

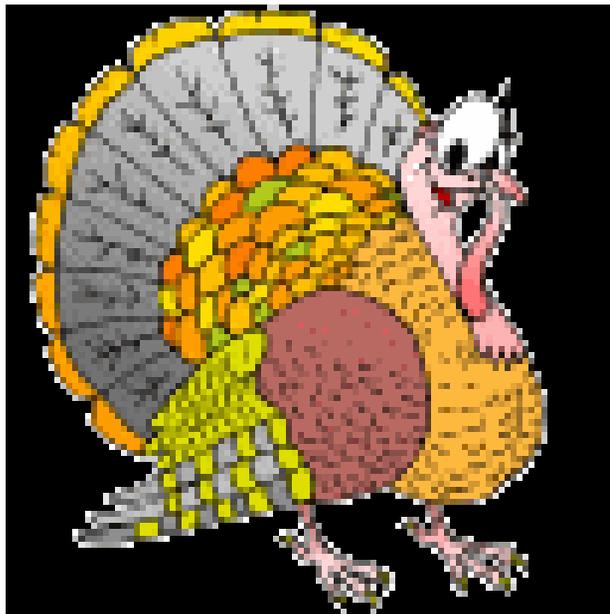
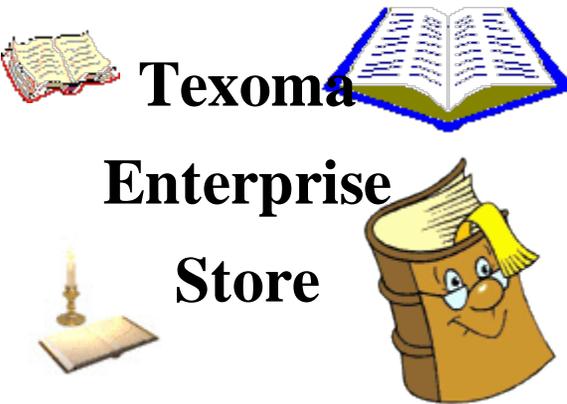
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SBDC hosts seminar on winning Government Contracting business

Small business owners struggling to find new customers may want to attend a free seminar sponsored by the Grayson County College Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Sherman Chamber of Commerce and the Denison Chamber of Commerce. "Government Contracting Orientation" is scheduled for Nov. 30 from 10 am -12 noon on the GCC Main Campus in Denison.

The trainer will be George Kitamura, a Certified Business Development Specialist with the Center for Government Contracting SBDC. Prior to beginning his work with the SBDC in 1999, he served in the U. S. Navy for 21 years including 9 years as a Contracting Officer Technical Representative. He holds an MBA from UT-Arlington and is a Texas Certified Master Trainer. Mr. Kitamura has received accolades over the years for his excellent customer service and key role in over \$240 million in contract awards to minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned and small business clients.

Mr. Kitamura will also be available following the seminar and on Dec. 1 for a limited number of individual consultations that are also free of charge. Seminar attendance requires pre-registration and individual consultations require an appointment. To learn more about the seminar, pre-register or arrange an appointment for individual consultations contact <mailto:jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu> jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu or phone the SBDC office at 903-463-8787.

Bk&wonw.GIF Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact K. Stidham, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, TX, 903-463-8787.



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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

As I am trying to write down some of my life experiences, I was reminded last week of my first travel by airplane.

At the end of my junior year in college at Abilene Christian, my future husband and I were engaged. For the summer I went home to Dallas and my future husband went to his home in Michigan and then spent the summer doing mission work in Canada.

We made arrangements for me to fly to Detroit just before our senior year would begin. Dale had bought a car in Michigan and we would be driving back to Texas.

My first airplane flight was nice. I enjoyed looking at the changes of the ground below.

There had been a delay of my flight leaving Dallas, and when I landed in Chicago to change planes, my plane had already left. Well, it did not exactly leave before I got to Chicago, but there was no time for me to board.

At the time I did not realize it, but my suitcase went to Detroit on that flight. I followed in about 45 minutes.

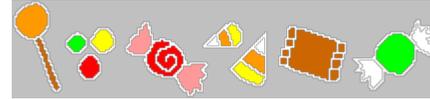
There are two airports in the Detroit area -- Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run in Ypsilanti some 50 or so miles away.

Dale and his four-year brother (Bruce) had gone to pick me up, but I was not there yet. Bruce was afraid I was lost or had changed my mind about marrying Dale.

Finally I arrived. But I was at a different airport from my suitcase. We drove to the other airport and retrieved my suitcase.

All other airplane trips I have made, Dale was at my side.

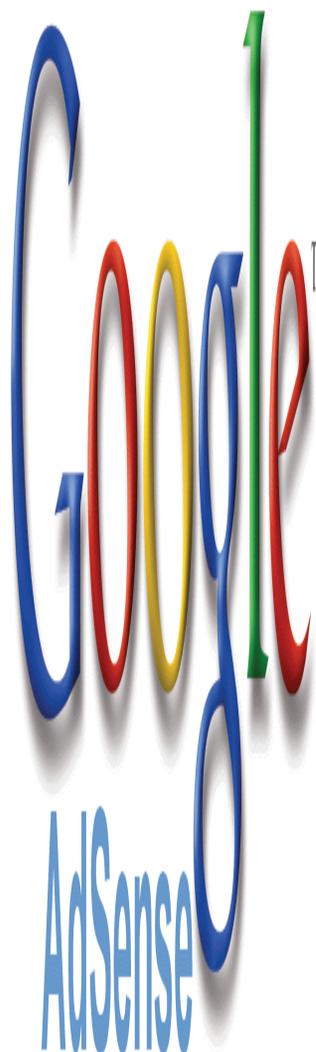
Recipe



Sausage Pie

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

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



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Opal Patricia "Patti" Randolph

1934-2011

On November 21, 2011, at the age of 77, Opal Patricia "Patti" Randolph exchanged her earthly home and possessions for her eternal heavenly home and riches in Glory. Patti was born to John and Thelma Hill in Achille, OK, on January 7, 1934 and was blessed to grow up with loving parents, as well as her beloved siblings, Eudora and John. She graduated from Borger High School and went on to earn her degree in elementary education from Wayland Baptist College. Patti married Sam Randolph on September 10, 1956.

