

Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

November 15, 2012



New Grandson



Grayson College Play



HISD Art Posters for Veterans Day





Skylar Alton, Arron Hogue, Nathan Owens, Kasy Poindexter, and Kailey Rolan display outrageous courtroom behavior and encourage audience interaction in Grayson College Theater Department's performance of "Contempt of Court."

Audience plays a role in GC's "Contempt of Court" Nov. 16-18

Audience members will have a different theatre-going experience when "Contempt of Court" plays in Grayson College's Black Box Theatre Nov. 16-18. The comedy parodies the legal system and is reminiscent of television shows such as "Judge Judy" and "Night Court."

"This show is very different from anything we've ever done," said Robin Robinson, GC professor and director of theatre. "Audience participation is an integral role in the production, which should appeal to everyone from teenagers to senior adults."

Written by David Landau with music by Nikki Stern, "Contempt of Court" is an interactive comedy where audience members are plaintiffs, defendants, witnesses and jury in some of the most outlandishly funny lawsuits ever to double-cross the bench. They will have the opportunity to vote on three different cases presented, which will determine the production's outcome.

Texarkana freshman Skyler Alton and Bells freshman Kailey Rolan play opposing attorneys Sydney Schyster and Melissa Cheatham, respectively. Judge Judy Koch is played by Kasandra Poindexter, Whitewright sophomore. England sophomore Nathan Owen is Duke Mondhill, her bailiff. Anna freshman Arron Hogue tackles four different characters who testify in the cases.

Denton sophomore Maggie Bergener leads the crew as stage manager. Rachel Schroeder, Denison sophomore, and Katie Slay, Lavon freshman, are her assistants. Sophomores Blake Rice of Savoy and Andrew Steele of Cumby are sound and light designers, respectively. Master electrician is Rowlett freshman Jasmine Shannon, and freshman Nathan Poindexter of Whitewright is master carpenter. Sophomores Mason Butler of Leonard and Jose Gomez of Denison are sound and light board operators, respectively. Gomez also is assistant master electrician. Thea Albert, GC adjunct professor of theatre, designed the set and costumes; sophomore Dillon Wooten of Trenton is her assistant. Props coordinator is Sherman sophomore Rodney Hudson.

"Contempt of Court" begins at 7:30 pm on Nov. 16 and 17, and at 2 pm on Nov. 18. Tickets are \$3 for the general public and free with GC ID. Reservations are recommended because seating is limited in the theatre, which is located in the Arts & Communication Center on the college's Main Campus in Denison. For reservations or more information, contact GC's theatre department at 903-463-8609 or at theatre@grayson.edu.

Austin College Presents an Evening of Chamber Music and Jazz

SHERMAN, TEXAS-The Austin College Department of Music will present its annual fall concert, An Evening of Chamber Music and Jazz on November 19, at 7:30 pm, in Wynne Chapel on the Austin College campus. Under the direction of Austin College Moshier Professor of Music Dr. Ricky Duhaime, the concert is free and open to the public.

The Austin College Chamber Orchestra, comprised of students, staff, and faculty, will begin the concert with music by English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams and the Hungarian composer Jenő Takács. Uniquely, both compositions are based on models of early English music.

The second half of the concert will consist of a variety of big band music performed by the Greater Texoma Jazz Ensemble, a group consisting of students, faculty, and community members from across northeastern Texas and southeastern Oklahoma. Soloists for the evening include Chris Dickson (alto saxophone), Paul Onspaugh (tenor saxophone), Jesse Spear and Chris Gregg (trombone), Andrew Gregg and Eric Brentzel (trumpet and flugelhorn), and David Moore (guitar).



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Howe's That

Recipe

by Lana Rideout

We now have our 8th grandchild. Well we claim him as our grandson.

Some of you may remember that we had a girl as part of the foreign exchange program. Her name is Neel and she lives in Denmark.

She attended school at Gunter while living with us about 18 years ago. (She was here when our granddaughter Dominique was born.)

Neel has returned to Howe twice for a visit after she went home to Denmark. The first time she came for a short visit. The second time she brought her parents, her brother and her sister.

She will always be our Danish daughter. She has now had her first baby, a beautiful boy. We have the picture, but do not yet have a name for him;



Sizzlin' Stuffed Peppers

For shrimp
 1/2 cup uncooked rice
 6 large green peppers
 1 pound ground beef
 1 medium onion, chopped
 1 cup finely diced celery
 2 Tablespoons bacon drippings
 1-1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
 1-1/2 teaspoons celery seed
 1/2 to 3/4 can Rotel tomatoes and green chilies (10-ounce can)
 Salt and pepper
 1 can condensed tomato soup
 1 soup-can water, or a little more
 1 can (8-ounce) tomato sauce

Cook rice until tender. Cup tops off peppers, remove seeds, and boil pepper cases for 5 minutes. Drain. Saute beef, onion and celery in bacon drippings. Add rice, 1 cup grated cheese, celery seed and tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper.

Stuff pepper cases with mixture and place in greased, or foil-lined, baking dish. Make a sauce by mixing soup, water, tomato sauce and remaining 1/2 cup grated cheese; pour over peppers. Bake, uncovered, in 350 degree oven for about 45 minutes. Baste several times during cooking. The stuffed peppers can be frozen before cooking. Freeze separately in plastic bags with a generous amount of sauce over each pepper.

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November Students of the Month - Parker Daniels, Aviano Acevedo, Payton Stapleton, Willie Husband, James Richardson, Trinity Williams, David Huerta, Laine Watson, Korie Bouse , Not pictured: Aaron Roulette

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Howe High School Art Students designed patriotic posters for the annual Howe ISD Veterans Day program held Monday, Nov. 12.

First place went to Brianna Rideout; second to Cody Welch, and third to Melanie Rayburn.



Emily Dawsey, Marissa Wilson, Kylee Sperry, Jordan Streetman



Melanie Rayburn, Brianna Rideout, Cody Welch



Michaela Batchelor, Cooper Burter, Julissa Hernandez, Hlaaw Par



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Blue Ridge Auction This Sat. Nov. 17

This is a Living Estate Auction of M. Belk, from Blue Ridge, TX. Mr. Belk is moving, and has been to many Auctions. He has a wide collection of (see below)

Visit our website at: www.willisauctionsandsales.com or 'like' us on Facebook for more info and links to Photobucket for pictures.

The Auction will start at 10 am on Saturday, Nov.17, on Business HWY 78 in Blue Ridge, TX. We will have two Auctioneers, Myself, and Jimmy Hamm.

Auction includes 2 auctioneers and staff. Contents of two buildings: collectibles, guns, Ammo and Ammo re-loading equipment, as well as lots and lots of tools (hoarders shop , All sizes of shelving including industrial size, tables, fluorescent lighting, old books, collector plates, dollies, ladders, shop fans, wood chipper, many household items, antique furniture, jewelry, vinyl records, Movie posters, Star Wars toys in boxes, Star Wars poster and collector cards, aviation metal model planes in cases, aviation books and posters, stamps, collectibles, and much much more. We've got over 440 pictures loaded up for previews if you want to take a look. Two buildings full of stuff!

