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Texas Archives Display



Halloween Fun



Capitol Watch





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Here are a few tips that will hopefully prepare parents for make the evening fun for everyone.

1. Encourage the kids to use facial make up instead of a mask.
2. Spend the extra dollar and purchase quality make-up. You don't want your kid to have that same look weeks later.
3. If possible, design the costume to accommodate a sweater or even a jacket underneath depending on the weather. Make sure that all costumes and accessories are flame resistant.
4. Keep in mind how much walking they'll be doing for their age. You don't want to have to carry your little ghoul home.
5. Carry extra bags to dump candy in so the kids don't get overly tired.
6. If you have more than one kid to supervise, try bringing a wagon or cart to unload the candy in as they go door to door.
7. If you're taking other kids with you, set out the rules before you leave and make sure they understand.
8. Instruct the kids to stay with you and off the lawns and out of the gardens.
9. Remind the kids to say thank you, even if they get crappy candy.
10. Be prepared to carry their props after a while.
11. Inspect all candy when you get home. Throw away homemade, unwrapped or open candy.
12. Let them have one piece of wrapped candy while on the walk as a treat/break.
13. Bring a flashlight and give them glow sticks to wear.
14. Don't let them walk in the middle of the streets. Cars will still travel on roads October 31st.
15. If the front light is out but they have Halloween decorations, there is a good chance that they have no more candy.
16. If the lights are out and don't have any decorations, the people are most likely hiding in the back and have no candy to give.
17. Carry a small, portable first aid kit for those little cuts and injuries.
18. Many people bring their dogs with them and dress them up in costumes such as a hot dog or a devil. Instruct the kids to ask the owner if they can pet the animal BEFORE they do. There is a good chance that the animal is embarrassed to be in a costume and may want to take it out on a kid.
19. When the kids go to the door, stay close by and watch carefully.
20. Set a strict curfew for older kids that go out on their own.
21. Kids are NEVER to go into the house unless YOU know them.
22. If you have to drive, slow down more than usual.
23. Give the kids a snack before they go out. They won't complain about being hungry and want to eat the candy.
24. Take half the candy and place it in the freezer for use in the summer.

Here are a few tips for homeowners on Halloween:

1. Keep the path to your door clear of all obstacles and well lit.
2. Don't terrorize the kids. It's all about fun and not making them wet their pants.
3. Be extremely careful with the candle in your pumpkin so that nothing bursts into flames, including a kid's costume. Consider using a battery powered light or glow sticks.
4. Use flashlights, glow sticks or electric lights with the power cord safe and secured.
5. If you have a dog, keep it in another room and away from the door.
6. If you're going to give candy, give only store bought and wrapped items such as chocolate bars, chips, etc loose candy will be thrown out by the parents.
7. Alternative giving can include pencils, erasers or stickers with a Halloween theme.
8. If you've spent a lot of time on your Halloween display, you may want to consider putting some sort of SAFE fencing around it so that everyone can enjoy it without it being trampled.
9. Halloween candy is magically calorie and fat free on October 31st so feel free to use the "one for you, one for me" rule.
10. Check out our website for more tips and special effects.

Discover what to do with your kids at whattodowiththekids.com.

Hall Attends Million Vets March

Oct. ... Ralph Hall (TX-04) attended the Million Veterans March at the World War II Memorial. The rally, with locations across the Nation, met to draw attention to the the Administration's unfair treatment with its decision to barricade open-air memorials during the government shutdown.

"As a Navy pilot in World War II and someone who grew up in a military family – my father was a World War I veteran and my brother fought in both theaters during World War II – I understand the frustrations fellow veterans feed with this administration," said Hall.

"The decision to lock veterans out of a memorial built in remembrance of their service to this great country is a dishonor to the sacrifice of all veterans who have served, as well as the troops who are serving today. It is equally unfair to military family and friends who lost loved ones and would like to pay tribute their fallen heroes, but are unable to do so.

Hall hops that Congress and the President will come to budget negotiation.



North Texas Cattleman's Conference

Thursday, October 17, 2013

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Sherman Municipal Building, Ballroom,
405 North Rusk Street, Sherman, TX 75090**

Grayson County's Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is hosting the North Texas Cattleman's Conference. This is a large multicounty event that will provide attendees with practical and timely seminars on cattle transport, forage recovery, rebuilding the beef herd, property rights and lease agreements, and utilizing cover crops.

Event is Thursday, October 17, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sherman Municipal Building, Ballroom, 405 North Rusk Street, Sherman, TX 75090.

Event cost is \$25 and this includes lunch. One law and regs ceu for private applicators and one BQA credit will be available to attendees. RSVP is required call Chuck Jones at 903-813-4202.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

DPS Arrests 1,600 Drunk Drivers During Holiday Enforcement

AUSTIN – Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers made more than 1,600 DWI arrests during a special enforcement period recently, which included the Labor Day holiday. The targeted DWI enforcement, which spanned 18 days, included additional patrol hours funded by a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant.

“DPS works every day to help make Texas roadways safer for all travelers, and taking dangerous drivers off the road significantly improves our ability to achieve that goal,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Thanks to this Labor Day enforcement period, officers were able to remove impaired drivers from highways and prevent potentially deadly crashes.”

DPS Highway Patrol troopers made 1,682 DWI arrests during the Labor Day enforcement effort, and 218 of those arrests were a direct result of the increased patrols funded by the TxDOT grant.

This DPS enforcement effort also resulted in more than 24,440 speeding citations, more than 3,540 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 1,223 fugitive arrests and 977 felony arrests.