During their life together, Sam and Patti served the Lord in several churches across the state of Texas, with over thirty years combined service in Howe and Comanche. As a pastor's wife, Patti was very involved in the ministries of the church. She was truly one of those people who never met a stranger, and quickly made friends wherever she went.

Patti taught over forty years in the Texas school system and was a much beloved teacher. She was a wonderful mother who always had time to care for her family and tend to their needs, while setting the example in the home of a godly wife and mother. She loved to fill the house with music as she would sit and play hymns at the piano, and over the years, spent countless hours at her sewing machine making beautiful Easter and prom dresses for her girls. In later years, Sam and Patti enjoyed travelling with friends and their beloved poodle, "Jon Boy" while visiting their daughters and grandchildren.

Sam passed away suddenly in 2006, just several months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary. Following Sam's death, Patti sold their home in Comanche and moved to Kingsland, Texas. True to her nature, she quickly made new friends and soon become a beloved member of the First Baptist Church and the Fellowship & Victory Sunday School Class. She remained in Kingsland until several months prior to her death when she moved to Colorado Springs and spent some wonderful last days surrounded by her beautiful great-grandchildren.

Patti was preceded in death by her parents, John and Thelma, her husband, Sam, and her sister, Eudora. She is survived by her brother, John Hill and wife, Mary Jo, of Denison, Texas, her four daughters: Kim Atkins (and husband, John, deceased) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Stephanie Buckingham and husband, Larry, of Grapevine, Texas, Melinda Wilkinson and husband, Darrell of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Jill Lewis and husband, Greg, of Meadowlakes, Texas, her brother-in-law, Charles Darland, of Miami, Oklahoma, sisters-in-law Myrna Fort and Betty Nelson of Texas, grandchildren Luke Atkins, and wife, Justine, Charis Atkins, and Micah Atkins all of Colorado, Jeremy Buckingham, David Buckingham, Daniel Buckingham, Matthew Lewis, Madison Lewis, all of Texas, Zachary Wilkinson and Joshua Wilkinson of Arkansas, and great-grandchildren Shea Atkins, Charlie Atkins, Lucy Atkins, and Craig Atkins, all of Colorado.

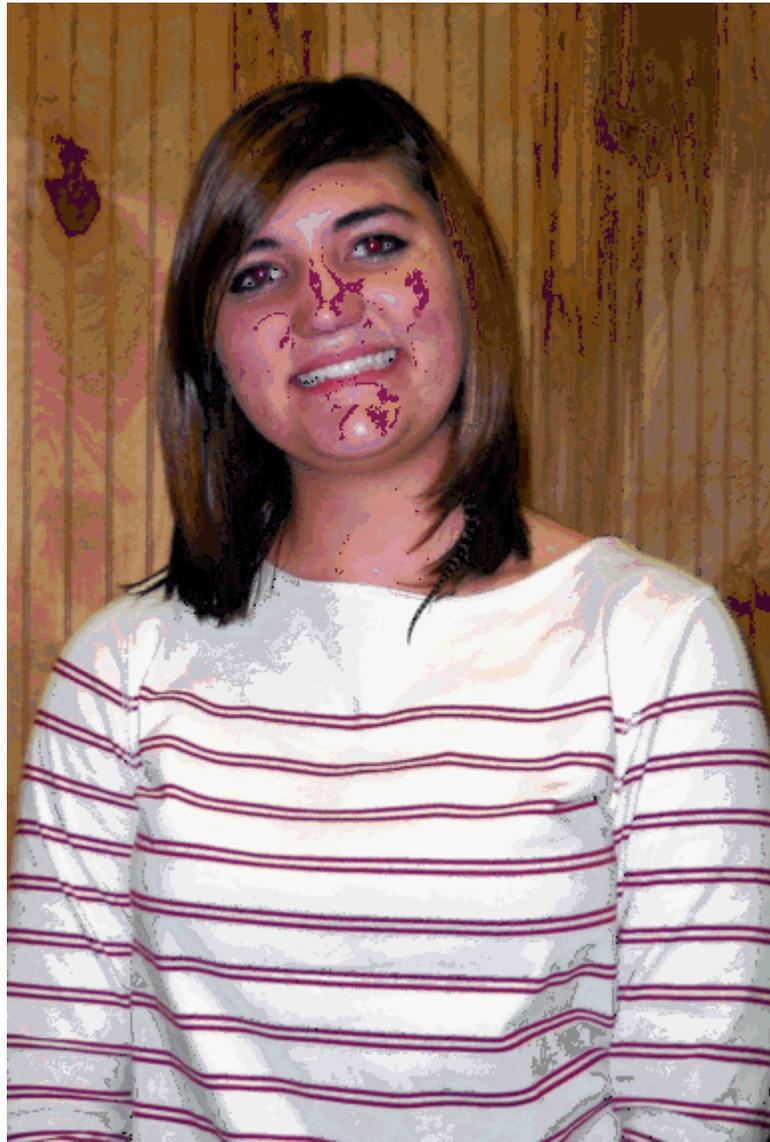
Viewing will be held on Friday, November 25 from 6-8 pm at Heartland Funeral Home in Comanche. Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church in Comanche on November 26, 2011, at 2 pm with Pastors Bubba Stahl and Greg Lewis officiating.

Interment will be in the Comanche County Gardens of Memory under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home. Patti's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net

If you would like to give a memorial in honor of Patti, please designate a special offering to your home church.

Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."





Howe High School student Emily Dawsey has completed her Girl Scout Gold Star project.