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Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

On Saturday night, November 17. the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Our special guests for the evening will be Dale Anderson ,guitar and vocals, Charles Woolly, mandolin and harmony, and Brad Davis, guitar, saxophone, banjo and dobro. We look forward to having them.

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

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



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Sherman Community Players Presents “It’s a Wonderful Life”

Written by: James W. Rodgers

Based on the film by Frank Capra

Story by: Philip Van Doren Stern

Directed by: Anthony Nelson

Sponsored by: John Moseley & Associates

When: November 30th, Dec. 1, 2 (2pm-Matinee), 6,7,8,9 (2pm-Mat.), 14, 15, 16 (2pm-Mat.)

Where: The Historic Finley Theater – 500 N. Elm, Sherman TX 75090. If traveling from out of town, take Highway 75, Washington St. Exit and follow the way finder signs.

Tickets: Go on sale to our season members beginning November 26th & 27th 2012, at 10am. General Admission tickets go on sale beginning November 28th 2012, at 10am. Tickets can be purchased by calling the 903-892-8818, or by stopping by the box office Monday thru Saturday, 10am – 2pm from November 26th through December 15th. The box office is located inside the Honey McGee Playhouse, 313 Mulberry St., Sherman TX. Visit SCPTHEATER.ORG for large group pricing and more details.

Ticket Prices: Adult Tickets: \$16, Students \$8. Thursday Night Performances –December 6th, 14th – bargain night, all tickets are \$8.

What: Come celebrate the classic timeless tale of everyman George Bailey. Whose dreams of escape and adventure have been repeatedly re-routed by notions of family obligations and civic duty. An evening of theater for the entire family, come celebrate the holidays with all your favorite characters: Evil Mr. Potter, the loyal & lovable Mary, the vivacious Violet, bumbling Uncle Billy and everyone’s favorite guardian angel Clarence. Opening November 30th and playing at the Historic Finley Theater in downtown Sherman.

Featuring: Jason Taylor as George Bailey, Burl Procter as Mr. Potter, Jerry Gundersheimer as Clarence, Bruce Butler as Uncle Billy, Madeline Cohn as Mary Bailey, Sandra Linscheid as Violet Peterson, Jared Tredway as Bert, and Paul Jordan as Ernie.



Civil Air Patrol Seeking Sponsors To Help Honor Veterans At Christmas

DENISON, Texas (November 12) - The Civil Air Patrol's Texoma Composite Squadron is looking for more sponsors to help them honor our country's veterans during the Christmas holidays.

Since 2006, Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has partnered with Wreaths Across America (WAA), a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to remember and honor the sacrifices of all veterans and their families, to place evergreen wreaths on local veteran's graves in a ceremony held each December. Working with CAP and other partners, WAA places hundreds of thousands of wreaths on graves at several hundred cemeteries across the country including Arlington National Cemetery, and at 24 American military cemeteries overseas.

All wreaths sponsored through the squadron will be placed on veteran's graves at Cedarlawn Memorial Park in Sherman, and the squadron's goal is to place a wreath on every grave. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath, and can be purchased in any quantity. Orders are being accepted through Wednesday, November 21st. Order forms may be obtained from any squadron member or printed from the "Wreaths Across America 2012" pages on the squadron's website. Anyone wishing to order by telephone or online using a credit card can do so by calling WAA at (877) 385-9504 or by visiting the Wreaths Across America website; in either case, be sure to specify the Group ID number TXCAP262 when ordering so the wreaths will be delivered to the correct location.

This year's wreath-laying ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 15th starting at 11:00am. This event is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend, especially local veterans and their families.

For more information about the Texoma Composite Squadron, please call (903) 786-6227 or visit www.captexoma.org. For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 80 lives annually. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 71 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.

Diabetic Support Group

When: November 27 from 6-7pm

Where: Howe Community Library

For diabetics (and family members) of all ages.

For information please contact Keri @ 214-200-5294

Or the Howe Library @ 903-535-3350

Hope to see you there



Sherman Symphony Orchestra Broadcasts on Local TV

The October 20, 2012, performance of the Sherman Symphony Orchestra (SSO) will be broadcast on KXII-TV Channel 12 on Saturday, November 17, at noon. The 30-minute broadcast will include Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, movements one and three, with guest artist Scott Watkins at piano. Watkins has performed around the world, spending several weeks in China this summer. He also has made guest appearances with orchestras and solo performances throughout the U.S., including several performances at Carnegie Hall.

Daniel Dominick, associate professor of music at Austin College, has served as conductor of the orchestra since 1992 and invites regular attenders of the symphony to view the broadcast to relive special moments and encourages new viewers and listeners to take this opportunity to introduce themselves to the symphony.

During Dominick's leadership, he has added concerts to the season, including an educational program for fifth-

grade children, and increased the size of the orchestra to more than 70 musicians. The repertoire of the orchestra has expanded to include the standard literature of the 19th and 20th centuries. The Sherman Symphony Orchestra is the only symphony orchestra between the Dallas-area and Tulsa. In May 2002, the SSO moved into its new home, the renovated Kidd-Key Auditorium, near downtown Sherman.

Next on the SSO performance agenda are the Christmas Pops presentations on December 1 at 7:30 pm and December 2 at 3 pm, both the Side Richardson Center of the Robert T. Mason Athletic/Recreation Complex on the Austin College campus. The Pops performance includes special musical guests, seasonal music, festive decorations, and a family atmosphere. For ticket information, call 903.813.2251.

The Sherman Symphony Orchestra is a joint project of Austin College and the local community.

New Cattle Traceability Rule

Texas Animal Health Commission Announces Details of New Cattle Traceability Rule AUSTIN - A requirement for adult cattle in Texas to have an approved form of permanent identification in place at change of ownership will go into effect January 1, 2013 according to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC). The Commission amended its rules in June of this year to enhance the effective traceability of beef cattle movements in Texas, which is the cornerstone of disease control activities. Implementation of the changes was delayed by the Commission to ensure cattle producers understand the requirements and can prepare for the changes. The amended rule permanently cancels the brucellosis test requirement for adult cattle at change of ownership, which was unofficially suspended in the summer of 2011. Although testing of adult cattle is no longer required with the rule change, all sexually intact cattle, parturient or post parturient, or 18 months of age and older changing ownership must still be officially identified with Commission approved permanent identification. This change primarily affects beef cattle, as dairy cattle in Texas have had an even more stringent identification requirement in place since 2008. Before August of 2011, official identification devices such as eartags were applied automatically at the time a brucellosis test was performed. The inadvertent loss of the identification devices applied to cattle when brucellosis testing stopped has threatened TAHC's ability to effectively trace cattle as part of any ongoing disease investigation. The TAHC routinely performs cattle health investigations where the identification and location of exposed/infected animals is critical to success.

