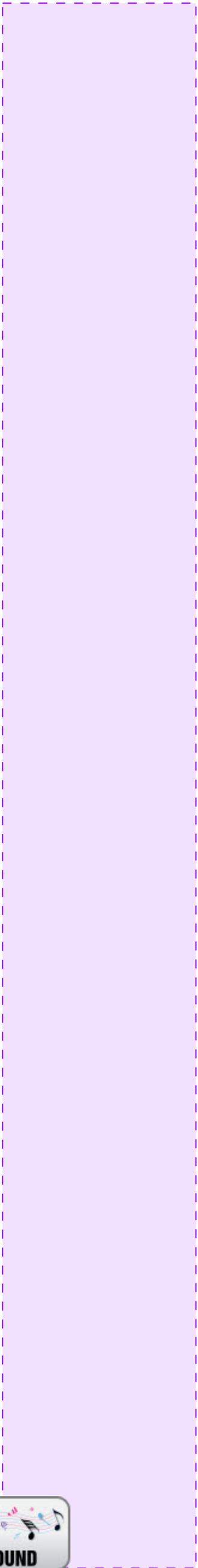


# Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas  
75459

November 23, 2012



## Austin College Students Present One-Act Plays

SHERMAN, TEXAS—The Austin College Theatre Department presents “An Evening of One-Act Plays,” November 30 through December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Ida Green Theatre of Ida Green Communication Center. Each short play is directed by a student in the fall 2012 directing class. The five plays selected are comedies, but according to Kathleen Campbell, professor of theatre and faculty member for the class, the comedies are “a varied lot ranging from a farce to a delicate character piece.” The performances are free and open to the public.

The plays and their casts and directors are listed individually below.

*Please Have a Seat and Someone Will Be with You Shortly*, written by Garth Wingfield, is directed by junior Alex Benningfield of Austin, Texas. The cast includes freshman Reed Alan Cook of Owasso, Oklahoma, and junior Danielle Henricks of Round Rock, Texas. “In this heartwarming comedy, two New Yorkers break the ice after seeing each other across a waiting room for 18 months,” Benningfield said.

Junior Cody Edwards of Eastland, Texas, directs *Your Mother’s Butt*, written by Alan Ball, in which, as Edwards explains, “A psychologist uses distinctly unorthodox methods to flesh out the problems of a singularly unhelpful client.” The play’s cast includes senior Matthew Ervin of Austin, Texas, as the client and junior Katherine Ailshire of Sherman as the psychologist.

*Lanford Wilson’s Ludlow Fair* is directed by junior Lizzy Lincoln of Hutto, Texas. “Ludlow Fair is an elegant bedtime story about two roommates: the elegant, dramatic Rachel and solid, intelligent Agnes,” Lincoln said. “As with all bedtime stories, this tale has something to tell audiences about life, language, and communication.” Rachel is played by sophomore Sarah Wilhelm of Arlington, Texas, and Agnes is played by freshman Kendall Nibert of Houston, Texas.

*Cinnamon Rainbow* by Ann Wuehler is the selection for student director Jessica Pehrson, a junior from Rancho Santa Margarita, California. In the play, Pehrson said, “Lucy’s quiet evening reading romance novels is interrupted by the worst robber in history.” Lucy is played by freshman Lindsey Womack of Austin, Texas, and Tony is played by senior Nicholas Tanner of Sunnyvale, Texas.

Junior Conner Skinner of Hallsville, Texas, is the director for the final play, *Wedding Duet* by Lauren Wilson. The cast includes bride Emma Merlo, a senior from Belton, Texas, and groom Greyson Sanders, a freshman from Springfield, Ohio. “Wedding Duet is about love and how no matter what happens, if you love each other you can make it through together,” Skinner said.

The directing course offers a study of the principles of play direction, including technical aspects of production and the acting conventions involved in mounting a play for presentation.

*Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope’s influential book Colleges That Change Lives*<<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.







## Howe Christmas Parade

“Family Movie Night Theme” Dec. 8, 2012, 5 pm

Registration forms are due no later than Monday, Dec. 3. Forms for registration may be obtained at Howe City Hall, Community Library and Post Office.

Awards for Best Movie Theme, Most Creative, Best Christmas Movie Theme, Best Children's Theme, and Judge's Choice.

For more information, email  
mommycaroly2@yahoo.com  
903-814-0836

Parade will be starting at the Howe Middle School Parking Lot

**Howe Elementary “Top Dogs” from November 5th - November 16th** are: Kayle Chapman, Cam Bell, Gabriel Hariman, David Huerta, Eli Wilson, Zoey Moore, Skyler Petty, Jordan Sanderson, Marshal Larson, Mackenzie Bryant, Connor Gaunt, Kelly Caballero, Carter Layton, Garrett Gibbs, Cody Adams, Hunter Shaw, Parker Daniels, and Ava Hodge. Not pictured is Zadrian Morris and Triston Williams.

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## *HISD Board Meeting*

November 15, 2012 -- Regular Session of the Board of Education was held with the following members present: Board Members: Leonard Huntsman, Pat Stewart, Greg Akins, Mark Abner, Brad Anderson, Bruce Dawsey and Scott Renfro.

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

The Invocation was given by Brad Anderson. The Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Layton Elvington, Kaylin Bouse, Sheila Finney, Taylor Hinkle and T.J. Knight.

### Reports:

Ritchie Bowling and Jackie Dawsey recognized several students for their work on the school newspaper. The students were Logan Elvington, Kaylin Bouse, Sheila Finney, Taylor Hinkle and T.J. Knight.

Ritchie Bowling recognized Steven Barnes as the Employee of the Month for Howe ISD for his work at Howe Middle School.

Darla Williams recognized John Geier for his service of 30 years to Howe ISD.

Darla Williams provided the elementary report. She noted student activities and holiday programs. She reviewed student and teacher participation in Fall Festival and the Jump-a-Thon. She also noted the Academic UIL contest in Pottsboro in December.

Ritchie Bowling provided the middle school report. He reviewed student activities, teacher training and the upcoming talent show. He gave dates for the UIL contest and the Band concert. He also noted to abstinance program and the band program.

Michael Smiley provided the high school report. He noted upcoming events including boys and girls basketball games and the texting program. He also noted the regional band concert and testing activities.

Other: Mr. Kevin Wilson reviewed district enrollment and the 2011 Annual Tax Collection Report. He provided an update on facility projects.

Kevin Wilson and Derek Honea of RBC Capital Markets provided information regarding the proposed refunding of the Series 2007 Bond. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the bond order for the refunding of bond series 2013 through RBC Capital Markets.

A motion was made by Scott Renfro and seconded by Bruce Dawsey to approve the bond order for the refunding of bond series 2013 through RBC Capital Markets. The motion carried 7-0.

The Board recessed at 6:42. The Meeting resumed at 6:50.

