

# Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas  
75459

November 29, 2012

*Now through Christmas we will have  
Christmas music on nearly every page.*



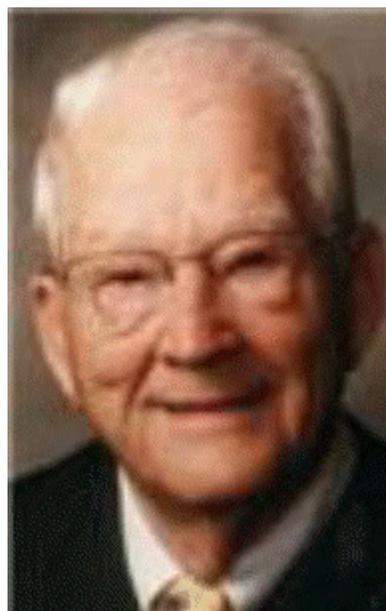
***Family Tradition***



**“Its a Wonderful Life”**



**Hall Honored**



***Obit***



## *GC offers scholarships for nontraditional gender fields*

Scholarships are available for new Grayson College students enrolling in non-traditional gender fields thanks to a \$25,000 Carl D. Perkins Grant administered by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Eligible students will receive up to \$1,500 to offset tuition, fees, books and equipment expenses.

“Requests will be considered first-come, first-served until funds are expended,” said Steve Davis, GC’s dean of workforce education. “The scholarships can be used only for educational costs associated with their entry into a nontraditional gender field, and no money will be given directly to students.”

Scholarship awards are ongoing, with the deadline for the first round Dec. 14. Students enrolling in qualifying nontraditional gender fields should submit their names to Charles Leslie, enrollment adviser, for consideration by the scholarship committee. Contact Leslie at [lesliec@grayson.edu](mailto:lesliec@grayson.edu) or 903-415-2532.

Examples of non-traditional gender fields for women include: Autobody-Collision Repair, Computer Aided Drafting or Drafting, Computer Maintenance and Networking Technology, Computer Science, Culinary Arts Chef Training, Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration; Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology and Welding.

Examples of non-traditional gender fields for men include: Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Banking, Child Development, Medical Laboratory Technician, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Facial Treatment Specialist, Food Service and Dining Room Management, Medical Administrative Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Nail Technician, and Nursing.



## Howe's That

by Lana Rideout



On the Friday after Thanksgiving, my husband and I went to the Christmas Tree Farm.

It is a family tradition. We have gone every year since our first grandson was born (he is 22 this year). As other grandchildren were born, we added them to the trip. Some times parents also went to the farm.

This time, Chris, got sick the night before and was not able to go.

Here is a list of the participants shown our photo for this year. Front row, Caleb and Rachel English, and Brianna Rideout; Back row, Jordan and Amber Roe, Dale and Lana Rideout, and Dominique Rideout with her dad, our son Kirby Rideout.



## Recipe

### Cranberry Oatmeal Cookies

1-1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup (2 sticks) margarine, softened  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 cups quick-cooking oats or rolled oats  
1 (6-ounce) package craisins  
1 cup chopped pecans

Mix the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt together.

Beat the brown sugar, sugar and margarine in a mixing bowl until creamy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until smooth. Beat in the flour mixture. Stir in the oats, craisins and pecans.

Drop the dough by rounded teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 9 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute.

Remove to a wire rack to cool completely. To prepare for future use, drop the dough by teaspoonfuls onto a cookie sheet and freeze. Remove the frozen cookies to a sealable freezer bag and freeze until just before baking.



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## 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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## Howe City Council Meeting for November

The regular meeting of the Howe City Council for November 21, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Jeff Stanley at 6:30 pm. Members present were Dale Rideout, Georgia Richardson and Sam Haigis.

Police Chief John Cherry presented information from the Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Competition. First Guardian Team award was given to Michael Hill, Zachary Sweetin and James and a second award was given to James Doyle, John Grant and Michael Hill.

Consent Agenda - Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Georgia Richardson to approve the Consent Agenda which included October 2012 finance statements, minutes of October 16, 2012 council meeting and approval to close streets for the annual Christmas parade. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

### Current Business

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Georgia Richardson to approve the Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Melissa, Texas and the City of Howe, Texas. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve Resolution 10-0010 related to an inter-local agreement between the cities of Howe and Melissa. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Sam Haigis to approve the 2012 Tax Roll Values. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to accept resignation of Municipal Court Judge, Michael McGraw. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

### Executive Session

The council convened into closed session at 6:37 pm pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting law, chapter 551, Government Code Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated in accordance with the authority contained in 551.074 – Personnel

Appointment of Municipal Judge.

End Executive Session

Closed session of the Howe Council ended at 6:55 pm.

The Council reconvened into open session at 6:55 pm. Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to appoint Larry Ashley as Municipal Court Judge. Motion carried 3 Yes 0 No.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

## A Honor Roll - 2nd Six Weeks

**Kindergarten:** Rian Cox, Colt Crane, Presley Quintero, Kamry Snapp, Colton Tinker, Ariel Uriostegui, Andrew Crane, Olivia Dimayuga, Macy Douglas, Noah Fowler, Williams Fuhr, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kenzlee Jones, Seth Lea, Anthony Lowder, Jaedyn Nance, Logan Reese, Hunter Shaw, Travis Watson, Hayden Adkins, Tristan Chaney, Parker Daniels, Talan Haley, Nathan Hernandez, Garren Lankford, Bailey McDonough, Kiefer Phillips, Brynn Riley, Alizabeth Banda, Stephanie Bastida, Benjamin Garibay, Ava Hodge, Emaleigh Sweden

**First Grade:** Brayden Bahr, Jacob Campbell, Ainsley Denham, Caden Garner, Kayley Laubhan, Carter Layton, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jake Snodgrass, Matalée Stewart, Riley Troxtell, Catelyn Armstrong, Britton Burt, Kendall Griffin, Alex Jones, Mikaylah Komorowski, Jace Martin, Brooklyn McCaleb, Kolin Murphy, Jenna Roper, Emery Snapp, Mahlon Walker, Mary Burris, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dax Foster, Emma Hitesman, Cooper Jones, Morghan Lamb, Zadrion Morris, Makayla Smith, Kelcey Ireland, Kolton Mitchell, Jacob Ortega, Haley Richardson, Noah Riley, Fisher Robertson, Jonathan Sanderson, Payton Stapleton, Courtney White

**Second Grade:** Mackenzie Bryant, Caleb Fetzer, Trey Phillips, James Richardson, Keira Robertson, Korie Bouse, Jaggart Courtney, Ethan Duer, Austin Haley, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Bryan Crees, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Taylor Reynolds, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Bryce Crosby, Carson Daniels, Bettye Delavan, Jentrie Doty, Ryan Hough, Andra Jones, Audie Martin, Linda Segura, Ethan Strunc, Noah Miller

**Third Grade:** Luke Catching, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Zak DeFrange, Kailyn Ireland, Jordan Sanderson, Ben Speed

**Fourth Grade:** Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Leah Butcher, Katie Grogan, Lizzy Robertson, Sierra Copeland, Reese Smiley, Mason Moreau, Camryn Adams, Hannah Dwyer

## A-B Honor Roll - 2nd Six Weeks

**Kindergarten:** Aviana Acevedo, William Bik, Hali Howard, Luke Miller, Lucas Reese, Beau Stephens, Triston Williams, Kennadi Barrett, Seth Lea, Analys Turci, Elizabeth Word, Gracie Randall, Hunter Roberson, Presley Shockey, Braden Ulmer, Sophie Cherry, Zadavian Haywood, McKinzy McCollum, Tristin Smart, Charles Turner

**First Grade:** Shianne Freeman-Williams, Jesse Portman, Jake Snodgrass, Matalée Stewart, Gage Troxtell, Garrett Gibbs, Cassie Morrison, Rilyn Murphy, Morgan Pitt, Kimberly Gonzalez, Jaycie Grisham, Jaeden Howard, Willie Husband, Gracie Max, Jonathan Smith, Ashton Trevino, Isaac Vidales, Mia Wilson, Casie Adams, Cody Adams, Zoey Bolen, Dakota Campbell, Jayde Harris, Ryleigh Jenkins, Cheyenne Matthews, Gabby McMillen, Logan Smith

**Second Grade:** Kaylyn Bryant, Abby Earnhart, Daniel Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Chesnee Lawson, Brody McCollum, Cody Richards, Antonio Tapia, Jeslie Toral, Kaden Dunn, Connor Gauntt, Christina Harper, Edith Hernandez, Jalie Hill, Cody McGill, Christian Moody, Matthew Bearden, Jordan Brunner, Kelly Caballero, Bryan Crees, Danielle Hargrove, Landon Money, Landon Oswald, Za'Niyah Shaw, Ayden Burris, Marshal Larsen, Colton Little, Samantha Lowder, Sergio Rico, Faith Stallings

**Third Grade:** Jaden Bryant, Caytie Coco, John Griffin, Niko Longoria, Garrett Rudd, Caleb Searcey, Jessica Bastida, Luis Gonzalez, Emma Harvey, Zoey Moore, Ramie Mosse, Brooke Potter, Kaleb Strong, Justin Whitaker, Trinity Williams, Harley Brockelman, Drew Cowin, Paige Gifford, Luke Lopez, Ryan Murphy, Katie Parker, Caleb Wahrmond, Abby Alvarez, Jaicob Husband, Alyssa Sharp, Ethan Tindell

**Fourth Grade:** Ava Bader, Brett Burnett, Kayle Chapman, Cameron Lankford, Korbyn Thompson, Grace Brennan, Kamryn Gardner, Kriston Harris, Kameron Hopper, Rene Spinks, Austin Thurman, Holly Cavender, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Brooke Robinson, Ethan Sanders, Konnor Skaggs, Reagan Troxtell, Noah Campbell, Jake Fabacher, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta



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## Tom Bean FFA Team Heads to State *Tom Bean FFA Leadership Development Events 2012*

The Tom Bean FFA has been very busy this fall preparing and competing in Leadership Development Events. LDE's are designed to train students how to speak properly and perform different styles of leadership skills. There are three levels of competition in Texas. They include District, Area, and State.

