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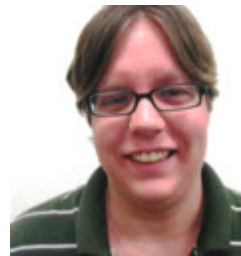
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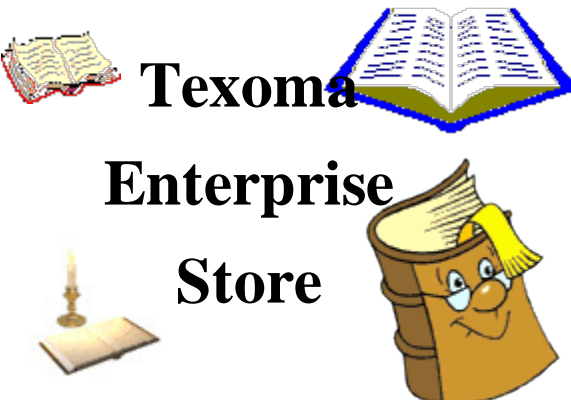
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Southeastern to offer cohort study for Master in School Administration at Grayson County College

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University recently announced the initiation of a cohort group for study toward a Master of Education in School Administration.

This cohort group will meet at Grayson County College in Denison, Texas, beginning in January 2012, with completion set for May 2013.

The program administrator, Dr. John Love, said he was very pleased that Southeastern is able to offer such a teacher-friendly approach to graduate study. Love indicated students would meet only on Wednesday and take only one class at a time. Love is an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Instruction and Leadership at Southeastern.

“Streaming class study so the student can focus on only one class at a time and meeting face-to-face for discussion and activities creates an effective and popular format,” Love said.

Love said another bonus is that the quality program is being offered at an affordable cost. This degree program at Southeastern received national recognition during last year’s National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) site visit.


“Southeastern waives out-of-state tuition for Texas students the first year, and then throughout the remainder of the program if a certain GPA is maintained,” Love said. “Combined with the quality of our programs, we believe this to be an excellent bargain for our Texas students. Currently, some 35 to 40 percent of students in our educational programs are from Texas.”

Like all of the professors who will be involved with teaching in the cohort, Love is an experienced teacher and school administrator. Over the last 20 years, he worked as a principal of award-winning schools in Tyler and Palestine, Texas.

“We are going to involve local, practicing administrators who lead exemplary programs to guide our cohort students in their graduate study,” Love said. “Additionally, the summer semester will have a “Lunch with the Practitioner” component so students will get to hear from and discuss topics and issues with many Texoma-area administrators.”

For more information or to enroll, contact Dr. John Love at email jlove@se.edu <<mailto:jlove@se.edu>><<mailto:jlove@se.edu>> , call 580-745-2226, or snail mail at Southeastern, PMB 4041, Durant, Oklahoma, 74701-0609.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Thanksgiving is coming up next week. Thanksgiving is special day for me. Fifteen years ago I had surgery for breast cancer in the days just before Thanksgiving.

I came home from the hospital, surrounded by family and friends. It was an emotional time for us.

I went through 4 1/2 months of chemo after the surgery. Then after 5 years I was declared cancer free.

I have other reasons to count Thanksgiving as special. My husband and I were just getting to know each other during a Thanksgiving holiday. Our first grandchild was born several weeks before Thanksgiving.

Speaking about grandchildren, we started a family tradition dating from the birth of that first grandchild. On the Friday after Thanksgiving, my husband and I take our grandchildren along with some of our children and/or spouses and even friends to the Christmas Tree Farm near the Grayson County College's main campus.

It is a tradition we plan to do again this year.

May your Thanksgiving holiday be one of love and family gatherings.

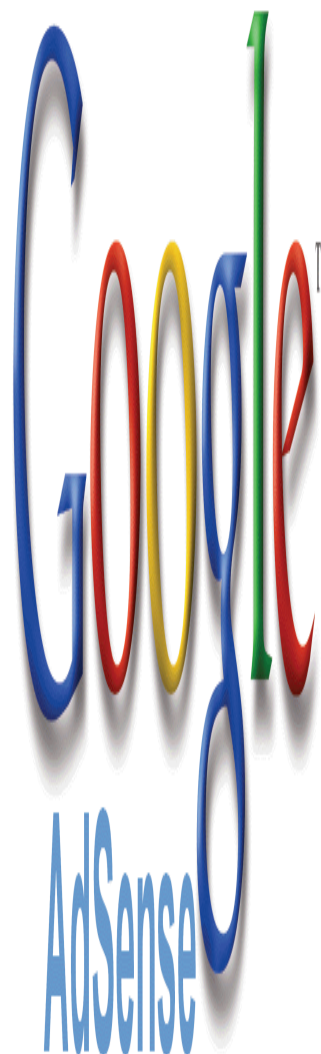
Recipe



Sausage Pie

- 2 unbaked nine-inch pastry shells
- 1 pound bulk pork sausage
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Prick bottom of pastry shells and bake six to eight minutes. Cool. Reduce oven temperature to 375 degrees. In a skillet, brown sausage and onion together; drain well. In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, and seasonings, beating lightly. Stir in sausage mixture, three quarters cup cheddar cheese, and one-half cup mozzarella cheese. Spoon into pastry shells. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until filling is set. Spread tomato sauce evenly over each pie. Top with a mixture of remaining cheeses. Bake five to eight minutes or until cheese melts.



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Howe National Honor Society Students hosted the annual Veterans Day program on Friday, November 11 at the High School. The event featured patriotic songs, and speeches by veterans. Shown above the American Sign Language students signing the song, "God Bless the USA"

Veterans and their escorts were treated to a brunch following the program.



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending November 11, 2011 are: Layton Elvington, Jenna Honore, Kira Allen, Ruvy Enriquez, Leah Trevino, Remington Lowe, Seth Key, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Ramie Mosse, Ethan Lopez, Alyssa Sharp, Danielle Hargrove, Zander Toner, Jordan Bruner, Autumn Owens, Kimberly Gonzales, and Kendall Griffin.