B) The Board reviewed the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 18, 2012 and the Special Meeting on October 24, 2012. Mr. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 18, 2012 and the Special Meeting on October 24, 2012.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Brad Anderson to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 18, 2012 and the Special Meeting on October 24, 2012. The motion carried 7-0.

C) Kevin Wilson reviewed the Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented.

A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Mark Abner to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

D) Kevin Wilson provided information on the 2012 Tax Rolls and made the recommendation to approve the 2012 Tax Roll Values as presented.

A motion was made by Greg Akins and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the 2012 Tax Roll Values as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

E) Kevin Wilson discussed the timing of the December Board Meeting and made the recommendation to move the December Board Meeting to Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6 pm.

A motion was made by Mark Abner and seconded by Brad Anderson to move the December Board Meeting to Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6 pm. The motion carried 7-0.

F) Kevin Wilson reviewed the proposed Facility Agreement with the Howe Little Dribblers Organization and made the recommendation to permit Howe Little Dribblers to use district athletic facilities at no cost.

A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Scott Renfro to permit Howe Little Dribblers to use district athletic facilities at no cost. The motion carried 7-0.

G) Kevin Wilson and the Board discussed potential facility expenditures. A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Brad Anderson to use budgeted capital outlay fund and remaining fund balance expenditure money to purchase band uniforms, baseball lights, a baseball scoreboard, resurface the track, add to or replace baseball and softball field backstop, fencing and netting.

A motion was made by Mark Abner and seconded by Greg Akins to amend the original motion to include a limit of \$175,000 to the fund balance expenditures. The amendment carried 7-0. The motion carried as amended 7-0.

H) The Board entered Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Sections 551.074. Certified Agenda is on file with Howe ISD. The Board returned from executive session at 8:08 p.m.

K) Action on Items from Closed Session.

A motion was made by Mark Abner and seconded by Scott Renfro to amend goal 1, section 1 of the superintendent appraisal document to due to the changes to the accountability system.



## Texoma Patriots – November Newsletter

Next Meeting: November 27th (Tuesday) from 7 to 9 pm  
Location: Grandy's in Sherman, 3201 Texoma Parkway, Sherman, TX 75090  
Event: Movie night – Monumental – in search of America's national treasure

Presented by Kirk Cameron. Monumental is the story of America's beginnings. This true story follows Cameron across Europe and the U. S. as he meets with historians and experts in an effort to discover America's true "national treasure" – the people, places, and principles that made America the freest, most prosperous, and generous nation the world has ever known.

Long regarded as "the land of opportunity," there's no question the tiny band of religious outcasts who founded this country hit upon a formula for success that went way beyond what they could have imagined. How else can you explain the fact that they established a nation that has become the best example of civil, economic, and religious liberty the world has ever known?

What formula did they discover? What motivated them to come here in the first place? More importantly, how can we apply these same foundational truths today? Take your family on a new adventure to discover the true national treasure of America.

To watch movie trailer, click on  
<<http://www.monumentalmovie.com/>>  
<http://www.monumentalmovie.com> or <http://youtu.be/wIIqXiF-z6E>.

## Chrystal Opry House Upcoming Events

Our last Bluegrass Jam of the year will be held on November 29th at 7 pm in the annex of the Chrystal Opry House. Listeners as well as jammers are invited. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses.

On Friday, November 30th we welcome Tanner Young to our stage. He was the 1st. runner up at the 2012 Texas Country Music Hall of Fame Contest earlier this year. His event will begin at 7 pm with Tiffany Nicole Taylor, his duet partner. Archie Shearer and Dale Anderson will be his special guests. A DVD of this program will be made and sent to Branson. Admission to this event is \$6. There is a snack bar available with hot dogs, brisket sandwiches, coffee, soda, candy, and popcorn.

Come early and dine with us or enjoy your meal as you watch the movie.

What are the plans for our T.E.A. Party in 2013?  
Remember – T.E.A. stands for Taxed Enough Already.

Michelle Malkin's comments about the election outcome are: "My counsel to you tonight: Please, do not be bitter. Do not fall prey to the Beltway blame game. Do not get mired in small things. Do not become vengeful creatures like our political opponents who voted out of spite instead of love of country. We still have boundless blessings to count -- and to secure. I remain a proud, unrepentant believer in the American Dream. And I know you do, too. Freedom will endure because we will keep fighting for it. We can't afford not to, friends."

My comments are: "We will start working toward winning the Senate in 2014. This may require us to help in other states. And we will stay in close contact with our state senator and representative as the 83rd Legislative Session meets in Austin beginning January."

As a side note – some are blaming the T.E.A Party for the loss of the Senate. Be mindful that only two TEA Party candidates lost in Indiana and Missouri. GOP Establishment candidates lost in Rhode Island, North Dakota, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Wisconsin. We had a big win with Ted Cruz replacing Kay Bailey Hutchison.

I thank all of you who made phone calls, put out signs, wrote post cards, helped a candidate, worked the polls or served as poll watchers. Thanks! It took the Progressives constant work over 100 years to make the gains they have achieved. Now it's our turn to work hard and harder to take America back. It will not be easy and it will not happen overnight, but we must continue to work. Work, work, work, watch, and pray.

The Melody Ranch Ramblers will entertain on our first Saturday Bluegrass event, December 1st. This group of experienced musicians includes Judy Ziola, vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Charles Woolly, mandolin and vocals, Dale Anderson, bass and vocals, Mike Gemberling, banjo, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals. We look forward to a great evening of Bluegrass music. Admission to this event is \$6.

Doors open at 6 pm and the performance begins at 7 o'clock for all events this weekend.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893.



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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](http://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](http://www.captexoma.org). For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://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](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com) or [www.capvolunteernow.com](http://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



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## Area Churches

### Cannon

**CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,  
903/482-6761  
**SOVEREIGN GRACE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

### Cherry Mound

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

### Dorchester

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

### Gunter

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

### Howe

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

### Ida

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

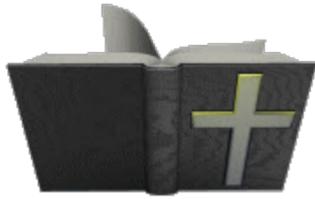
### Luella

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

### Tom Bean

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

## Church Page



### Psalm 66:1-20 (KJV)

- <sup>1</sup> **Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:**  
<sup>2</sup> **Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.**  
<sup>3</sup> **Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.**  
<sup>4</sup> **All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah.**  
<sup>5</sup> **Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.**  
<sup>6</sup> **He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him.**  
<sup>7</sup> **He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.**  
<sup>8</sup> **O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:**  
<sup>9</sup> **Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.**  
<sup>10</sup> **For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.**

## Christian Fellowship

D'Anna Lodge 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 9:30am. Worship service is at 10:30 am. 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.

Coming to ACF is a fun exciting adventure in Bible learning for kids ages 2-7. Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus begins Sunday December 2nd at 10:30, featuring puppets, skits, object lessons and games. Come and bring the kitz for lots of fun and learning the bible.

