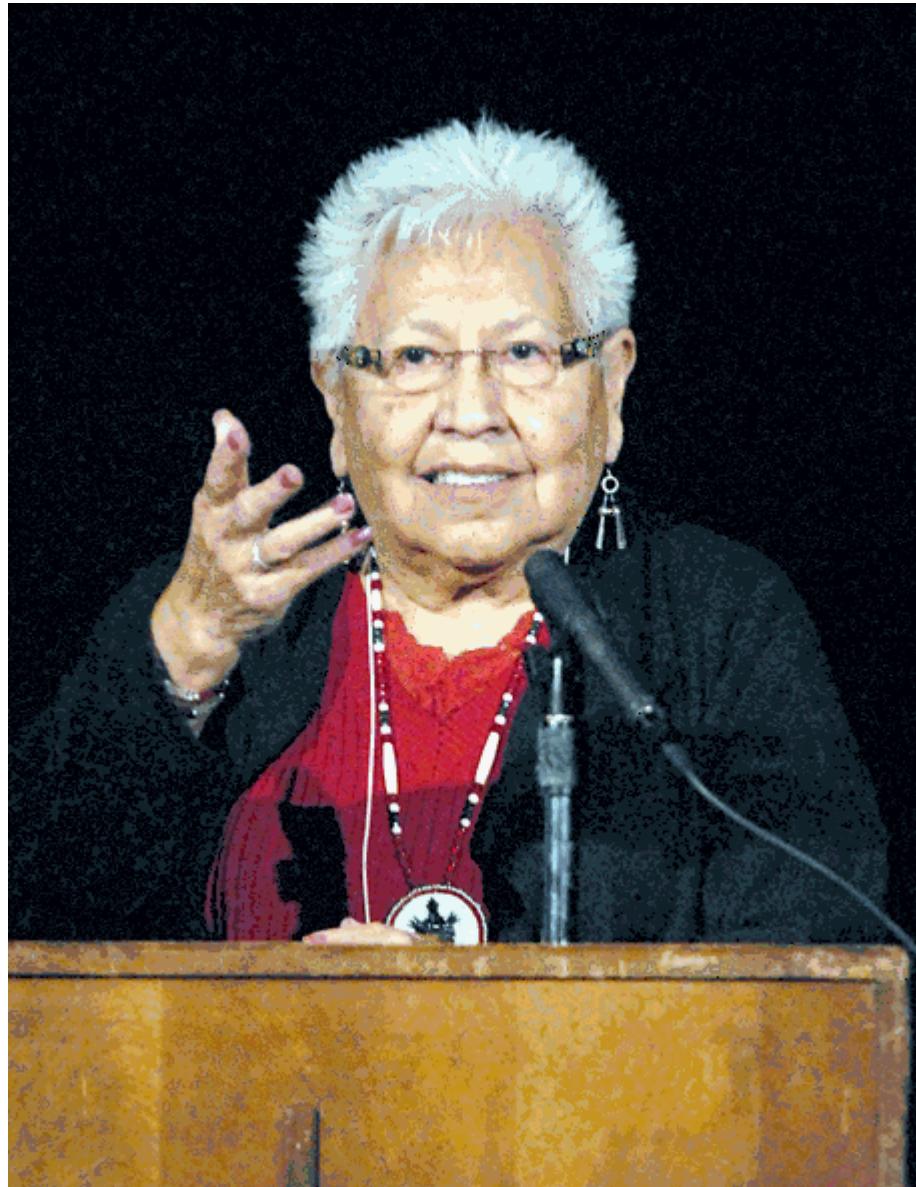


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Native American Symposium speaker

DURANT, Okla. - Distinguished educator and scholar Dr. Henrietta (Henri) Mann was the keynote speaker Friday, Nov. 7, at Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Native American Symposium and Film Festival. A leading advocate of tribal education, Mann is currently serving as founding president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. The ninth annual symposium featured presentations on Native American literature, history, sociology, education, science, art, and film.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

My husband and I made it to a Howe football game last Friday night. Partly we wanted to see the band performance and also we wanted to see the graduating seniors from the cheerleaders, football team and band.

We usually go for at least one game per year now that we are part of the "Golden Bulldog Backers."

It was a pretty cold night; so we did not see the entire game. But what we saw in the first half was very exciting. I am glad the Bulldogs got a good win.

Being at the game, reminded me of the time I got a "football injury" -- I was on the sidelines taking photos for the newspaper back about 30 years ago. Suddenly I realized that one of the running backs was headed to the spot where I was standing and he was moving fast. I managed to sidestep him, but not before he brushed against me. I was a little bruised for a while, but it was nothing serious.

After that, I was more careful to watch what was going on in the game.

On a different note, last week I heard on the radio a man talking about "random people." Just what are random people? Do they wander from place to place? Are they people whose name you pick out of a phonebook by just closing your eyes and putting your finger on a name on the page? Can it really be random if you pick a page to use or if you put names of people from the phonebook on slips of paper and choose from those pieces of paper?

With 7 billion people on the planet now, it is much more difficult to come up with random people.

Recipe

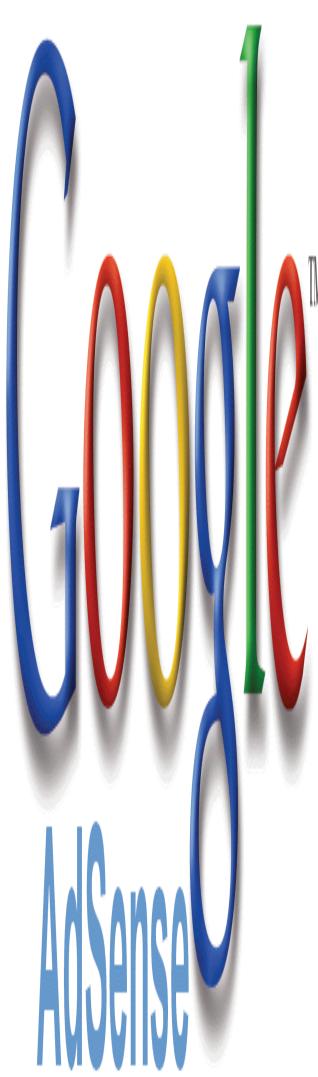


Cranberry Sauce Extraordinaire

1 cup water
1 cup white sugar
1 – 12 oz. package fresh cranberries
1 orange, peeled, cored and diced
1 apple, peeled, cored and diced
1 pear, peeled, cored and diced
1 cup chopped dried mixed fruit
1 cup chopped pecans
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

In a medium saucepan, boil water and sugar until the sugar dissolves. Reduce the heat to simmer, and stir in cranberries, pureed orange, apple and pear, dried fruit, pecans, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the cranberries burst. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Use as a condiment to your turkey and dressing. Or pour it over a block of cream cheese and serve with crackers.

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Howe 28, Callisburg 19

Howe played their final 2011 football game at home on Nov. 4 and came out ahead, 28-19.

Howe led at halftime, 22-6, scoring on a 1 yard in the first quarter for 8 points, and added two TD's in the second quarter – a 74 yard pass by Alex Torres (kick failed) and 63 yard interception by Torres for a TD and conversion.

Eduardo Webber scored a 14 yard run for Howe's final TD. The kick failed.

Howe end the year with a 2-5, 1-4.

Running for Howe: Garrette Griffin – 21 for 78 yards. Passing For Howe: Ryan Haines, 4 for 15-1 for 113 yards.



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending Friday, November 4th are: Jarron Ing, Bonnie Olivarez, Jada Wood, Kylie Hopper, Erin Catching, Kaytee Roper, Kamryn Gardner, Paige Gifford, Will Fleming, Emma Harvey, Matthew Hayes, Kaylee Jones, Jacob Ortega, Cheyenne Matthews, Fisher Robertson, and Cody Adams.

Howe ES/MS Menus

Nov 14-18

Breakfast

Monday – Glazed donuts, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced peaches, apple juice

Tuesday – Biscuits & sausage, gravy, cereal/toast, strawberry cups, orange juice

Wednesday – Strawberry or blueberry pop tart w/toast, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, grape juice

Thursday – Breakfast bagel, cereal/toast, Bahama salad, orange juice

Friday – Morning sausage roll, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh apple, orange juice

Lunch

Monday – Cheeseburger or fish sandwich, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced peaches, cherry crisp

Tuesday – Turkey and gravy and dressing, sweet potato, green beans, hot roll, strawberry cup

Wednesday – BBQ beef sandwich or grilled cheese, pickle spears, vegetable soup burger, crackers, orange halves, sugar cookie

Thursday – Cheese pizza or chicken spaghetti/toast, spinach, tossed salad, Bahama salad, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Chicken crispeto or fiesta salad, tossed salad, refried beans, fresh apple, Spanish rice, Veterans Day cups

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Math Blast -First 6 Weeks

Kindergarten: Clayton Duree, Dakota Fetzer, Caden Garner, Zarrion Johnson, Cooper Jones, Kayley Laubhan , Ryleigh Jenkins, Jace Martin, Cheyenne Mathews, Gracie Max, Brooklyn McCaleb, Paris Menjivar, Lucas Mitchell, Rilyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Jonathan Smith, Gage Troxell, Riley Troxell, Courtney White, Mia Wilson, Cassie Morrison, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Jesse Portman, Haley Richardson, Nathan Wooten, Charlie Vera, Kenneth York, Kade Murphy, Emry Woods, Dax Foster, Sandra Nitchman, Ashton Trevino, Matalee Stewart, Kolin Murphy, Emma Hitesman, Cody Adams, Zoey Bolen, Morrigan Booth, Ryleigh Craven, Ainsley Denham, Kendall Griffin, Willie Husband, Mikaylah Komoroski, Thomas Roberson, Zadrian Morris, Casie Adams, Catelyn Armstrong, Jayden Bookout, Ebenezer Chawn, Keyshun Toney, Anthony Gardner, Garrett Gibbs, Jaycie Grisham, Jaeden Howard, Kelcey Ireland, Alex Jones, Kolton Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Jacob Ortega, Autumn Owens, Emery Snapp, Payton Stapleton, Mahlon Walker