Howe middle school student Gianna Henry was surprised with a celebration on Friday at the Howe Community Library. The fifth grader was recognized for being the 11th library patron on 11-11-11. The Howe preschool class cheered and showered her with confetti. She also received gifts including a glow in the dark pen.

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Howe Scouts practice ASL

Howe Scouts Study Communication

On Sunday, Nov. 13, Howe Cub Scouts and parents heard a program on community, communication, and changes in scouting.

The program opened with Renae Heilman, American Sign Language (ASL) at Howe High School. She demonstrated the letters from A to Z, and also how numbers are represented by using just one hand.

She told the group that Howe High School is the only high school in Grayson County that allows ASL as the foreign language requirement.

The next speaker, Lana Rideout, editor of the Texoma Enterprise, explained about how a newspaper is made. Since the beginning of this year, the Enterprise has been changed to website news only (www.texomaenterprise.net).

Questions included how news is found and who puts the news on the website.

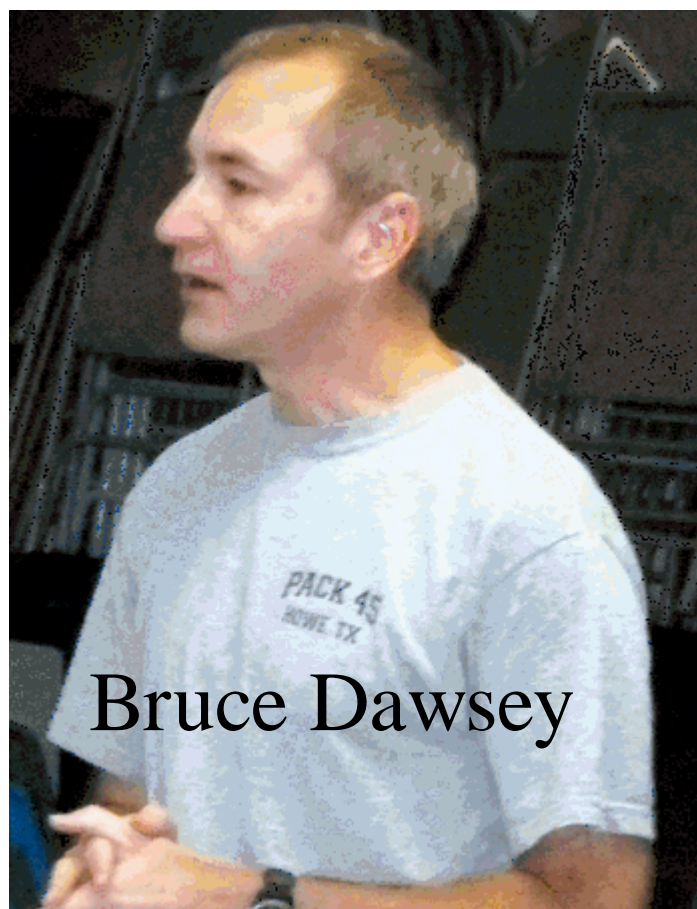
Bruce Dawsey, a Sherman police officer and member of the Howe School Board, shared with the group his story about being a Cub and Boy Scout. He had various badges that he had earned as a Scout. He also had some emblems from various scout groups that he had bought and traded with other scouts in other communities. He also showed them copies of Scout books that have changed little. Most of the newer books have more color in the books.

Carrie Waller, former Howe City Council member and member of the Howe Historical Society, gave a short talk on the history of Howe.

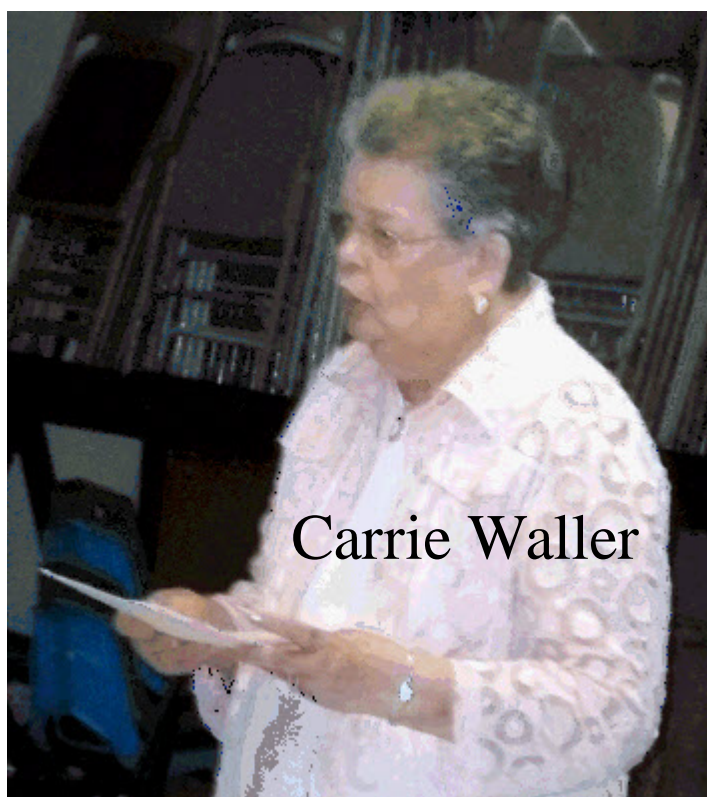
She told them that the city was originally called Summit (the highest elevation between the Red River and the Gulf of Mexico). When the railroad came through town, the city's name was changed to Howe in honor of the head of the railroad. Jabez Haning and his wife donated land for a town site.

She explained about the city having no police officers, just a night watchman who checked to see that citizens had locked their doors. She also told them about the first school building – two rooms (one for girls and one for boys).