To advance to the next level, each team must place in the top two of their event. On November 5, 2012, the Tom Bean FFA competed in the District VI FFA leadership contest at Sherman High School. There were three teams that advanced to the Area contest at Prosper High School on November 17, 2012. One team advanced to the state contest which will be held Friday, November 30, 2012, at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The places and team members are as followed:

Radio Broadcasting placed 1st at district, 2nd at area, and is advancing to the state leadership contest on November 30th at Sam Houston State University. The team members are Noah White, Danielle Reaves, and Maci Chapman.

Senior Farm Skills placed 2nd at district and placed 7th at area. Members are Brok Shields, Cheyenne Shipp, Tesla Peterson, Kinzie Griffin, and Dylan Goff.

Job Interview placed 2nd at district and 7th at area. Member was Maddi Cavender.

Junior Farm Skills placed 3rd at district. Members are Danielle Dean, Ramie Byers, Hailey Robinson, Gary Perdue, and Nique Hume.

Senior Chapter Conducting placed 3rd at district. Members are Sierra Harris, Destiny Holleman, Lauren Khoury, Tesla Peterson, Ashley Deberry, Sydnee Kane, Bret Shields, Dylan Ashlock, and Colton Curd.

Senior Quiz placed 4th at district. Members are Hailey Goff, Madison Deberry, Ashley Deberry and Destiny Holleman.

Junior Quiz placed 4th at district. Members are Chaylyn Conary, Haley Ford, Michaela Burrough, and Randi Cole.

Senior Creed Speaking placed 7th at District. Member was Lauren Khoury.

Greenhand Creed Speaking placed 14th at district. Member was Chaylyn Conary.

We are very proud of all of our students that competed in these events. Thank you for your support of the Tom Bean FFA chapter.



## Tom Bean Robotics Wins 4th place in State

### *Tom Bean RoBoCats Place Fourth in State Competition*

11/11/2012 -- Tom Bean Robotics brings Fourth Place home from the Texas BEST Regional Championships.

Saturday the bus left Tom Bean at 6:30 carrying Tom Bean's Robotics team toward a day that would stretch each member of the team to their limit. Friday the team had watched as nearly 60 robots filled the pit floor. These robots were the best creations from 16 hubs across Texas and New Mexico. "During our brainstorming session at the beginning of the season we had discarded several design we felt were too difficult to build", commented Diane Getrum, Tom Bean's coach, "yet here they were in the pits! Creative students from other school had figured out how to make them work." The competition began at 9:00 as heats of 8 robots raced each other up and down 10 foot poles carrying bottles and balls to scoring bins. In the stands frenzied supporters kept the ambient noise level at 80 decibels. The promenade of the arena was filled with exhibits about space elevators (the theme for this year's game). The final rounds were played at 3:30 by exhausted drivers to equally exhausted fans. The Tom Bean RoBoCats rose the challenge again and again, scoring in the top 5% to bring home fourth place.

This year's team is built of six veterans and 6 novice members, but all the students were new to the high stakes competition at state level. This was their first experience with adrenaline; how it can sharpen focus and narrow perspective. To win at the state level students have to manage the rush, staying alert yet flexible; enduring the pressure. No one does that their first time out. It is to their credit that they held it together through the days of practice, the seeding rounds, and the semifinals. We can excuse them a few fumbles. These students have learned that the game within is as important as the game without. Next year they will be ready to deal with both.

For a sample of what the day was like from a student's point of view read on.

Stacy Welch, Jarrett Thrasher, Garrett Morris, Tucker Davidson, Nolan Peebles with the help of Kaleb and Chance, drove the robot through 5 matches in the seeding, 3 matches in the semifinals and 3 matches in the finals. Each time they stepped into the driver's box these students stood before an audience of perhaps 500 noisy fans. Kaleb drove a perfect round tying for the Top Gun award for most points scored in one match. With only three minutes to score there is little room for error. All the drivers performed well under pressure proving that their hours of practice were worthwhile. The pressure retched up as the day wore on. By the beginning of the finals at 3:00 in the afternoon everyone was running on adrenaline.

Kaleb Patterson and Chance Walker were in charge of the pit. It was their job to set the machine on the pole for each match, manage the batteries, maintain and repair the robot. Thanks to them there were no loose wires during the championship. While other teams frantically remodeled and rebuilt their machines the Tom Bean Pit was quiet. No repairs were necessary, although it took some effort to convince Kaleb that he should not add a ball basket to the machine. It was one of those inspirational ideas that made us all wish we had just one more week to modify the robot.

Bethany Davidson was team ambassador. She spent the morning escorting 6 people from Sax Goldman around the competition. Since she had worked on all aspects of the competition over the past two years she was able to describe how the marketing side of the competition complimented the marketing side.

BreeAnna Benson coordinated team efforts by texting information to team members. This was no small task since only 5 team members were allowed in the pits at any one time. Visitor seating felt like a mile away and at times pit passes had to be transferred from driver to driver in a matter of minutes.

Cheyenne Mobbs toured the booths and exhibits build by other schools. She gathered ideas for next year's competition.



## Tom Bean HS Boys Basketball Results 11-27-12

Both the J.V. and Varsity boys basketball teams had games last night in Savoy. It was the second game of the season for both teams, and both teams came into the game with a record of 0-1 after tough losses last week against Celeste.

The Junior Varsity team showed great improvement from their previous outing on both ends of the court. The Tomcats were led by Nathan Kennedy, Nathan Banks, and Daniel Jackson. Each of these 3 players scored 12 points and played great defense throughout the game. The JV's record now stands at 1-1 on the season.

The Varsity team was eager to get back on the court after losing a very winnable game last week against Celeste. The kids have been working hard since that loss to improve their play, and it was evident last night against Savoy. After scoring only 37 points last week as a team, the Tomcats were able to score 77 in last night's win against the Cardinals. It was the defense however that was most impressive. The guys played hard and smart on defense for 4 quarters which led to easy baskets in transition. It was a step in the right direction for the team, but we still have a long way to go if we are to reach our goal of making the playoffs this year. The Varsity's record is now 1-1 on the season and looks to improve upon that record this weekend in the Savoy Tournament.



## Texoma Poetry Society

Alvin Bailey will be the guest speaker at Saturday's meeting of the Texoma Poetry Society. The session will be at 2 pm in the Sherman Public Library. It is free and open to the public.

Bailey will present works from celebrated Jewish writer Philip Levine, the current poet laureate and former Pulitzer Prize winner. Levine is a retired worker and professor known for poems about working class Detroit. The books "On The Edge" and "A Walk With Tom Jefferson" are among his many works. Bailey will be reading mainly from the book "What Work Is," a winner of the National Book Award.

Bailey has served as director of the Denison Public Library since 1983. He is also the director of information technology for the City of Denison and supervises the city's computer network. Previously, he served as a technical services librarian at Austin College, clinical librarian at the University of Texas Medical Center in Houston, and a government documents specialist at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from Wofford College in 1976, his master of science

degree in library and information science from the University of Texas in 1977, and his master of arts degree in English from East Texas State University in 1987.

Bailey has published two books, "A Guide to the History of Texas" and "The Publish Library Advisory Board Handbook," and has written articles on history, library management and bibliographies. From 1004 until 2004, he served as the national series editor for the Greenwood Press series "Guides to the States, Territories, and Possessions and the United States of America, during which he supervised the publication of eight volumes. He is a member of a number of professional organizations, has served as the president of the Public Library Administrators of North Texas and the National Librarian's Association, and has served as conference program chairman for the Texas Library Association.

In the community, Bailey has served on the Denison Arts Council, the Texoma Workforce Development Board, the Grayson County Literacy Team, the Denison Rotary Club, and Toastmasters. He and his wife, Lisa, who works at the McKinney Public Library, have two adult children.

## 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.

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.





## Rep. Hall becomes oldest member to cast a vote, Honored at Chairman Portrait Unveiling

WASHINGTON, DC . . . On November 27, 2012, Congressman Ralph M. Hall (TX-04) became the oldest member in the U.S. House of Representatives' recorded history to cast a vote, surpassing the previous record held by Rep. Charles Stedman (D-NC). Coinciding with Rep. Hall's historic vote, the Unveiling Ceremony of the Official Portrait of Chairman Hall, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, took place by invitation of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society.

Following Hall's 18,549th vote cast on the House Floor last evening, Rep. Lamar Smith (TX-21) held a special order in his honor. Many colleagues on both sides of the aisle spoke of their years of service with Rep. Hall and the positive impact he has had in Congress.