For example, 30 Brucellosis reactors, over 300 Bovine Trichomoniasis affected bulls and 22 bovine tuberculosis cases have been investigated by the TAHC to date in 2012. The new traceability rule will help preserve the TAHC's ability to identify and trace animal movements quickly and effectively, no matter which disease is involved. A complete list of acceptable identification devices/methods may be found at www.tahc.state.tx.us, but the most commonly used devices include USDA metal tags, brucellosis calfhood vaccination tags, US origin 840 series Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFID), and breed registration tattoos or firebrands. Producers are encouraged to contact their veterinarian or TAHC to determine which method of tagging will be best for their operation. Free USDA metal tags, and a limited number of free applicator pliers (dependent on available funding) will be provided by the TAHC to producers wishing to use them. The tags and/or pliers may be obtained by contacting local TAHC field staff and USDA APHIS Veterinary Services representatives. The TAHC is developing tag distribution partnerships with interested veterinary practitioners and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offices. Partner contact information will be published as it becomes available. Producers may locate the closest tag distributor online at www.tahc.state.tx.us. Frequently asked questions Q: What age/class of beef cattle must have acceptable permanent identification?

A: Sexually intact adult beef cattle 18 months and up, and Mexican origin event cattle. Nursing calves, steers, spayed heifers, bulls and heifers under 18 months are exempt (unless heifer has calved).

Q: Where can I find the complete listing of all Commission approved permanent identification devices? A: Producers may access the complete list at www.tahc.state.tx.us or by contacting any TAHC office or personnel. Q: Do I have to use the free eartags offered, or can I use other acceptable methods of identification? A: No, the free metal tags are not required to be used, but they are one low cost option.

Q: Will ear tag pliers be provided at no cost or will I have to purchase them? A: A limited supply of eartag pliers is available at no cost. Because of the limited supply, producers are also encouraged to consider purchasing tagging pliers from any Ag supply outlets.

Q: Is this rule a federal rule? A: No, this is a Texas rule, but it will put the beef industry in compliance with the anticipated USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule for interstate movement expected to be released later this year.

Q: When does this Texas rule go into effect? A: To ensure that the cattle industry has ample time to understand the changes and prepare, implementation of this rule will not take effect until January 1, 2013.

Q: If my animal already has a silver test tag or orange vaccination tag in its ear, will it need to have a new tag applied if sold at a livestock market? A: No. Animals presented with approved official Id's at a market will not have to be retagged.

Q: Can I move my cattle directly to slaughter from my farm or ranch without an ID? A: Yes, ranchers can move an animal directly to slaughter from their premise without an ID. Breeding cattle otherwise changing ownership by private treaty (country sales) must have acceptable identification.

Q: What happens if my cattle are too weak to be safely tagged at market? A: The TAHC has proposed an amendment allowing the waiver of the rule by a TAHC inspector in consultation with market ownership or management for weak cattle presented at a sale.

Q: Do I need to keep records when I sell my animal(s)? A: Record keeping is not required when animals are sold, but is strongly encouraged.

Q: Who is responsible for maintaining the information related to eartag distribution? A: All official identification numbers assigned will be maintained in a TAHC-managed database.

The TAHC will not track individual change of ownership transactions. For additional ear tag information, including the nearest distributor of free USDA tags, contact the TAHC Traceability Team at 1-800-550-8242 ext. 733, or visit www.tahc.state.tx.us. Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.



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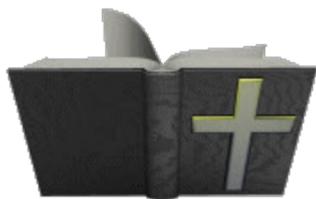
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Church Page



Psalm 100:1-5 (KJV)

¹ Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³ Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

Christian Fellowship

Mike Ball will be leading worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella.

Come join them at 9 am for coffee and doughnuts and fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30 am. Worship service is at 10:30am. The Lord's Supper is celebrated each Sunday morning during worship service.

David Ellis leads the church in Praise and Worship and is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual.

The church's regular movie night has been put on hold until January due to all the holiday events. It will resume the third Friday in January. The movie for that month will be announced later.

Wednesday nights begin with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. A class for the little kids is being held also. So bring the kids out for some fun, and learn about the Bible.

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 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

We have 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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Have You Ever Read The Bible?

By Willie Sofey

This is a simple question I remember the actor Jack Palance ask some of his old outlaw acquaintances in an old western movie of the past. Jack's question was in response to lewd comments these outlaws had made about a married woman and wanting Jack to return back to a life of crime.

God's word in the Bible states that "we perish for lack of knowledge" (God's knowledge). God's Word from Genesis through Revelation, "the Alpha and the Omega", Jesus, the "Beginning and the End" gives mankind the knowledge (laws) to live successful lives.

It seems the majority of the world, (and for that matter the majority of the citizens of America), has not read the Bible or has ignored God's word of spiritual living that gives life, and sold out to the gluttony of the flesh that ends in death.

I can equate America's last election to Israel's time (782-753 B.C.), wherein Israel was experiencing much material wealth, but was spiritually bankrupt. "They set up Kings without my consent; they chose princes without my approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction", God to Hosea (Hosea 8:4).

Do you see a similarity in our king (President) and some of his princes (elected and selected proponents) of anti-God statutes..., to the leaders of ancient Israel and Judah? God to Isaiah, during Israel's prosperity, "O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths" (Isa. 3:12)..., "and

those who are led by them are destroyed" (Isa. 9:16). "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" (Isa. 5:20).

God to Jeremiah against anti-God leaders, woe to those "who try to make My people forget My name..., and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness" (Jer. 23:13, 25-27, 32), "who builds his house (nation) by unrighteousness" (anti-God laws), (Jer. 22:13).

After the nation of Israel split in two after King Solomon's death, Solomon's reckless son Rehoboam, as King of the northern 10 tribes (Israel), turned away from God, "sinned and who made Israel sin" (1Kings 12:28-33; 14:16; 2Kings 17:20-21).

Even though reforming kings like Josiah, Asa, and Hezekiah tried to reform Israel and Judah, both Israel and Judah went into captivity because they followed after anti-God leaders.

Moses' warning to the exodus nation of Israel "but if you do not obey me (God), and you despise My statutes, I will break the pride of your power" (Lev. 26:14-19). Jeremiah's warning, "You have forsaken the Lord, your own wickedness will correct you" (Jer. 2:19-20). God's word to the apostle Paul in the New Testament, these lessons of the Old Testament are for the "admonition" (warning) for all nations and people "till the end of the ages" (1Cor. 10:11).

"Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it." – Spanish born philosopher Santayana.

"Take heed lest any man deceive you." – Jesus Christ; Mark 13:5. Bless you Lord, Willie Sofey



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The Mystery Man

By Bob Bowman

Daingerfield, the pleasant county seat of Morris County, was named for Captain London Daingerfield, supposedly a native of Nova Scotia, but beyond that and a few other facts, Captain Daingerfield remains a mystery man.

Morris County pioneers told stories of finding Daingerfield's millstone and water well, which pre-dated local Anglo-American history. These items were likely made by Acadian settlers from Louisiana, but they returned to the territory because of Indian hostilities.

A spring known locally as Daingerfield Spring was once a popular camp used by Indians such as the Choctaws and Caddoes. Around 1830, Captain Daingerfield and a company of 100 men attacked an Indian village at the spring and, after a long, bloody fight, the Indians were driven away.