First Grade: Caleb Fetzer, Jaggar Courtney, Kristopher Craig, Bryan Crees, Bettye Delavan, Daniel Gonzalez, Danielle Hargrove, Matthew Hayes, Korben Kemp, Dalton Laisy, Morgan Gifford Lamb, Jacob McGill, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Zackery Petrea, Kolby Smith, Faith Stallings, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Britton Burt, Vel Chin, Jentrie Doty, Hunter Hance, Tate Harvey, Ryan Hough, Kaylee Jones, Eli Lewis, Colton Little, Samantha Lowder, Cody McGill, Janna Nitchman, Keira Robertson, Ethan Strunc, Zander Toner, Jacob Upchurch, Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Carson Daniels, Ethan Duer, Connor Gauntt, Christina Harper, Edith Hernandez, Jalie Hill, Audie Martin, Connor Martin, Landon Oswalt, Taylor Reynolds, James Richardson, Sergio Rico, Emma Sutherland, Antonio Tapia, Kaiden Martin, Ariana Ross, Leo Becerra, Paige Benum, Jazmine Bookout, Kaylyn Bryant, Kelly Caballero, Breana Cole, Jesus Garcia, Andrew Harper, Renee Howard, Alexander Huerta, Kaylee Hunnel, Chesnee Lawson, Trey Phillips, Cody Richards, Dakota Tinker, Stone Trevino

Second Grade: Kevin Bateman, Cierra Brussow, Luke Catching, Louis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Ryan Murphy, Alyssa Sharp, Gavin Richardson, Caleb Searcy, Talen Miller, Jacob Husband, Jaden Bryant, Jaryn Grisham, Trinity Williams, Ramie Mosse, Michelle Caballero, Stanley Bik, Ethan Conrad, Jessica Bastida, Jared Brussow, Zak DeFrane, Will Fleming, John Griffin, Ethan Lopez, Katie Parker, Parker Pecina, Avery Snapp, Ban Speed, Caleb Wahrmund, Eli Wilson, Paige Gifford, Alexis Gruszka, Ethan Turner, Riley Griffith, Kailyn Ireland, Caytie Coco, Kaleb Strong, Aiden Roulette, David Rocha, Kaitlyn Fuhr

Third Grade: Jackson Adkins, Alexandra Blount, Mariana Cano, Erin Catching, Sierra Copeland, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Cameron Lankford, Jonathan Meneses, Lizzy Robertson, Braeden Wise, Kriston Harris, David Huerta, Mason Moreau, Austin Thurman, Grace Brennan, Leah Butcher, Holly Cavender, Hannah Dwyer, Kamryn Gardner, Ethen Grant, Izaiah Lee, Remington Lowe, Kendell Posey, Ethan Sanders, Gage Streetman, Destiny Wood, Katie Grogan, Courtney Hopper, Grace Lankford, Brennan Speed, Laine Watson

Fourth Grade: Kira Allen, Cassidy Anderson, Nayely Ayala, Kaden Bateman, Hally Bollier, Bailey Bond, Ireland Bryant, Ethan Chambers, Jade Cox, Robin Cung, Zoie DeFrane, Ivonne Delgado, Layton Elvington, Logan Farrell, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Alli Gleason, Corbin Gleason, Lane Griffin, Caiden Harmon, Ally Harvey, Mary Henson, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Kylie Hopper, Zane Hughes, Jason Hunnel, Jarron Ing, Madison Kenney, Valerie Langford, Kolbe Lappin, Arturo Lowder, Sarah Martin, Braden Monroe, Kacie Morgan, Jodee Newland, Lucas Peacock, Matthew Robison, Jacob Roper, Raina Ross, Ethan Sloat, Kaleigh Smith, Catherine Switzer, Jamie Taylor, Colton Thurman, Brian Timmons, Danaeja Toney, Kadie Toney, Ty Trevino, Kaden Turner, Hailey Upchurch, Bethany Van Deren, Ashlyn Wahrmund, Maci Watson, Magi Watson, Kirstyn Wheeler, Jackson Wilson, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon



Howe Elementary October Students of the Month

Pictured are: Kindergarten students, Ainsley Denham and Dakota Fetzer; 1st Grade students, Kori Bouse and Dakota Tinker; 2nd Grade Students, Emma Harvey and Colby Hopper; 3rd Grade Students, Laine Watson and Cameron Lankford; 4th Grade Students, Hally Bollier and Jacob Roper

Howe Band Going To State

The Howe High School Marching Band has done it again. They are going to the State finals and will compete among Monday, Nov. 7, at San Antonio.

The Howe Band has a tradition of winning big. They won the contest in 1995 and 1997. They took second place in 1999 and 2001.

Band Director Angie Cavender participated as a student in the HHS Band back several years ago and now leads the efforts of the Howe Band in keeping with their quest for another State win.

Juniors and seniors in the band are eager for the win and the freshmen and sophomores are also looking forward to that victory.

Led by Drum Major Travis Fulton, the band will take the field with 71 band members. Ten of those band members are seniors. Including Fulton, who remember the thrill of standing in the tunnel at the Alamodome two years ago when they competed at the state competition.

The program, which was to be performed Friday night, Nov. 4, during halftime, includes some of Nikolai Rimsky Korsakov's "Flight of the Bumblebee" and "Scheherazade" along with several other Russian pieces.

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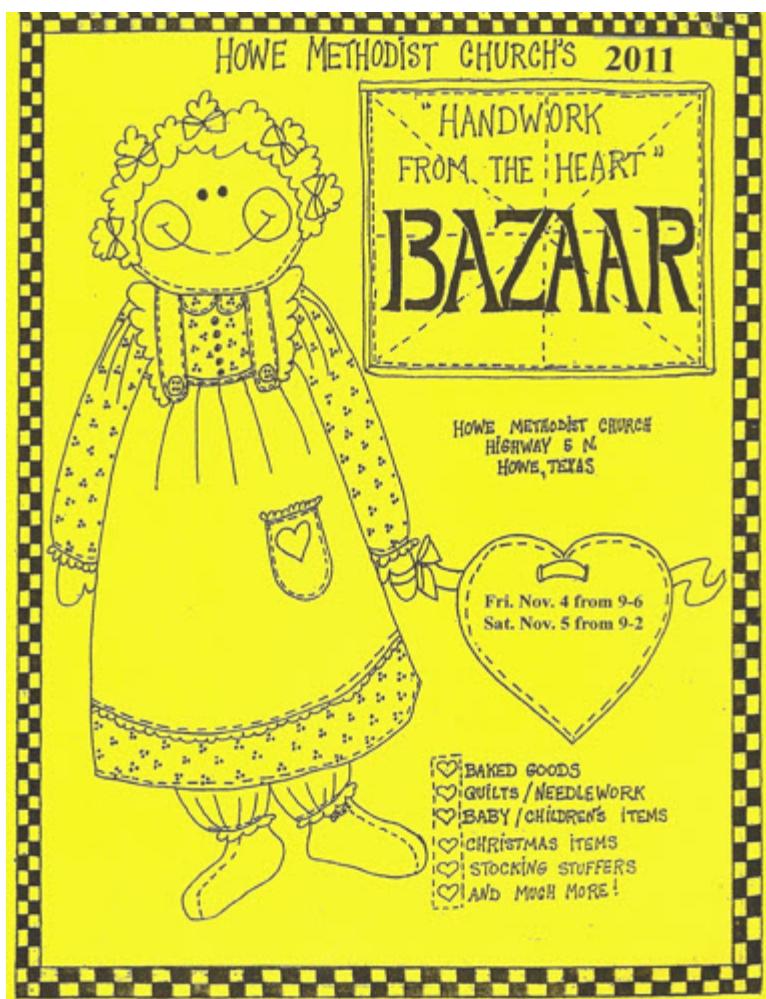
Howe Library

Libri Grant received by the Howe Library

The Howe library recently received \$1400 worth of new books from a matching grant provided by the Friends of the Howe Library and the Libri Foundation. The collection included a variety of children's books including math and science titles. The grant also included a number of children's books in Spanish. These books have been paired with matching English titles to create book kits. The kits will be available for parents in the library's ESL class to carry home. This will allow the parents to practice reading the English titles to their children and use the Spanish versions for support/reference. In addition, the library received a bonus of \$350 worth of math and science books donated by Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman.

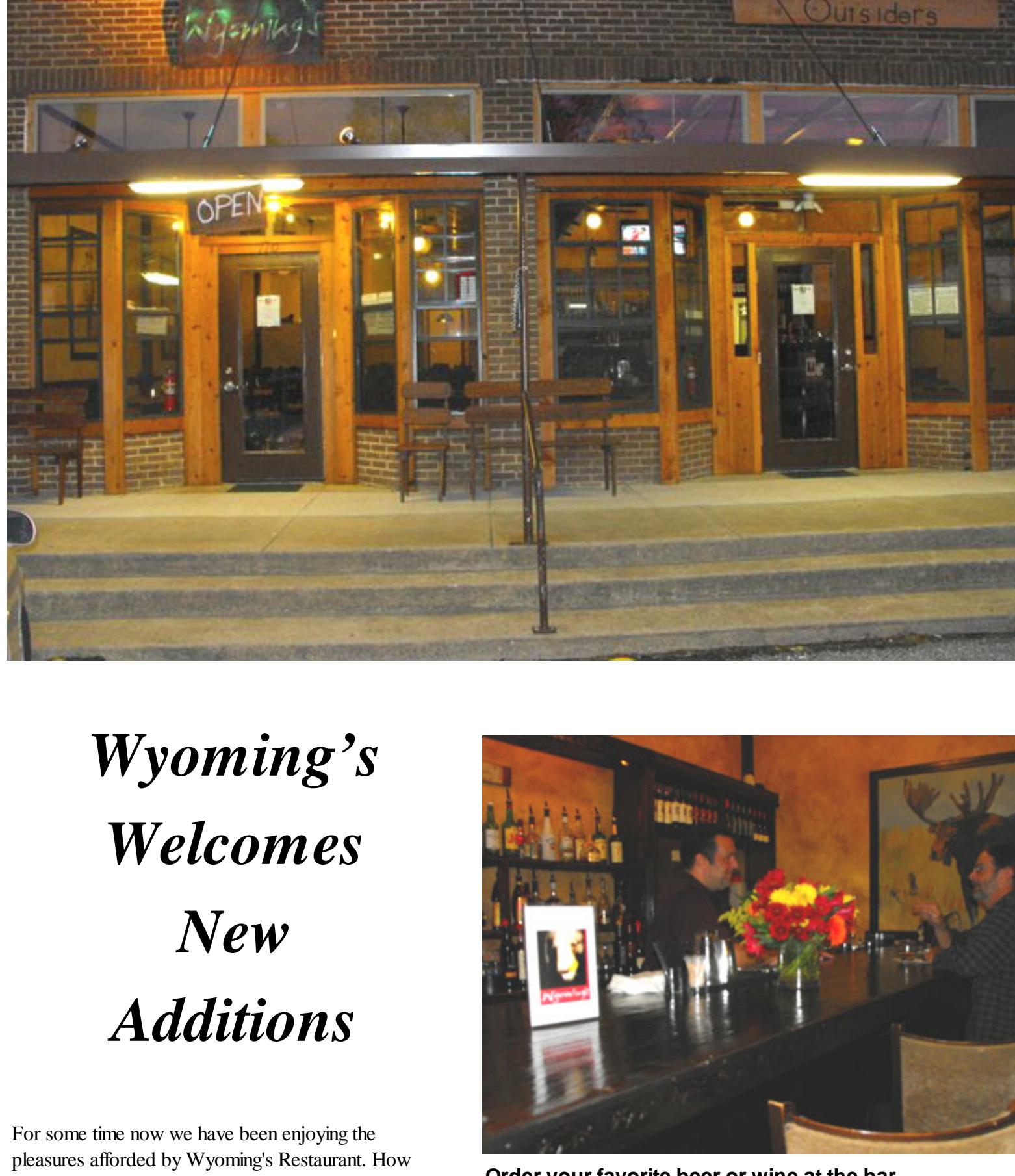
The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit group that provides new and highly recommended children's books for rural libraries through its program "Books for Children." The Foundation holds the belief that if children are encouraged to enjoy reading at a young age they will become life-long readers. But to achieve this goal, they must have access to quality books. The foundation's grant allows local organizations to donate up to \$350 and then matches these funds at a 2-to-1 ration. The Libri Foundation has donated almost 4 million dollars worth of new books to rural libraries during the past 18 years.