"Throughout his time in Congress, Chairman Hall has served this institution with style and humor," said Rep. Lamar Smith. "It is an honor to work with Ralph as both a colleague and a friend. Ralph has always said, 'I'd rather be respected at home than liked in Washington.' Ralph, you actually have achieved that rare combination of both."

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, who serves as Ranking Member on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee with Congressman Hall, said "Years in this body bring people together - whether they are Democrats or Republicans - but people from Texas are together when we get here. And so there's nothing that would keep me from coming to say 'congratulations' to Mr. Hall."

Other speakers during the special order included Reps. Steven Palazzo (MS), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX), Chuck Fleischmann (TN), Joe Barton (TX), Sam Johnson (TX), Kay Granger (TX), Pete Sessions (TX), John Culberson (TX), Jeb Hensarling (TX), Michael Burgess (TX), John Carter (TX), Randy Neugebauer (TX), Mike Conaway (TX), Ted Poe (TX), Louie Gohmert (TX), Pete Olson (TX), Bill Posey (FL), Francisco Canseco (TX), Bill Flores (TX), Blake Farenthold (TX), Kenny Marchant (TX), and Randy Hultgren (IL).

The Portrait Ceremony, hosted prior to the vote, honored Chairman Hall's service as Chairman of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee. Hall has served on the Committee since first elected to office, and he assumed the Chairmanship in January 2011 at the beginning of the 112th Congress. He is the only Member to serve as Ranking Member both as a Republican (2007-2010) and as a Democrat (1999-2003).

Speaker John Boehner, who accepted the portrait, stated "Ralph's record of service to the Committee, to our country, has been a thing of beauty. And, I think Mr. Martin's portrait here matches that description. I'm not much of an art expert, but if you look closely at this [portrait] you'll see a couple things. One, of course, is the portrait within a portrait of Ralph and his beloved Mary Ellen. And so when I accept this portrait I'll do so in her honor. And the other thing you'll notice is on Ralph's lapel. It's a fitting symbol of his commitment - long commitment - to the space program. And as Chairman, how much time he devoted, and the focus of the Committee was devoted, to all of our frontiers. He's done a great job, and I know that Ralph is proud of the shuttle, proud of the work he did, and keeps it all in his heart as well."

Speakers at the Portrait Ceremony included Rep. Lamar Smith, Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, former Speaker Dennis Hastert, The Honorable Dick Armey, Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Lt. General Thomas Stafford, and Speaker John Boehner.

"I'm humbled and honored to have served the 4th District these past thirty-two years," said Hall. "I'm also honored to have served as Chairman of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee the past two years, and to cast my vote tonight as the oldest member of the United States House of Representatives to do so. I'm proud of what this institution is capable of accomplishing when we work together, and that is what we must do for the sake of our children and grandchildren's future."



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Charles Morris, pastor

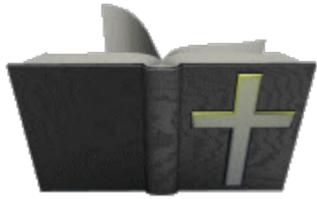
### Luella

**LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST  
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## Church Page



### Psalm 75:1-10 (KJV)

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

<sup>2</sup> When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

<sup>3</sup> The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

<sup>4</sup> I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

<sup>5</sup> Lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.

<sup>6</sup> For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

<sup>7</sup> But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

<sup>9</sup> But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

## Christian Fellowship

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

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#### **BAPTIST CHURCH**

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#### **OF CHRIST**

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#### **COWBOY CHURCH**

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### **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

### **EAST SIDE**

#### **CHURCH OF CHRIST**

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,

minister; worship 11am

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FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,

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### **FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,**

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### **LIFE CHURCH,**

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Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

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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**

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Chris Jones, pastor

### **HOLY FAMILY**

#### **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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#### **METHODIST EPISCOPAL**

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

### **SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.

Arnold Baker, pastor



## A Refused Inheritance

Doug Parsons once told about Morris Siegel, a homeless man that lived on the streets of Los Angeles. Morris slept outside and carried everything he owned in an old shopping cart. He died on December 14, 1989, from natural causes; his body was found in an alley. But Morris was not a typical homeless person. He died with \$207,421.00 in the bank!

Then WHY was he living on the streets of L.A.?

Ten years earlier, Morris Siegel's father had died and left him a small fortune. Morris never showed up to claim the money. Finally, the Division of Unclaimed Property traced him down. They forced him to accept it, even though he did not show up for the ceremony to receive the money. He did take enough money to buy an old car in which he slept during bad weather. Relatives rented an apartment for Morris, but he never went there. He died with \$3.00 in his pocket and a small fortune in the bank. His father had left him a substantial inheritance, but Morris refused it.... \*

It is the desire of God, the Heavenly Father, to give each of US an eternal inheritance. Even though we were lost in sin, because of His great love for us, God sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins, so that we might become his children and heirs together with Christ. "Now if we are children, then we are heirs -- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory" (Romans 8:17).

God wants each of us to become His children in order to give us that eternal inheritance which includes an eternal home with Him in heaven.

We are "born" into His family when we place our faith and trust in Jesus (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) – "born of the water and the Spirit" (John 3:3,5) – having our sins washed away by the blood of Jesus (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then, if we will continue to walk in the light of His Word, He will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7).

If only we will accept His offer...

Morris Siegel died in poverty on the streets of L.A. because he refused to accept his father's inheritance! Steve Williams has observed that sadly "to this day, lost people shuffle around this world, walking up and down blind alleys of sin, living lives of empty existence, refusing the wealth that God would give them. They reject Christ and an eternal inheritance."

Rejecting Christ and His offer of salvation and life condemns one to eternal destruction. DON'T make that tragic mistake!

Accept God's offer of sonship and salvation on His terms.

Won't YOU?

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## Bevilport

By Bob Bowman

History laid a heavy hand on on Bevilport. But you won't find it on many road maps or marked by highway signs.

The old townsite -- once a steamboat port on the Angelina River -- was named for John Bevil, a Virginian who came to Texas in the 1820s. He is given credit for founding the community, as well as Bevil's Settlement, the forerunner of Jasper, the county seat of Jasper County.

As a speculator, Bevil's propensity for land deals occasionally got him in trouble, and he was reportedly forced to leave Jasper County for a time as a result of disputes over land titles. He also developed the unsuccessful City of the Pass (now Sabine Pass) in Jefferson County.

As a river navigation point from 1830 to 1860, Bevilport was noted for its bustling docks, which shipped East Texas cotton and hides to New Orleans. A mail station operated there in 1835 and the community was incorporated by the Republic of Texas in 1837. General Sam Houston, who engineered the Texas Revolution, was given the first lot in the townsite.

Bevilport had a main street and a hotel by the 1850s and served as a business and social center until the Civil War. It also continued to be a freight depot for Jasper County during high-water seasons.

But, when logging for Beaumont sawmills began to interfere with riverboat traffic on the Neches River below its confluence with the Angelina River, Bevilport began to decline.

Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

The grapefruit I had for breakfast had 14 sections. Yesterday's grapefruit had 13 and the day before, the grapefruit had 11.

If you are wondering why a 76 year-old woman with a Master's Degree in government is standing at the kitchen counter counting grapefruit sections, it's because counting them has become an obsession. Swearing off counting them won't do any good; I'm pretty sure I'll count the sections in the next grapefruit I cut.

This obsession began when an acquaintance who is an inerrantist, fundamentalist, Bible thumper sent an e-mail claiming she can prove the existence of order in the universe and therefore the existence of God because "all grapefruit have exactly 11 sections without exception."

I love grapefruit and eat half of one every morning during grapefruit season, which usually runs from mid-October to mid-April. My favorites are Rio Star, grown in the valley of Texas. No other grapefruit is as sweet or juicy or red. However, I had never counted the sections in a grapefruit until I got that pernicious e-mail. If I were able to follow the logic of some of the people who appear before the television-court-judges, I would sue the person who sent it. After all, it's not my fault that her e-mail turned me into a grapefruit-section-counting-obsessive-compulsive fanatic.

Of course, I would have to prove some financial loss for the suit to prevail and since all this counting does is make me crazy, it's a sure bet that I would lose.

However, I know of at least one case where someone might prevail, no matter how far-fetched the suit might seem. Here are the facts.

An exceptionally well-qualified applicant for a job had a great interview with the hiring committee. This person brought portfolios showing examples of work completed, already had ideas about extra activities that could be undertaken in behalf of the patrons of the institution, was well-spoken and personable. The majority of members of the committee were ready to recommend her when one member of the committee said, "She was wearing stockings with open toed shoes. What kind of person would do that?"

That member of the committee was so adamant, that the job went to a much less well-qualified candidate who proved to be mostly barely adequate to do the job.

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**BOB BOWMAN'S**

**EAST TEXAS, continued**

## Dot's Dashes, continued

"When I was a kid, we'd hear the big boats from Beaumont coming up the river, blowing their whistles. We'd start out running along the banks and when they got to Bevilport, we'd be there to meet them," remembered old-timer Albert Gray in the 1960s.

Bevilport's post office, established in 1854, was closed in 1867, reopened in 1897, and closed permanently in 1899.

Today, there are few buildings left at Bevilport. One of the town's old homes, once owned by Randolph C. Doom, an early customs collector, still stands -- but not in Bevilport.

Former Congressman Jack Brooks of Beaumont bought the home, moved it a few miles north of the river, and refurbished it as a family retreat.