She decided to construct lockers for the Howe Middle School girls' locker room. With the help of her father, Bruce Dawsey, she constructed wooden lockers and painted them black (in keeping with school colors). She added a bit of pink paint to liven up black. They constructed a total of 30 lockers.

She had many other young ladies helping her with this project. She said the middle school girls were thrilled to have the lockers for protecting their purses, books, etc.



Attention children of all ages -- Santa Claus will visit the Howe Community Library at 11 am on Saturday, Dec. 3. He will read a story and will visit with children about their Christmas lists.

Howe ES/MS Menus

Nov 28-Dec. 2

Breakfast

Monday – Cinnamon roll, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fruit cocktail, apple juice

Tuesday – Sopapilla. cereal/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

Wednesday – Breakfast burrito, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh apple, grape juice

Thursday – Breakfast pizza, cereal/toast, rosy applesauce, orange juice

Friday – Pancakes/sausage, cereal/toast, orange halves, orange juice

Lunch

Monday – Hamburger or corn dog, burger fixins, potato chips, baked beans, fruit cocktail, vanilla pudding

Tuesday –Beef fingers or crispy chicken salad, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green peas, hot roll, diced peaches, orange sherbet

Wednesday –Hot ham & cheese sandwich or grilled cheese sandwich, pickle spears, vegetable soup, crackers, fresh apple, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday – Pepperoni pizza or spaghetti/w/meat sauce, garden salad, broccoli w/cheese, rosy applesauce, Texas toast, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Beef & cheese nachos or fiesta salad, tossed salad, refried beans, orange halves, Spanish rice,

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Accelerated Reader --Top Ten --2nd Six Weeks

2nd Grade: Benjamin Speed, Eli Wilson, Jaicob Husband, Caleb Wahrmund, Caleb Searcey, Avery Snapp, Luke Lopez, Jessica Bastida, David Rocha, Aiden Roulette

3rd Grade: Grace Brennan, Seth Key, Kriston Harris, Elizabeth Robertson, David Huerta, Camryn Adams, Holly Cavender, Kameron Hopper, Hunter Robertson, Cameron Lankford

4th Grade: Molly Wilson, Valerie Langford, Taylor Hinkle, Mary Henson, Jenna Honore, Kacie Morgan, Lane Griffin, Bailey Bond, Jacob Roper, Ethan Sloat



Accelerated Reader Goal -2nd Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Casie Adams, Catelyn Armstrong, Jayden Bookout, Ebenezer Chawn, Nicole Garcia, Anthony Gardner, Garrett Gibbs, Jaycie Grisham, Jaeden Howard, Kelcey Ireland, Alexander Jones, Carter Layton, Kolton Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Jacob Ortega, Autumn Owens, Emery Snapp, Payton Stapleton, Mahlon Walker, Madilynn Douglas, Dakota Fetzer, Caden Garner, Cooper Jones, Kayley Laubhan, Jace Martin, Cheyenne Mathews, Gracie Max, Brooklyn McCaleb, Lucas Mitchell, Rilyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Jonathan Smith, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Courtney White, Mia Wilson, Brayden Bahr, Dax Foster, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Kimberly Gonzalez, Emma Hitesman, Cassaundra Morrison, Kade Murphy, Kolin Murphy, Sandra Nitchman, Juanita Olivarez, Jesse Portman, Logan Reese, Haley Richardson, Fisher Robertson, Matalee Stewart, Ashton Trevino, Charlie Vera, Emry Woods, Nathan Wooten, Kenneth York, Cody Adams, Camryn Boatman, Zoey Bolen, Morrigan Booth, Ryleigh Craven, Ainsley Denham, Kendall Griffin, Willie Husband, Lacy Hymel, Mikaylah Komorowski, Morgan Pitt, Lucas Reese, Thomas Roberson

First Grade: Kristopher Craig, Bryan Crees, Bettye Delavan, Caleb Fetzer, Morghan Gifford-Lamb, Daniel Gonzalez, Danielle Hargrove, Matthew Hayes, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Madison Morrow, Zackery Petrea, Linda Segura, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Donna Mendoza, Yair Ayala, Mackenzie Bryant, Britton Burt, Vel Chin, Jentrie Doty, Tate Harvey, Elijah Lewis, Colton Little, Janna Nitchman, Keira Robertson, Ethan Strunc, Zander Toner, Jacob Upchurch, Samantha Uribe-Lowder, Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Carson Daniels, Ethan Duer, Kaden Dunn, Connor Gauntt, Dabney Henry, Edith Hernandez, Jalie Hill, Audie Martin, Connor Martin, Brody McCollum, Landon Oswald, Taylor Reynolds, James Richardson, Ariana Ross, Emma Sutherland, Antonio Tapia, Leo Becerra, Jazmine Bookout, Kaylyn Bryant, Kelly Caballero, Andrew Harper, Trey Phillips, Cody Richards, Dakota Tinker

Second Grade: Stanley Bik, Jaden Bryant, Michelle Caballero, Ethan Conrad, Ashley Crees, Jaryn Grisham, Jaicob Husband,

Talen Miller, Ramie Mosse, Conner Record, Gavin Richardson, Caleb Searcey, Trinity Williams, Jessica Bastida, Harley Brockelman, Jared Brussow, Zakry DeFrange, William Fleming, John Griffin, Ethan Lopez, Katie Parker, Ricky Ramirez, Avery Snapp, Benjamin Speed, Caleb Wahrmund, Eli Wilson, Kevin Bateman, Cierra Brussow, Luke Catching, Louis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Lindsey Hymel, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Caleb Maddison, Zoey Moore, Ryan Murphy, Alyssa Sharp, Caytie Coco, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford-Lamb, Riley Griffith, Colby Hopper, Kailyn Ireland, Brooke Potter, David Rocha, Aiden Roulette, Kaleb Strong, Jennifer Torres, Ethan Turner