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](http://www.PregnancyDecisions.org).

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



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## Area Churches

### INSPIRATION POINT

#### COWBOY CHURCH

FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,  
903-815-2278

#### PILOT GROVE

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708

### Sherman/Denison

#### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

#### OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

#### FRIENDSHIP UNITED

#### METHODIST CHURCH

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

#### WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH

#### OF CHRIST

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

#### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers

#### RED RIVER

#### COWBOY CHURCH

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

### Van Alstyne

#### COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County  
Line Rd.

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### EAST SIDE

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

#### ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,  
903/482-6356

#### FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,

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

#### LIFE CHURCH,

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

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

#### FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

#### GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

#### WORSHIP CENTER

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

Chris Jones, pastor

#### HOLY FAMILY

#### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,  
972/562-0752

#### MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

#### SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

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



## Saving Your Life

Kathleen Murphy claims that golf saved her life....

Here's her story in her own words: "Six years ago, when I was 58, I was playing in the Tuesday-morning women's league at Exmoor Country Club just south of Lake Forest, Ill. ... On the long par-4 16th we all hit our drives to the same area in the fairway. I was first to hit. I smacked my dependable 3-wood pin-high but 15 yards right of the green, and the ball disappeared as it settled into the rough. Anticipating that looking for my ball might delay play, I sidestepped to the rough and began walking forward to get a head start. The group's next shot, struck by Lois Burns (with whom I was playing for the first time), was a shanked 3-wood that flew sideways and hit me directly in the back of the head. I can still remember how the sound exploded in my ears."

Immediately Murphy's teammates loaded her into the golf cart and carried her to the Emergency Room at the nearby Highland Park Hospital. A CAT scan and an MRI confirmed that her skull was not fractured, but the doctor began asking Murphy some questions: "Have you been experiencing headaches, bouts of dizziness, etc." Murphy said no.

The doctor was asking her these questions because the scans had revealed an apple-sized tumor that occupied nearly the entire right side of her brain. The doctors estimated that the tumor had been growing there for perhaps 15 years. More tests revealed related problems and immediate threats to her health, so surgery was performed.

Murphy reports: "The surgery and my recovery were successful. Six weeks later I walked down the aisle [at her son's wedding], my hair styled ably to hide the scar, and was followed by a glowing bride." \*

Kathleen Murphy claims that golf saved her life, because it was only after being hit in the head with a golf ball that tests were performed that led to the discovery of the life-threatening tumor.

What will it take for YOU to consult the Word of God? Curiosity? Encouragement from a friend? A tragedy in your life?

Whatever it takes, it needs to happen because God's Word reveals our true TERMINAL condition: we are all sinners, desperately in need of spiritual "surgery," because "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

But the Word of God also reveals that the Great Physician – Jesus Christ, God's Son – has provided the means for our life-saving surgery. He paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross in our place (Ephesians 1:7; 2 Corinthians 5:21). Then He made new life – and eternal life! – possible for us by being raised from the dead (1 Peter 1:3-4).

The Great Physician removes the "tumor" of sin from our lives and gives us new life (and eternal life!) when we: place our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31) confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38).

DON'T WAIT... for an errant golf ball to strike YOU on the head before you go to the Word of God and learn of your true condition as well as the Savior's remedy. Allow Him to perform the life-saving surgery that you need TODAY. He will save your life, eternally.

Won't YOU?

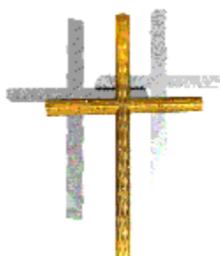
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## The Carnegie Libraries

By Bob Bowman

Tyler's historic Carnegie Library building reminds East Texans of the legacy Andrew Carnegie left before his death in 1919.

Carnegie, a Scottish-born steel magnate, helped create a network of public libraries across America in the early 1900s. Before he launched his effort, the country had only about 600 fledgling libraries. By the time he was done, the nation had added nearly 1,700 more.

In Texas, Carnegie donated \$645,000 to 31 Texas communities ranging in population from Houston, which had only 44,600 people at the time, to Pecos, which had only 639. It is little wonder that an early writer called the old capitalist "the Santa Claus of Texas libraries."

In East Texas, the Carnegie legacy continues in the communities of Tyler, Jefferson, Marshall, Palestine and Franklin. Some of the towns' Carnegies have remained libraries while others serve different community roles. Carnegie buildings, however, have vanished in Clarksville, Pittsburg, Sulphur Springs, and Winnsboro.

Tyler's Carnegie is the home to the Smith County Historical Museum and houses a wonderful collection of materials related to the county's history.

During the Depression, the building acquired murals entitled "Industry of East Texas," painted by Dallas artist Douthett Wilson

Palestine's Carnegie today houses the Chamber of Commerce in a Prairie one-story and basement building with a series of graceful arched windows across the facade. The interior is almost original.

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



By Dorothy N. Fowler

My family and I saw Lincoln Sunday night. Not many movies live up to their publicity, but this one exceeds anything publicists said about it. It is without doubt the best movie I have ever seen. It has displaced *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Places in the Heart*, both of which are superb and are still favorites.

I am not sure anyone breathed during the two hours and 30 minutes of the film; it is certain that no one sneezed, coughed or whispered. During the sequence when the roll was being called for the vote on Amendment 13, I was counting the last eight votes on my fingers -- and this even though I knew how the vote would turn out.

Whoever selected the cast for Lincoln is a casting genius and there are not enough good words to say about the artists who did the costuming and the makeup.

There are no weak performances by any of the actors, not even among the dozens of men who played the roles of members of the House of Representatives and had no distinguishable lines -- not even among the nameless people who sat in the balcony of the House of Representatives during the debates and the vote.

When the movie ended and the credits rolled, the people in the packed theater left in absolute silence.

Our family, of course, rushed home to Google things we wanted to know more about. What happened to Mary Todd Lincoln after her husband was murdered, what happened to their youngest son, Tad, who was just a little boy when his daddy was killed, what happened to the older son, Robert?

Why was Thaddeus Stevens limping and why did he wear that hideous wig and did he really have an African American lover and if so, who was she?

There is a whole lot more to explore, but before I can go much further, I've got to see the movie again. And when it becomes available for me to own, I intend to be one of the first in line to buy it.

Now to other things:

I notice that the annual onslaught of atheists is in full swing as they protest Nativity scenes in public places. Even if I were not an evangelical Christian, I would enjoy Nativity

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**EAST TEXAS, continued**

## Dot's Dashes, continued

At Franklin, the Carnegie is similar in design. It served as a library for only a few years after it was built in 1914 and today houses classrooms and shop classes for the Franklin school district.

Jefferson's Carnegie is still maintained as a library six days a week and Marshall's Carnegie is used as an administrative building on the campus of Wiley College.