During Brooks' heyday as a political power broker, House Speaker Sam Rayburn stayed there, fished in the Angelina River, and had a room in the Doom home named for him.

Vice President Lyndon Johnson also stayed there several months before President John Kennedy's assassination, which propelled Johnson into the presidency.

The Doom house may be the only Deep East Texas house that can claim that a U.S. Vice President and a House Speaker "slept here" within a span of two years.

But Bevilport's best claim comes from an old store ledger once used in a Bevilport store. The ledger shows that Sam Houston bought a gallon of kerosene on credit at the store in the 1830s -- and never paid for it. (Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author more than 50 books about East Texas. He can be reached at bob-bowman.com)

The better qualified candidate, of course, is probably still wondering why she didn't get the job. Considering the present situation where she would now be working, she was fortunate, but there is no way she could know that.

But that is an aside. What I wanted to know is where anyone got the idea that wearing hosiery with open-toed shoes is such a momentous faux pas that it disqualifies a person for a job she is qualified to do.

Although this is only an educated guess, I think it came from one of Jan Karon's books about Father Tim. Tim asked the woman he married, who seems mostly normal, what things irritated her most and one thing she mentioned was women who wear stockings with open-toed shoes.

The committee member who objected to the candidate because of her footwear was a fan of those books. I will bet 25 cents that the candidate for the job didn't get it because Jan Karon had the character in her book say she was irritated by stockings with open-toed shoes and is, therefore, potentially liable for the unsuccessful applicant's failure to get the job.

All this leads me to another inquiry. If it is a no-no to wear stockings with open-toed shoes, why do hosiery manufacturers make sandal foot stockings?

And, the next time you are shopping, count how many women are not wearing jeans or denim in some other form. Once you start, I'll be you can't stop!

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007



## Cell phones: Saving grace or pain in the patootie?

*By Mike Barnett*

Cell phones can be a saving grace or a pain in the patootie.

I was thinking about the other day when my landline rang. I remember when I was a kid, the telephone—a black, nondescript, functional phone with a dial—would ring and my brother and sisters would race to answer. Every call was a surprise. Who knew? It might mean Uncle Dick or Aunt Lahoma was coming to visit. It might be my sister's boyfriend, or my brother's girlfriend. Now my landline—a sleek, silver, fancy battery-operated model that I can carry all over the house and I'm prone to losing—is ignored, because someone is trying to either sell me something, get me to donate or annoy me with some survey. Anyone I want to talk to calls on the cell phone. My landline at home goes to voicemail and I may or may not check it once a week.

Why do I keep it? I really don't know. Nostalgia, maybe.

I remember party lines, where Myrtle down the street could recite your conversation word for word because she was listening in. Or you'd have to wait until Gertrude—who lived three houses down and loved to talk—had to go to the bathroom or cook supper or something and give you a chance to make a call.

I remember early in my career when we traveled on business—before the cell phone and yes, that dates me—we would have to stop once or twice a day at a convenience store and call in from a phone booth. Today, you're lucky to find a phone booth.

Back then, a phone sounded like a phone. It didn't quack like mine, burp, play Beethoven's Fifth or make thousands of other noises. It rang. All of them rang.

Today, the cell phone is instant gratification. You can surf the net, check your email, write a blog—even check on your irrigation equipment...there's an app for that. Anyone can get in touch with you at anytime. You can take a picture and instantly let the world see it, update Facebook and even Tweet if you so desire.

You can do all of that on a cell phone unless you're in certain parts of the Lone Star State. Stretches of West Texas, I find, have no service. The silence is deafening in parts of East Texas.

Out there it's kind of like the good old days, when you chose when and with whom you communicated. Until you get to the next town.

Cell phones—sometimes it's hard to live with them. But I know I couldn't live without mine!



## Lost recipes, found

*By Amanda Hill*

What is it about old family recipes that bring back such fond memories?

For me, this time of year always reminds me of fresh-baked Christmas tree cookies straight out of the oven -- a recipe passed down from my Grandma to my Mom and then to me in college. I've never known anyone else to make them, and now I bake a batch each year. The holidays just wouldn't be the same without them. In warmer seasons, my Gran's Lemon Chicken Kabobs and my Mom's Frozen Fruit Cups make an appearance at least once, if not several times, at my house.

The holidays, though, seem to bring out everyone's favorite family recipes. But what do you do when a loved one has passed away, and suddenly that famous dish -- made from memory -- is no longer available? Suddenly, it becomes a lost recipe.

Finding those lost recipes has become a quest for some family cooks. A few months ago, I came across this neat site, [www.lostrecipesfound.com](http://www.lostrecipesfound.com). Not your typical food blog, Monica Kass Rogers started compiling the lost recipes that she had hunted down for her monthly column in the *Chicago Tribune*. Readers would write in to Monica, looking for a particular recipe, and she would hunt them down, try them out and share the recipe with her readers.

Lost Recipes Found has everything from family recipes and chef favorites to state fair fare and "gone but not forgotten" dishes from restaurants of old. If you're scouring your kitchen for that clipped recipe off a food box or bag, chances are it's just a blog search away.





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## ***Medicare to End 'Improve or You're Out' Standard for Coverage of Skilled Services***

In a major change in Medicare policy, the Obama administration has provisionally agreed to end Medicare's longstanding practice of requiring that beneficiaries with chronic conditions and disabilities show a likelihood of improvement in order to receive coverage of skilled care and therapy services. The policy shift will affect beneficiaries with conditions like multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, heart disease, and stroke. (See companion article, "Who Will Benefit From the New Medicare Policy Change?")

For about 30 years, home health agencies and nursing homes that contract with Medicare have routinely terminated the Medicare coverage of a beneficiary who has stopped improving, even though nothing in the Medicare statute or its regulations says improvement is required for continued skilled care. Advocates charged that Medicare contractors have instead used a covert "rule of thumb" known as the "Improvement Standard" to illegally deny coverage to such patients. Once beneficiaries failed to show progress, contractors claimed they could deliver only "custodial care," which Medicare does not cover.

In January 2011, the Center for Medicare Advocacy and Vermont Legal Aid filed a class action lawsuit, *Jimmo v. Sebelius*, against the Obama administration in federal court aimed at ending the government's use of the improvement standard. After the court refused the government's request to dismiss the case, and the administration lost in similar individual cases in Pennsylvania and Vermont, it decided to settle.

As part of the proposed settlement, which the federal judge must still formally approve, Medicare will revise its manual that contractors follow to clarify that Medicare coverage of skilled nursing and therapy services "does not turn on the presence or absence of an individual's potential for improvement" but rather depends on whether or not the beneficiary needs skilled care, even if it would simply maintain the beneficiary's current condition or slow further deterioration.

In addition, under the settlement Medicare beneficiaries who received a final denial of Medicare coverage after January 18, 2011 (the date the lawsuit was filed) are entitled to a review of their claim denial.

"The Jimmo settlement provides hope for thousands of older and disabled people with chronic and long-term conditions who will now have a fair opportunity to get access to Medicare and necessary health care," Judith Stein, Executive Director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy, told ElderLawAnswers.

In an article about the accord, the New York Times notes that Medicare's coverage of skilled care for beneficiaries with chronic conditions "could also provide relief for families and caregivers who often find themselves stretched financially and personally by the need to provide care."

Although the Times quotes a trustee of the Medicare program that the change will cost Medicare more money, it could also save some money because physical therapy and home health care may help keep beneficiaries out of more expensive institutions like nursing homes and hospitals.





## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Preparations for the 83rd Legislative Session

The two months leading up to a legislative session are very busy times at the capitol. In addition to pre-filing, about which I wrote last week, members must choose their offices and their desks on the floor of the House. Every year, all of the offices undergo routine maintenance such as painting and carpet cleaning, which also will be completed before session begins.

Legislative offices, parking spaces, and desks are picked according to seniority. The longer a member has been in office, the more offices they are able to choose from, such as offices inside the original building, as opposed to the capitol extension. There are only 50 House offices in the original building, so these offices are in high demand, not only for their historical significance, but also because they are closer to the floor of the House. Members also get to choose where on the floor they sit, and since most of the desks are paired together, with whom they would like to sit. This year, my office is moving from the second floor of the Capitol extension to the fourth floor of the original building.

This year, there will be 43 new members out of 150 in the House. These new members will not get to move into their offices until the Saturday before the legislative session begins. The coming session begins on January 8, 2013. New members will also be attending several orientation meetings later this month and in December to prepare them for the session.