Third Grade: Alexandra Blount, Mariana Cano, Erin Catching, Kayle Chapman, Sierra Copeland, Ruvy Enriquez, Jacob Fabacher, Karrah Gardner, Astin Gruszka, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Raul Hernandez, Cameron Lankford, Jonathan Meneses, Lizzy Robertson, Reagan Troxtell, Braeden Wise, Camryn Adams, Audrey Gard, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Keyahjaleigh Harvey-Toney, Kameron Hopper, David Huerta, Riley Insall, Luke Jackson, Mason Moreau, Cameron Murphy, Hunter Robertson, Brooke Robinson, Kaytee Roper, Pablo Segura, Chas Sellers, Austin Thurman, Leah Trevino, Grace Brennan, Leah Butcher, Holly Cavender, Hannah Dwyer, Ethan Grant, Remington Lowe, Ramon Rocha, Ethan Sanders, Korbyn Thompson, Autumn Bassett, Brett Burnett, Katie Grogan, Makayla Hanson, Courtney Hopper, Sean Husband, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Avery Shue, Brennan Speed, Crista Timmons, Lillyan Viers, Kobi Zolfaghari

Fourth Grade: Jade Cox, Karsyn Fleming, Ally Harvey, Mary Henson, Taylor Hinkle, Lexi Hunnel, Valerie Langford, Sarah Martin, Braden Monroe, Matthew Robison, Maci Watson, Hally Bollier, Layton Elvington, Corbin Gleason, Lane Griffin, Raina Ross, Kaleigh Smith, Catherine Switzer, Colton Thurman, Kirsten Wheeler, Cassidy Anderson, Bailey Bond, Hunter Brussow, Robin Cung, Zoie DeFrange, Ivonne Delgado, Jenna Honore, Madison Kenney, Kacie Morgan, Jacob Roper, Cindy Torres, Magi Watson, Jackson Wilson, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Kaden Bateman, Paetyn Ford, Zane Hughes, Jason Hunnel, Waylon Knowles, Ethan Sloat, Caden Stewart, Riley Underwood

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The Howe ISD Board of Trustees

met Thursday, November 17, at 6 pm.

HHS Principal Shawn Martin presented his report. Taylor Defrange and Jonathan Maniet were named November students of the Month and Martha Wilson was named Teacher of the Month.

He noted that the annual Veterans Day program was a great success with more than 30 honorees. A brunch was served to them after the program.

The band qualified for the Class 2A State Competition held in San Antonio. Howe finished 11th in the competition (Note: there are 289 Class 2A bands in the state of Texas).

Emily Dawson reported on her Girls Scout Gold Star project. (See separate article) Howe Elementary is or will participate in UIL, Book Fair, and Jump-a-thon.

Supt. Kevin Wilson reported that seven new students have enrolled and enrollment is continuing above 1000.

PUBLIC HEARING

Presentation of Information Relating to Taxation of Goods-In-Transit under Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253 as Amended by Senate Bill 1 of the 82nd Legislature. There were no public comments or questions.

The Board approved the following items: Minutes from October 20, 2011 Regular Meeting and November 9, 2011 Special Meeting- Team of Eight Training; Monthly Financial Reports; Budget Amendments; and Updated Vendor List.

They approved the 2011 Tax Roll Values with the 2011 Tax Roll Value at \$203,092,057 and the 2011 Tax Levy as \$2,591,795.58. The 2011 Special Assessment Levy is \$1,531,55.

The board also cast their votes in Grayson Appraisal District Board of Directors Election for Dr. Jerry Stout of Tom Bean.

Other items included sanctioning Grayson County 4H Organization for Extra-Curricular Activities and Designate County Extension Staff (Chuck Jones and Joyce White) as Adjunct Faculty; approving Policy Update 91; and a Resolution to Approve Taxation of Goods-In-Transit under Texas Tax Code Section 11.253.

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Wyoming's Welcomes New Additions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Order your favorite beer or wine at the bar



Sit with your family in the dining room.



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



Scan the menu to choose your favorite entree



Come in with a grin to join the fun.



Andrew passes through a fresh from the stove order.



Treat yourself to delicious appetizers.

Wyoming's

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

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By Tracy Luscombe

We had a great time making napkin rings for our Thanksgiving tables today. Pilgrims, American Indians, and turkeys will grace the tables of many homes this Thursday, all made by the hands of our little patrons. Thanks to Teen Council members Lizzie and Morgan for helping with this special time.

A reminder that we will be closed for the full holiday weekend starting on Thursday. We will re-open regular hours Monday, November 28.

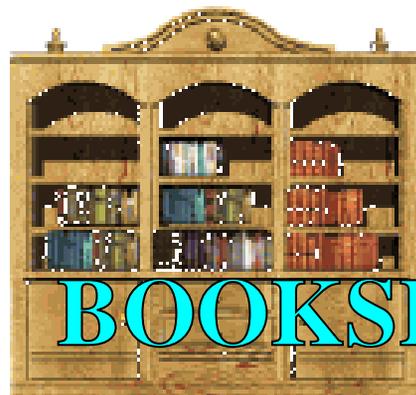
Book Discussion Group met today to discuss our latest read: *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe. The Club in that book is quite different from our own, but we all agreed we enjoyed the book. Next month's read is *The Christmas Wedding* by James Patterson and Richard DeLallo. Come by the library to check out a copy and then join us for the discussion next month. It will be December 19 at 11:30am at the new Pizza Hut.

Bilingual story hour and Preschool story hour will continue through December 7. Then we'll take a break from regular programming until January. However, there will be a craft hour on Monday, December 19 11 am – 12 noon. Ages 6-12 are invited.