The public libraries Carnegie built didn't come cheap. Between 1890 and 1919, he spent \$40 million of his own money for library grants. In Texas he also built one college library and a lecture hall.

Appropriately, the Pittsburgh-based philanthropist began his Texas grants at Pittsburg in East Texas with a gift of \$5,000 in 1898.

Carnegie had a good personal reason for building libraries.

Growing up in Scotland, he had seen his father persuade his fellow weavers to pool a portion of their salaries and buy books, which were read aloud as they worked.

When he was twelve, after his family came to America, Carnegie wrote a letter to the Pittsburg newspaper, seeking public access to a private library which, to that point, had been reserved for mechanics and tradesmen. Carnegie never forgot the opportunities libraries gave him during his career.

But a town didn't get money for a library because it requested one. It had to provide a location for the building and annual taxes to support the library.

If the library proposal had been up to Eugene Debs, an American socialist leader, no libraries would have been built.

Debs believed Carnegie's money came from an unfair capitalist system and, as such, no one should take any of it.

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

scenes. I'm glad to see Jewish congregations put their Hanukah icons in public parks and if atheists want to put up their displays, I'll look at them with curiosity and respect. It is not necessary to agree with people to be interested and curious about their ideas and beliefs.

I agree that no government should be providing active support for any religion; governments are just not competent to define "true" religion. What I find puzzling about the atheists' attacks on Christians and others is that they are not, as they did in the past, simply defending their right to be non-religious. They have become militantly evangelistic. They no longer are defending their right to be left alone, which they had every right to do; now they are using the court system to advance their religious views.

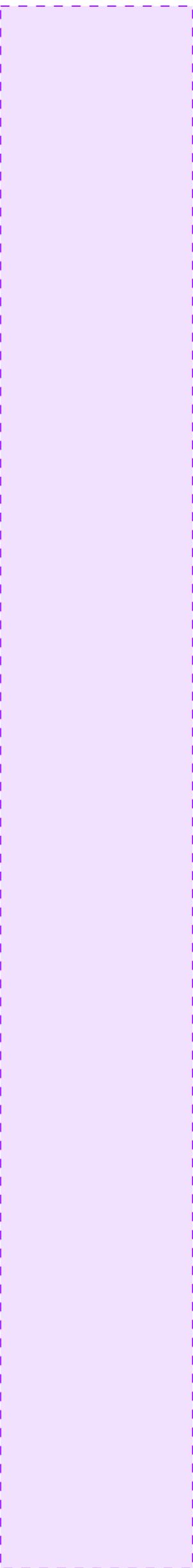
I don't think they see the irony and maybe don't even understand that they are committing the same sins they accuse Christians and Jews of committing by proselytizing people of other or no religious persuasion.

But here is the bottom line for us Americans. You've got a right to espouse any fool belief you want. You just can't use that fool belief as a legal excuse for committing a crime.

What a great country this is! Thanks be to God.



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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



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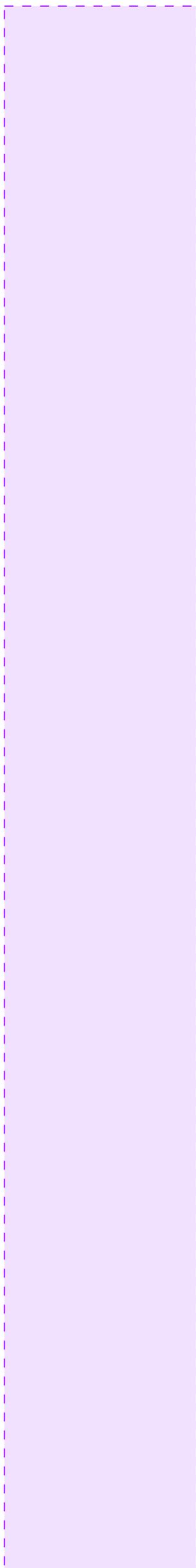


"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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## Ten things you don't know about Thanksgiving

By *Mike Barnett*

Thanksgiving is a day to count our blessings, be with family, watch football and eat until you can't eat any more. It's also a field day for a trivia nut like me. Here's 10 things you probably don't know about Thanksgiving:

10) The first Thanksgiving may have roots in Texas, according to the Texas Almanac. El Paso residents claim Thanksgiving goes back to Spanish Explorer Juan de Onate's expedition to Texas in 1598. The Texas Society of Daughters of American Colonists placed a marker at Palo Duro Canyon where they claimed explorer Francisco Vazquez de Coronado celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

9) Ben Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

8) More than 40 million green bean casseroles are served Thanksgiving Day, according to coolest-holiday-parties.com.

7) Turkeys have more than 3,500 feathers at maturity.

6) The largest pumpkin pie ever baked was 12 feet in diameter, contained 900 pounds of pumpkin, 1,860 eggs, 300 pounds of sugar and lots of spice, according to Guinness World Records.

5) Black Friday is so named because retailers hope it's the day their ledgers move out of the red and into the black.

4) Texas has a town named Turkey and country music legend Bob Wills was raised there.

3) The author of *Mary Had a Little Lamb* persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday.

2) The National Turkey Federation estimates more than 88 percent of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving.

And the number one thing you probably didn't know about Thanksgiving?

The average American will consume between 4,500 and 6,000 calories on Thanksgiving Day.

Better put on the running shoes!

Hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving day!

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



## **Letter to the Editor: Israel Will Strike Iran**

According to various intelligence agencies Iran could have nuclear armaments ready for use against Israel by early 2013. The devices could be nuclear bombs, or more likely, nuclear warheads on missiles.

Diplomacy by the United States and Western countries has been given a chance, but it has not worked to deter Iran's nuclear program, and Iran continues to develop its nuclear weapons.

Israel cannot allow Iran, and its irrational leadership, to have nuclear weapons because two or three nuclear detonations could wipe out Israel. Therefore, Israel must strike Iran with a multi-pronged attack, and it will only have one opportunity to neutralize the Iranian nuclear threat.

Israel's military will have to be on general alert for an Iranian counter strike using conventional weapons. It is doubtful any of the other countries in the Middle East will come to Iran's aid.

Israel cannot count on the Obama administration to come to its aid. President Obama erroneously believes sanctions will work to halt Iran's nuclear armaments program, and at the same time he warns Israel not to strike Iran. Obama, with his coddling of Arab countries, is not a friend of Israel.

Israel's survival depends on military action against Iran.

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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."





## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Pre-filing begins for the 82nd Legislature

The next legislative session of the Texas Legislature is set to begin January 8, 2013. The legislature meets in regular sessions every two years, beginning at noon on the second Tuesday of odd numbered years. A regular legislative session lasts for 140 consecutive days.