Local history says Captain Daingerfield settled his family around the spring, but the Indians retaliated, killing Daingerfield, his wife and children.

The Captain and his family were likely buried nearby with large flat rocks marking their graves. But as the years passed, the cemetery and rocks were moved as new homes were built in the area.

In those days, it was the custom of settlers to plant cedar trees around the graves of their loved ones. Near the spot where the Daingerfields were buried, large cedars are now growing.

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

All right, Folks, here is the bottom line. The Democrat won; the Republican didn't. That's the way elections are. One candidate gets the office and the headaches and the other one goes home to either get a job, do community service, or spend the rest of his or her life recovering from the campaign.

I have been watching presidential elections for the past 64 years and participating either as a campaigner or voter or both for the last 43. My candidate has won some of the time and lost some of the time. The "stolen election of 2000" was one of the most painful for me because the winner of the popular vote lost the electoral college vote when Florida's recount found 537 hanging chads in George W. Bush's favor, certified Florida's electoral votes for GWB and the Republican appointees on the United Supreme Court ruled in Florida's favor.

Do not interpret what you just read as whining. It is a statement of fact. It is what the history books will say. We do not yet know what the history books will say about President George W. Bush. What we do know is that once he was inaugurated, he was President of the United States and all of us benefited when he made good decisions and all of us suffered when he did not. If we were rational, we wanted him to make good decisions more often than bad ones. We wanted to help him succeed because the fate of the nation rested, at least in part, on his success. If we were rational, we wanted to do all that we could do to make it possible for him to succeed.

That's the reason why the attitude of Senator Mitch McConnell, Tea Party members of Congress, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives has been incomprehensible to me. McConnell announced -- I heard him say it -- that his goal and the goal of the Republicans in the Senate was to deny President Obama a second term. If that meant putting the welfare of the nation at risk, their attitude was "so be it."

So, they put the welfare of the nation at risk, blocking most attempts of President Obama toward bipartisanship. The last Congress was the least productive in the history of the United States, not because there was nothing important to do, but because to get it done might have involved compromise, which to some people has become a synonym for lack of principle.

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The problem of finding more about Captain Daingerfield is compounded by the fact that Morris and the surrounding counties were once a part of Arkansas

Army records in Washington have no record of Daingerfield and, despite the efforts of several historians to unearth more details about the captain, his family and his fellow soldiers, his disappearance remains one of the legendary stories of East Texas.

Some early visitors were not kind to the early town of Daingerfield. William A. McClintock, who passed through the area in 1846, noted in his diary that the town consisted of "three or four cabins scarce fit for pigsties."

But by the early 1850s the town began to grow. Sylvia Academy, a private school for girls, opened around 1850, and in 1852 the Marshall Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church founded Chapel Hill College.

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That strategy, of hanging on to some ideological claptrap instead of looking for common ground, didn't work. President Obama won the popular vote with a bare majority, but a majority nevertheless, and the electoral vote with 332 of the 538 possible.

Do you get that? Barack Obama won a second term as President of the United States. The Democratic Party retained control of the Presidency of the United States. That's a fact. And because it is fact, it is time for everyone in the United States to put on his or her big boy or big girl underwear and work to make President Obama's second term a success in terms of both domestic and foreign policy.

Nearly everyone can understand the concept of self-interest. After all, that's the basis of American capitalism, "the invisible hand" of self-interest. Ask yourself, how is my interest best served?

Is it by a government paralyzed by the bitterness of people who expected to win but lost? Or is better served by people who get it together and cooperate to get the business of government done?

There is business to be done. Roads and bridges need to be repaired or replaced, food and drugs need to be inspected, water and air quality need to be protected and improved, the armed forces need to have the training and supplies they need, schools need to be financed, survivors of natural disasters need to be assisted, the old, the sick, the lame need help that can be provided only by the whole of the nation.

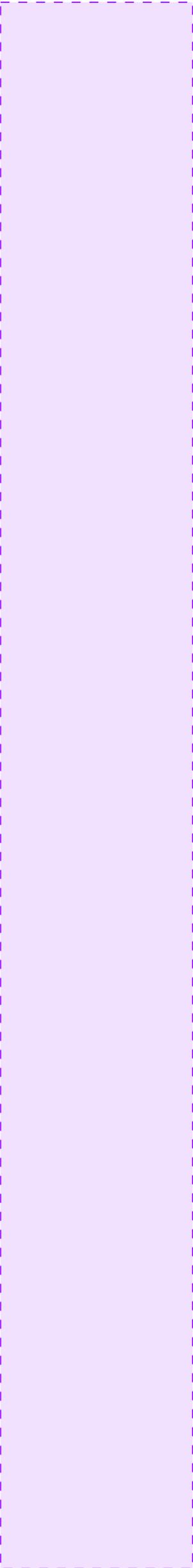
Let's stop with all the foolishness put out by people who never should have been anything more than entertainers, people like Rush Limbaugh and Steven Colbert, and get on with business that makes sense.

In short, let's use a little sense.



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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.



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007



Court case of ABC News, ‘pink slime’ is a study in media trust

By Gene Hall

Regardless of how you feel about the hatchet job ABC News foisted upon a perfectly honorable and legitimate company, Beef Products Inc. (BPI), and the meat business itself, the resulting court case is interesting. BPI has sued ABC News. I don’t know if they can win, but at a minimum, this should embarrass the network.

ABC is defending itself on first amendment grounds. As a former reporter, I understand that free speech and a free press have to be almost absolute in this country, but there are limits. I blogged about this a while back.

At issue is a product called lean finely textured beef (LFTB), which ABC chose to portray as “pink slime.” This is a recovery process, retrieving beef close to fat trimmings and otherwise difficult to get. It is finely ground and mixed with other ground beef. Having reviewed the process and talked to people in the know, I rest in the sure and certain knowledge that the product is absolutely safe. I’d let my granddaughter eat it today -- well done of course, as all ground beef should be.

But after the pop culture wave of protest subsided, many parents and school lunch programs concluded the safe food containing lean finely textured beef would no longer be served. It no longer mattered whether the product was safe or if ABC News had told any part of the truth. Three BPI plants went under and several families lost their jobs.

The media company claims that “ABC News’ statements were in any case covered by the first amendment as examples of ‘imaginative expression’ and ‘rhetorical hyperbole,’ which the courts have ruled are protected speech.”

Well -- here’s what that means. Start with a definition of hyperbole: “a figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect.”

In other words, ABC believes it can “use its imagination” or “exaggerate” to tell you most anything it wants. They said that’s within the network’s first amendment rights.

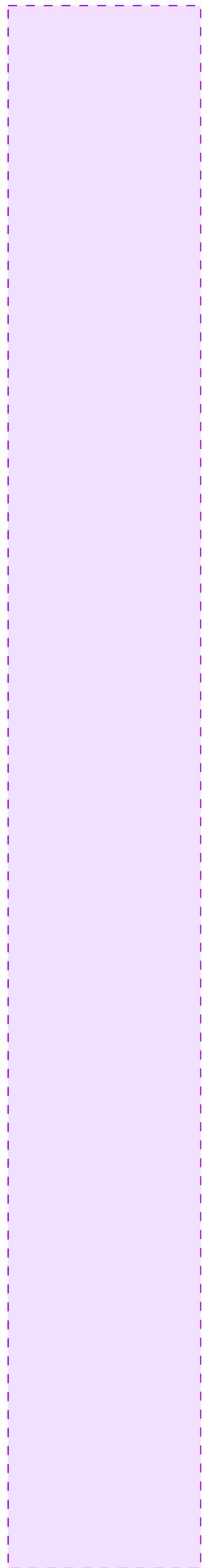
But, should you trust them, knowing they ignored facts and common sense and put Americans out of work? That’s for you to decide. I already have.