Check out these new great reads on our shelves:

The Litigators by John Grisham
V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton
The Omen Machine by Terry Goodkind
11/22/63 by Stephen King
When She Woke by Hillary Jordan
The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman

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Rachel Jones Signs Letter of Intent

With friends and family surrounding her on last Tuesday afternoon, Tom Bean senior Rachel Jones signed her letter of intent to play softball at Southeastern Oklahoma State University for Coach Ron Faubion. Jones, who is entering her final season at Tom Bean, has had a stellar career, and has taken the field for the Lady Cats every game since she has been on campus. Head Coach Lance Cherry acknowledged that Rachel will be greatly missed when she is gone and said, "Coaching Rachel has been a great privilege. She has been a model player on, and off, the field. Coach Faubion is getting and extraordinary talent, and an even better person."

Southeastern's accomplished coach, and the excellent teams he has put on the field for years, were compelling reasons in Jones' selection of SOSU. She said, "Southeastern has great winning tradition, and it is close to home. I really liked the coaches and atmosphere around the campus." Jones is a three time All-Texomaland and holds many of the school records, but most recently she was honored with her second selection as a member of the Texas Girls Coaches Association and Texas Sports Writers All-State softball teams.

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Tom Bean Recognizes “District Champions of 1945”

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

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

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

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

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Sherman Daybreak Toastmasters

Sherman Daybreak Toastmasters meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Bishop. Rodger Eppler served as Toastmaster.

Jeff Walton's speech was entitled "Chicken or Pig" and was a 5 to 7 minute presentation.

Second speaker was Dorothy Bishop speaking from the Competent Communications Manual, Project "Get To The Point" and the title of her speech was "Count Your Blessings."

Joy Cole served as Timer and noted that all speakers qualified.

Rodger introduced our Table Topics Master of the day, Janis Hall. Janis is a new member of our club and Rodger served as her Mentor walking her through the steps of serving as Table Topics Master.

Dorothy Bishop was given the question: "If you had been one of the men at Normandy during the invasion, what would be going through your mind?"

Jeff Walton was given the question: "You are a machine gunner assistant, but you are third in line and you are feeding the belts into the guns. Because you are not the main one, how do you feel?"

Billy Hamilton was given the question: "You are one of the ones that made it to shore on D-Day. You get hit by mortar and lose both your legs. How do you feel about returning home?"

Joy Cole was given the question: "During World War I, World War II, and the more current wars, the transport of our troops experienced different modes of efficiency. During World War I and II it took several days to transport our troops home and today our troops can be transported home within 24 hours. Which would be the better way for our boys and girls to come home? Quicker or slower?"

Rodger then put on the "hat" of General Evaluator and introduced his first evaluator Billy Hamilton evaluating Jeff Walton. Joy Cole evaluated Dorothy Bishop. Both evaluators focused on the speaker's strengths and shared a couple of areas for improvement.

Billy Hamilton brought the joke of the day and set the stage for a smiling face all day long for everyone!

The winners for the day were:
Best Speaker - Jeff Walton
Best Table Topics - Jeff Walton
Best Evaluator - Joy Cole

Dorothy Bishop reminded everyone of the District 50 Fall Conference to be held in Dallas this week-end and encouraged everyone to attend, Crowne Plaza Hotel, I-35 and Mockingbird.

Next meeting: 0630 AM, December 1, 2011, at the Renaissance, 3701 Loy Lake Road, Sherman, Texas 75090.

Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

Our regular Bluegrass jam will be Thursday night, December 1st. at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6 as usual. Donations will be accepted at the door to defray expenses.

On December 3rd. We welcome Copper Canyon and the Melody Ranch Ramblers to our stage. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear some wonderful bluegrass music! Members of Copper Canyon are Jim Hughes, mandolin, Celesta Hughes, guitar, Joe Hood, banjo and Tom Smith, bass. All member sing.

Members of the Melody Ranch Ramblers are George Kirby, fiddle, Mike Gemberling, banjo, Dale Anderson, bass and vocals, Charles Woolly, mandolin and vocals, and Bill Hayes, rhythm guitar and vocals.

Doors open at 6 pm for a 7 pm performance. Admission to this event is \$6 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. The concession area has brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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

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



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Fiction chronicles the story of Santa Claus before we knew him best

Glen Rose, Texas – Ever imagine what Santa Claus' childhood was like?

Just in time for the holidays, D. R. Strahan reveals the story behind the legend in *Throwaways: The Claus Chronicles (according to me)*.

Geared toward young adults, the story begins in the town of At il, located north of the Arctic Circle. Two laws were strictly enforced: It was against the law to feed the children and number two, it was against the law to leave the city. Fox, the 13-year-old son of the governor, had done both.

When he and two friends were invited to visit a family compound outside the city, Fox deliberated hard and long about the situation. Breaking the law as a loner was one thing but when it involved others the decision was much more difficult.

As this adventure-driven story unfolds, we see how daunting adversity shapes young Fox's story into the holly, jolly legend we all know and love.

Strahan weaves carefully researched elements of the Aurora Borealis phenomenon, topical regions north of the Arctic Circle, and real-time terrain in these regions into her story, giving it an authenticated feel. The stature, habits and lifestyles of the regional populations were also included in her research.

The oldest of four children, Strahan has long been telling bedtime stories about Santa Claus. "I wrote *Throwaways: The Claus Chronicles (according to me)*, to give Santa Claus a history," says Strahan. "Similar to Wicked and the Wizard of Oz, my book gives you the background of one of the world's most beloved legends Santa Claus. Who he really is, who his relatives were, why he gave yearly gifts to children and where he got his magical powers."

Throwaways: The Claus Chronicles (according to me)

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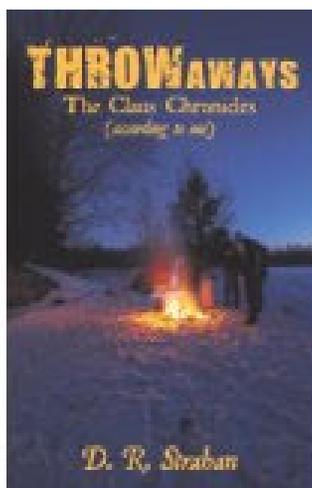
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About the author: D.R. Strahan has lived in Glen Rose, Texas for the past 30 years. She is the mother of three, grandmother of four and great grandmother of five. Strahan earned her Bachelor of Science degree in fashion design at the University of Texas in Austin at age 32. At age 57, Strahan returned to school and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education.