Although we are about two months away from the beginning of session, preparation for the next legislative session began over a year ago when the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor issued interim charges to committees of the House and Senate, respectively. This week, on November 12, legislators were able to begin pre-filing bills for the upcoming legislative session. Early filing helps ease the procedural burden of processing the many bills that are filed. Each session, over 5,000 bills are filed, and each must be printed and read before the chamber in which it originates. As of this writing, 278 bills and 29 joint resolutions, or proposed constitutional amendments, have been filed so far; in recent sessions there have been over 6000 bills filed by the House and Senate.

Another important benefit of early filing is that it allows the citizens of Texas to be informed of the issues that the legislature will be debating and gives them time to communicate with their legislators regarding their thoughts on these issues. You can access pre-filed legislation on the legislature's website at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us)<<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>>.

Pre-filed bills can offer a preview of some of the main issues that will be covered during the session. Bills are numbered in the order in which they are filed with the Chief Clerk, with the exception of House Bill 1. House Bill 1 (HB 1) is always reserved for the budget.

This session, bill numbers 2-20 are also reserved for major legislation. Over the next few weeks I will discuss some of the bills that have been filed.

I encourage you to log on to [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us)<<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>> and to view the legislation that has already been pre-filed. Please contact me regarding any legislation of interest to you. 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](mailto: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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.



## Funny Bible Riddles

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out A little prophet.

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

A. Ruth-less.

Q. Who was the first drug addict in the Bible?

A. Nebuchadnezzar. He was on grass for seven years.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury.

A. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land.

A. Honda...because the apostles were all in one Accord.

A. 2 Cor. 48 describes going out in service in a Volkswagen Beetle: "We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement."

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

A. In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and the Prodigal Son came home. The Giants and the Angels were rained out.

Q. What is one of the first things that Adam and Eve did after they were kicked out?

A. They really raised Cain.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a slingshot?

A. The thought had never entered his head before.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. What is the first recorded case of constipation in the Bible?

A. It's in Kings, where it says that David sat on the Throne for forty years.

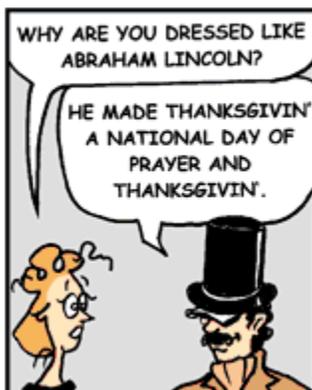
Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

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By: David & Doreen Dotson

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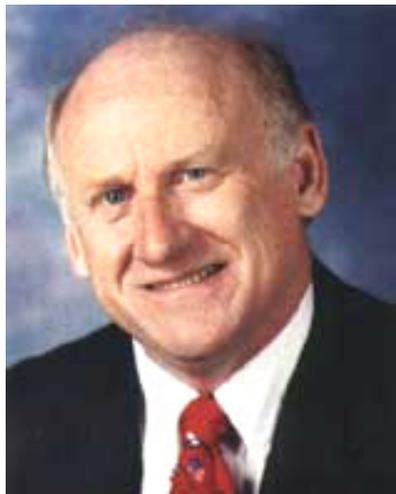
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[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

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## Let's Reminisce: Hog Butchering, Part 2

*By Jerry Lincecum*

In my previous column, we got the hog killed, gutted, and laid out on a wagon bed. The feet were cut off, and the head split open so the brain could be saved. I remember eating brains and eggs as a delicious breakfast meal.

With the fat trimmed and the rendering of lard underway, cutting up the meat was the major task ahead. For ease of handling, the hog was blocked out in four sections. The women are equal if not superior to the men in carving up the pork.

First you trim your hams out and set them aside to be salted down, along with the side meat, jaws (jowls), and shoulders. My job was turning the sausage grinder (my age was 5), with mother in charge of seasoning and making sure we had the right mix of lean and fat meat.

Back to the carving outside, it was those pork chops, ribs, and tenderloin that led to the expression "eating high on the hog." These cuts had to be consumed within a couple of weeks, liver even quicker (I liked it fried).

We didn't have the option of freezing, so whatever wasn't used had to be canned or salted down. Here's where the smokehouse came in, with a cooling shelf and a salt box. First we rubbed all the meat down with salt (we used Morton's Sugar Cure), then placed it on the cooling shelf to chill overnight.

The next morning Daddy put 2-3 inches of coarse salt in the bottom of the box. Then he put in the hams, followed by shoulders, and on top the middlings and jowls (all layered with abundance of salt).

The middlings and jowls were taken out of the salt in 2 weeks, the shoulders at 3 weeks, and finally the hams after 4 to 6 weeks. As the meat was taken from the salt, each piece was rinsed with water.

Next step was hanging the meat by running a heavy wire through the shank of the hams and shoulders, the corner of the middling and jowls. The wire had to be long enough to hang over the ceiling joists in the smokehouse and let the meat hang down. Daddy put sheets of tin over the top of the ceiling joist so the smoke would go on the meat.

Using freshly cut hickory wood, he built a small fire in a box lined with tin and banked the fire so it smoked heavily. The smoke rose to a small opening in the roof, and this went on for several weeks. You don't want to smoke your meat too fast or it will dry out.

This was the late 40s, not the 30s, so we no longer used every part of the hog. That's why I'm not discussing pickled feet, head cheese, sweetbreads, heart, chitterlings, etc.