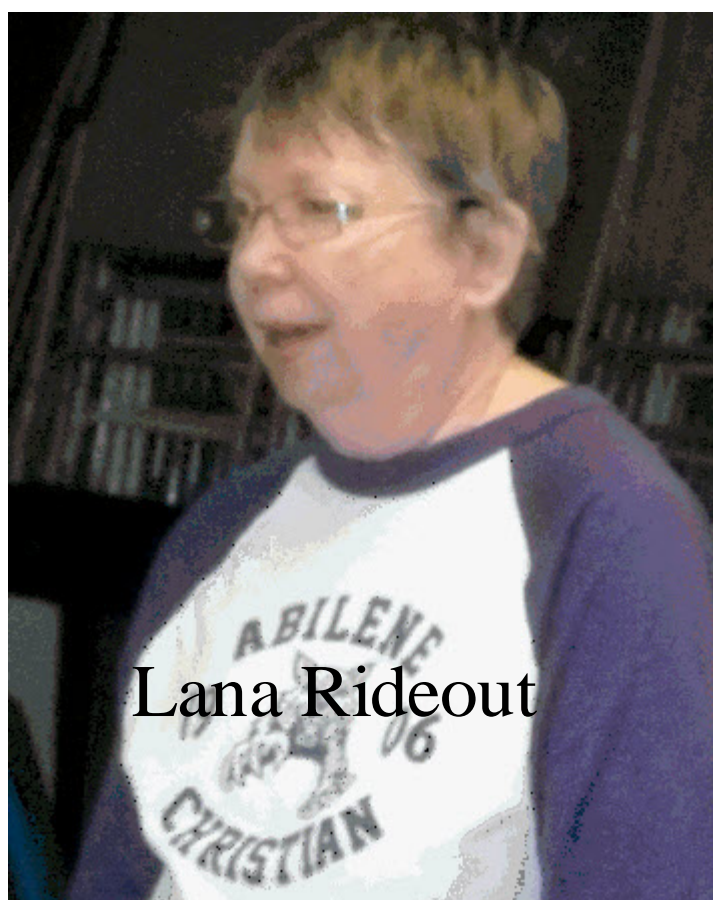
In 1972, the centennial for the city of Howe, Mrs. Waller designed a city seal and a city flag for the community.



Bruce Dawsey



Carrie Waller



Lana Rideout

More Howe News





Howe Library

Libri Grant received by the Howe Library

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

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

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



Wyoming's Welcomes New Additions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

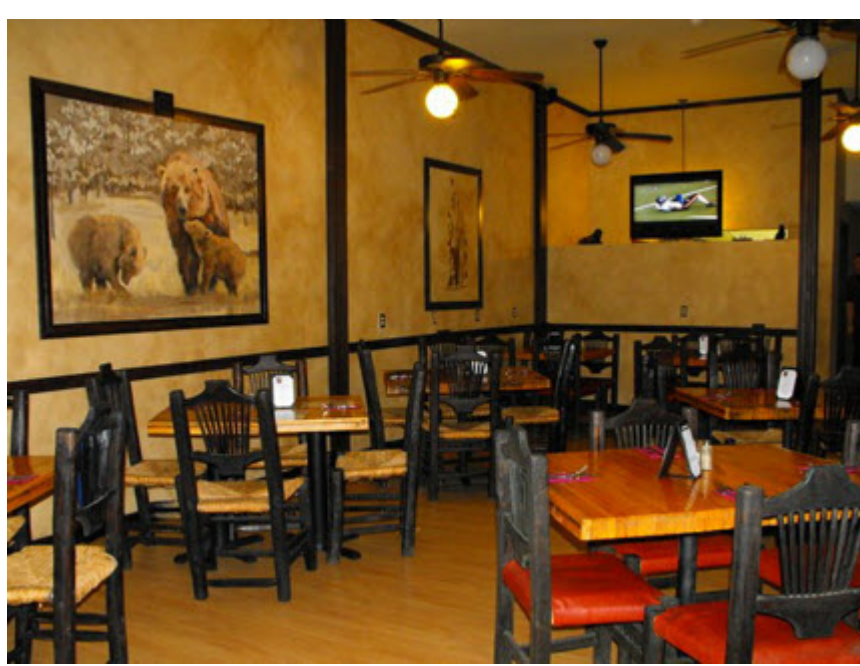
Your waiters and waitresses will be spruced up with new uniforms. They will be wearing black slacks with wine colored shirts and "Wyoming's" embroidered on them.

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

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



Order your favorite beer or wine at the bar



Sit with your family in the dining room.



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



Scan the menu to choose your favorite entree



Come in with a grin to join the fun.



Andrew passes through a fresh from the stove order.



Treat yourself to delicious appetizers.



Mechele Carver, John Leavenworth, Andrew Shaffer, and Myka Reeder

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BOOKSHELF

By Tracy E. Luscombe

Last Thursday night we had the privilege of working with Boy Scout Troop 44 on their Astronomy Badge. Nine scouts and Scoutmasters Brian Hendricks and Les Cain learned about safety when viewing the sun or night sky, the distance of each planet from the sun, and their weight on other planets. They also used our new Sky Viewing Kit to see the moon, Jupiter with some of its moons, and the star Vega “up close and personal.” A special thanks to Teen Council member Joe Stroud for being a very valuable part of this program.

Your family or group can enjoy the use of this Sky Viewing Kit too. It includes military grade binoculars (20x80) and a stable tripod, some books, and a globe of the moon. Next time you're headed out to the backyard or on a camping trip come check it out.

It's holiday craft time. Monday, Nov. 21. bring your 6-12 year-olds to the library for our craft program 11 am – noon. They'll make some nice decorations for your holiday table. No preregistration is required.

Monday, Nov. 21, is also Book Club day. Bring a sack lunch and meet us at noon in the library to discuss the book *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe. Then pick up a copy of *The Christmas Wedding* by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo for our December meeting.

Here are a few other titles new to our shelves.

River of Kings' Road by Liane Merciel

Running Blind by Lee Child

Driftwood Cottage by Sherryl Woods

Stand By Her: a breast cancer guide for men by John W. Anderson

El Cuaderno de Maya by Isabel Allende

Conquistadora by Esmeralda Santiago

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.