The photo above is of Mrs. Snider's third grade class posing with some of the new books.



Howe Methodist Church
Hwy. 5 North
Annual Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 4, 9am-6pm
and Saturday, Nov. 5, 9am-2pm
Baked goods, quilts & needlework,
baby/children's items, Christmas items,
stocking stuffers, and much more!

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Wyoming's Welcomes New Additions

For some time now we have been enjoying the pleasures afforded by Wyoming's Restaurant. How many small towns can brag that they have a restaurant with a fully trained chef as well as beer and wine available for their meals. Those of you who have enjoyed these pleasures know of the delicious choice of meals and the offering of some items not found anywhere else. I have enjoyed shark steak as well as bison burgers here in Howe, Texas.

Now we are bragging about some changes that should improve what was a tremendous restaurant to begin with.

We begin with a new owner and general manager, John Leavenworth. John lives in Dallas, but has close ties here in Howe. His parents live here, and until recently his sister lived here, too. John graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1991 with a degree in math and computers. He has worked in Dallas for PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP and for IBM. He also has experience in a major games, bar, and fast food restaurant. John continues to work in Dallas with contract work in IT while spending some time here in Howe during the week and on weekends with his restaurant.

At the same time, a new Executive Chef has been hired for Wyoming's. Andrew Shaffer was born in Keokuk, Iowa but moved to the Howe area while still only about 4 months old. His grandparents are Bob and Dorothy Young who owned and operated Dorothy Bobs Bakery in Sherman from about 1993 until 2000. Andrew grew up in their restaurant and learned to love the business. He graduated from Howe High School in 2005.

Continuing his education, Andrew graduated in February, 2011 from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Dallas. He has worked in the Old Hickory Steak House at the Gaylord Texas Hotel in Grapevine. Andrew has over 12 years experience cooking. Eight of those years are professional cooking. He recently accepted his position in Howe with Wyoming's.

Wyoming's is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11am to 2pm for lunch and 5:30pm to 10pm for dinner. They will also stay open on Fridays after home football games for your enjoyment.

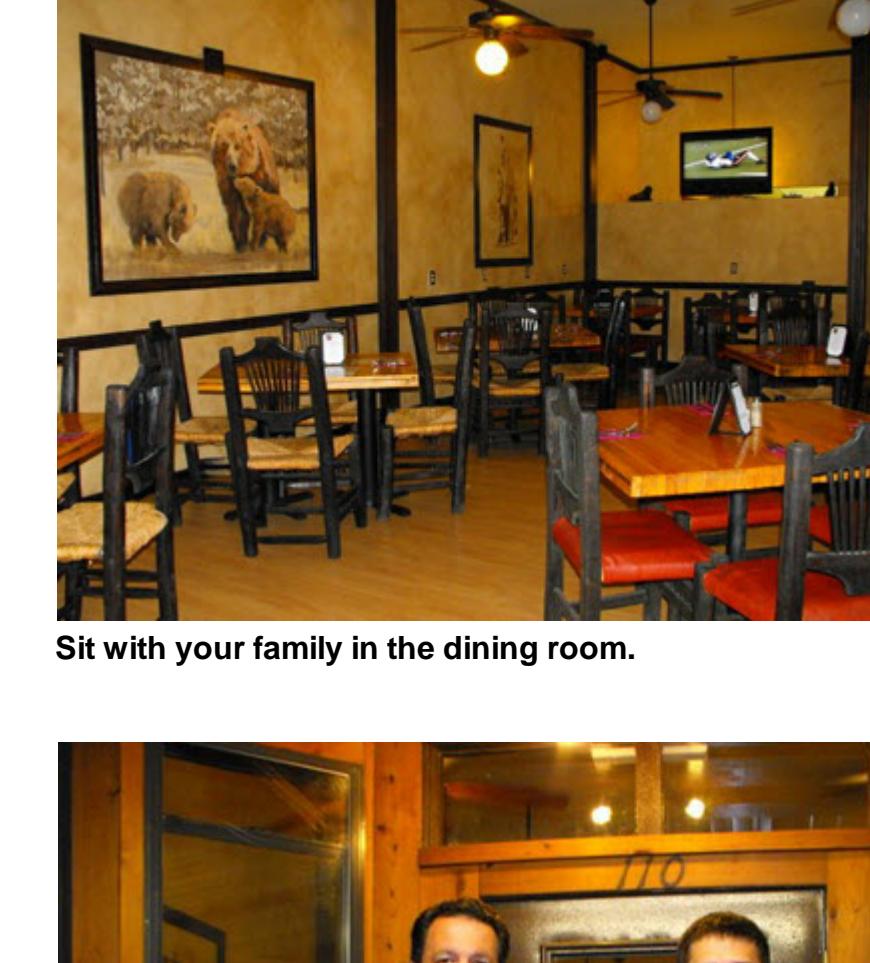
They are now open on Monday nights for Monday Night Football. Doors open at 6:30pm and remain open until the game is over. You can watch the game on either of two large screen TVs and enjoy your dinner, or hors d'oeuvres and drink specials. When football season is over there will be other special occasions celebrated.

Menus will be changed quarterly. Being a seasonal restaurant, some of your favorites will continue to be on the menu but seasonal dishes will be featured as they become available.

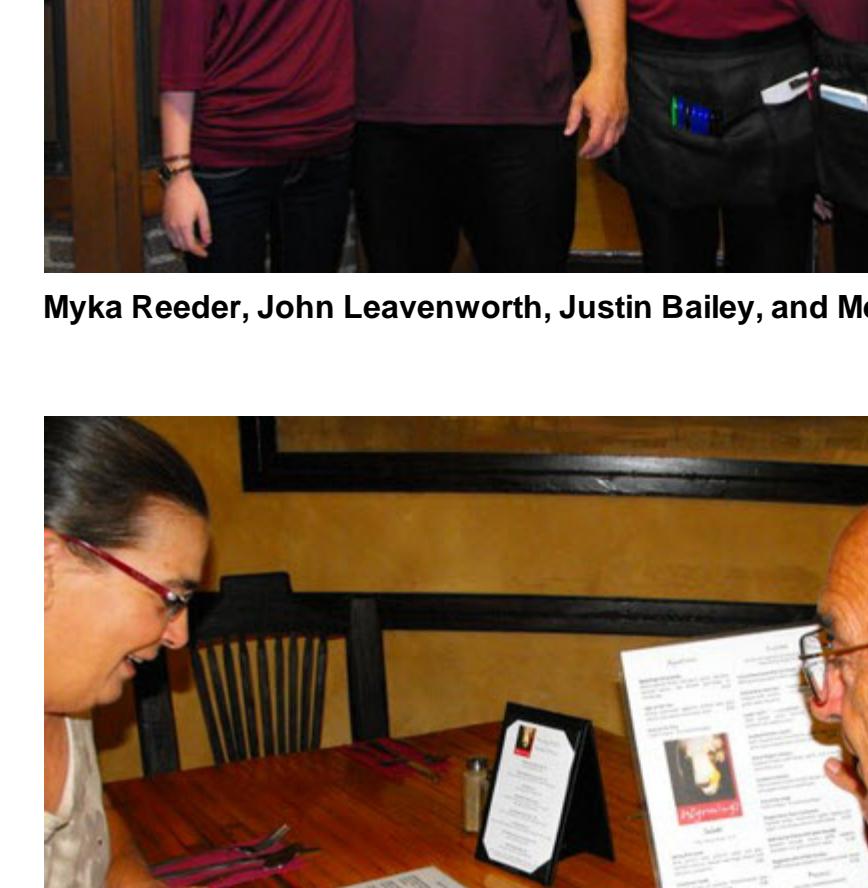
Your waiters and waitresses will be spruced up with new uniforms. They will be wearing black slacks with wine colored shirts and "Wyoming's" embroidered on them.

John also wants to recognize area artists of all kinds. Perhaps an artist's works will be featured for a month, with a new artist the next month. Perhaps the works will be both on display and/or for sale. Perhaps your art work is painting, or wood work, or jewelry, or whatever. You can have a place to show off your talent.