Gene Hall, Public Relations Director, Texas Farm Bureau

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



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Cornyn Statement on Senate Republican Leadership Elections

WASHINGTON – Nov. 13 U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after Senate Republicans elected him to serve as Whip for the 113th Congress:

“I’m honored to have been chosen by my colleagues to help lead our caucus during such a critical time for this country. Core Texas values like hard work, limited government, and individual liberty will continue to guide me in this new role. I look forward to working with the Conference to tackle the major hurdles before us, beginning with the looming fiscal cliff.

“This debate presents both an immense challenge and an historic opportunity to come together to do the right thing for the country. I am optimistic the urgency of the moment will bring members of both parties together to avert what would be an economic disaster. Now more than ever this nation needs leaders willing to step up and make the tough choices that are right for our country, not politically expedient for one party.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

John Cornyn: One way to significantly honor our veterans

AUSTIN-The following Veterans Day column by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, ran in Monday, Nov. 12, *Waco Tribune-Herald*

Veterans Day, which we formally mark today, is a time for reflection. It is a time for honoring the men and women who have risked their lives in far-flung corners of the world to defend our freedom. It is a time for remembering our obligations to those warriors when they come home. I’ll be thinking of the late George O’Brien Jr., an extraordinary Marine from Big Spring, who received America’s highest military award, the Medal of Honor, for his selfless heroism in Korea. I’ll also be thinking of another remarkable Marine, recently deceased Treto Garza, who served in Vietnam and devoted the rest of his life to improving veterans’ health care in the Rio Grande Valley.

And I’ll definitely be thinking of San Antonio’s Todd Nelson, a retired U.S. Army master sergeant who endured more than 40 reconstructive and lifesaving surgeries after his convoy was attacked by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan, and who now recruits wounded veterans to work at USAA.

I was proud to call Garza a friend, and I was lucky enough to meet Nelson earlier this year. As for O’Brien, I was privileged to attend the January 2012 ceremony at which the Big Spring Veterans Affairs Medical Center was officially renamed in his honor.

Each understood that courageous veterans often return from war carrying physical, psychological and emotional injuries. That’s what inspired O’Brien, Garza and Nelson to spend so much time helping our wounded warriors.

Unfortunately, the massive backlog of VA disability claims reminds us that far too many veterans are being underserved. This is a national disgrace, and I have expressed my outrage to VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and called on him to resolve the crisis.

Veterans with pending claims deserve more than just rhetoric from VA headquarters in Washington. They deserve swift action. Our veterans fulfilled their solemn duties. It’s about

time the VA did the same. The disability-claims backlog in Texas is particularly immense because we’re home to more veterans than any state except California. As of Oct. 22, there were more than 49,000 claims pending at the Waco VA Regional Office, the highest total nationwide. The vast majority had been pending for more than 125 days. Meanwhile, there were nearly 38,000 disability claims pending at the Houston VA Regional Office, the fourth-highest total nationwide. Once again, most had been pending for more than 125 days.

Consider the story of Brownsville resident Jorge Vallejo, a former Marine who suffers from spinal nerve compression. Despite the severity of his condition, which makes it very difficult for him to work, Vallejo was only receiving 30 percent disability from the VA. In hopes of providing for his wife and children, he tried repeatedly to secure his rightful compensation. When these efforts failed, he turned to my office for help. After much wrangling with the VA, we were able to get Vallejo his full benefits.

Sadly, his ordeal is not an anomaly: Thousands of Texas veterans have experienced similar frustrations.

This past summer, the Texas Veterans Commission announced a \$1.5 million initiative to help clear out the disability-claims backlog. Thomas Palladino, the executive director, called it “one of the boldest and most meaningful actions to help Texas veterans and their families in the history of the state.”

I look forward to working with Texas and VA officials to make sure this initiative is successful. Our veterans have shown tremendous devotion to America. They deserve the same from their government and should receive their legitimate benefits and medical care in a timely fashion. Anything less is unacceptable.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is a Republican who represents Texas.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee’s Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

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Senator Craig Estes Pre-Files Bill Repealing Texas' Business Tax

Austin – State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) today (11-12-12) pre-filed SB 113, a bill that repeals Texas' business tax, commonly known as the margin tax.

“The margin tax has been a big disappointment. It is inequitable, costly, and complicated for Texas businesses and has undermined the state's competitive advantage,” Estes said. “We understand in Texas that businesses are job creators, and we must do all we can to alleviate the pressures they face in this difficult economy and the impending federal fiscal cliff. Now more than ever, we must ensure that our Texas economy remains business friendly to attract growth and job creation.”

Scott Drenkard, an economist at the Tax Foundation, added that “The Texas Margin Tax is a very damaging component of an otherwise well-structured state tax system. Eliminating this complex and distortionary tax would make the Lone Star state one of the most competitive tax climates in the country.”

“Passing this bill will supercharge our state's economic engine,” Senator Estes said.

Senator Estes represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.

The Tax Foundation is a nonpartisan research organization that has monitored fiscal policy at the federal, state and local levels since 1937.

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Dear editor,

I honestly can't figure out how Jeff Gordon can call himself a Christian and then go out and purposely wreck another driver, as he did this past Sunday in Phoenix. If you think about it, Gordon could've easily killed that driver he was aiming at (and at worst, maybe a few others). And if that would've happened, we wouldn't be talking about Jeff Gordon being a Christian. And certainly we wouldn't be talking about him as a four-time NASCAR champion. Rather, we'd be talking about him as a murderer who didn't practice what he preached. How's that for a testimony!

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New Retirees: Avoid These Mistakes

Don't make these errors when transitioning into retirement

By Emily Brandon

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Happy retired couple

It can be difficult to know when you are truly ready to retire. Even if you are relatively certain you have enough savings to last the rest of your life, there is still plenty that could go wrong. Here are some potential mistakes to avoid as you transition into retirement:

Moving to a place where you don't know anyone. Once you're no longer tied to a job, it's tempting to move to a location with better weather or more fun things to do. In some cases, you can even significantly reduce your retirement expenses by moving to a place with more affordable housing and a lower cost of living. But moving away from your friends and family and your support system of associates, including everything from a great dentist to a car mechanic you can trust, can be detrimental to your retirement. It's difficult to start from scratch and can take years to build a network of people who can help when you need it.