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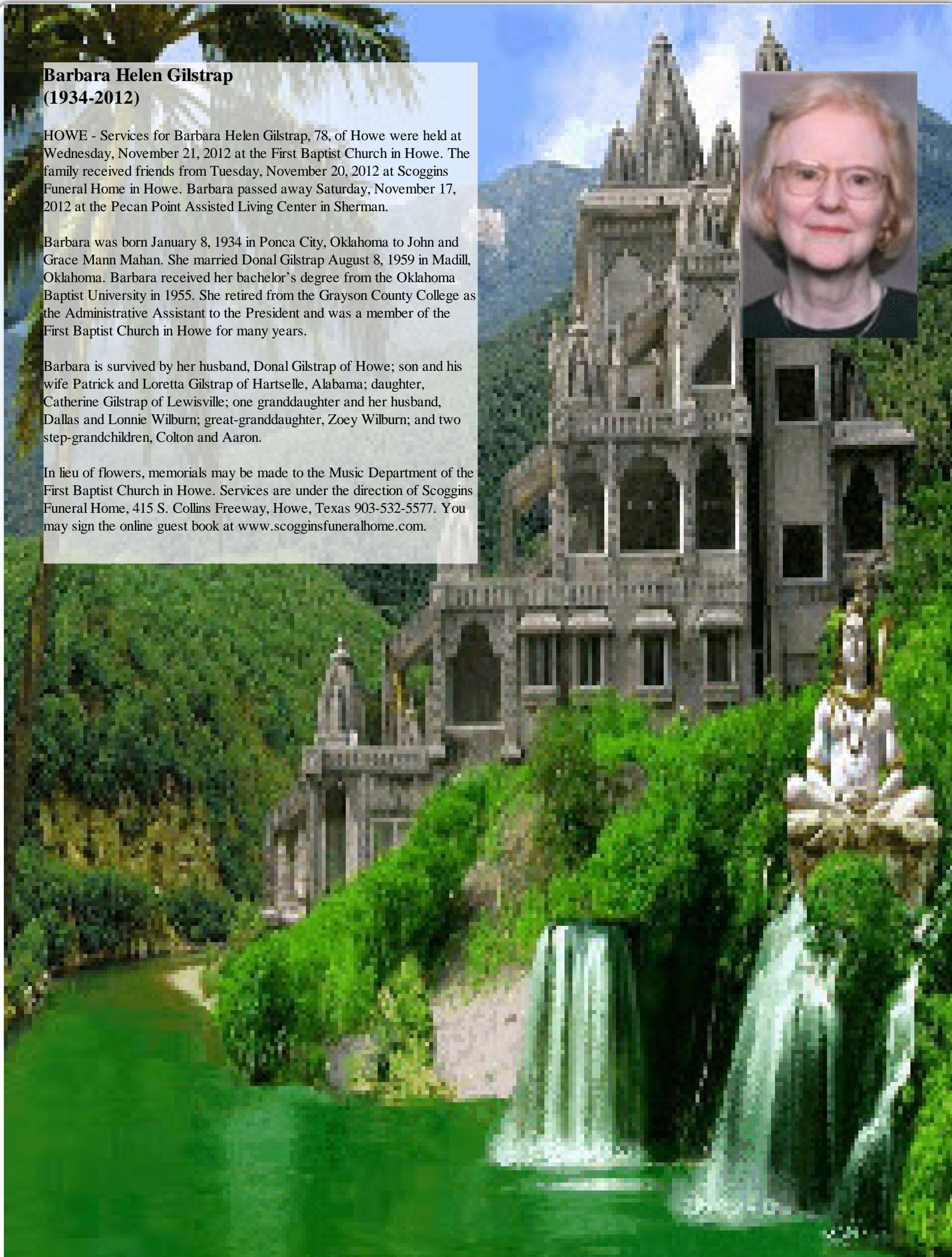
**Barbara Helen Gilstrap  
(1934-2012)**

HOWE - Services for Barbara Helen Gilstrap, 78, of Howe were held at Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Howe. The family received friends from Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at Scoggins Funeral Home in Howe. Barbara passed away Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Pecan Point Assisted Living Center in Sherman.

Barbara was born January 8, 1934 in Ponca City, Oklahoma to John and Grace Mann Mahan. She married Donal Gilstrap August 8, 1959 in Madill, Oklahoma. Barbara received her bachelor's degree from the Oklahoma Baptist University in 1955. She retired from the Grayson County College as the Administrative Assistant to the President and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Howe for many years.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Donal Gilstrap of Howe; son and his wife Patrick and Loretta Gilstrap of Hartselle, Alabama; daughter, Catherine Gilstrap of Lewisville; one granddaughter and her husband, Dallas and Lonnie Wilburn; great-granddaughter, Zoey Wilburn; and two step-grandchildren, Colton and Aaron.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Music Department of the First Baptist Church in Howe. Services are under the direction of Scoggins Funeral Home, 415 S. Collins Freeway, Howe, Texas 903-532-5577. You may sign the online guest book at [www.scogginsfuneralhome.com](http://www.scogginsfuneralhome.com).



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# Texoma Montage

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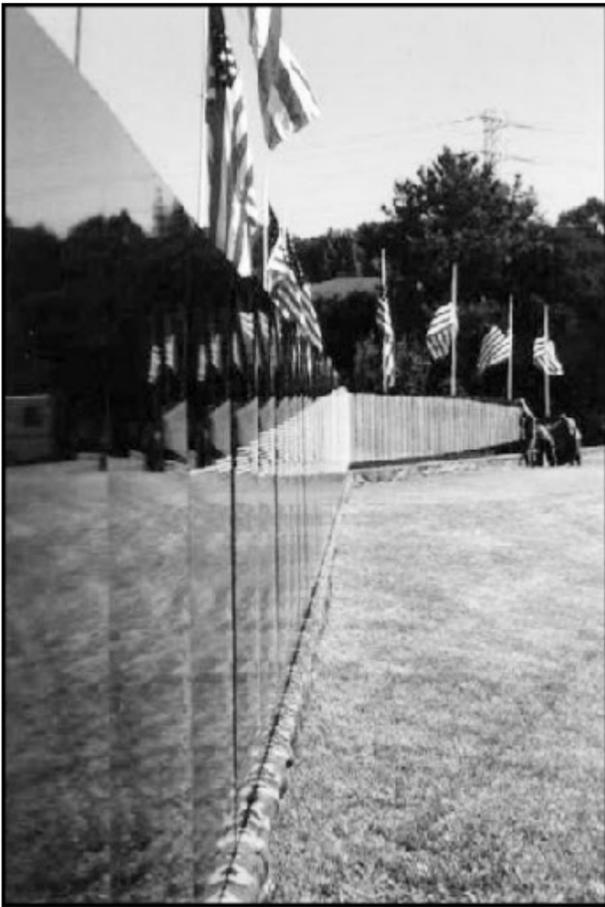
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**The Wall**, looking East  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*

## *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."

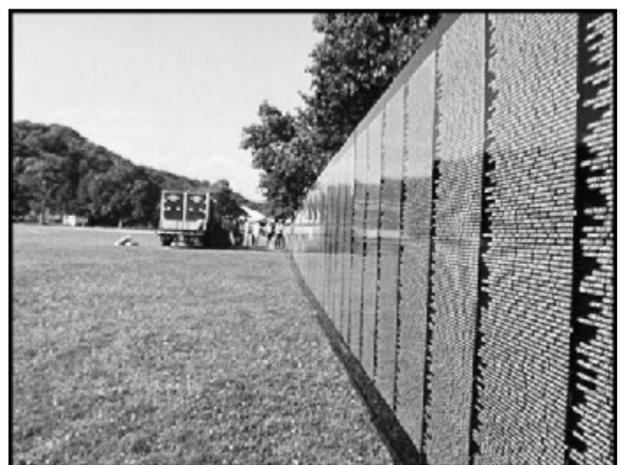
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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.



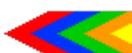
**The Moving Wall** - in Spencerport, NY.  
*photo courtesy of Vietnam Combat Veterans, Inc.*



**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?



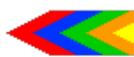
WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.



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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.