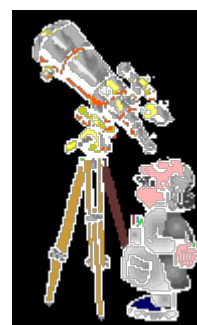
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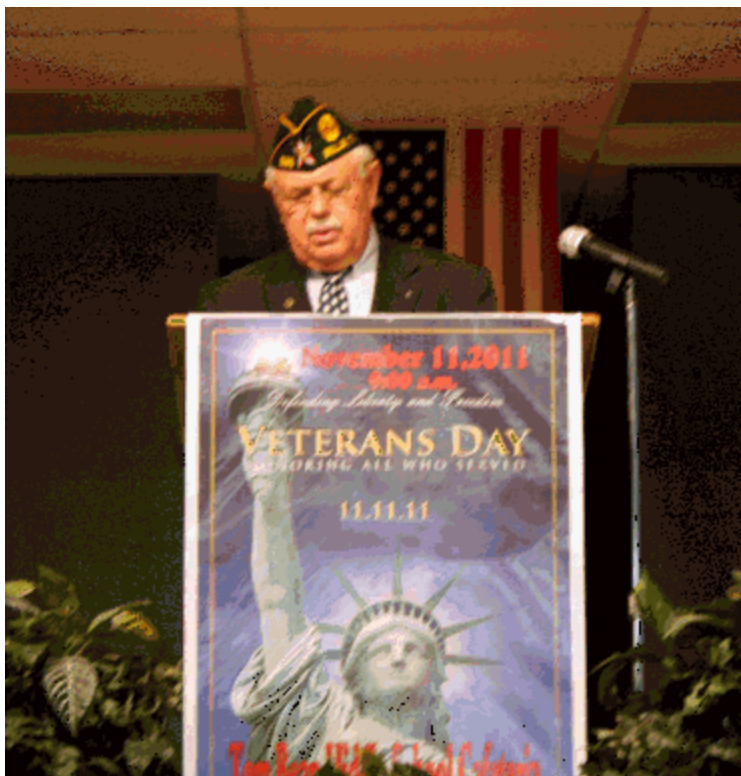
VAN ALSTYNE – Nov. 14 - MJ Presley opened this week's Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Dorothy Bishop gave the Word of the Day, ebullience - the quality of expressing feelings or ideas in an enthusiastic and lively manner. Merrill Hazelton spoke on “Vote for my candidate!” Ian Willis gave a speech entitled, “Anxiety.” Pam Shaw led Table Topics with Allison Presley, “What are you grateful for?”, Garrett Shaw, “What are you thankful for?” and Dorothy Bishop, “What are you blessed by?” These are short, impromptu speeches to develop impromptu speaking skills.

General Evaluator was Dorothy Bishop, and evaluators were Dorothy bishop and Juanita Hazelton. Winners for this session were Ian Willis as Best Speaker, Allison Presley and Dorothy Bishop tied for Best Table Topic. Best evaluator was Dorothy Bishop.

Plan to attend our Toastmasters District Conference, November 18 and 19, 2011, Crowe Plaza Hotel, I-35 and Mockingbird, beginning at 6 PM on Friday. For more information on these educational sessions, go to d50toastmasters.org that provides all the information on the conference.

Ian Willis (jpg file) Best Speaker.





Tom Bean Middle School Veterans Day Celebration

On November 11, 2011 Tom Bean Middle School hosted a Veterans Day Program honoring local veterans. Tom Bean was privileged to host a number of veterans. We had a special appearance by the Mayor of Tom Bean, Sherry Howard, and guest speakers John Ramsey and Paul Bailey.

The program began with the posting of the colors by the 4H Honor guard followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The program continued with numerous poems and stories read by student volunteers from Mrs. McAdoo's seventh grade history class. Special guest singers Danielle and Robbie White treated us with beautiful patriotic music.

After the folding of the flag, the seventh grade class presented Mr. Ron Wilson, a dedicated community volunteer, with a flag and a certificate to commemorate the occasion. Kristian Enbysk then played TAPS followed by a moment of silence.

The program concluded with an introduction of our local veterans. Immediately following the program the veterans and student volunteers were treated with refreshments. A special thank you goes to Ms. Lisa Harrelson and Ms. Bobbie McAdoo for coordinating the Veterans Day Program. Also, much appreciation goes to the sixth grade art students for the outstanding decorations that they created in honor of our Veterans. We are so very thankful to all our Veterans for their dedication to our great Country.



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Tom Bean Recognizes “District Champions of 1945”

On Friday, November 4, 2011, the District Champions of 1945 were honored. They received a reception in the high school library provided by Mrs. Jan Woods. They were honored prior to the game on the football field with presentations from the Upper classmen on the football team and the head cheerleader. Mrs. Kim Newell, President of the Athletic Booster club, presented them each with gifts.

In 1941, the United States would deliberately bombed by the Empire of Japan. Due to the war efforts, the Tomcats would not field a team in 1942. However, in 1943, Tom Bean would once again hit the grid iron playing only 5 games, possible without a coach.

This set the stage for the 1944 season. With the country still at war, the 1944-1945 Tomcats would play a full slate of games under new head coach Rufus S. Scott. During that time, Tom Bean was a class B 11-man football team. The team was made up of 14 hard core players that played both ways and a long skirted cheerleader. The lost the last season game to Howe 7-6. Howe punted the ball and when it landed, not one picked it up. How and Tom Bean just stood and looked at the ball. Tom Bean’s center grabbed it and ran it in for a touchdown. Tom Bean missed the extra-point. The Tomcats scored an amazing 178 points to 13 that season. It is truly an honor to instill upon today’s youth the meaning of tradition. This was the first team to represent Tom Bean as the District Champions.

The honorees include:
Left – right: Mrs. Cecilia Walker Moore, Mr. John Ball, Mr. Roy Hogge, Mr. Paul Wortham, Mr. Bub Hill, and Mr. James Hall Jones.



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October Board Briefs

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011. President, Jimmy Jones called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and David Harrison led the invocation.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Gavin Williams (EL); Keoni Puana (MS); and Taylor Haston (HS).