Quitting before you are vested in your retirement plan. You may not get to keep all of your employer's 401(k) contributions, stock options, or qualify for traditional pension payouts until you are fully vested in the retirement plan. Before you turn in your letter of resignation, look up the exact date you will become fully vested in the plan. If it's a matter of weeks or months, sticking around until you qualify for more lucrative retirement benefits could significantly improve your retirement finances. "If you are close to an anniversary date or if you have any stock options that are about to vest, you don't want to leave right before you are about to vest and lose out on money," says Laura Barnett Lion, a certified financial planner and president of Barnett Financial in Austin, Texas.

Retiring before you set up health insurance. Medicare coverage begins at age 65. If you want to retire before then, you'll need to find alternative health insurance coverage. Some employers offer retiree health insurance plans to former employees. If your company had at least 20 employees, you can also buy back into your former employer's group health insurance plan using COBRA continuation coverage, typically for up to 18 months. Other health insurance options for early retirees include joining a spouse's health plan, purchasing individual insurance, and seeing if you qualify for state insurance pools. Some organizations you belong to or part-time jobs may also provide health insurance. "If you are younger than 65 and you are retiring from a company plan, you want to pay special

attention if you have any health issues," says Christopher Rhim, a certified financial planner for Green View Advisors in Washington, D.C. and Norwich, Vt. "Know what your benefits are and compare this to any new plan under consideration." Beginning in 2014, young retirees will be able to purchase health insurance through insurance exchanges, with tax credits for those with low and moderate incomes.

Thinking your health will hold out forever. Many new retirees are healthy and energetic, but it's important to plan for a day when you may not be. Proximity to medical care becomes increasingly important as you age. You also need to think about the possibility that you might require long-term care or extra household help from caregivers or family members. It's a good idea to put your medical requests in writing, and designate someone to make medical decisions for you if you cannot.

Taking Social Security too soon. You can sign up for Social Security beginning at age 62, but that doesn't necessarily mean you should. If you elect to begin receiving payments at 62, you will receive lower monthly payments than you would if you waited until an older age. "If you are retiring before your full retirement age, which is 66 for most baby boomers, and you are planning on taking Social Security before 66 at a discount, that can have a substantial negative impact on your retirement finances," says Terry Seaton, a certified financial planner for Seaton Financial Advisors in St. Augustine, Fla. "You can wait even after 66 up to 70, and it increases each year." Monthly Social Security payouts grow for each month you delay claiming up until age 70.

Forgetting to take required minimum distributions. Withdrawals from 401(k)s and IRAs become required after age 70½. People who fail to withdraw the correct amount will face a 50 percent tax penalty in addition to the regular income tax due on the amount that should have been withdrawn.

Spending too much on travel and new hobbies. Some expenses will decrease in retirement, such as commuting costs and workplace attire. But new costs may take their place or even surpass them. Travel costs can become a huge new retirement expense, and some new hobbies might also come with significant costs. Some retirees end up spending more on entertainment simply because they now have more time for it. You may find yourself dining out more to get out of the house or connect with other people. "When you have time on your hands, most people are fairly creative in finding ways to spend money. They play more golf and they go see the grandkids more often," says Seaton. "Find out how you want to spend your time in retirement, and find out what it's going to cost you."



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Texas Legislature Online

Last week I wrote about the Legislative Reference Library. This week, I will discuss the website for the Texas Legislature, www.capitol.state.tx.us<<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>>, which provides a great deal of information about the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate.

Through the website, you can input your address to find out who represents you at both the state and federal levels. Information on each of the state representatives and senators is also available, as is information on committees, their membership and purview, meeting times and agendas. You can also watch live broadcasts of the committees and both the House and the Senate through the website.

The 83rd Legislative is approaching, and bill pre-filing begins on Tuesday, November 13. You can research legislation through the website by bill number, text search, subject, or author. There are also links to the Texas Constitution and Statutes in order to research existing law. You are also able to track legislation that may be of interest to you through the "My TLO" section. Through "My TLO" you can set up an account and have emails sent to you every time there is action on a piece of legislation in which you are interested. In this way, anyone is able to follow legislation throughout the session.

There are also links to agencies that support the legislature, such as the House Research Organization and the Texas Legislative Council. Both of these sites have recent and archived reports on various topics that will likely be addressed during the upcoming session. There are even links for kids to learn about their representatives and the process a bill goes through in order to become a law.

I encourage you to log on to www.capitol.state.tx.us<<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>> and spend explore the site. You can contact me by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by e-mailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us.





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.

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. 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.

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. 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.

Nov. 28, 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.



Kids in Church

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough of his antics.

“You’re not supposed to talk out loud in church.”

“Why? Who’s going to stop me?” Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, “See those two men standing by the door? They’re hushers.”

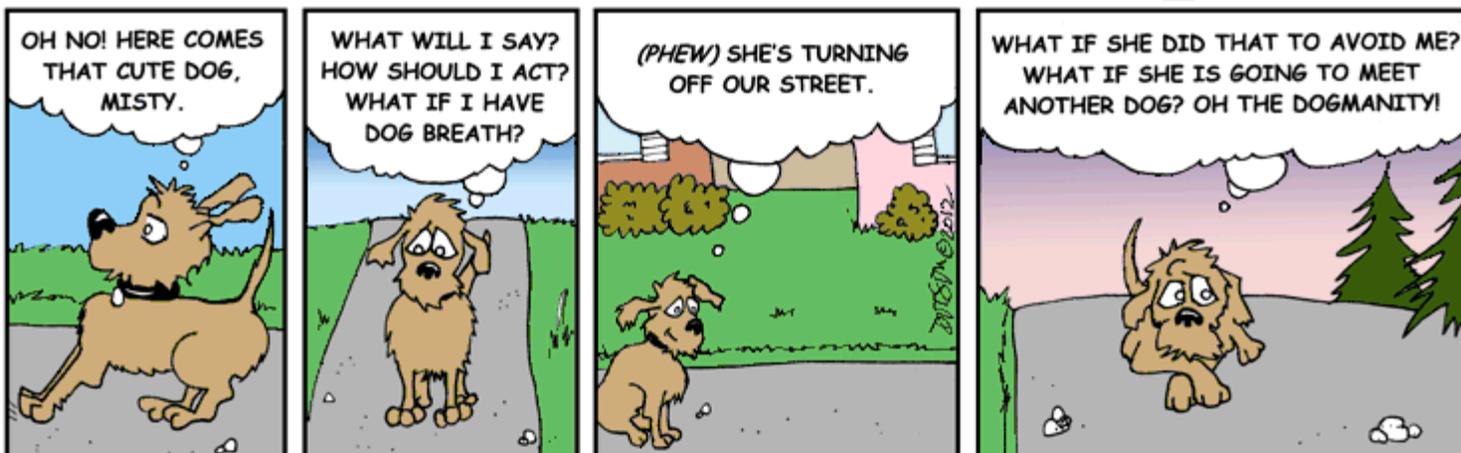
Moving Testimony

The second guy says, “I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher which made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow.”

The last guy replies, “I would like to hear them say, ‘Look! He’s moving!’”