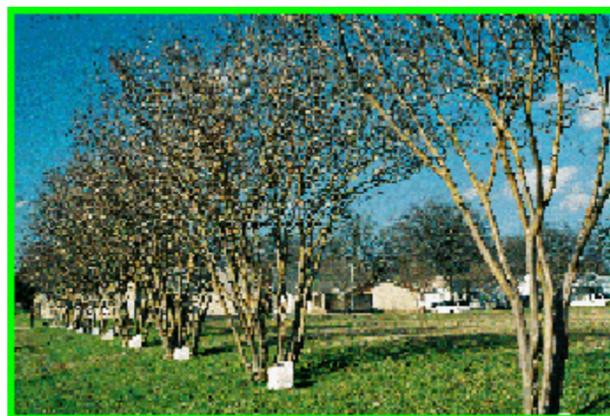
The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

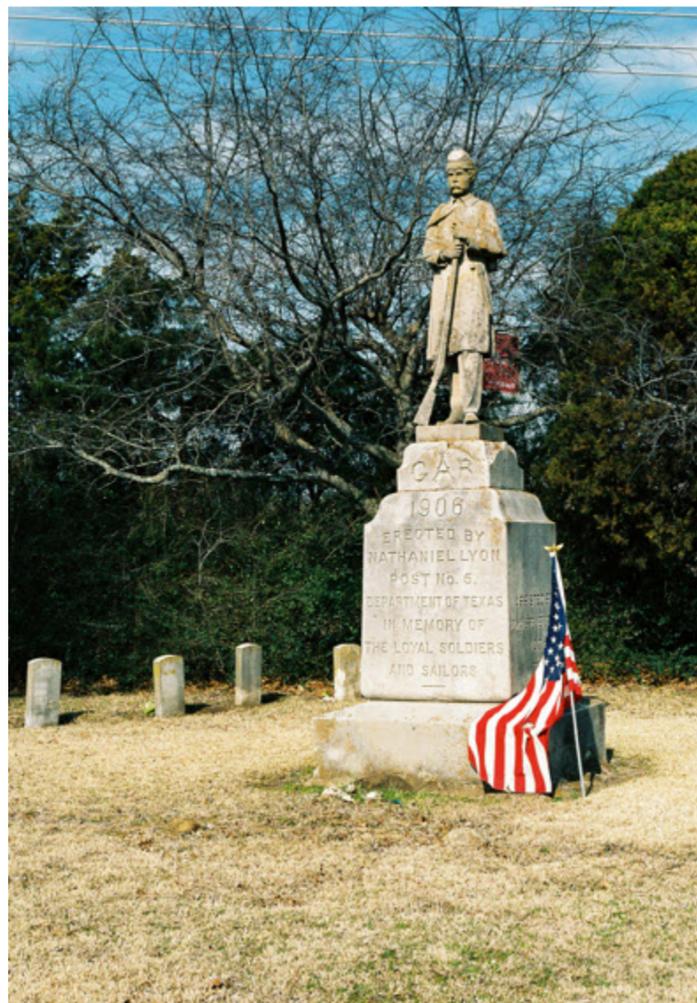
Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

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**

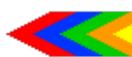
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# Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>/TX CAV and Co. F 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Texoma Remembers Its Heros, cont.

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."

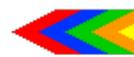
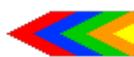
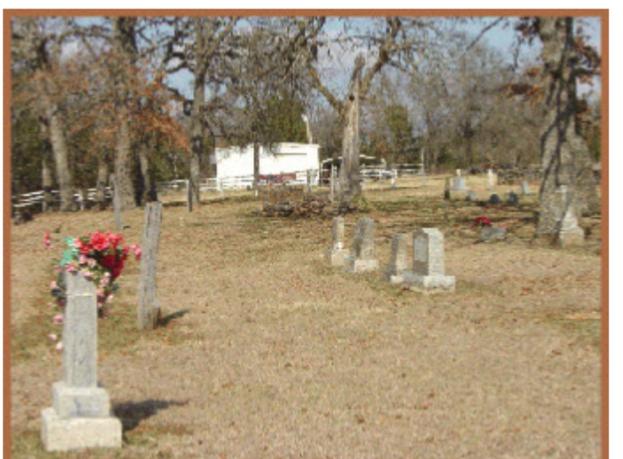
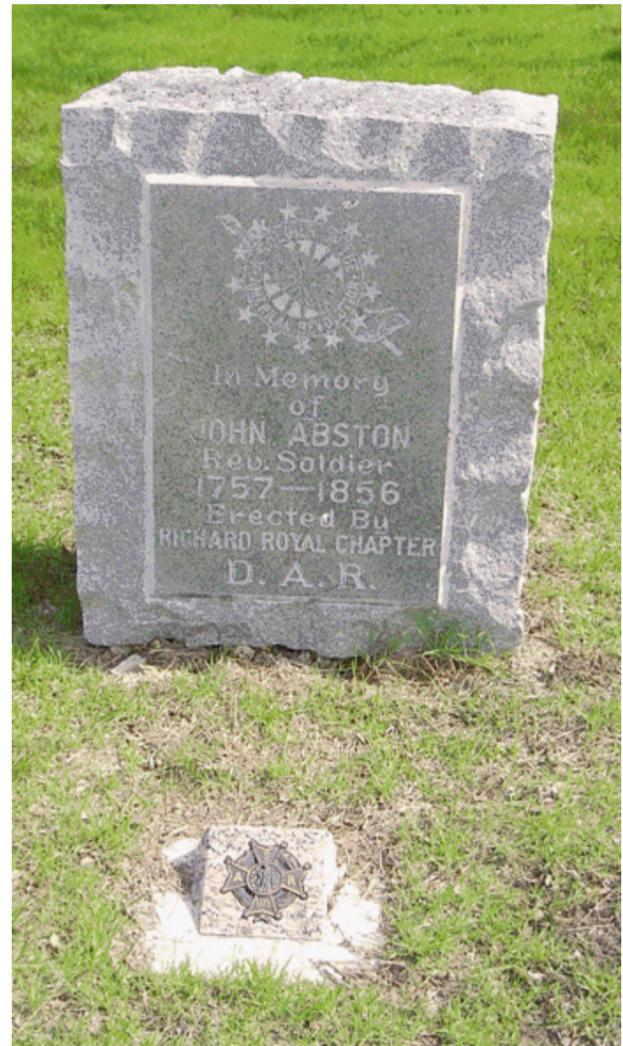
The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

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

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

Lincecum has been awarded the Silver Certificate of Merit by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Miss Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award for Outstanding Research on Texas History. His book on the pioneer naturalist Gideon Lincecum, *Science on the Texas Frontier: Observations of Dr. Gideon Lincecum* has been reviewed by several academic journals both in history and in the sciences, as have some of his other books.