Kathy Garrison, Superintendent of TBISD, presented The Board of Trustees a Texas Education "Recognized" plaque honoring the District's accountability standards for the 2010-2011 state assessment.

The minutes of September 19, 2011, the Financial Reports, Electricity and Water Bills along with the third quarter reports were approved as presented.

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for October.

Mr. John Orozco gave a brief summary of Rachel's Challenge, update from Baylor University showing data about C-scope, and the proposed amount of federal funds that Tom Bean ISD receives as revenue for the District. Athletic Director, Torrey Price, presented an update of the athletic program.

The board approved Policy FD local. The policy states that students enrolled in private school, including home schools, shall not be eligible for concurrent enrollment in District schools nor for participation in curricular or extracurricular activities, except as required by law with special education students and Title I students.

Policy EI local was approved which states that certificates of coursework completion shall be issued to senior students who

successfully complete state and local credit requirements for graduation, but who fail to meet all applicable state testing requirements. The student's academic achievement record shall indicate the date on which the certificate was issued.

Policy FMH local did not change except for the following wording. The exit-level testing phrase was changed to state testing.

Update 91 was approved as presented while the repair of the HS ceiling was tabled in order to get quotes and the cost for the repair.

The board approved adding a fence to enclose our athletic facilities which include the practice field, baseball and softball fields.

The board unanimously accepted Sheila Bannister's resignation effective December 16, 2011, and Dr. Jerry Stout was nominated by the board to be a candidate on the ballot to serve on the Grayson County Appraisal District Board.

The employee survey from Region 10 was tabled until further information and the regular November 21, 2011 board meeting will be moved to November 28, 2011 because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Garrison gave the board updates concerning Christmas cards, the resignation of Lindsey Johnson, HS special education aide, and the sale of two school buses in the amount of \$3200.

In her report, she reported that Tom Bean ISD received the Texas Cool School Grant in the amount of \$982,140. This will help update our facilities, create an energy savings for the District, and not cost our taxpayers.

Tom Bean ISD has several personal property items such as desks, TV's, shelves, etc. that are no longer needed by the District. A list will be forthcoming to allow District employees the opportunity to purchase the items. Any items not purchased by District employees will be sold outside the District.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2011.

Tom Bean High School hosted the "Free to Be" program, Nov. 9, in honor of Veterans Day.

'Free to Be' is a non profit organization that was founded on the mission to teach young people patriotism. It has been recognized over recent decades the apathy among young people who do not appreciate America and take their great way of life for granted. If young people continue to do so, they are destined to lose it all.

'Free to Be' was developed to personally tackle this dilemma head-on. Along with their daily education 'Free to Be' gives students a 40 minute class, an assembly, about America, freedom, patriotism, our great way of life and those who have made tremendous sacrifice to preserve freedom. We also remind the students that with our wonderful freedom spawns hope, opportunity, and always the chance to succeed at many levels. We encourage students to stay in school, get their education, become active and involved young citizens, participate in community service, and always do what's right.

Free to Be is currently touring North Texas schools. Call us anytime to schedule a date that will work best for your school.

For questions and scheduling regarding the 'Free to Be' program please contact Stefanie DeLaGarza, Program Coordinator and Presenter of 'Free to Be'. Her email address is Stefanie@freetobe.us and phone number is 214-733-USUS (8787).

Tom Bean Middle School Basketball Results

Nov. 15 - The 8th grade boys lost to the Bells Panthers at Bells last night. Though only 8 points separated the teams at the middle of the 3rd quarter, the Bells boys clamped down on defense to pull away late, taking the game 40-18. Only two Tomcats got into the scoring column, with Daniel Jackson pouring in 16 of the 18 total points, and Aaron Brown chipping in the only other bucket of the night. Austin Wilson, Brady Kanady, and Jesse Hill rotated in at the post position to give the team a much needed physical presence on defense. Stolen passes and missed rebounding opportunities seemed to plague our boys, but the group never lost their poise, and continued working hard to the very end.

The 8th grade Tomcats will be back in action on Nov. 28, when they face the Whitewright Tigers here at home.





Roy Rogers honored by RFD-TV with a national celebration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.”

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Second Saturday program at Hagerman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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THE TEXAS TEN HORN'S NEW SHOOTER'S CLINIC

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

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

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

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

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Town names with a twist

By Bob Bowman

When it came to naming their towns, East Texans were not shy about their selections. Consider these examples.

Jumbo, in Panola County, got its name from an elephant in P.T. Barnum's circus. One of the largest African elephants in captivity, Jumbo was killed by a train while the circus was unloading in an Ontario, Canada freight yard.

Rake Pocket, also in Panola County, was named for the way merchants treated their customers. The community was later known as Pine Hill.

Shakerag in Rusk County got its name from the sight of a young baseball player running the bases with a rag shaking in his back pocket.

Pee Dee in Madison County got its name from the Pee Dee Indians of South Carolina. A family also named Pee Dee settled in Madison County and all eight members of the family died when someone poisoned a spring used by the family

Buena Vista, in Shelby County, was originally known as Buck Snort when Granny Elizabeth Richards tried to chase a large buck from her garden. The buck pawed the ground and snorted at Granny.

Chickenfeather, in Rusk County, got its name when several young men stole some chickens and cooked them. They then threw the chicken feathers into a well, forcing men in the community to clean out the well. The settlement today is known as New Hope.

Looneyville, in Nacogdoches, was named for a local family, not for the people living around Crazy Creek.



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Dot's

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

How many physicians do you know who would let a person without a medical degree tell him or her how to practice medicine? How many attorneys do you know who would let a person without a law degree tell him or her how to practice law?

For that matter, how many of you want to go to a barber who has never before picked up a pair of scissors or a nail tech who has never picked up a nail file? How many times did you call the electrical engineer next door when you've had a water leak or a major plumbing clog?

Why is it that every Tom, Dick, Harry, Mary, Joan and Fareed Zakariah, most of whom have never set foot in a public school classroom as anything except student or parent, think they can and ought to tell degreed and certified teachers how to teach? What qualifies them as experts?