Members continue to pre-file bills for the upcoming session. As of this writing, 321 bills have been filed by members of the House and 106 by members of the Senate. Legislators are continuing to have bills drafted by the Legislative Council which will be filed after they are completed.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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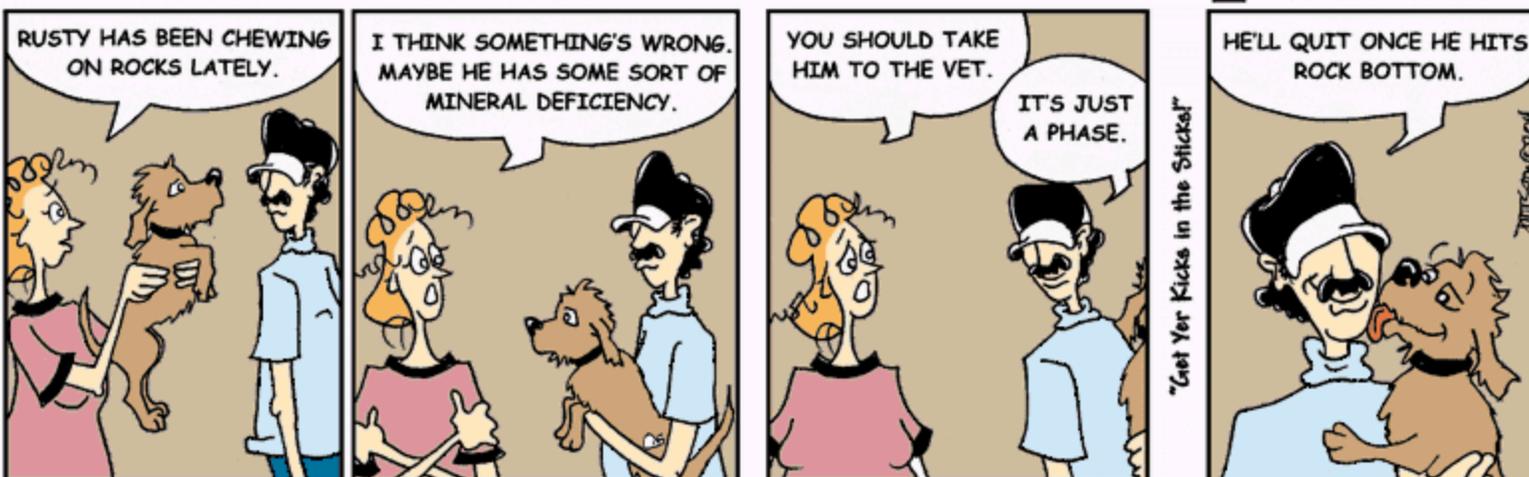
A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

### OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson



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

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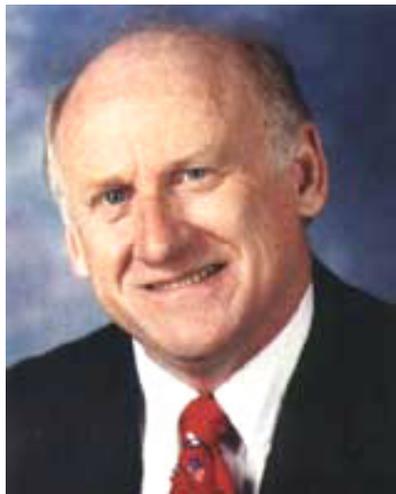
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## Let's Reminisce: Families Change

*By Jerry Lincecum*

The holiday season is a time when families make a special effort to get together, so now's a good time to reflect on changes in family life. The patterns of family life have changed greatly over the last century.

A major change began with the generation my parents were born into, early in the last century. Each of them had siblings who left the farm and settled in cities distant from their birthplace.

That broke the traditional pattern in which children settled nearby and raised families fairly close to their own birthplace. It also marked the beginning of a great exodus from rural to urban lifestyles.

Prior to WWII, the majority of Americans lived in rural areas and small towns. Nowadays, 84 percent of this country's inhabitants live in urban or suburban areas. But cities occupy only 10 percent of the country.

Since my parents remained on the homeplace, we provided the site for family gatherings as aunts and uncles returned for visits. In the 40s and 50s, family ties remained strong despite the dispersal of siblings.

When I moved back to Texas in the late 60s, after completing grad school in North Carolina, my three children loved nothing better than weekend visits with grandparents on the family farm, plus extended summer vacations.

However, my second-generation cousins and their kids, who had grown up in the city, rarely returned to the place of their parents' birth. The family ties and links to the land diminished over time.

Here's an even more drastic change. Recently I read that the number of Americans who are living alone has shot up from 9 percent in 1950 to 28 percent in 2010. Divorce has been on the increase for decades, and the number of children growing up in single-parent families has greatly multiplied.

In fact, married couples often do not want children. In 1990, 65 percent of Americans said that children are very important to a successful marriage. Now, only 41 percent of Americans say they believe that. There are now more American houses with dogs than with children.

Thanksgiving and Christmas continue to be occasions when families make a special effort to get together but distances and work schedules make it harder every year.

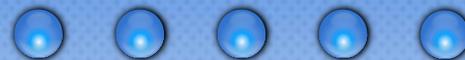
Moreover, the day when wives and mothers spend untold hours in the kitchen preparing a fancy meal has passed. My working daughter, whose family has recently moved closer to my home, asked if we'd like to meet at a restaurant for a Thanksgiving meal.

I had a quick answer. Having noted long lines at the few places serving on Thanksgiving, I said, "You order the meal to be picked up in advance, and I'll pay for it."

We had plenty of turkey plus appetizers, vegetables and (excess) desserts with minimal effort. The family visit (including grandchildren) was just as satisfying.

-30- Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject.





## Paul Brown (1926-2012)

Honorable Paul N. Brown, Senior Judge, Eastern District of Texas, passed away Monday, Nov. 26, 2012 in Sherman, Texas. Dannel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Judge Brown was born in Denison, Texas on Oct. 4, 1926 to Arthur C. and Nora Frances Hunter Brown. He grew up on a farm near Pottsboro, Texas as the youngest child of six. After attending Oak Grove Elementary School, he graduated from Denison High School in 1943 and entered the University of Texas at Austin. When World War II broke out, although underage, he persuaded his parents to allow him to enlist in the United States Navy. Upon receiving an honorable discharge in 1946 he returned to the University of Texas. While Judge Brown was completing his law degree in August 1950, the Korean War began, resulting in his being called back into active duty in the Navy. He was serving on a minesweeper which was blown up off the coast of North Korea, causing all the men to have to abandon ship. He was then reassigned, this time to a recommissioned navy tanker that delivered aviation fuel to Okinawa. His last assignment before discharging was on a fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

In 1950, Judge Brown returned to Sherman and entered law practice with his brother David Brown. In 1953, he received an appointment as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, which carried him to Texarkana, Texas for more than six years. In 1959, Judge Brown was nominated by President Eisenhower to serve as United States Attorney in Tyler, Texas where he served until 1961. After meeting and marrying his wife Frances Morehead in Texarkana, he moved back to Grayson County, settling in Sherman and resuming law practice. In 1985 he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve as District Judge for Eastern District of Texas. In 2001, he chose to become a Senior Judge, and in 2006 he became an inactive Senior Judge after 21 years of service.

Judge Brown was also active in the community serving as a Mason. He was a long time member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. He served as a member of the Governing Board of Medical Plaza Hospital, Sherman, Texas. He was elected to the Sherman School Board for two terms and served as President of the Board. He served as President of the Optimist club of Sherman. He was an active member of the Rotary Club of Sherman and a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club International. He served on the District Grievance Committee and Right to Counsel committee of the State Bar of Texas. He was a sustaining life member of the Texas Bar Foundation. Judge Brown served on the State of Texas Board of Directors as a liaison between the federal judiciary and the State Bar. he also served as a member of the Judicial council of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. He was a Keeton Fellow of the University of Texas Alumni Association.

In 2005, the Judge Paul Brown Endowed Scholarship was established at the University of Texas Law School. In 2003, his former law clerks established the Judge Paul Brown American Inns of Court. When Judge Brown was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Denison High School in 2006, it was said, "Paul always seemed to choose the right path, and along the way he demonstrated the ability to lead by integrity and honesty. He served his family, his faith, and the local community." In this way he made a significant contribution to the community at large as well as his own family.

Judge Brown was preceded in death by his parents; brother David Brown; sister: Virginia Kretsinger, Robbie Hoff and Eva Jean Crow. He is survived by his beloved wife Frances; son: Greg and wife Beth and grandson Hunter of Richardson, son: David and his wife Kendall and grandsons Jackson and Garrett of Dallas; sister: Louise McDonald of Sherman; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012 at 1 pm at Wynne Chapel at Austin College with Neil Morgan of Covenant Presbyterian Church officiating. A reception followed at the Wright Center. If desired, memorials may be made to the Judge Paul Brown Endowed Scholarship at The University of Texas Law School Foundation, 727 E. Dean Keeton St., Austin, TX 78705 or Home Hospice of Grayson County.