## 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.



*Ruby Frizzell Draisey*



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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:

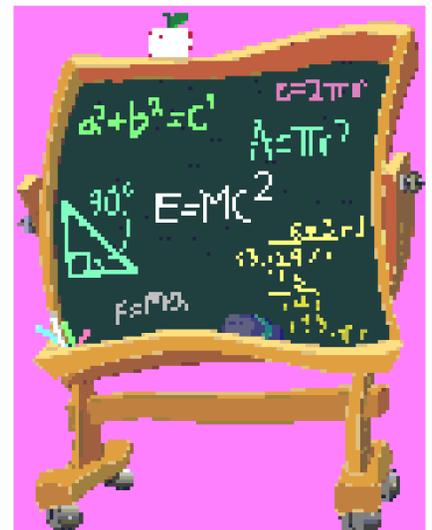
- 1/4 pound butter or margarine*
- 1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)*
- 1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)*

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.



**Jack Frost McGraw**



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



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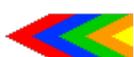
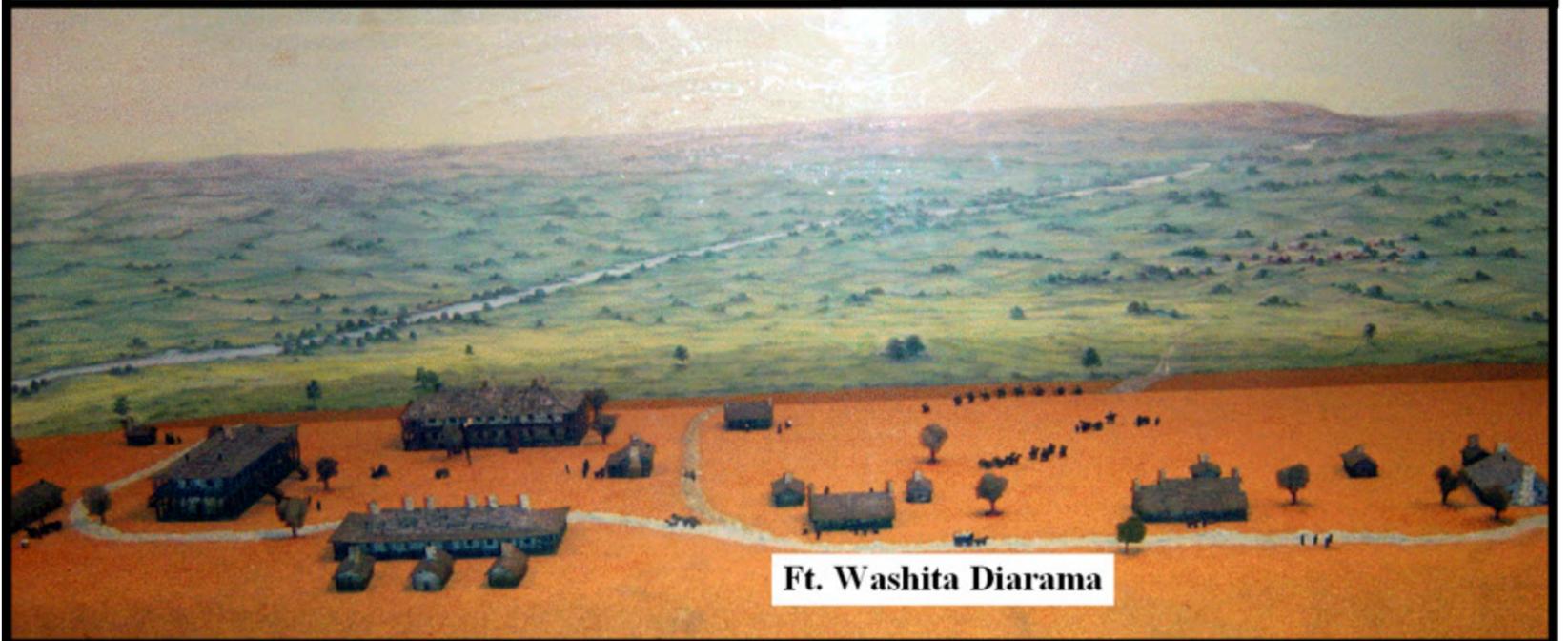
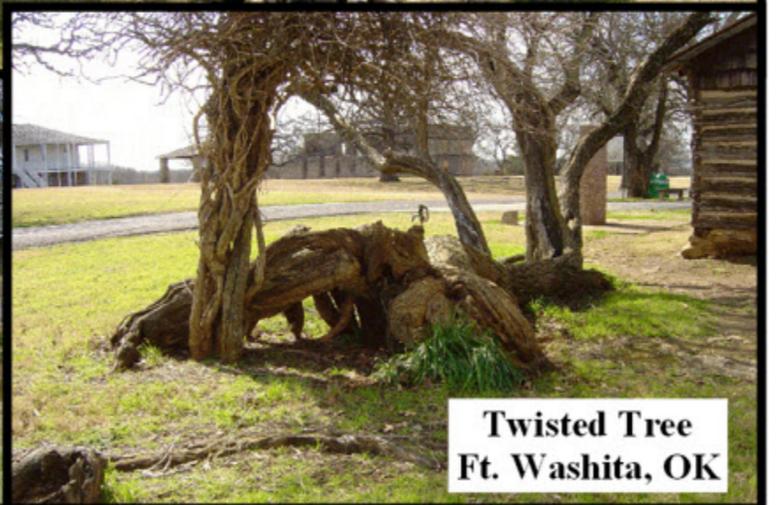
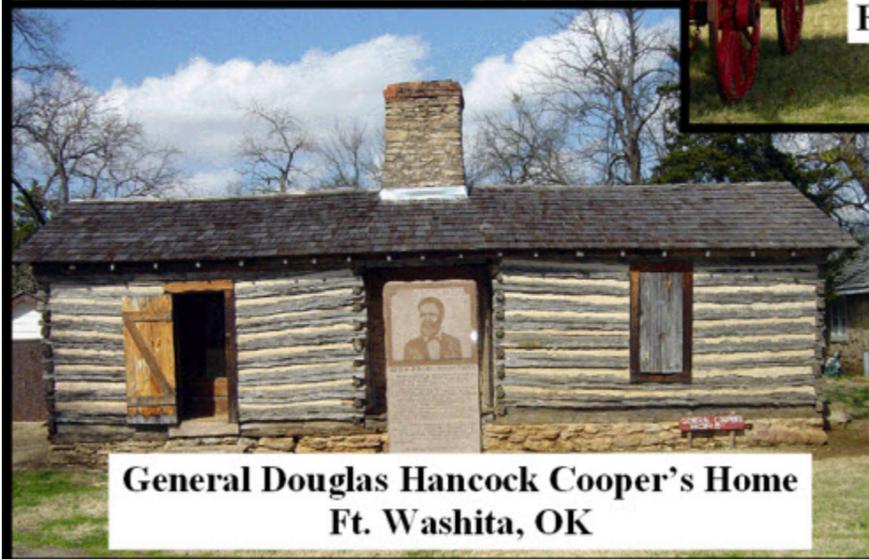


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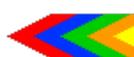


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