One of the things that particularly irks experienced teachers - - besides the non-qualified lay-person -- is the first year teacher, who after student teaching in a controlled environment -- feels free to tell veterans how to do their jobs. They are like second lieutenants fresh from OCS who come into a combat zone to tell a seasoned master sergeant how to manage the combat team that has already survived 18 fire fights.

What I want to know is how Tom, Dick, Harry, Mary, Joan and Fareed Zakariah would handle this:

A child in one of the primary grades does not want to be in school, so that child poops its pants several times each day so mama will come after it. Finally, after the third time in one day, school personnel say to the child, "We are going to clean you up, but you are not going home again today."

Child immediately goes berserk, screaming at the top of its voice, writhing about on the floor, kicking its heels and banging its head, stopping occasionally to be sure the audience -- the other children in the class and the baffled teacher -- are watching. As soon as this child is assured that the audience is in place, child resumes screaming. This behavior does not stop. It goes on several times a week for hours on end.

Now these are the rules:

Teacher cannot touch this child.

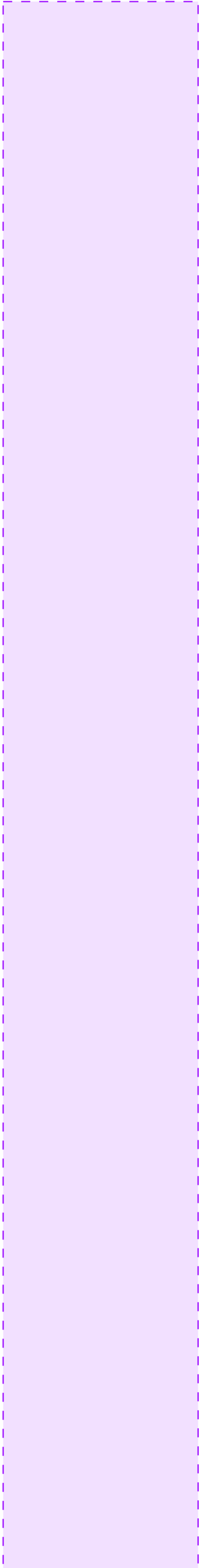
Teacher cannot douse this child with cold water.

Teacher cannot call the police.

Teacher cannot put this child in the hall because the law requires the child to be monitored.

This is not the rule, but it is obviously true.





BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

Goober Hill in Shelby County was named for peanuts (known locally as goobers) that were a major crop in the area.

Terrapin Neck, named for a turtle, lies in Harrison County. The town was later named Gill for a ferryman.

Deweyville, in Newton County, was called Possum Bluff because the woods were overrun with the critters.

Jot'Em Down in Delta County was named for the Jot Em Down Store owned by mythical storekeepers Lum Edwards and Abner Peabody of the long-running radio series of the 1930s and 1940s.

Pluck, Plank and Pert. Pluck was, in Polk County and was named because it supposedly took a "plucky man" to live there. Plank was a sawmill town in Hardin County where townspeople called the lumber "planks." Pert, in Anderson County, was a sawmill town known earlier as Mount Vernon.

Slip Up And Hitch is near the Crossroads Cemetery on Farm Road 1 in Sabine County.

Yallo Busha in Camp County, often called Yellow Bush, was named by Jim Keel, who was building a school house and named it for a stream in his native Alabama. The name came from an Indian phrase.

More names in a future column.

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



Dot's Dashes, continued

Teacher cannot teach the other 20 to 25 students during this meltdown.

Teacher can remove the rest of the class, but one wonders why their learning should be disrupted and they should be pulled out of their classroom and other classes disrupted by having teacher's students in their classroom while out-of-control child continues temper fit.

Public reaction

Teacher needs retraining. Child would not behave that way if teacher weren't doing something wrong. Trainer comes and can't handle child either.

My reaction

Come on, Tom, Dick, Harry, Mary, Joan and Fareed Zakaria. Tell us what you would do within the parameters of the rules that are in place. Either make what you suggest work, or shut up.

And if you are wondering who Fareed Zakaria is, he is the editor of *Newsweek International* and has taken it upon himself -- an expert in international affairs, who, as far as I know has never taught a day in a public school -- to tell the world that what is the matter with public education in the United States is the sorry, ill-prepared teachers.

Am I angry about this? Yes! Can I do anything about it? No! But I can tell you that before you throw stones at teachers, you had better be sure it isn't your child who is causing the problem.




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International Men's Day

The theme for the 2011 International Men's Day (Nov 19) is "Giving Boys The Best Possible Start In Life."

International Men's Day

The time is now, the time is right,
for the human race to unite
for the formal celebration
endorsed by United Nations.
We dialog on fatherhood
to benefit the common good.
We promote good examples of men,
working stiffs just making a living.
We share the trials of being male,
the sacrifice that this entails.
We laud all men's contributions
to our nation's institutions.
We see fragility of men's health,
how they put others before self.
In times of war and times of peace,
we concede their vulnerabilities.
We know that misandry exists
and we stand guard in men's defense,
for there is much male prejudice
in today's social services.
Sexism against men ensues
in family courts and public schools.
So we advance gender relations
and oppose sex discrimination.
We all want a society
where each can reach their capacity.
Please stop, reflect and remember,
this third weekend in November,
as we acclaim men's altruism
and hail their humanitarianism.
Here's the heart of what I want to say,
Happy International Men's Day!
- by Don Mathis



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges recently issued to the House Committee on Border and Intergovernmental Affairs, of which I am a member. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

House committee on border & intergovernmental affairs:

*Identify significant health care issues in counties along the Texas-Mexico border and the affect on the region's health care system. Consider strategies to reduce demand for health-related services.