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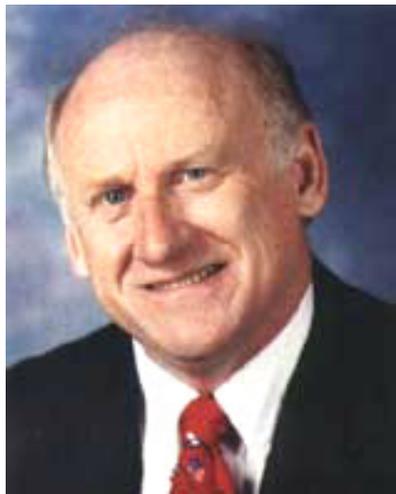
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LET'S REMINISCE: Hog Killing Time

By Jerry Lincecum

One of the things I as a first-born like to boast about (to put down my siblings) is that as a child I “helped” to butcher a hog on our farm. November was the month and 1947 was the year. I cannot specify the date but do recall the chill of morning frost. My job was turning the handle on the sausage grinder.

Some details of the butchering procedure remain vivid, and others I had to review on the internet. It will take two columns to do justice to the subject.

First, knives and axes were sharpened on a big whetstone and a couple of black iron pots, normally used for laundry, were filled with water. An open fire, which felt good to stand beside, brought the water to boiling. Then my dad used a .22 rifle to shoot the pig right between the eyes. That's when I knew this would be a memorable occasion.

Besides my dad and mother and uncle, several neighbors had come to help. There was Aunt Liddie and Mr. Ed and Miss Rachel. All were skilled in some phase of hog butchering.

After being bled out, the carcass was strung up by the hind legs on a tree limb high enough to be dipped into a barrel containing the hot water (not too hot). The water bath loosened the hair (bristles), and butcher knives were used to scrape the hog.

Then the gory part started, with the body still hanging upside down. Using the sharpest knife, Daddy started between the hind legs and split open the hog all the way down, being careful not to cut an intestine.

It took an ax to chop through the breastbone. Then he started pulling guts out, placing them in a #3 washtub and cleaning out the inside of the hog. The last step was to wash out the carcass on the inside with cold water.

Next it was time to take the hog down and lay it on a flat-bed wagon that had been cleaned and scrubbed. The men took an ax and chopped the feet off.

Now came trimming the fat, piece by piece thrown into a big wash kettle over another fire. The process of rendering the lard is tricky, and Aunt Liddie was our expert. She had a long wooden paddle for stirring the fat pieces (some still attached to skin).

This fire must not be too hot, or you will scorch the lard and it won't be pretty and white. Completing the job took a lot of patience. The lard was then poured into stone crocks and saved for cooking.

Now for one of my favorite things: cracklings, the crunchy leftover pieces of skin the fat has cooked out of. Really good to eat (better than store-bought pork rinds), but best in crackling cornbread. Tune in next week for the rest of my hog-killing story.

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

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

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

Dale and Lana Rideout



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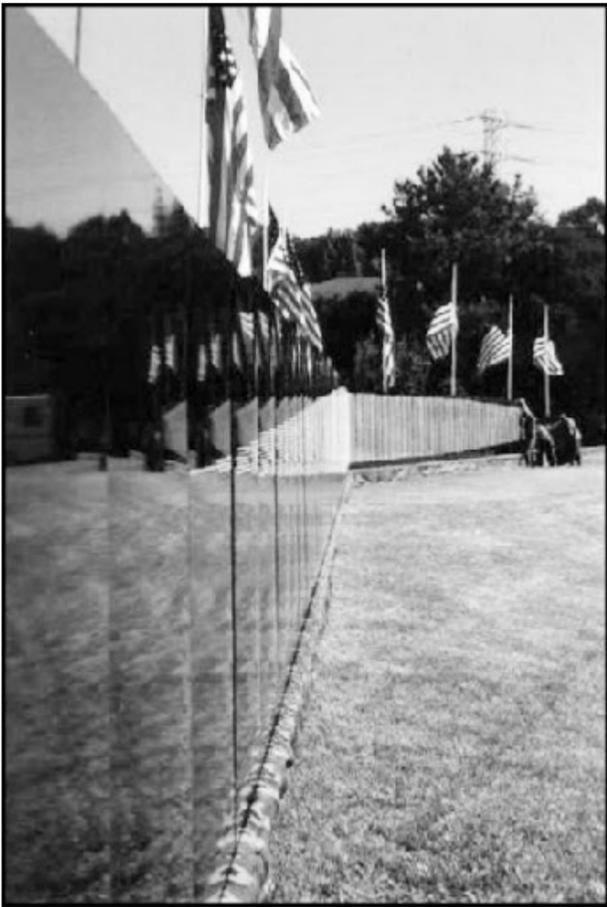
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The Wall, looking East
photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.

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."

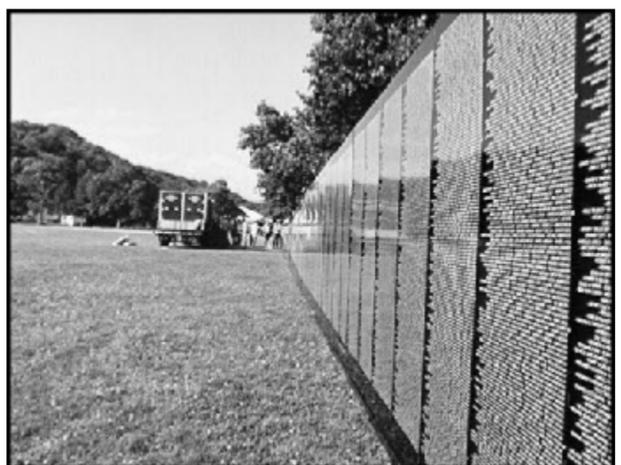
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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.



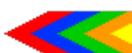
The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
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The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
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What's Cookin...

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



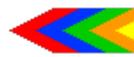
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Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

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

Ely Park World War II Memorial

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fairview Park War Memorial

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

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

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

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

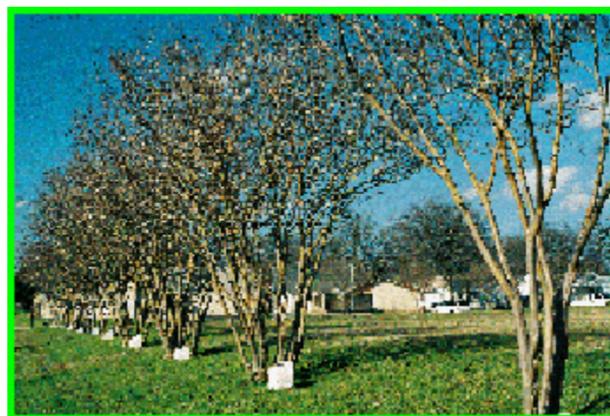
The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer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

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

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



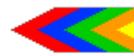
Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium



Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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

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

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

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

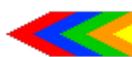
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Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery,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

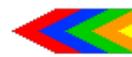
On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

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."

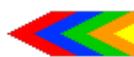
The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

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>

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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."