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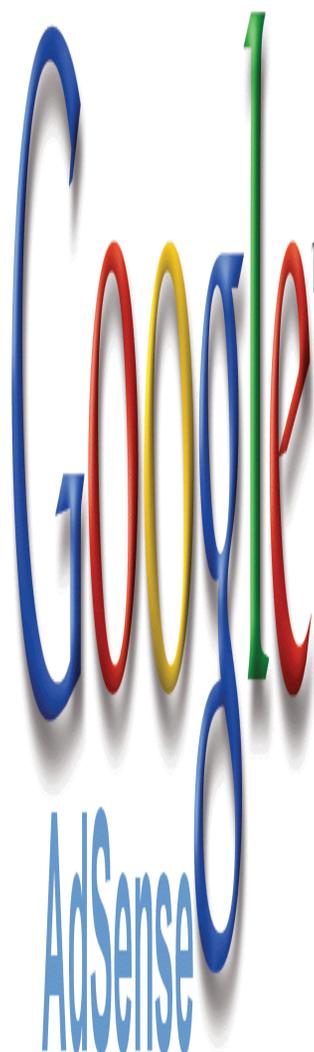
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Second Saturday program at Hagerman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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The CCC parks

By Bob Bowman

During the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) designed and constructed dozens of state parks throughout Texas.

The design of the parks was often inspired by the landscape and history of Texas itself. By the time of its disbandment in 1942, the CCC had laid the foundations for today's parks system.

In East Texas, six original CCC parks still stand at Bonham in Fannin County, Caddo Lake in Harrison County, Daingerfield in Morris County, Huntsville in Walker County, Weches in Houston County, and Tyler in Smith County.

At Bonham, the 261-acre Bonham State Park stands within the northern reaches of the Blackland Prairie, an area marked with grasslands interspersed by woodlands, near the Texas border with Oklahoma.

In developing the park, the CCC used the rocky, hilly terrain of the area for erosion control and recreational purposes, and built an earthen dam to impound a 65-acre lake. Buildings of cream-colored limestone and eastern red cedar were scattered around the park.

At Caddo Lake, one of the most scenic lakes in East Texas, the CCC converted temporary barracks and a mess hall used by CCC workers to park facilities. The area's forests and native iron ore were used in the park design.

Daingerfield's park design used the area's pine and hardwood forests. An 80-acre lake was also built, creating the focal point of the park.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Life was a lot easier when there was only one phone company in town and its name was ATT. That is true also of the day when there was only one electric company and its name was TXU.

We complained a lot because those were OC's, Only Choices, and lots of people kept up the constant ding on how things would improve if there were competition. At one point in my life, out of pure ignorance, I added my voice to the dings.

I know better now. The concept of natural monopolies is very appealing now that I've seen what happens when a capital intensive public utility is broken into many small parts, each of which is still capital intensive and each of which must now generate enough revenue to support itself by encroaching on the economic territories of the others.

Here's an example that's simple enough to understand, although it will help if you know what an IBM Selectric was. For the ones of you who don't, it was a great electric typewriter. Now that we have computers and word processing programs, most people don't have a Selectric, but when we did, they were WOW machines.

Suppose you wanted to open a typing school using 30 Selectrics that you bought at \$300 each. Your capital investment, the typewriters, is \$9,000.

Now suppose you get 30 students. How much does it cost you in terms of what the Selectrics cost to teach those 30 students to type? The answer is \$300. Don't get all fancy and tell me that's not all the expense. I already know that, but we are just talking about the capital investment of the Selectrics.

Now suppose that you get another 30 students to take typing using the exact same Selectrics. Now what is the capital investment per typing student? The answer is \$150. If eventually you teach 300 students to type on those 30 machines, the cost of the capital investment per student falls to \$1.

Are you making a good profit on the last 150 students you teach? Can you afford at that rate of profit to maintain the machines or even replace them when they are worn out? Can you afford to lower the rates you charged at the beginning of the enterprise? You bet your boots!

But, you ask, what is to keep your baser instincts in check and compel you to continue to offer good service on good machines at a reasonable price? The answer is "the government," which has given you a license to operate in the public domain for the public good. It doesn't matter whether that government is local, state, or national, one or the other of them enters into a contract with you and sees to it that both you and government live up to the terms of the contract.



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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

Huntsville State Park, located within the rolling hills of the Sam Houston State Forest, is a part of the East Texas Pinewoods Region that marks the western limits of the Southern pine belt.

Because of depletion of timber resources, the CCC reforested the land with plantings of pine, sweet gum, maple, oak and dogwood. The CCC also built roads, a stone bridge, restored Lake Raven, and developed campsites, shelters, trails and other amenities.

Mission Teas, located in the pinewoods near Watches, was the first Spanish mission in the province of Texas. The discovery of a Spanish cannon barrel led to the park's development.

The CCC developed the Mission Teas park in time for the Texas Centennial Celebration in 1936. A key structure built by the CCC was a commemorative log church, likely similar to one built by Spanish soldiers in the 1690s.

Set in the Pineywoods, Tyler State Park represents a clear break from the National Park Service's rustic style. The CCC architects displayed a familiarity with the Prairie Style made popular by architect Frank Lloyd Wright and helped usher in a modern style in the park's buildings.

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



Dot's Dashes, continued

You want the monopolistic position you've got and the public wants the service you are offering.

Of course, other people want part of your business, so they persuade the government that competition would offer choice and improve service, with the result that now your customer base is diluted. Instead of having 300 customers who use your \$9,000 worth of capital goods, you now have only 150 customers, which means those 150 customers will now have to pay more than they did when you still had 300 customers. If you don't charge more, your profits go down and you are less able to maintain and replace the capital equipment.