*Examine state and federal law to determine whether existing provisions adequately address security and efficiency concerns for steamship agencies and land ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border. Evaluate whether the state and the federal government have provided sufficient manpower, infrastructure, and technology to personnel in the border region. (Joint with the House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety)

*Examine the extent of interstate coordination concerning border security and intelligence sharing and determine whether any changes to state law are needed to enhance such coordination and cooperation. (Joint with the House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety)

*Examine the impact of the state's various economic development programs and evaluate their impact on communities along the Texas-Mexico border. Identify any changes to these programs that would improve economic development activity in those communities.

*Monitor the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 82nd Legislature.

The House Committee on Border and Intergovernmental Affairs can be reached at 512-463-1211. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



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Selected Sites

[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

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

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

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.

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George Seevers, 903/364-2942

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Dennis Stewart, pastor,
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

Dorchester

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NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
912 S Denny St.

903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45

BETHEL BAPTIST
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903/532-6032

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Roger Tidwell, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 810 N. Denny,
903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

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

Luella
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3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
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*giving thanks always for all
things in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to God,
even the Father;
Eph 5:20 (ASV)*



Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beacon in the Night

In the 1800's, Captain William H. Swift commented on the dangers of some rock formations to mariners off the Massachusetts' coast:

"Minot's Rocks... lie off the southeastern chop of Boston Bay. These rocks or ledges... have been the terror of mariners for a long period of years; they have been, probably, the cause of a greater number of wrecks than any other ledges or reefs upon the coast."

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

Captain Swift was chosen to design the original iron pile lighthouse on Minot's Ledge that was completed in 1849. When it was destroyed by a colossal storm in 1851, a granite tower reinforced with iron shafts was built in its place. It is called the Minot's Ledge Lighthouse.

According to the website New England Lighthouses, "In 1894, Capt. F. A. Mahan, an engineer with the Lighthouse Board, suggested a new system for lighthouse characteristics. Under the new plan, every

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Beacon in the Night, continued

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105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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minister; worship 11am
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Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH, corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,
LIFE CHURCH,
201 W. Marshall,
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Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
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On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen, 903/482-6700;
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HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Stephen W. Bierschenk, 972/562-0752
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lighthouse in the nation would be given a unique numerical flash.

As a trial of the new system, on May 1, 1894, Minot's Ledge Light was given a new 12-panel rotating second-order Fresnel lens and a distinctive characteristic 1-4-3 flash -- a single flash followed by an interval of three seconds, then four flashes separated by one second, then another interval of three seconds of darkness followed by three flashes again separated by one second. Someone decided that 1-4-3 stood for 'I love you,' and Minot's Ledge Light was soon popularly referred to as the 'I Love You Light,' an appellation that has inspired numerous songs and poems."

Winfield Scott Thompson served as an assistant keeper of the lighthouse under Octavius Reamy in the early 1900s. Thompson's wife and children lived in a duplex house on Government Island. At night, they could see the 1-4-3 flash of the lighthouse. Thompson's wife, Mary, told the children that their father was telling them how much he loved them each night with the "I Love You" flash. *

In the midst of a sin-torn world, there "stands" another Beacon that proclaims the love of God to all humanity that is in peril due to the storm of sin....

That Beacon is the Cross of Christ!

The Cross of Christ declares how terrible sin is, for it was "FOR SIN" that Jesus died on the cross. The Cross of Christ also reveals the great love of God because it was not for His own sin (Jesus was sinless, Hebrews 4:15), but "FOR OUR SINS" that

Jesus was crucified (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21).

"This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation [atoning sacrifice, divine substitute] for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10).

Like a beacon in the night, the Cross of Christ radiates the love of God and illuminates the way to eternal life to all who will place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Through the beacon of Cross of Christ, God declares, "I love you, and I want you to live with me forever."

Won't YOU follow the Light?

David A. Sargent, Minister, Church of Christ at Creekwood, Mobile, Alabama

* Information gleaned from New England Lighthouses: A Virtual Guide (<http://lighthouse.cc/>) and Daily Bread (11/2/11): "Let Your Love Light Shine!" by Neal Pollard, minister of the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, CO (<http://preacherpollard.wordpress.com/>)

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Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

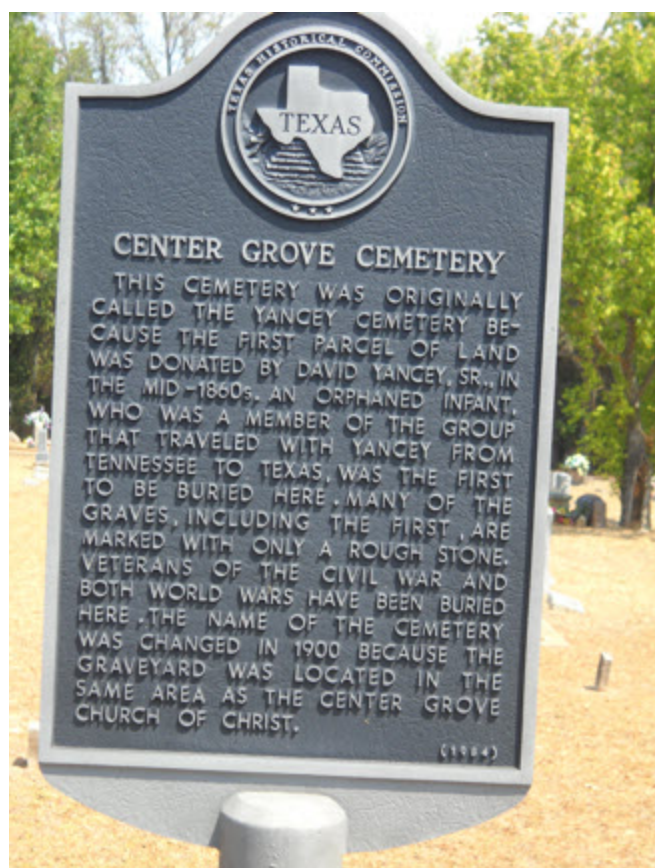
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members.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

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

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

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

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





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3 Ways a Spouse Can Boost Your Social Security