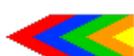
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



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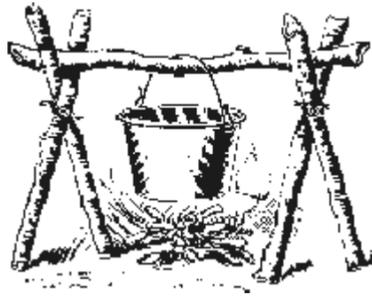


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Cookin' Out



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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:

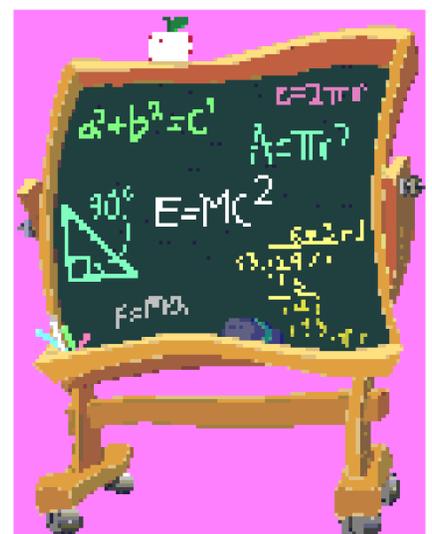
- 1/4 pound butter or margarine*
- 1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)*
- 1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)*

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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Telling Our Stories

REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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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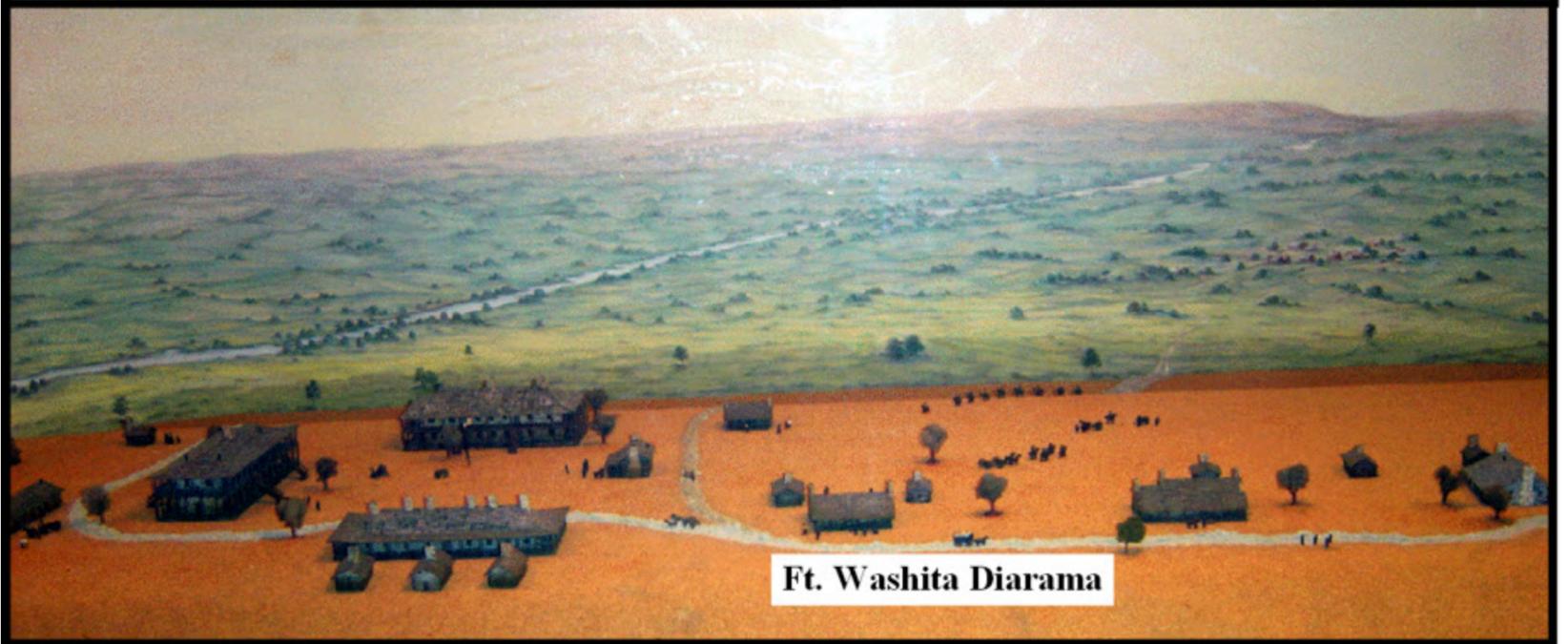
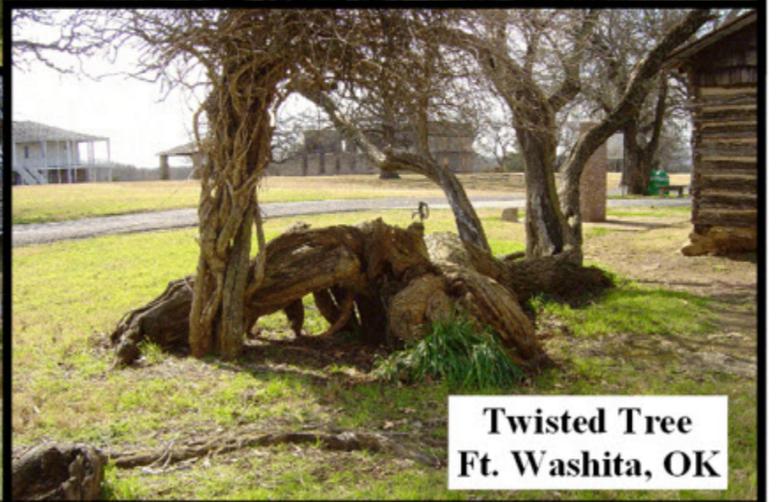
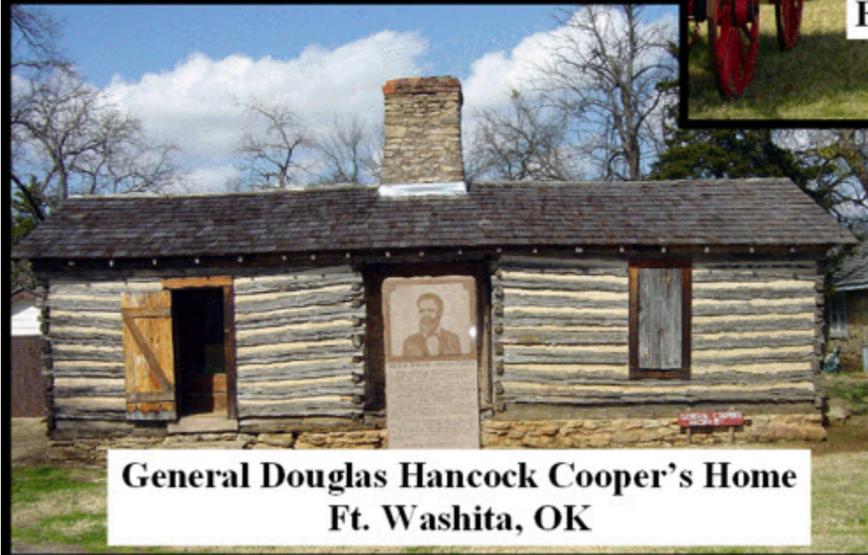


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