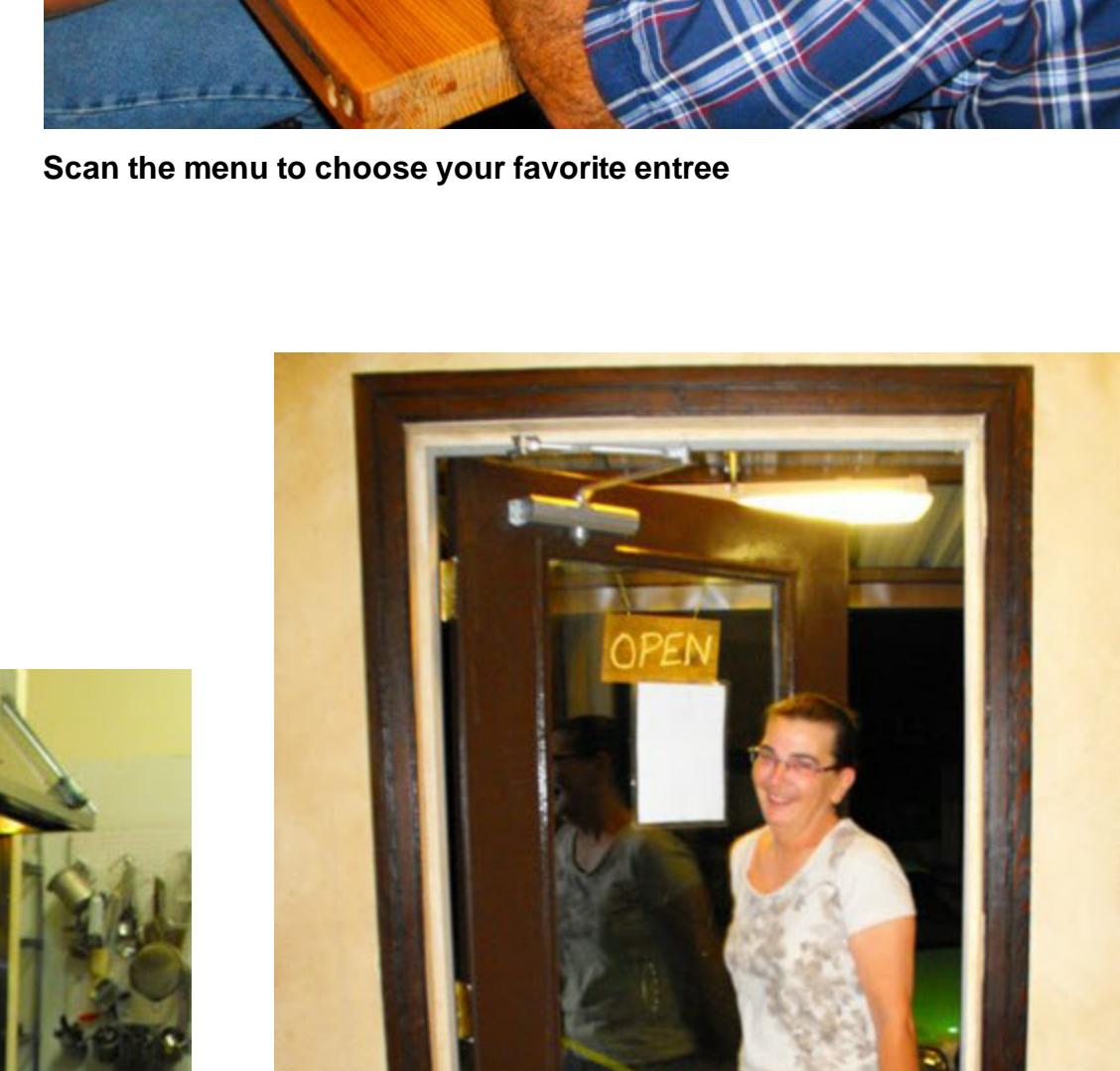
Stop by and try the local delights you have right here in Howe, Texas. Wyoming's is located at 110 E. Haning Ave, downtown Howe.



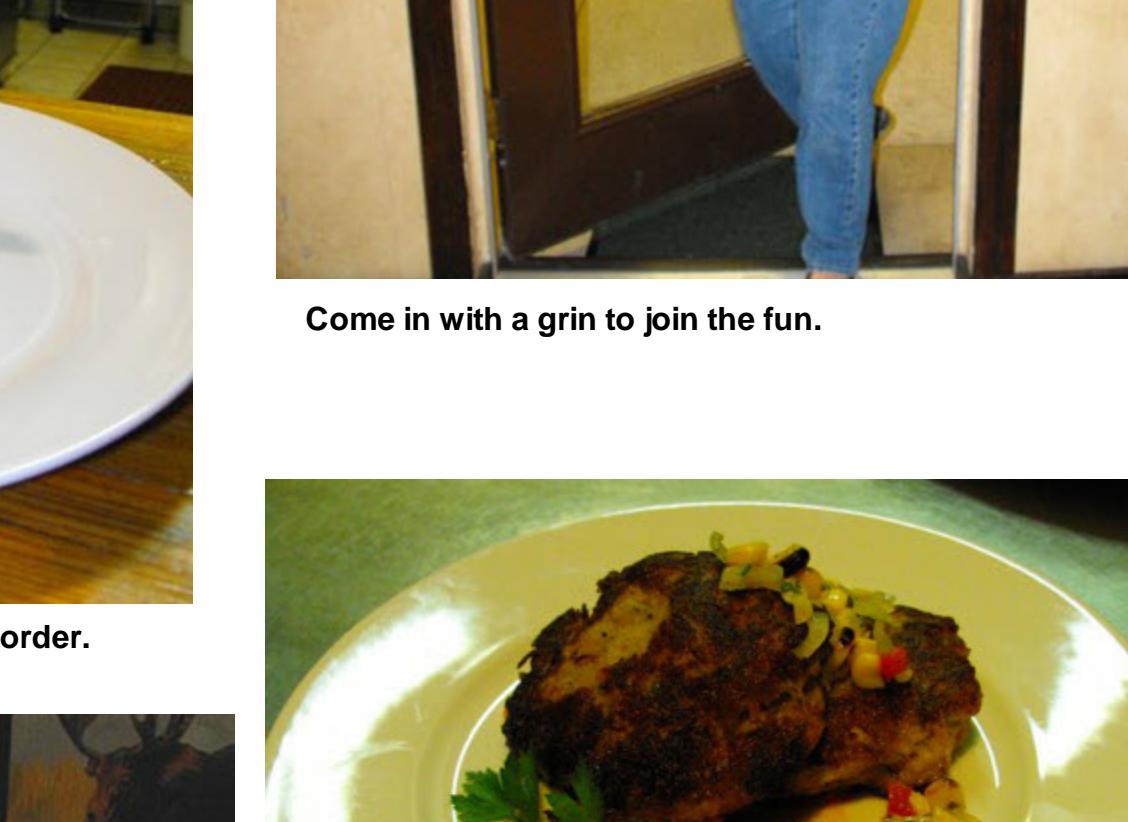
Order your favorite beer or wine at the bar



Sit with your family in the dining room.



Myka Reeder, John Leavenworth, Justin Bailey, and Mechele Carver



Scan the menu to choose your favorite entree



Treat yourself to delicious appetizers.



Andrew passes through a fresh from the stove order.

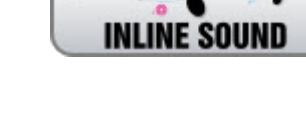
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Fine Dining



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By Emily Kendrick and Judy Spence

From Judy Spence: Getting to the library at 6am this past Saturday for our Rummage Sale taught me a few things. One: There is an "am" version to the 6 on my watch. Two: It's darn chilly that early in the dark. Three: Contrary to previously held beliefs, I will not "just die" from getting up that early. I would like to thank my intrepid Teen Council members for not only getting up that early but for working their little hind ends off once on site. We moved furniture, shelves, tons of miscellaneous knick knacks and managed to get it out of the trucks and storage units and into the parking lot into some semblance of order relatively quickly. A big thank you to Shirley Houx and Sharon Hayes for donating some very nice items for sale. All the hard work paid off and we are proud to report a profit of more than \$300! Thanks to everyone who stopped by to browse and shop.

Think Christmas is coming up fast? Thanksgiving will be here in less than 3 weeks. Let Teen Council help take some of the stress out of your holiday by coming to our Thanksgiving Bake Sale. To assure that your favorite goodie isn't sold before you get here come by the library and pre-order any of the following traditional favorites:

Sweet Potato Pie; Apple Pie; Pecan Pie; Pumpkin Pie; Rum Cake

Everything listed is only \$10 with the exception of the rum cake which is \$20. Everything is home baked the night before the sale for maximum freshness. If you would like a larger selection and can't make it by in time to pre-order, come by the day of the sale and see what we will have in addition to the traditional favorite. Bake sale begins Wednesday, Nov. 24, 11am – 5:30pm.

From Emily Kendrick: Looking for something fun to do over Thanksgiving break? We have an upcoming Children's Craft Hour on Monday, Nov. 21 from 11 am-noon. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us at the library to create some fun fall crafts that will be a wonderful addition to your Thanksgiving table this year. No registration required. Don't forget we have a fun and interactive storytime every Wednesday morning for all ages at 10:30 am. Tuesday's at 4pm we offer a bi-lingual storytime.

Holiday hours for the library are: Closed Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Nov. 24 - 27, reopen Monday, Nov. 28.

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Charles Knox Sprowl (1941-2011)

Charles Knox Sprowl, 70 of Howe, passed away on Saturday, Oct 29, 2011 at Presbyterian Hospital in Plano.

Mr. Sprowl was born Jan 21, 1941 in Howe to Knox and Eula Sprowl. He married Marsha D. Emerson on Sept 26, 1970. Mr. Sprowl was a Howe High School graduate and served his country in the Air Force. He retired from Texas Instruments after 33 years of service, and from Raytheon with 7 years.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha and children, Shannon Powell of Oklahoma City, Belinda Sweet of Tom Bean, Crista Green and Jory Sprowl both of Van Alstyne; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Sondra Williams and Linda Roane both of Howe; many nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Janice Canada and one brother, Jimmy Sprowl.

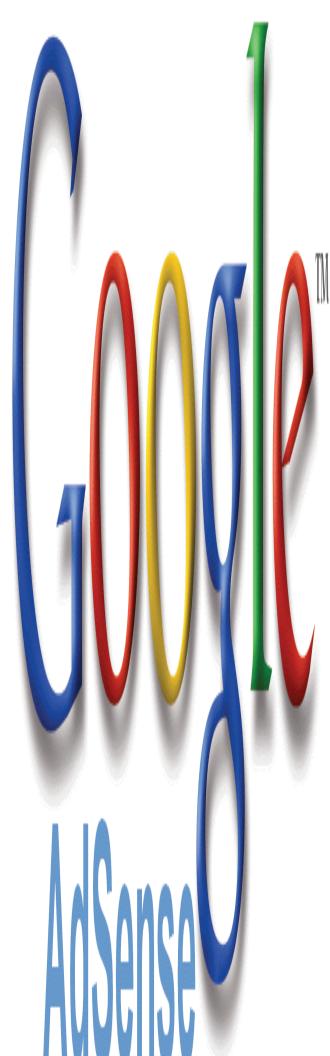
A Celebration of Life was held at the Sprowl Home from on Wednesday, Nov 2, 2011.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a written memory of Mr. Sprowl and any donations be made in Charles' honor to the American Cancer Society.