By Jonnelle Marte

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

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

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

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

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

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

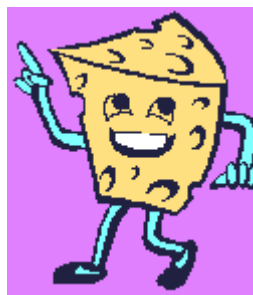
Collect while you wait. In a similar scenario, a person who has reached full retirement age and is eligible for spousal benefits and his or her own retirement benefit can choose to collect spousal benefits and to delay receiving their own retirement benefits. When they decide to collect their own retirement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

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



Texas Farm Bureau 2011 Thanksgiving Meal Report

Product		2010	2011	Annual Change 2010 to 2011
Young Tom Turkey, Frozen, Self-Basting	16 lb.	\$19.84	\$20.32	2.42%
Sweet Potatoes, Fresh	3 lb.	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.79	2.20%
Cranberry Sauce, Canned	16 oz.	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.30	6.56%
Cubed Stuffing, With Seasoning	16 oz.	\$ 2.83	\$ 2.85	8.37%
Brown & Serve Rolls	12 per pkg.	\$ 2.46	\$ 2.43	-1.22%
Green Beans, Frozen	1 lb.	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.42	-7.79%
9" Pie Shells, Frozen	2 per pkg.	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.37	8.22%
Pecans, Shelled & Halved	16 oz.	\$ 8.30	\$ 9.78	17.83%
Whipping Cream	1/2 pt.	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.60	4.58%
Whole Milk	1 gal.	\$ 4.08	\$ 3.83	-6.13%
Total (All 10 Items)		\$46.52	\$48.69	4.66%



Easy swaps for a healthy Thanksgiving

By Amanda Hill

Thanksgiving represents just how blessed we are here in the United States. Think about it. We all -- regardless of religious, political or fiscal beliefs -- stop everything for one day to gather with family and friends to enjoy a meal together, laugh and watch football. (This is Texas, y'all.) It's one of my favorite holidays.

Yet the holidays leave many of us worried about our waists. Too many indulgences can lead to a lot more time in the gym come New Year's. I recently read some great suggestions from Texas A&M University professor and nutrition specialist Dr. Mary Bielamowicz for healthy Thanksgiving recipes and options for both a tasty and nutritious meal.

Reduce the amount of sugar, fat or salt. Dr. Bielamowicz recommends cutting back on these ingredients to make a healthy impact on your favorite Thanksgiving recipes:

- 2/3 cup of sugar for 1 cup of sugar
- 1/3 cup of oil, butter or shortening for 1/2 cup of oil, butter or shortening
- 1/4 tsp. or no salt for 1/2 tsp. salt

Try substituting ingredients for more healthy options. These basic ingredients can be swapped without changing the taste of your traditional recipes:

- Plain, low-fat yogurt or applesauce for butter or margarine
- Fat-free or reduced-fat milk for whole milk
- Egg substitute or egg whites for whole eggs
- 1/2 to 1/4 of the amount whole wheat flour for all-purpose flour

Make something totally new, yet familiar. Treat your friends and family to brand new, delicious recipes with the same holiday spirit but less fat, carbohydrates or sugar. Here are some festive holiday recipes from Texas foodies who know a good Thanksgiving meal:

Poblano and Cilantro Citrus Roast Turkey, A Southern Fairytale -- Instead of stuffing the turkey with cornbread, this recipe uses gala apples, oranges, poblano peppers and cilantro.

Crisp Green Beans, Carrying On -- Trade the green bean casserole for fresh green beans cooked in garlic, onion and bacon.

Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Hill Country Cook -- Scrap the marshmallow-topped version and opt for this simple recipe for a natural, full flavor.

Now, one word of advice -- you may want to try out some of these substitutions and new recipes to make sure they are guest-ready. If you're known for your famous corn casserole, plan a test run for any substitutions. Healthy eating is important, but you also don't want to disappoint.



TELLING OUR STORIES

TALES OF TWO BARN

By Jerry Lincecum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

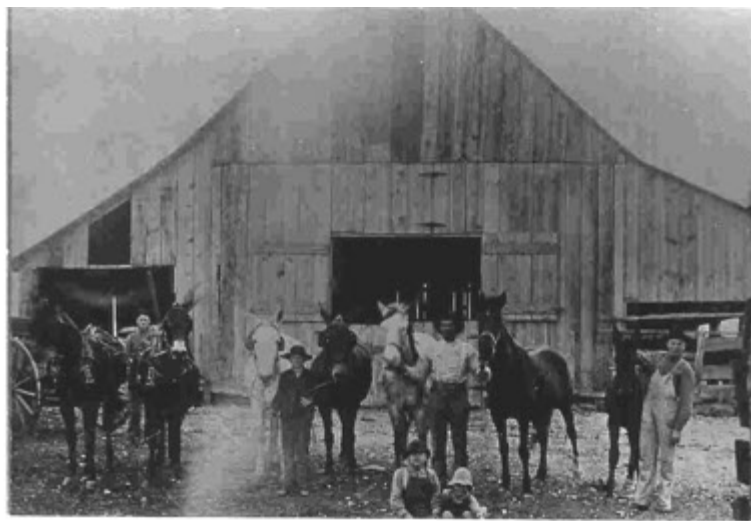
To this day I shake my head over the childhood surprise of discovering, under old towsacks in the darkest corner of a corncrib, a nest of baby mice, hairless and unable to see. Too tender-hearted to alert the cats, I covered them up again.

Like barn cats, the dogs we kept were more workers than pets, useful in rounding up cows. One of my most vivid childhood memories is of the time we tried to pen the horses at the barn and failed, even with help from the dogs. Granddaddy was a mild-mannered person who never used profanity or coarse language of any kind.

However, when the mule Old Rhody led the charge which freed her and her horse mother Minnie, he lost control of his temper and his language. After hearing some new vocabulary words that day, I sneaked off by myself to practice cussing with great vehemence. Then I laughed so hard I choked.

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

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



You lovers of the English language might enjoy this.

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report ?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP , look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP.

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so... Time to shut UP!

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

¿ Que es ¿

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

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

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

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



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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



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