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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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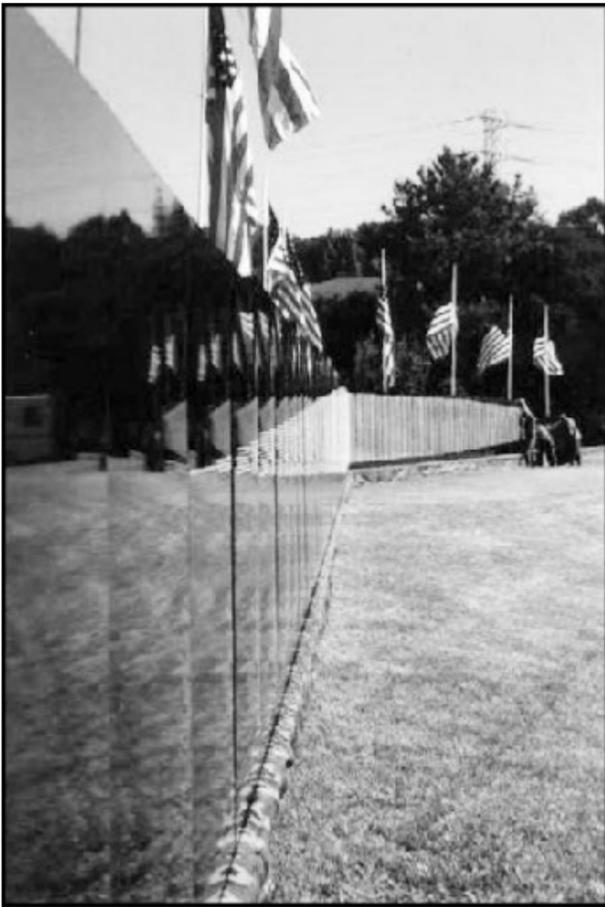
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# Texoma Montage



**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."

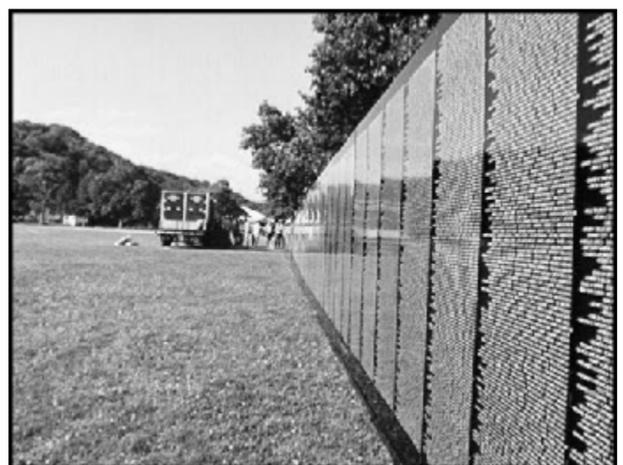
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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.

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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.

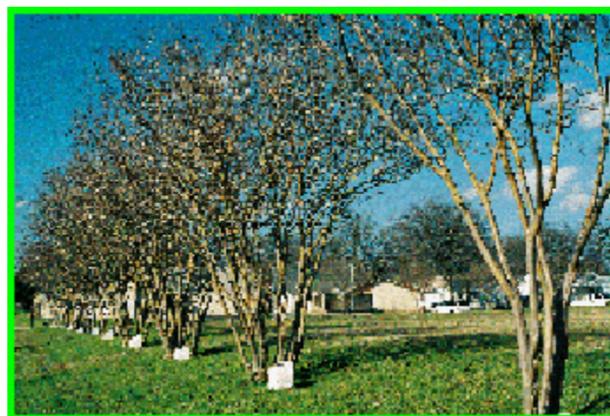
The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer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



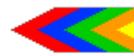
Ely Park



Ely Park



Fairview Veterans Stadium



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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**

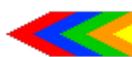
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Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery,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

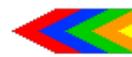
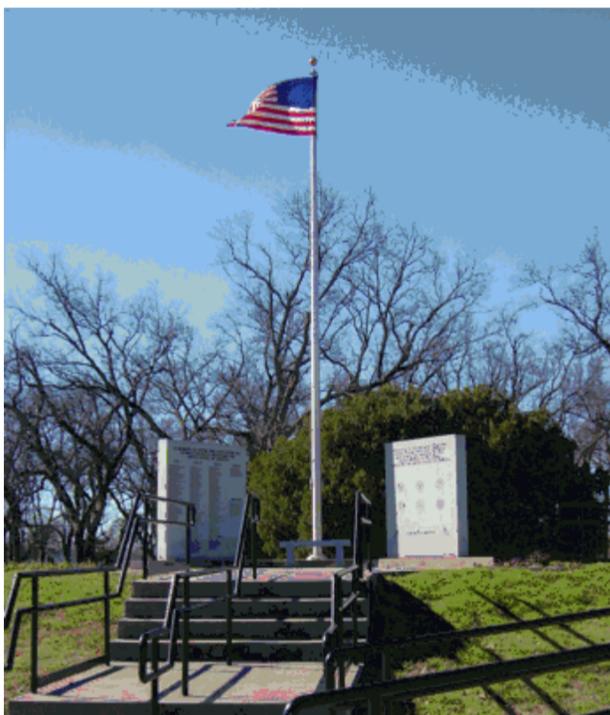
From the court- house square, I went to the VA hospital, but found no statues dedicated to the servicemen and servicewomen who seek treatment for their wounds and their illnesses there.

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.

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## 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."

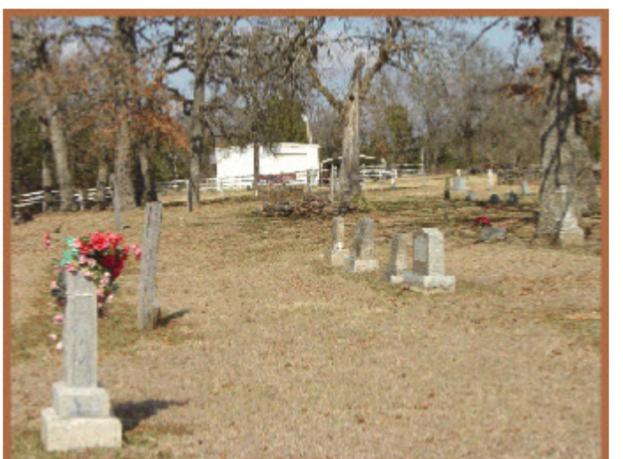
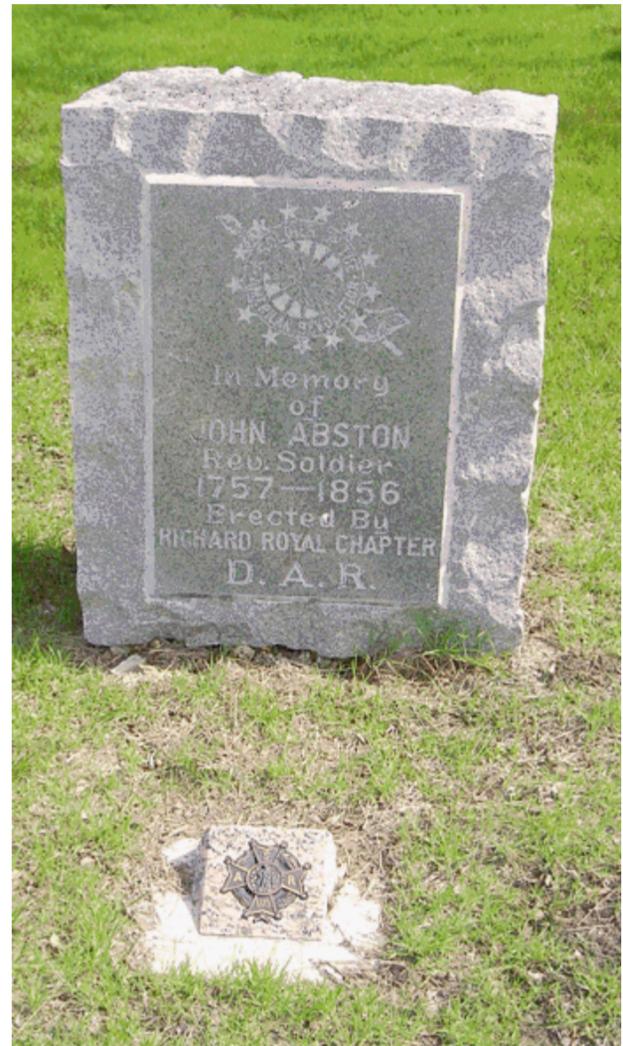
The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

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 became a member of the faculty at Austin College in 1967, and retired in 2006 as professor emeritus of English.[2] He is the director and founder of the Telling Our Stories Project in Autobiography, which has attracted international attention to Austin College. This is a program that encourages senior citizens to write their autobiographies.

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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- \*Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

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## Telling Our Stories

# DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

*by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham*

It was one of those awful years during World War II. We were all subservient to "The War Effort", and we were convinced that it would be unethical to complain, under the circumstances.

Since Betty and I had married cousins, both of whom were serving their country in the armed forces, we determined to live together "For the Duration."

Betty was a devout person, I attended the community church with her. The minister, living alone, was an admirable gentleman whom we considered to be in the category of the elderly. Betty, devoted to the church, had a wild idea. She suggested to me that we invite the minister to a Saturday, early-evening dinner. We did. Because of the "War Effort", we all worked six days a week. By the greatest happenstance, she and I expected to be free at noon on that certain Saturday.

We checked our ration books and found meat was a possibility. A trip to the neighborhood grocery market was reasonably productive. The meat looked good, and we were able to get enough for three servings. Sugar was in very short supply, but we were able to get one pound. We would be able to make a little custard or pudding. At the right time, the gentleman arrived. We were not at all embarrassed about the fact that our tiny apartment was so unpretentious. Anyone who was able to acquire more than one room during that period was happy.

After our greetings, we sat at our little table and prepared to enjoy a delightful meal. The minister politely asked us about our husbands and we told him what we knew, although the actual location of any of the military men was a secret.

I was having difficulty cutting my meat. I glanced at Betty and found her having no less trouble. At last, I hacked off a bit, but masticating it was another problem. I looked at the minister's plate.

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

The War Effort always offered subjects for discussion. I repeated the story my husband had told. In England, where there was no ice, the bartender would sally forth with the jolly admonition, "Drink 'er up, Boys, afore she gets cold!" We laughed. We tried the meat again. We were having no luck.