The new company, which either has the same capital costs you have or which has to rent typewriters from you, must also charge more than you did when you had 300 customers. Its customer base will never be as big as your customer base was before the dilution.

In short, when you dilute the customer base in a capital intensive industry, you force the price of its service up and at the same time lessen the ability of each company to make enough profit to maintain capital equipment and infrastructure.

Telephone service, electric service, water service, and natural gas service are all examples of natural monopolies. It is my opinion that they should never have been forced to dilute their customer base and that they should have been subject to stringent government regulation to keep them honest.

If ATT were still around, with its monopoly status, I would not have been without telephone service for 8 days and several hours out of the last 20 and would not have been trapped in my house waiting for a repair person who could have gone to the relay station and flicked a switch early this morning, but who has neither appeared nor called as of 4 pm, which was the deadline the phone company set for itself.

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Reporting Child Abuse

The news of charges of child abuse by a former Penn State football coach has dominated headlines over the last few weeks. One of more confusing aspects of the story are the reporting requirements and the actions, or lack thereof, of people who allegedly saw or were told of the abuse. This week, I will discuss what the State of Texas requires of its citizens regarding reporting the abuse of a child.

In Texas, any person that knows of the physical, emotional, or sexual abuse of a child is required to report the abuse either to the local law enforcement agency or to child protective services. Failure to take a reasonable action to prevent the abuse of a child is a crime in Texas as well. It is a Class A misdemeanor in Texas to fail to report the abuse of a child.

Certain professionals, such as teachers, daycare providers, doctors, and nurses, are required to report suspected cases of abuse to either law enforcement or child protective services within 48 hours of the initial incident. Such professionals may not delegate or rely on another person to make the report, but must make the report themselves. Failure to report abuse can result in the loss of the person's professional license. Other individuals, such as clergy, lawyers, and doctors, are required to report child abuse to the proper authorities despite their otherwise privileged communications.

Unless it is waived in writing, the identity of the person making the report is confidential, but may be given to law enforcement officials to aid their investigation of the abuse. The person making the report should give as much information about the incident as possible, such as the name and age of the child; the child's address; the child's primary caregiver; and details of the suspected abuse. Child Protective Services has also established a toll-free hotline to report child: (800) 252-5400.

You may contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

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[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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Christian Fellowship

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

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

C R Men's Step Study classes meet every Saturday night from 6-8pm at the church building. Wednesday night service begins at 6:30pm with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

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

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

Beacon in the Night

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

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

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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lighthouse in the nation would be given a unique numerical flash.

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

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

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

That Beacon is the Cross of Christ!

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

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

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

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

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

Won’t YOU follow the Light?

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

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

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Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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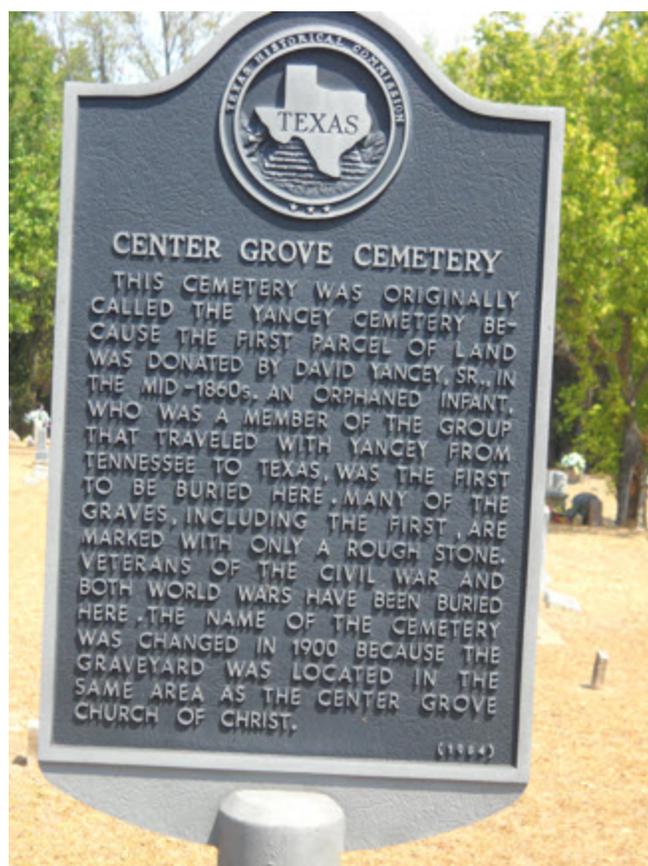
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3 Ways a Spouse Can Boost Your Social Security

By Jonnelle Marte

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





Texas sales tax exemption: 5 things farmers/ranchers should know

By Mike Barnett

When it comes to the Texas sales tax exemption for farmers and ranchers, numbers are a really good thing. Really.

The new agriculture sales tax exemption number -- which on Jan. 1, 2012 will be a requirement by the Comptroller's office for farmers and ranchers to claim the farm use tax exemption -- has sparked a lot of interest in the agriculture community. There's been a lot of miscommunication and misunderstandings about this new process.

Currently, anyone who buys products for agricultural production only has to say they are sales tax exempt and sign a form. This lends itself to abuse of the system. People who do not qualify for the exemption claim it and the retailer may end up holding the bag, or paying the sales tax when a problem arises. The new process seeks to curb the abuse, by issuing only those who qualify a unique number.

Farmers and ranchers apply to the Comptroller's office for that unique number. That number will then be provided on an exemption certificate issued by the purchaser or retailer, assuring the retailer that the customer claiming the Texas farm sales tax exemption is indeed eligible. The retailer can retain on file that one certificate, with the new number, as verification that the purchases made by the customer qualify for exemption. It's as simple as that.