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Tom Bean Middle School will host a Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2011 in the Middle School Cafeteria at 9 am. Guest speakers/singers will include: John Ramsey, Sherry E. Howard, Paul Bailey, Danielle White, Robby White, and the 4H Honor Guard. Students will present special poems, letters, songs, posters and much more at this event. Please join us in honoring our Military on this very special day.



Tom Bean FFA Competes at District VI Leadership

The Tom Bean FFA competed in our District VI Leadership Development Events recently at Sherman High School. The students did a great job in preparing for these events and three of the teams are advancing to the Area V contest which is Saturday the 19th at Krum High School. Only the top two teams in each event are able to advance to the area contest.

Junior Skills team placed 2nd and will be advancing to area. The team members are Tesla Peterson, Sheldon Roberson, Brok Shields, Tanner Ellis, and Cheyenne Shipp.

Radio Team placed 2nd and will be advancing to area. The team members are Austin DeBerry, Alxa Kane, and Danielle Reaves.

Junior Creed Speaker was Lauren Khoury. She finished 2nd and will be advancing to area.

Junior Quiz placed 3rd. Team Members are Ashley DeBerry, Madison DeBerry, Mary Claire Cogbill, and Courtney Bramer.

Junior Chapter Conducting placed 3rd. Team members are Lane Beck, Dylan Ashlock, Katie Jones, Sydnee Kane, J.J. Johnson, Brayden Tanner, Bret Shields, Colton Curd, Lexi Fuller.

Destiny Holleman placed 4th with Job Interview and placed fourth.

Senior Quiz placed 6th. Team members were Maddi Cavender, Maci Chapman, and Sierra Harris.

Noah White placed 12th with Senior Creed Speaking.

Thank you for your continued support of our program.
Rusty Turner and Marci Chapman

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Tom Bean FCCLA sponsors “Your Home is Your Castle...Protect Your Family From Fire!” project

Recently, Tom Bean High School Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America conducted a Fire Safety education outreach with Tom Bean’s elementary school students. Using the theme “Your Home is Your Castle...Protect Your Family from Fire!” the high schoolers taught the younger children through skits, games and learning activities. High School FCCLA members wore fairy tale character costumes and had special appearances from Loo the Tomcat, Sparky the Fire Dog and Ready the Fox. Tom Bean Volunteer Firefighter Jason Lankford brought a fire truck for the children to explore.

Pre-K children were excited by a visit from Sparky, who presented them with plastic fire hats.

All children were given “Your Home is Your Castle...Protect Your Family From Fire!” coloring and activity books, crayons, pencils, and Jr. Firefighter badges.

Fourth and Fifth Graders were encouraged to complete a Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist with their parents and to return it for a special “Sparky Junior Firefighter” certificate.

In addition to this project, FCCLA members took the time to write personal letters of appreciation to Tom Bean Volunteer firefighters and to participate in a “send an e-card to an area firefighter” campaign sponsored by Collin College.

-information submitted by Sharon Stephens, Tom Bean HS FCCLA advisor

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Roy Rogers honored by RFD-TV with a national celebration

Roy Rogers Jr. leads a public celebration as RFD-TV kicks off a two-month campaign and unveils a 2012 Tournament of Roses® Parade float honoring Roy Rogers.

OMAHA, NEB. (November 1, 2011) – RFD-TV honors what would have been Roy Rogers 100th birthday with a two-month celebration that began November 5, 2011, and culminates at the Tournament of Roses® Parade on January 2, 2012, with a spectacular float entitled “Happy Trails.” Roy’s faithful companions, Trigger “The Golden Palomino” and Bullet “The Wonder Dog”, are at the entrance of the float while Roy Rogers, Jr. along with his son and Roy’s grandson, Dustin Rogers, and their band “The High Riders” stand behind the duo serenading the crowd with the “Happy Trails” theme song. The “Happy Trials” float is scheduled to be the final float in the 123rd Tournament of Roses® Parade and is led symbolically by 100 Palominos.

The national celebration began on November 5, 2011, at 8:30 pm EST, with a one-hour “live” broadcast special from the Apple Valley, California hometown of Roy Rogers. The concert features Dusty and Dustin Rogers and their band “The High Riders”. RFD-TV is inviting the public to participate by tuning in or going online for a free viewing (www.RFDtv.com). RFD-TV

is airing Roy Rogers tributes from many country-western music stars and the Rogers Family have teamed up with RFD-TV for weekly airings of The Roy Rogers show and Roy Rogers classic movies with Dusty and Dustin Rogers introducing each episode while providing inside stories on growing up with Roy and Dale. The company’s website includes areas for the public to participate by sharing stories, joining the RFD-TV Roy Rogers Riders Club or getting involved in the Trigger and Bullet Pet Rescue program.

The celebration culminates on January 2, 2012, when RFD-TV honors the “King of the Cowboys” with a Tournament of Roses® Parade float. The Tournament of Roses® Parade theme is “Just Imagine” and RFD-TV’s decision to honor Roy was simple float, “No one challenged the imagination of millions of baby boomers more than Roy Rogers,” said Patrick Gottsch, founder and president of RFD-TV. “Whether it was playing cowboy in the back yard with the neighbor kids, or dreaming of having a Palomino horse or German Sheppard dog of their own after watching one of the 88 movies or 100 episodes of the Roy Rogers Show, young minds were inspired for decades to just imagine.” RFD-TV is broadcasting the Tournament of Rose® Parade live on January 2, 2012, beginning with a one-hour pre-parade broadcast at 10 am EST for a behind-the-scenes special on the making of the “Happy Trails” float.

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President Franklin Roosevelt's D-Day prayer spoken on June 6, 1944

"My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

"And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer:

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

"They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

"They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest--until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violence's of war.

"For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

"Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

"And for us at home -- fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas -- whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them--help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

"Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

"Give us strength, too -- strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

"And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wheresoever they may be.

"And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

"With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

"Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen."

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Second Saturday program at Hagerman

Several activities will be offered this week at the monthly "Second Saturday" at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. The programs and activities are sponsored by the refuge and by the Friends of Hagerman.

Activities will begin with a guided nature walk, led by Dr. Jason Luscier, visiting assistant professor of biology at Austin College. Participants will note that recent rains have greened up the Refuge and the fall migration is still underway. Walkers will meet at 8 am at the Friends of Hagerman (FOH) Center and should dress for the weather. Binoculars and field guides are optional. The walk will end in time for the 10 am programs, and will be cancelled in case of rain.

From 9 am until 10 am, complimentary coffee will be served in the FOH Center.

At 10 am, Ross Anderson will speak on tree swallow reproductive success and site fidelity at Red Slough Wildlife Management Area in Oklahoma. The session will be in the meeting room of the Visitor Center. Tree swallows have expanded their migration range southward in the last three decades. This swallow is a cavity nester and readily accepted nest boxes placed at Red Slough Wildlife Management Area (WMA). A network of nest boxes was established and the occupying swallows were monitored. Over two field seasons, Anderson banded 346 tree swallows and recaptured 40 percent of the adults and 5 percent of the previous year's nestlings.

Anderson is graduate student from Southeastern Oklahoma State University under the guidance of Dr. Doug Wood. He earned a bachelor's degree in conservation at SOSU and has completed the coursework for a master's in conservation at Southeastern. He is working on completing his thesis. He currently resides in Tushka, Oklahoma where he owns an archery shop.

Also at 10 am, the Second Saturday for Youth topic will be "Talking Turkey." Reservations are necessary for this program of nature activities for children ages 4 to 10, and parents or other responsible adults must accompany children age 6 and under. Call 903 786 2826 to reserve a spot.

The Friends Nature Photo Club will meet in the Visitor Center on Saturday. A photo presentation from the October photo safari will be shown from noon until 12:30 pm, and then the meeting will begin. For details on sharing photos for the meeting, contact fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

All of these activities are free of charge and open to the public.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge is located at 6465 Refuge Road in Sherman. Visitors may enjoy outdoor activities at the refuge from sunrise until sunset daily, with no admission charge. The refuge office and visitor center hours are 7:30 am until 4 pm Monday through Friday, from 9 am until 4 pm on Saturdays, and from 1 pm until 5 pm on Sundays.



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THE TEXAS TEN HORN'S NEW SHOOTER'S CLINIC

The Texas Ten Horns is a Cowboy Action shooting club located in Hunt County, Texas a few miles north of Greenville. Our old western town is located on Jacob's Plain Gun Range. We shoot single action revolvers, lever action rifles and old west style shotguns three times a month, defending our town against the outlaws who roam these Texas woodlands. We are affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society, referred to as SASS®. We are putting on a new shooter's clinic on Saturday, November 12th and we welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about this fun, family oriented shooting sport. This clinic is from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The men and women who conduct this clinic are all experienced Cowboy Action Shooters who can answer your questions about the guns we shoot, the old western clothing we wear, and how this sport is played. Whether you are a man or a woman, boy or girl 12 or older, or a senior over 75 or anywhere in between we have a category for you. Shooters in this sport can shoot with a revolver in one hand, with both hands on a revolver, or even with a gun in each hand. You can shoot modern smokeless powder or shoot the old timey black powder and enjoy the smoke, flames and roar of a double barrel coachgun blasting the steel targets down! The cost of this clinic is only \$25. This fee includes some ammunition to shoot in a revolver, rifle and shotgun as you shoot one of our "stages" under the watchful eye of one of our trained range officers who will safely guide you through the stage.

Cowboy Action Shooting involves shooting lead bullets at metal targets. Each shooter is timed to see how fast they can shoot the targets. A miss adds 5 seconds to their time. The faster the shooter shoots all the targets with the fewest misses the higher he or she scores. Some of our cowpokes really enjoy seeing how fast they can shoot a stage (usually about 20 to 24 rounds). Some of our shooters just enjoy getting dressed in their hats, boots, and clothing from the 1800's and enjoying fellowship with like-minded folk. If you have been looking for a family oriented activity that you can enjoy with your spouse, children, parents, grandparents, or a friend then you should give this sport a try. We will provide the revolvers, rifles and shotguns for participants in the clinic. We will have a good variety for you to hold and see what you like the best. Firearms safety is covered and safety rules will be gone over before any shooting takes place. We will be shooting .38 Special, .357 Magnum, and .45 Colt caliber guns. Mild loads will be used. All people must wear eye and ear protection while on the firing line. Walk ups are welcome, but if you think you may attend please let us know so we can anticipate the number of shootists to expect.