Betty told of an experience concerning her brother and sister-in-law. The couple wished to drive to another town 120 miles distant so the young lady could visit her ailing mother. Their tires were bald, and buying gasoline was a near impossibility, but the young man thought he could manage. Betty ended the tale by revealing that the couple had experienced six flat tires before arriving back home. She laughed. Our hesitation was hardly noticeable as we joined her.

"Well, maybe the war will be over soon," the minister offered. We were all worrying with the meat. Betty wondered aloud about it and I made a remark.

"You know what I think?" the minister said. "I think this is horse meat!"

"Horse meat!" Betty and I gasped in consternation.

"Yes. It's on the market, now, you know. It's not labeled, and it's difficult to distinguish it from steak."

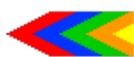
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



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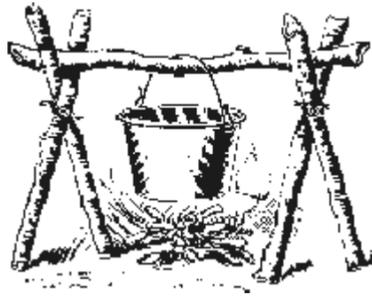


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# Cookin' Out



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## Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

I have enjoyed cooking since I was a very young boy. It is a real treat to hear others comment about my cooking, when it is a success. If it turns out to not be the success I hoped for, then I can take the heat.

Cooking outside is especially rewarding. You can cook over an open fire, over a grill, use the fancy propane cookers of various types, or just put a hot dog on a stick and roast it. My favorite is using cast iron Dutch ovens for cooking. You can prepare just about anything in the Dutch ovens, and with a collection of several sizes you can accomplish some great feats of culinary delight.

Do not start out with a brand new utensil. A new Dutch oven needs to be properly seasoned or it just won't do the job intended. A new oven is covered with a waxy type of material to protect it from rusting. This must be thoroughly washed off with soap and water. Rinse it well, and quickly dry it. Your oven will rust very quickly if you do not use care.

Now you must coat your Dutch oven with salad oil, Crisco, or lard using a cotton cloth. Make sure the entire oven, inside and out, including the lid are coated with your shortening. Now put it in your home oven, with the temperature set for 350 degrees. Be careful on you timing for this because there will probably be a slightly unpleasant odor, along with some smoke. You wouldn't want to do this when planning a formal party for friends. "Cook" that oven for one hour. Turn the oven off, and when your Dutch oven has cooled, but still warm, wipe it again to make sure the oil film covers all all surfaces. Your oven will now be a golden color, and is ready to use.

Do not wash you Dutch oven with strong soapy water, or you will need to re-season it. Clean it with a very mild soap, or plain water.

The more you use your oven the better. It will develop a dark color with use, even turning black. It will have a surface that is almost stick proof. Store you Dutch oven in a warm, dry place. Put a sheet of paper towel or newspaper in the oven to absorb any moisture that may get in, and keep the lid slightly ajar.

Cooking with your Dutch oven is easy. Temperatures are controlled by counting the charcoal briquettes used. You will need to experiment some, but a general rule of thumb is to multiply the diameter of your oven by 2 to get the number of briquettes to use for a 350 degree oven temperature. When you do your cooking use more coals on top and fewer on the bottom. This chart will help get started.

- 8 inch oven - 10 briquettes on top – 6 briquettes on bottom.
- 10 inch oven - 12 briquettes on top – 8 briquettes on bottom.
- 12 inch oven - 14 briquettes on top – 10 briquettes on bottom.
- 14 inch oven - 16 briquettes on top – 12 briquettes on bottom.
- 16 inch oven - 18 briquettes on top – 14 briquettes on bottom.

Two additional briquettes, one on top and one on the bottom will increase the temperature by about 25 degrees.

### Dump Cake

A favorite dessert of mine is quite simple. In the Boy Scouts we call it Dump Cake, because all you need do is dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven. You will need:

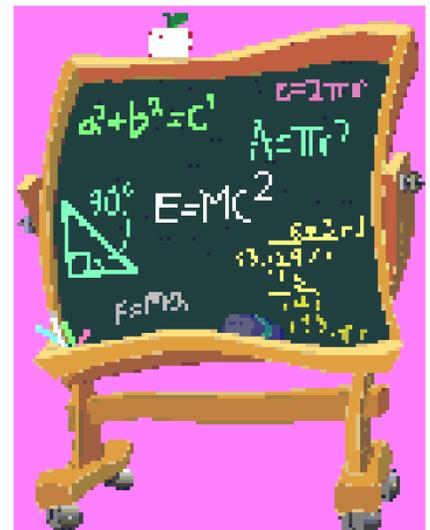
- 1/4 pound butter or margarine*
- 1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)*
- 1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)*

Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.

## Southern Algebra

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South. We challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam administered by the University of Mississippi Engineering Department. (Well, maybe/maybe not. Who knows?)

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10-pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard? A '65 Ford Fairlane, a '69 Chevrolet Chevelle or a '64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. If every old refrigerator in the state vented a charge of R-12 simultaneously, what would be the percentage decrease in the ozone layer?
6. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many hound dogs will be killed?
7. A man owns a house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
8. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
9. A coalmine operates a NFPA Class 1, Division 2 Hazardous Area. The mine employs 120 miners per shift. An explosive gas warning is issued at the beginning of the 3rd shift. How many cartons of unfiltered Camels will be smoked during the shift?
10. At a reduction in the gene pool variability rate of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been bypassed by the Interstate to produce a country-western singer?



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## *Turkey Vultures*

Turkey Vultures are plentiful here in North Texas. They make their roost in groups as the evening approaches. This tree has been serving for several years as the night resting place for this group. In the morning these birds will spread their wings to dry in the sun before departing on their day's activity of cleaning up the environment of dead and dying critters. You will often see them individually or in groups of two or three on the roadside cleaning up the roadkill that gets left behind when other animals are not quick enough to make it across the road.



## *One Vote*

This is an election year. Just how important is ONE VOTE? YOUR VOTE? The following facts may astound you, however, they are true.

In 1645, One Vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, One Vote caused Charles 1 of England to be executed.

In 1776, One Vote gave America the English language instead of the German language.

In 1839, One Vote elected Marcus Morton governor of the State of Massachusetts.

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

In 1868, One Vote saved President Andrew Jackson from impeachment.

In 1875, One Vote changed France from a Monarchy to a Republic.

In 1876, One Vote gave Rutherford B Hayes the Presidency of the United States.

In 1923, One Vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In 1941, One Vote saved Selective Service twelve weeks before Pearl Harbor.

In 1960, Richard Nixon lost the Presidential election and John F. Kennedy won it by less than One Vote per precinct in the United States.

## *Dining Out with my Grandson*

By Dale Rideout

Of course every grandchild is special. Also each one is unique. Old grandpa loves them all equally but they all have their differences, too. Our experiences with each one make those differences special, as well.

Our first grandchild was a boy. His name is Phillip Jordan Roe. He was born in 1990 and took the place of just about everything of any importance in Papa's life. Jordan's Mom and Dad both worked, so we (Nanny and I) often would get to baby-sit with him. As he grew older he would go everywhere with Papa, and we both enjoyed it.

When Jordan was about two years old, his family moved to San Antonio for four years, then back to Howe. During that four-year time period, Papa did not have the opportunities to take Jordan on the outings we used to take. When he moved back to Howe, he was in school, he had a sister, and there were five other grandchildren who joined the family. All of this slowed down the Jordan and Papa routine of going everywhere together.

This brings us to the story I want to tell you, about eating out. You need the background to help understand the rest. When Jordan was about seven years old I invited him to go with me delivering newspapers. My wife and I own a weekly newspaper and every Wed-nesday it is my job to deliver them to the various stores where they are sold and to various post office locations in about three counties. Jordan liked the idea, so he took off with me for a full day in the car together.

We were getting hungry as it neared dinnertime. I began to ask what he would like to eat, and he said it didn't matter. Well, I knew that he was a little picky about what he eats and didn't want him to get hungry because he couldn't find something he liked.

Our discussion of available menus was somewhat limited because we were approaching Tioga and there were limited choices. I asked Jordan if he liked catfish and he answered with a big "Yes." I told him about the Tioga Catfish Restaurant and asked if he would like to eat there, and again received a "Yes."

Our waitress for the day was Kim Hilliard. She and her husband, James, were the owners of Tioga Catfish Restaurant, and they did an excellent job. The food was always superb, served fresh and tasty. The portions were generous and satisfying. The service was great, anticipating your every need.

I am sure Jordan felt like the "Big Man," eating out with Papa and getting to choose for himself what to order. In fact he placed his own order for the meal. I ordered the fish basket, which included a large serving of fish, lots of french fries, a bowl of red beans, and hush puppies. I chose iced tea for my drink.

Jordan's turn to order came. I tried to explain to him that there was a smaller fish dinner, more to the size of a seven year old, but I let him order what he wanted. Much to my surprise he ordered the same fish basket and iced tea that I had ordered. The little fellow was trying to be just like Papa. I felt flattered, but at the same time remembered again that we should be careful of our actions because there are little eyes watching us all the time. Often they imitate what they see us do.

We sat there enjoying our table conversation. You need to know that Jordan has a certain look when something is going on. It is a grin that differs from his usual grin but is quite unmistakable. He sat there with that grin as our food was served. We began to eat.