Here are five more things you should know about the new process:

You need a registration number. The Comptroller of Public Accounts will provide a registration number to you upon your

successful application for registration so you can claim the exemption. You can apply for the number now. The new requirement takes effect Jan. 1, 2012.

Apply for your registration number at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/agriculture/get_ready_texas.html.

You are eligible if you are engaged in the production of agricultural or timber products for sale in the regular course of business.

You are not eligible if you are not engaged in the production of agricultural or timber products for sale in the regular course of business. Examples include home gardening, horse racing and wildlife management and land conservation.

The Texas farm sales tax exemption law does not change. The agricultural sales tax exemption number does not change the sales tax laws that have been in place since 1961. Only the process for claiming the exemption changes.

The new process may seem like a lot of bureaucratic red tape, until you consider that the agricultural sales tax exemption itself is at stake.

The outcry has grown louder against its abuse -- from affected retailers who end up holding the bag to municipalities who miss out on tax receipts. This new process will protect the ag sales tax exemption -- so vital to the food and fiber production in this state -- without overburdening farmers, ranchers or retailers.

When it comes to the new requirement, It's all about the number -- your new agricultural sales tax exemption number -- which is the simplest solution to a complex problem.

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TELLING OUR STORIES

TALES OF TWO BARN

By Jerry Lincecum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Crazy English

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

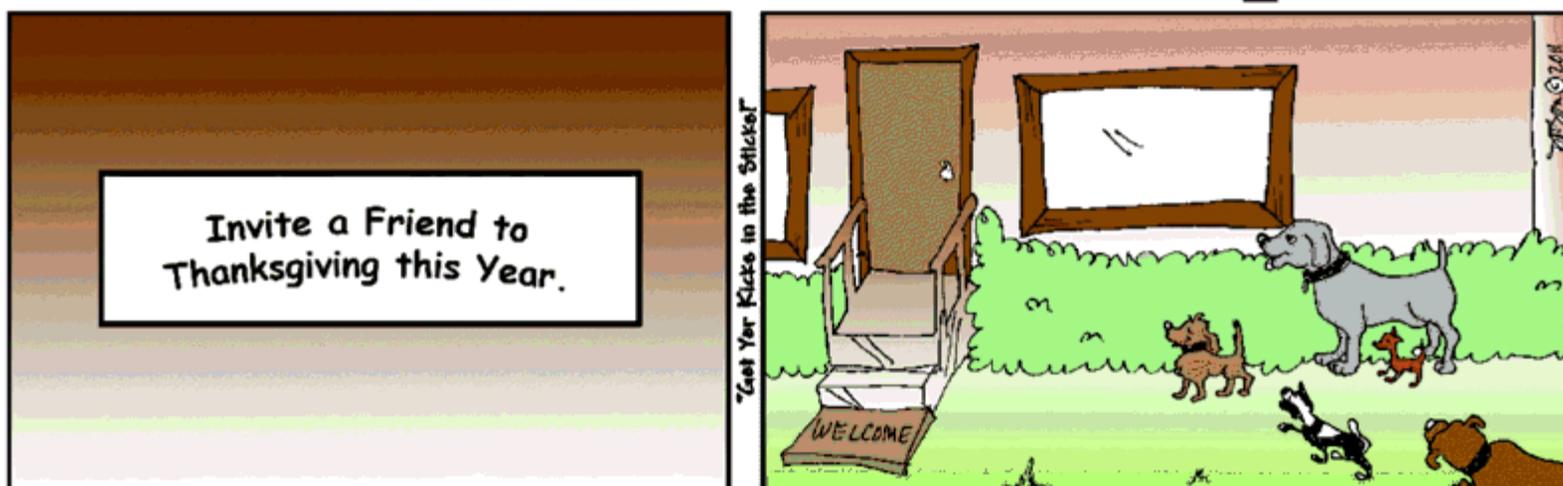
How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'?

OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

¿ Que es ¿

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

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

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

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

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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



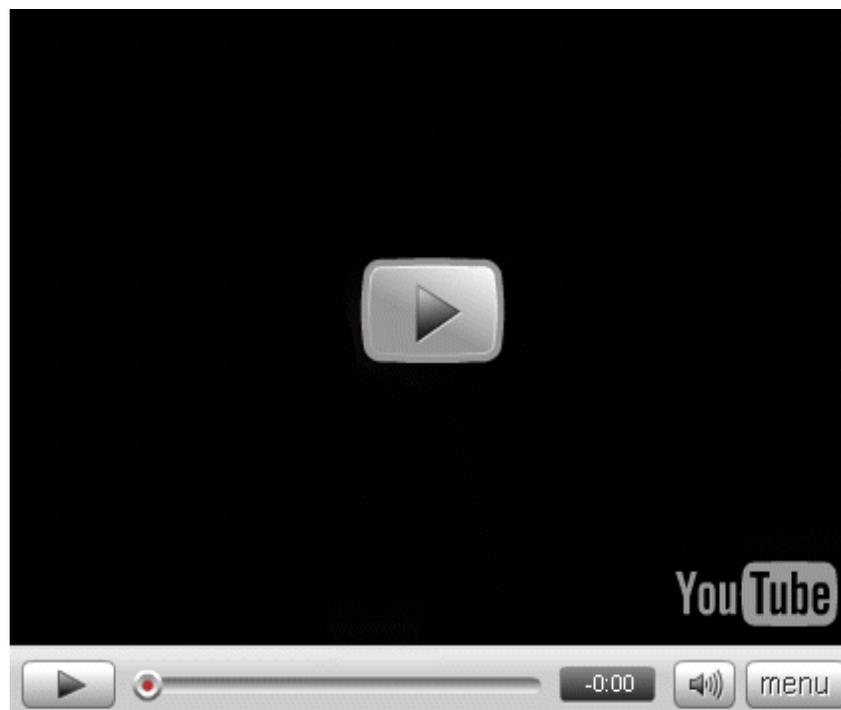
Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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