Phone #'s are: Lethal Larry (903) 271-9726, Mustang Sherry (903) 815-8162, Diablo Slim (214) 695-1946. Our club can also be found on Facebook by searching for Texas Ten Horns SASS Club for photos and videos. A new website will soon be up too. The range is located at 6374 FM 118 Greenville, TX 75401

Directions to the range and a map can be found by going to the Jacob's Plain Website at www.jacob-splain.com.

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The man who killed Lincoln

By Bob Bowman

One of my favorite towns in Texas is Granbury, the county seat of Hood County, forty miles south of Fort Worth.

And each time we visit, Doris and I always have lunch at a small restaurant on the Granbury town square.

Painted inside on one wall in the restaurant is a drawing of John Wilkes Booth, the man who shot Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theater in 1865.

I've often wondered why the drawing was there until I read a book, *Unsolved Mysteries of the Old West* by W.C. Jameson.

In chapter 16, Jameson asks, "Did John Wilkes Booth Die in Oklahoma?" The assassination of Lincoln remains, even after the passage of 146 years, one of the most controversial events in American history.

In the early 1870s, a man who called himself John St. Helen went to Granbury attorney Finis L Bates to defend him against the charge of operating an illegal saloon in the nearby town of Glen Rose.

Several weeks later, St Helen moved to Granbury and began writing a book about the Lincoln assassination. St. Helen confessed to Bates that he was, indeed, Booth and gave Bates a tintype of Booth, saying "This is me"

Booth supposedly told Bates that Vice President Andrew Johnson was the principal instigator of Lincoln's assassination, but Bates did not believe St. Helen.

Several months following St. Helen's confession, Bates moved to Memphis and established a successful legal practice. In his spare time,



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

What a difference a little rain makes!

The iron gate that keeps my dogs from running down the driveway and onto the busiest street they can find couldn't be fastened earlier this summer. The dry weather had caused the post that holds it upright to shift to the north. My solution was to put a shim between the house and the fence, thus pushing the gatepost into the correct position. Then I got a fence repairman to come out and install a new bolt that should take care of anything but major shifts in the future. Now that there has been a little rain, I have removed the shims and all is upright again.

Now that the fence is fixed (I know that some of you folks from up Nawth don't like the word "fixed" because you associate it with "fixin' to," so you may read the more genteel two syllable "repaired") I can worry about the new cracks in my garage floor, the ever widening cracks in my driveway, and the garage wall that has shifted a full two inches from the frame that holds the garage door.

I called a repairman to look at it all and he said not to worry. "As soon as it rains again, everything will shift back into place," he said. "This happens at my house and my sister's house every time it gets dry."

Perhaps his admonition should have reassured me, but it didn't. I watered the foundation every day all summer, but all that water apparently didn't do the job. Or maybe it did. Maybe the wall would have collapsed if I had just let it stay dry.

This is not a problem that residents of West Texas normally face. In Odessa, where I lived for 61 years, you dig six inches and hit rock. When I bought the house I lived in for 20 years before moving to Sherman, the first thing I did was to buy many yards of dirt to put on the rock pile that was the backyard the week we moved in. After year, the lawn in my back yard looked like a well-groomed park.

I also hired a man to jackhammer holes for the fruitless mulberries I wanted to plant. A friend in little Wink, Texas, got a company to dynamite the holes he put his pecan trees into.

And lest you think trees don't thrive there, they do. My mulberries grew to be huge and his pecan trees bore the best pecans you could ever eat.

The point of this is that until I arrived in North Texas, I had never heard of watering your foundation or foundation repair. Once a house is built on that bed rock in West Texas, it probably isn't going anywhere.

Of course, there is a proviso and this is it: houses in West Texas don't shift if the concrete is poured correctly to start with. It wasn't at my house. There was a crack in the floor



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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

Bates read everything he could about the Lincoln murder and grew more convinced that St. Helen was, indeed, John Wilkes Booth.

St. Helen, meanwhile, moved to Enid, Oklahoma, and assumed the name of David E. George. In 1903 George died. Bates read of George's death in a newspaper and wondered if George might be the man he knew as St. Helen. He went to Enid, Oklahoma, and located the undertaker in charge of George's funeral.

He held the old tintype of John St. Helen next to George's face. It was the same man.

Other aspects of George's body cinched the theory of him being Booth, including a ring worn by Booth and George and evidence of a broken leg on the body of each man.

The body of Booth/George eventually fell into the hands of a carnival owner, who went broke and placed the mummy in a chair on his front porch and charged his neighbors a dime to see "the assassin of Abraham Lincoln"

The mummy eventually disappeared and, to this date, no one knows its whereabouts.

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



Dot's Dashes, continued

in my living room. It was about two and one-half feet from the back wall and the concrete farthest from the wall had lifted about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above grade. There was no way to know that before I closed on the house. The crack was covered with good carpet and furniture on top of that and the inspector missed it, so it was a surprise when I stepped on it and realized something was wrong with the floor.

The concrete specialist who came to look at it said, "Don't worry about it. It's shifted as much as it's going to, and the next time you have carpet laid, just have them smooth it out with some stuff that's like grout only it's concrete and made for situations like this."

So that's what I did and that is when I learned that unless you can build a house from the ground up and supervise the nailing of every nail, every house will have surprises and problems that may be unpleasant. What I learned is that nearly every problem a house has can be handled given enough know how and enough money.

And therein lies the rub now. If my garage wall falls, the garage roof will fall and if that happens, will the rest of the roof collapse and will all the walls fall down and will insurance cover it if it does and how can I know for sure?

Of, fiddle! Why worry? The world is going to end on Dec. 21, 2012 (or sometime thereabout) anyway and none of this will matter. I know this is true because the Mayan calendar said so and the History Channel keeps telling about it.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Speaker Announces Interim Charges for House Committees

One of the duties of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives is to assign interim charges to legislative committees within the House. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. Similarly, the Lieutenant Governor assigns interim charges in the Senate. Each committee will typically hold hearings in order to study the issues to which they were assigned and will conclude the studies with a report submitted to the Speaker prior to the legislative session.

Speaker Joe Straus recently announced the charges for House committees. This interim, there are thirty-three regular committees to which interim charges are assigned. This week's column will begin a series of Capitol Watches in which I will share some highlights of the interim charges for a few legislative committees of interest. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

This year, the speaker gave two charges to all of the substantive committees: study and make recommendations for significantly improving the state's manufacturing capability; and find ways to increase transparency, accountability, and efficiency in state government.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK:

*Evaluate the role of community gardens and urban farming efforts that increase access to healthy foods and examine the possible impact that state and local policies have on the success of programs of this type. Determine the feasibility of policies to support these efforts, especially in high-population areas. (Joint with the House Committee on Urban Affairs)

*Study the wildfire response performed by the Texas Forest Service and cooperating state agencies. Examine specifically how state laws and regulations could be enhanced to improve response effectiveness across the state. Study both the available causes of wildfires and mitigation and make recommendations as needed.

*Study the adequacy of access to veterinarian care in rural areas of the state. Determine the impact that a lack of access may have on the agriculture business in Texas.

*Examine the current enforcement system for performance-enhancing drug testing show horses, performance horses, and race horses in Texas. Specifically, review currently prohibited drugs and quantities to determine if any changes should be made to existing law. Compare the state's current regulations to other systems around the country and make specific recommendations on how the state's system could be improved.

*Study the viability of cedar eradication as a means to enhance resource conservation.

*Monitor the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 82nd Legislature, specifically the consolidation of the Texas Department of Rural Affairs into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Division, ensuring that rural communities are not negatively affected by the consolidation.

The House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock can be reached at 512-463-0762. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

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

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

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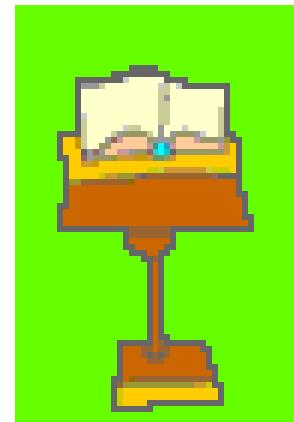
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A daily rate for every day. 2 Kings 25:30.

The acts of breathing which I performed yesterday will not keep me alive today; I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or animal life ceases. In like manner yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order to my enjoying the consolations, and to my working the works of God.

—Toplady

—Thoughts for the Quiet Hour



Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship in Luella begins each Sunday morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by classes for all ages, from the cradle to the adults beginning at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service will be led by Mike Ball so come on out and join them.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service and dress is casual.

C R Men's Step Study classes meet every Saturday night from 6-8pm at the church building.

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill, the cross will light the way for you.

For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219

Taking God Out of America?

By Willie Sofey

It seems that America has evolved into a state where the majority of America's voters are in favor of taking God out of the nation's body. Laws are presently incorporated into the fabric of America that are analogous to the ancient heathen nations, that Almighty God abhors and emphatically describes so in His Holy Word to the prophets of the Old Testament... and following with God's Word through... God

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday.

The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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becoming flesh (Jesus) and instructed to the apostles of the New Testament.

God's law through the Ten Commandments and the fulfillment of these Commandments that were perpetuated through God's only Son, Jesus Christ, are constantly being broken through America's elected and appointed lawmakers.

God made it perfectly clear when he spoke to the prophet Hosea (710 B.C.) about the consequences of "setting up Kings without My consent"..., and "choosing princes without My approval. With their silver and

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Taking God Out of America?, continued

gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction." (Hosea 8:4)

America's mindset of governing by "separating church and state" is completely contrary to God's intent for governing nations during this age. In fact, God's Word through the Holy Scripture is telling us that the "born again saints" should be preparing for governing positions in the soon to be coming Millennium Kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth, where a genuine world government will be set up.

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). The redeemed of Christ will be "made kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth." (Rev. 5:9-10)

Several hundred years prior to this revelation given to the apostle John, God's prophet Daniel... quote "the greatness of the kingdom shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High." (Daniel 7:27)

The New Testament apostle Paul...Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?... Do you not know that we shall judge angels?" (1 Cor. 6:2-3) God's inspired Word to Paul was to teach people they must learn to practice right government in order to exercise wisdom to judge in Christ's soon coming government (1 Cor. 6:4-5).