I certainly enjoyed my entire meal, as usual when dining at Tioga Catfish Restaurant. Jordan began sampling his fish and did a good job making it disappear. He only nibbled at the hush puppies. The french fries he really enjoyed, though like a seven year old he began to get silly and dipped some of them into his iced tea before eating them. I prefer catsup on mine.

During this whole time, Jordan had that grin on his face. I knew something was up, but just couldn't figure it out. At first I thought he was just really pleased to be eating out with Papa. Finally I ask him why the big smile.

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

Jordan replied, "I've never had catfish before!"

To this day, catfish is still one of Jordan's favorites when he eats out.

Well, that was seven years ago. Jordan is now 14, nearing 15. The Hilliards have bought Clark's Outpost, a fantastic bar-b-cue restaurant in Tioga. For several years they operated both restaurants, but staffing difficulties and increasing competition forced them to close the catfish restaurant.

During our past Christmas holidays I invited Jordan to join me again for a day of newspaper deliver as we had done so many years ago. He readily agreed. The day we set off was icy and snowy. We had storms the day before, and while the weather was much nicer the roads were still a lot of "fun" to negotiate. We stopped a couple of times to help others get out of the ditch. We carefully made the trip, and Jordan served as chief cameraman taking quite a few pictures as a record of our trip.

Lunchtime arrived and we were nearing Tioga. I asked if Jordan likes bar-b-que and he answered, "Yes." Déjà vu all over again.

We entered Clark's and were showed to our seats by a very helpful waitress. The walls are covered with old west memorabilia. One wall has a beautiful mural of a wild west scene. Furnishings are rustic and you feel sort of like you are in a bunkhouse eating your main meal of the day.

Looking over the menu, which has an extensive listing of gourmet foods, we began to make our choices. I took a full rack of ribs, with the deep-fried corn on the cob, cole slaw, and french fries.

This time, Jordan was a little more selective in ordering. After asking about some of the various items, he asked if they had just meat on a bun. I directed him to the brisket sandwich. He ordered a side of french fries to go with it. Again I took iced tea, but Jordan had a soda to drink. We were both more than pleased with our meal. I shared some of my ribs with Jordan so that next time he would know what they were and could try them without worrying if he would like them.

Clark's Outpost slow smokes all their meat. Everything is cooked over hickory from eight hours to 20 or more depending what is being cooked. The meat is tender, falling off the bone and flavorful from the natural smoke. Nothing artificial is added and no shortcuts are taken in making this authentic old time bar-b-que.

Let me know if you plan to make this little trip. Maybe Jordan and I can go along. We sure enjoy the travel and eating.



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# Texoma Montage

## *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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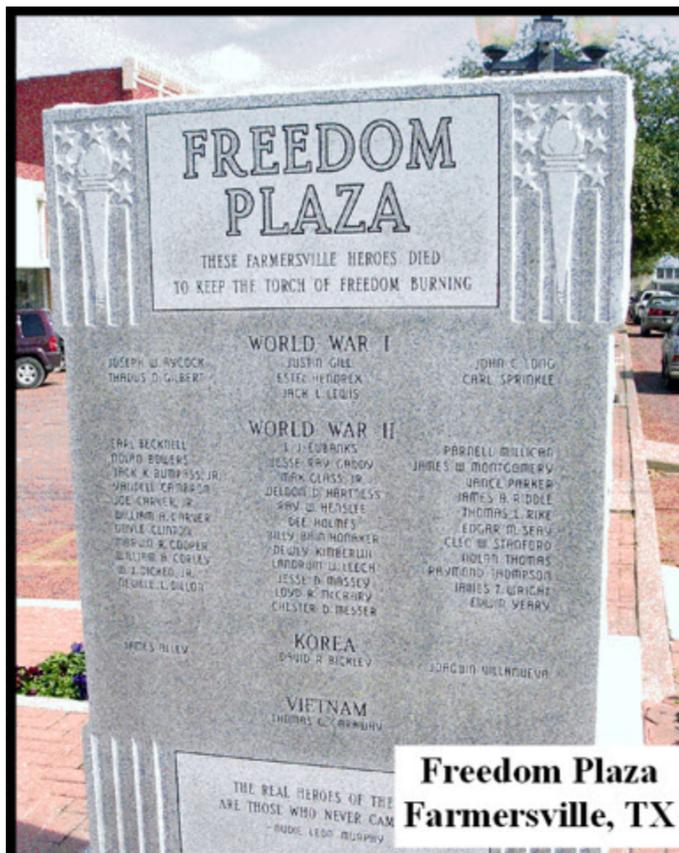
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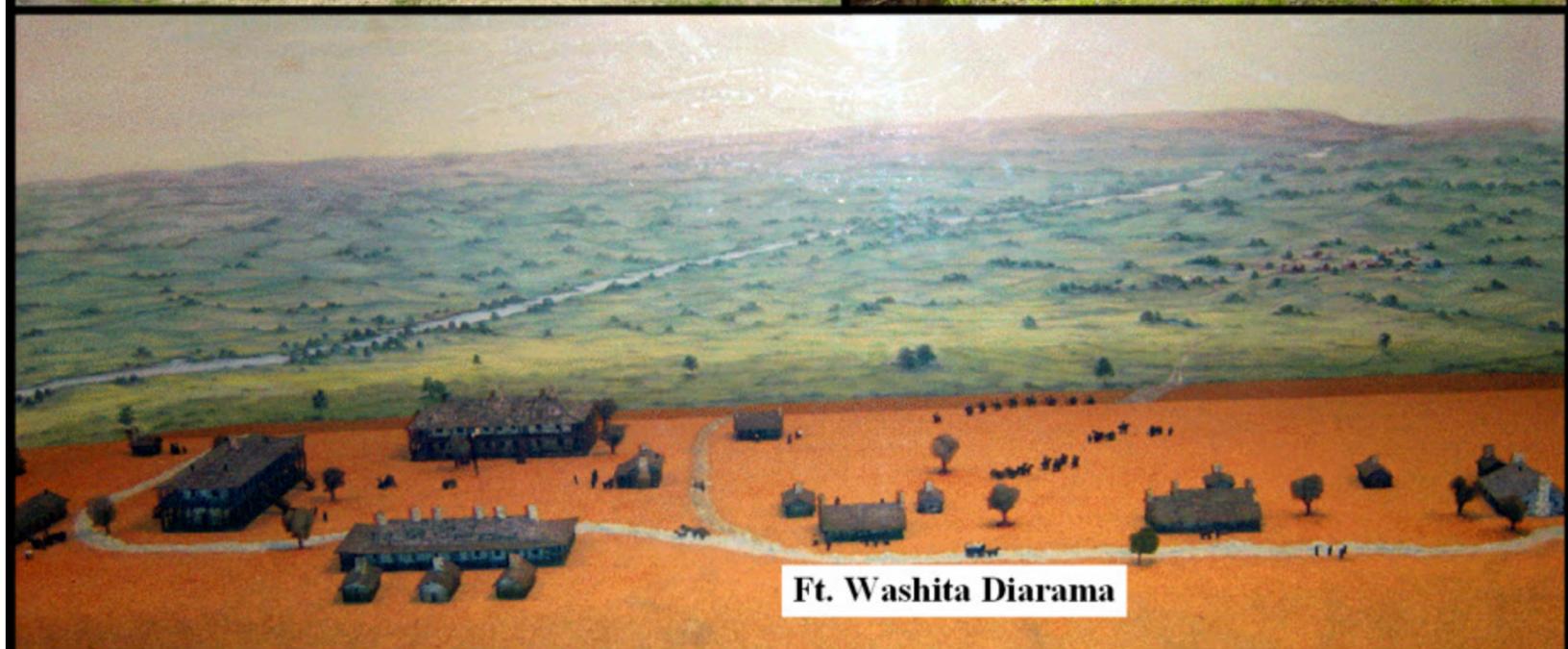
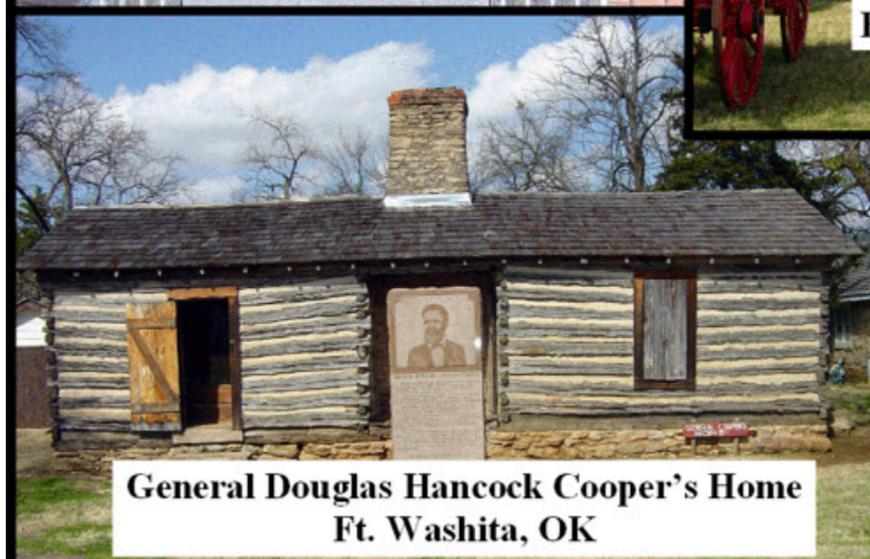


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