Many true Christian saints who are the "overcomers" (Rev. 2:26-27)... will be given authority to govern cities. (Luke 19:17)

It seems that American government is continuing its slide into that system that God labels "Babylon" (Rev. 18:4). I believe that the best governing body since creation was under King Solomon (970 B.C.), because the rule of law was God's law. God to

Solomon, "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." (1 Kings 3:14)

By obeying God's Word... "So Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the River to the Land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. They brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life... And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and his fig tree (his own property – my add), from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the days of Solomon." (1 Kings 4:21, 25)

It seems every time government seeking candidates express and profess their Judeo-Christian ethics and their profession of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior... that their poll numbers drop dramatically. This was recently the case with Governor Rick Perry and Rep. Michelle Bachman. If this is the mindset of the majority of America voters... I lament over the outcome of the next election results and the dire consequences to fall upon America if she doesn't turn from her sinful ways.

Elect and appoint lawmakers (Kings and Princes), that will govern with the wisdom of our Triune God and Creator of America, the earth, and the entire unlimited universe.

Answering my title question... No!!... Man or Nation cannot "take" God anywhere. However, God can and will take away His blessings from a disobedient people or nation who disregards the Laws of God.

God Bless America and Israel, Willie Sofey

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Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

In an earlier article I suggested that you should always be ready to do research. This means to have your list of names, places, etc. always with you in some form. You never know when the perfect opportunity will arise to do research.

This past weekend my wife and I took a short vacation. We stayed in a motel in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Our visit was not primarily to Mt. Pleasant, but that was just where we stopped. One morning we were "sight seeing" and stopped in the Mt. Pleasant library. They had an historical museum in their basement along with genealogy books.

As we finished looking through the museum, I sat down at a table with an open book on it. This book was an index to the cemeteries of Titus County, Texas. My wife's great-grandparents had lived in Titus county, so we took time to research the book.

We found the family name and began to take notes on various family members and the cemeteries they were buried in. This is where we were not totally prepared. My wife's grandmother had many brothers and sisters. Of course the brothers last names were the same as the great-grand parents, but we could not remember the married names of all the sisters. Because of that we were limited in our research.

After making notes of all the "Landrums", we looked at the individual cemeteries for each name we found.

Now, let me explain something. These books were one of a kind. They were hand made and likely there was only one copy available anywhere. Books like this are difficult to find. Sometimes there will be handmade copies of these book in other libraries but there will not be hundreds of copies available in many different location. The main index told us the name of the individual, and the cemetery he was buried in. The second group of books gave an index by cemetery of the individual buried there, along with the birth and death dates from their marker, and name of spouse if both were buried in the same cemetery.

As I said, when we finished in the first book, we looked up all the other cemeteries to get the birth and death dates and spouse names and dates. This filled in a lot of information we did not have for those family members.

Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members. This gave us a good record of information necessary in completing your genealogy.

We had three extra surprises that we enjoyed. First, as we were walking, my wife saw a familiar name. It was the married name of the youngest sister. So we now had her information along with her husbands information, and a photo of the tombstone.

While back in the library reading about the cemeteries, I had read the name of the man who gave the land for a cemetery and church. Our second pleasant surprise was to find his family plot in this cemetery. We photographed that as well to add to our records.

Our third surprise was the church building we found. My wife's family history shows that many of her family were members of the Church of Christ. The cemetery was the Centergrove Cemetery. Across the street from the cemetery was the Centergrove Church of Christ. This was an old building with only the church name on it. There were no other signs. It was difficult to tell whether it was still in use. It was new enough to have air conditioning, and the yard area was mowed. The front door was locked with a chain and pad lock which is unusual for a building that is being used. The electric power lines were still connected, but we could not tell whether they were being used.

We feel that we found a real treasure of information. We also probably missed a lot because we did not know the married names of some of the women. We will have to make a trip back sometime after preparing better with a complete list of family names to look for.

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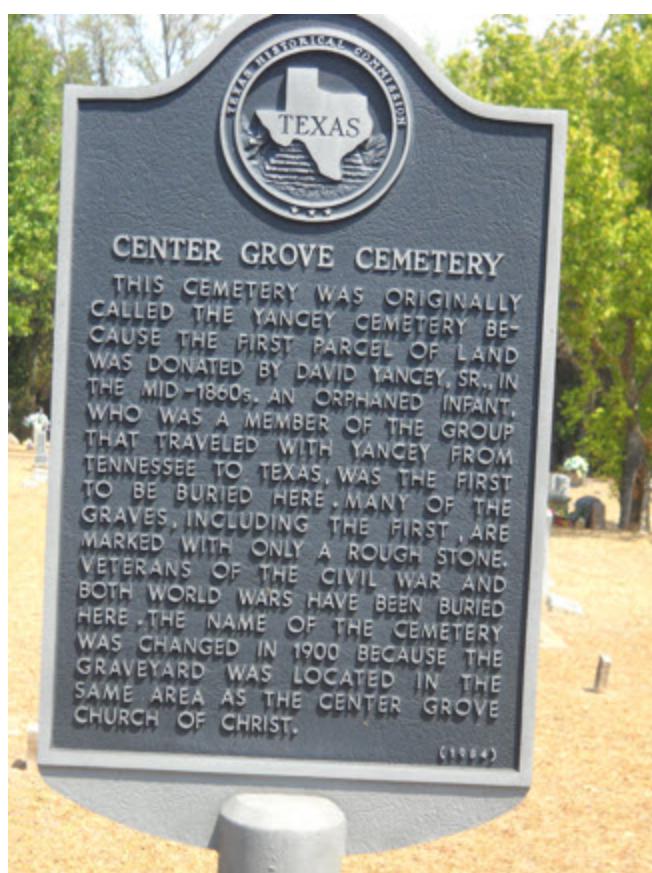
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3 Ways a Spouse Can Boost Your Social Security

By Jonnelle Marte

Married couples can boost their lifetime benefits further if they time their retirements carefully, analysts say.

These spousal benefits allow one spouse to receive half of the retirement amount awarded to their husband or wife. Benefits can be greater for both spouses if they can wait at least until full retirement age before they start collecting payments. But both spouses don't have to collect at the same time.

Here are some tips for getting the most out of your marriage when it comes to Social Security:

Lower earner gets a boost. A married person could see their benefits grow thanks to spousal benefits if one person earned much more than the other. For example, even if the lower earning spouse worked and is eligible for their own retirement benefits, their minimum benefit should be equal to at least half of the benefits awarded to the higher earning spouse. So if their full benefits fall short of that, they could get a combination of benefits that add up to the higher amount.

One spouse delays benefits, the other collects. Individuals can boost their retirement benefits by up to 32% if they wait until age 70 to start collecting Social Security. But married couples

don't have to go without income while they wait: one spouse can start collecting spousal benefits, even while the other is holding off payments. Say a husband decides to put off collecting full retirement benefits until age 70. He can still apply for retirement benefits and then ask to have payments suspended. That way his wife can receive a benefit one she reaches full retirement age of up to half of his regular retirement benefit would be, not including the boost he should get for delaying retirement. When he reaches age 70, he can collect his bigger check, and she can keep collecting her spousal benefits.

Collect while you wait. In a similar scenario, a person who has reached full retirement age and is eligible for spousal benefits and his or her own retirement benefit can choose to collect spousal benefits and to delay receiving their own retirement benefits. When they decide to collect their own retirement benefits at a later date, they can receive larger benefits if they've waited beyond their full retirement age. It doesn't matter if the other spouse is collecting retirement benefits or also delaying payments past retirement age.

But readers should keep in mind that regular benefits as well as spousal benefits are reduced if you start collecting them early at age 62. And once you reach age 70, there is no added incentive to either spouse to keep putting off payments.

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The consequence of nonsense

By **Mike Barnett**

Once upon a time there was a little red hen. She lived with a food activist pig, a tree hugging duck and a bureaucratic fat cat.

They all lived in a pretty farm house which the little red hen kept tidy. She worked hard every day but the others never helped. The pig liked to complain, the duck liked to protest and the cat liked to raise unreasonable expectations.

One day the little red hen was working in the garden when she found a grain of corn.

"Who will help me plant this grain of corn?" she asked.

"Not I," grunted the food activist pig. "It might be genetically modified."

"Not I," quacked the tree hugging duck. "It might leave a carbon footprint."

"Not I," purred the bureaucratic fat cat. "We might raise some dust."

So the little red hen picked out a spot and planted the seed.

During the summer the grain ripened in the sun until it turned a golden brown. The little red hen saw the corn was ready to harvest.

"Who will help me cut the corn?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," grunted the food activist pig. "You sprayed it with pesticides."

"Not I," quacked the tree hugging duck. "Global warming has made it too hot to work."

"Not I," purred the bureaucratic fat cat. "You hired the kid next door and that's against the law."

"Okay, I'll do it myself," said the little red hen.

And she did, working hard in the hot sun to harvest the crop.

"Who will take the grain to the mill, so that it can be ground into cornmeal?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," grunted the food activist pig. "The cornmeal won't be local because the mill's too far away."

"Not I," quacked the tree hugging duck. "The mill uses coal-generated electricity."

"Not I," purred the bureaucratic fat cat. "The mill can't meet proposed emission standards."

So the little red hen asked the miller to grind it. He sent the bag of cornmeal back to the farm house.

"Who will help me make the cornmeal into bread?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," grunted the food activist pig. "That's processed cornmeal."

"Not I," quacked the tree hugging duck. "Trees died so that cornmeal could be packaged."

"Not I," purred the bureaucratic fat cat. "The stove is old and doesn't meet Section 4, Paragraph 6, Item 8 of the Oven Reform Act of 2002."

"Very well," said the little red hen. "I'll make the bread myself."

And it smelled good. The aroma filled the house and the pig, duck and cat came running.

"Who is going to eat this bread?" asked the little red hen.

"I will," grunted the food activist pig.

"I will," quacked the tree hugging duck.

"I will," purred the bureaucratic fat cat.

"Oh no you won't," said the little red hen. "You are shallow, unreasonable and tied up in bureaucratic red tape. I'll eat it myself."

And she did.

And the pig, duck and cat starved to death.

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TELLING OUR STORIES

TALES OF TWO BARNS

By Jerry Lincecum

Something I share with Mae Knox Burton of Sherman is appreciation for growing up on a family farm, complete with an old-fashioned barn. When I was four or five years old, my grandfather built a big barn on the homeplace where I grew up in Robertson County. It still stands there today, roughly two hundred miles south of here. But every square inch of it can be visited in my memory, any time I choose to.

The barn which Mae Burton remembers, in contrast, is clearly visible to me from my front yard. That's because the Knox farm became a part of the city of Sherman, and my neighborhood. In fact, the Dillingham School campus was carved out of a portion of it, with the street in front of the school named Luther Knox Road.

Among my favorite barn memories is the smell of freshly baled hay, although getting hundreds of square bales from the meadow into the loft, year after year, was hard work. One summer I was paid a penny per bale for working as part of a crew that loaded a "bobtail" truck, which held maybe 70-80 bales per load. Many years I gained experience in stacking 18-20 bales in the bed of a standard size pickup, a balancing act that required some skill.

Mae recalls their loft was not fully floored; once her mother fell through the widely-spaced boards while seeking a hen's nest. For me, finding a hidden nest was fun: Mother appreciated any fresh eggs, whereas rotten ones became valuable ammunition (grenades) for warfare. Corn cob fights were forbidden because of possible eye injury. Since my grandfather was one-eyed due to a riding accident, we were especially sensitive to that kind of danger.

When my brother and I were too young to help with hauling, the elaborate tunnels and forts we built in the loft provided many hours of entertainment. We also learned a hide-and-seek trick that worked without fail on city cousins. Make them wait downstairs until you have climbed into the barn rafters. Call them up but remain quiet and they would never think to look at the ceiling.

What about snakes? Chicken snakes were easily distinguished from poisonous species, and spotting one with a bulging belly meant he'd already found the hen nest or maybe swallowed a big rat. Copperheads were given a wide berth unless a pitchfork was handy. Hoes were good for disposing of snakes in the garden but ineffective in the hayloft.

Mae recalls the pleasure of watching her father milk the cows. For me, learning how to milk Old Jersey was a challenge. First her calf had to be allowed to suck for a brief period, so she'd "let down" her milk. Then getting the steady sound of milk squirting into a galvanized bucket required just the right fingering sequence.

The cow's tail sometimes collected grassburs, which became guided missiles if she slapped you hard with it. Worse, if you really upset her, a foot in the bucket meant having to rinse it out and start over. The "milk calf" was a good one to slaughter, yielding better beef than his less pampered comrades.

Barn cats were different from house pets: wary and rarely fed, they had to catch rats, mice and small snakes to survive. There was Nadene, inherited by my brother Joe when he returned to the farm in retirement. Nadene not only refused to socialize with the house tabbies; when Joe stopped using the barn and relocated to a lake house, she refused to move.

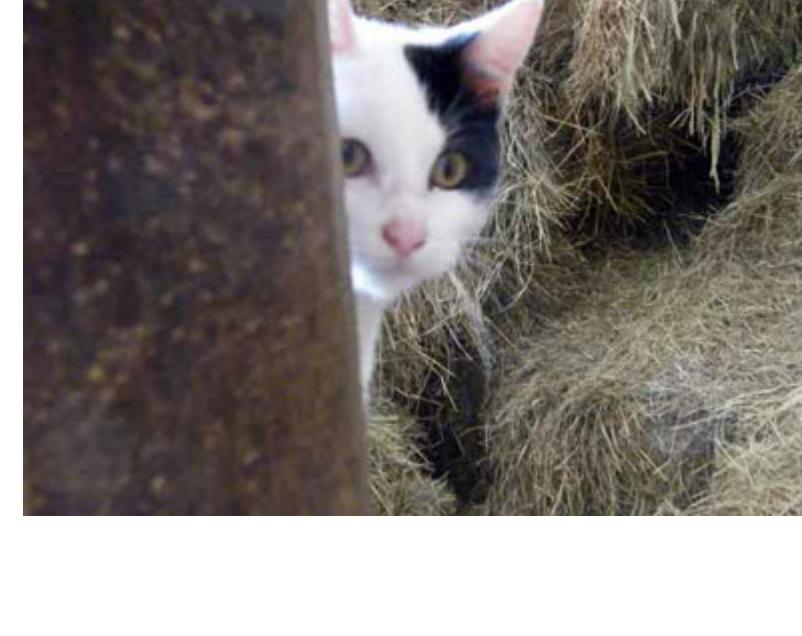
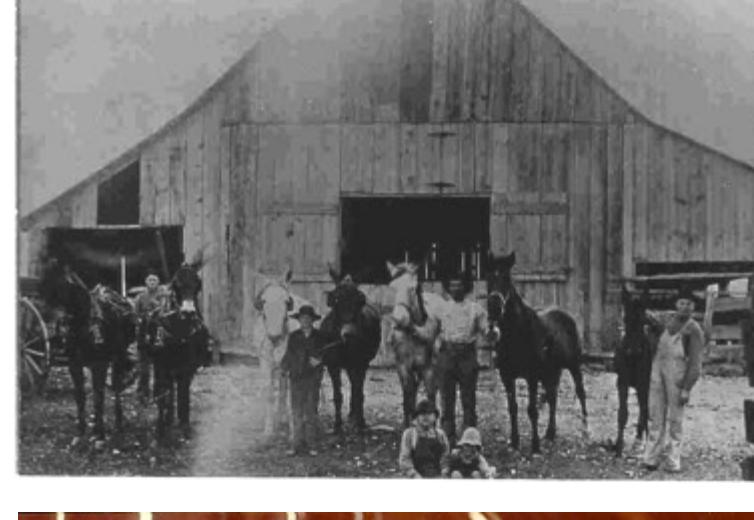
To this day I shake my head over the childhood surprise of discovering, under old tow sacks in the darkest corner of a corncrib, a nest of baby mice, hairless and unable to see.

Too tender-hearted to alert the cats, I covered them up again.

Like barn cats, the dogs we kept were more workers than pets, useful in rounding up cows. One of my most vivid childhood memories is of the time we tried to pen the horses at the barn and failed, even with help from the dogs. Granddaddy was a mild-mannered person who never used profanity or coarse language of any kind. However, when the mule Old Rhody led the charge which freed her and her horse mother Minnie, he lost control of his temper and his language. After hearing some new vocabulary words that day, I sneaked off by myself to practice cussing with great vehemence. Then I laughed so hard I choked.

Visiting the loft after my father stopped storing hay there was a sad experience. A magical storehouse of exciting memories had degenerated into a desolate attic: a dustbin for such shabby antiquities as the wooden highchair used by Lincecum children and grandchildren.

When I walk into my yard here in Sherman, however, and look up the hill to catch sight of the old Knox barn, the magical images and stories flood my mind.



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Letters from Little Boys to God

Dear God,
Why is Sunday School on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be our day of rest.
Tom L.

Dear God,
I went to this wedding on Sunday and they kissed right in the church! Is that O.K.?
Neil

Dear God,
If you watch me in church on Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes.
Mickey D.

Dear God,
Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.
Bruce

Dear God,
If you give me a genie lamp like in Aladdin, I will give you anything you want, except my money or my chess set.
Raphael

Dear God,
Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.
Greg

Dear God,
Please send Dennis Clark to another camp this summer.
Peter

Dear God,
You don't have to worry about me. I look both ways.
Dean

Dear God,
Are you really invisible or is that just a trick?
Doug

Dear God,
I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big but not with so much hair.
Sam

Dear God,
I am American. What are you?
Robert

Dear God,
If you didn't let the dinosaur become extinct, we wouldn't have this country. You did the right thing.
Jonathan

Dear God,
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.
Larry

Dear God,
I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well, I just want you to know that I am not saying that because you are God already.
Charles

Dear God,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Thursday. That was cool!
Eugene

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

¿ Que es ?

I have been very busy the past few weeks. Old Man is now volunteering three days a week at an elementary school. He works with 5 kindergarten classes.

Several days ago, old man was teaching Spanish to his hispanic kids. Yep, that's right. He has not yet learned Spanish and these kids all speak Spanish, but that's what he was doing. The kids are now into their fifth week and beginning to write. While Old Man has learned a lot of Spanish in the past year he still struggles. But in writing, the teacher gives them three words and then asks them to select a fourth to complete their sentence. For example they might have to write, "Yo soy un_____." Then they can fill in the blank with, "gato, perro, nino, or mono." This makes it simple for Old Man because he knows all these word.

Something else Old Man is learning in the Spanish is that rules for capitalization are different. Of course you capitalize a persons name, but you do not capitalize their title. For example in English we would capitalize Mister Smith. In Spanish it is mister Smith. Unless you choose to abbreviate to Mr., then in Spanish you would capitalize - not because of the name but because of the abbreviation. Same goes for the days of the week and the names of the months.

While you try to remember all that, you must remember that there is a different vocabulary and even punctuation. The period and comma remain the same. But if you use an exclamation or question mark, you turn it upside down and place it both at the beginning and the end of the sentence. Confused yet? Well, we do have fun. Will visit you again in a few days.

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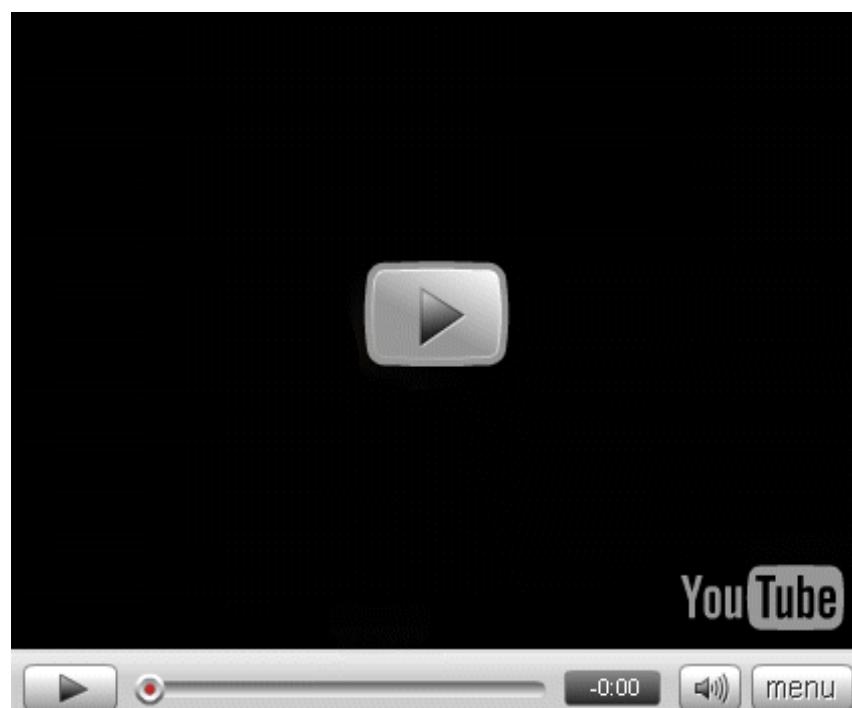
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