The Staffing (HR) Story

The Grayson College Small Business Development Center, in partnership with Main Street Denison, the Denison Chamber of Commerce and the Sherman Chamber of Commerce, is offering a free seminar to help local business owners and managers learn about Human Resource issues.

The seminar entitled “The Staffing (HR) Story” will be held Oct. 22 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Grayson College Viticulture Enology Center on the West Extension, near the North Texas Regional Airport. Astrid Gulley, owner of Minding Your Own Business, LLC, is a human resource expert, an experienced trainer and a former SBDC counselor. She will lead a discussion on new laws, best practices and key issues facing today's businesses. SBDC Executive Director Dr. Karen Stidham says that Ms. Gulley, “will help you keep your personnel issues fair and legal.”

The seminar is free of charge but advanced registration is required as seating is limited. For more detailed information or to make a reservation, call the Grayson College SBDC at 903-463-8787 or e-mail jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu. Doors open at noon, and participants are invited to bring a lunch with them.

Notice of Bluegrass Program

Masters of Bluegrass featuring Lou Reid and Carolina and The Byron Berline Band.

Saturday November 16, 2013. Doors open 5:30 PM, show at 6:00 PM.

McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St, McKinney.

All seats reserved at \$20. Order today for best available seats.

tickets.mckinneyperformingartscenter.org 214-544-4630



TCOG's Area Agency on Aging Presents the 8th Annual Caregiver Celebration Walk

TCOG's Area Agency on Aging announces the 8th Annual Caregiver Celebration Walk to be held Saturday, November 2, 2013 at Fairview Park in Sherman. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Plaques will be awarded to the Top Team Fundraiser and for the Best Team Representation.

Listen to live music and participate in a drawing for a number of donated prizes, including a Flat Screen Television donated by Stonebrook Assisted Living & Memory Care.

One hundred percent of donations remain in the Texoma community and used locally to assist all family caregivers with resources such as books, support groups, assistive devices and facility and in-home support that provide a much needed break for the caregiver. Family caregivers are those caring for loved ones with chronic illnesses, as well as Alzheimer's & Parkinson's diseases and grandparents raising grandchildren.

For more information, please go to www.tcog.com or contact Judy Conner at 903-813-3575.

Join the Love Affair with Yarn

By: Betty Hechtman

A lot of people are going to be celebrating I Love Yarn Day on October 11. According to the Craft Yarn Council there are over 50 million people of all ages who knit, crochet or otherwise work with yarn. And it's no wonder. It's not just the destination of getting a scarf or sweater; the journey is full of benefits. Knitting and crocheting are great anxiety busters, offer something productive to do while waiting and can be a social outlet when done with a group. Want to Join in?

Getting Started

It's great if you have a friend or family member to teach you, but if not, there are other options. Check out your local yarn store. According to Lisa Garcia of the Close Knit Circle yarn shop in Tarzana California, for a nominal fee they will teach someone to knit or crochet. In addition with a yarn purchase comes the invitation to hang out at the group table in the store and get help on a project. Some of the craft stores like Michael's or Jo-Ann's offer group lessons. Try your local community college. Pierce College in Woodland Hills, California offers yarn craft classes as part of their extension program.

If you're more of a do it yourselfer, it is possible to learn on your own. There are numerous books on the market, but Betty Hechtman, author of two yarn related mysteries series suggests doing what she did and trying a kids' kit. "I found that the instructions were broken down into easy to follow steps with lots of illustrations. And if the instructions would work for a ten-year-old, I figured they would work for me. I learned how to crochet granny squares with a kit meant for kids and it changed my life."

First Projects

Don't defeat yourself by choosing something too complicated for a first project. Also, it is best to stick with easy to work with yarn like basic worsted weight. A scarf is a great project to start with using either this [free knitting pattern](#) or this [free crochet pattern](#). Both use only the most basic techniques.

The Beauty of Handmade

Every knit or crocheted item has its own story. The experience of picking the yarn, making the project and what was going on in your life are all woven into the stitches. Remember that what makes handmade items special is they look like real hands made them. That means there might be a wiggly stitch here and there, but just look at it as part of the tale.

About Betty Hechtman

Betty Hechtman is the author of "Yarn to Go," the first book in the Berkley Prime Crime Yarn Retreat mystery series, as well as the author of the best-selling Berkley Prime Crime Crochet mystery series. The eighth book, "For Better or Worsted," comes out in November. She has also written newspaper and magazine pieces, short stories and screenplays as well as a children's culinary mystery. She has a bachelor of fine arts degree and has been active in handicrafts since she was a small child. Hechtman divides her time between Los Angeles and Chicago.



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What's Happening?

October 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 National Night Out Jordan
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <small>Columbus Day</small> Amber	15	16	17	18	19 Howe Fall Festival
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <small>Halloween</small> 		

This calendar is new to the Texoma Enterprise. It is our intent to include National Holidays, local events, and birthdays/anniversaries. If you wish to include an event please let us know. Email lanarideout@cablone.net with your information.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column will be the eighth in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 5. These amendments were joint resolutions that were passed during the recent legislative session; however, because they change the Texas Constitution, they need state-wide voter approval before they can take effect. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

Amendment No. 8 (H.J.R. 147)

The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

Texas voters in 1960 approved a constitutional amendment that authorized the Legislature to create special hospital districts in certain counties, including one in Hidalgo County at a maximum tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property value. Two years later, voters approved the addition of Article 9, section 9 to the Texas Constitution, which allows the Legislature to provide for the creation of hospital districts composed of one or more counties, or all or any part of one or more counties, at a rate of up to 75 cents. Proposition 8 would repeal the section of the Texas Constitution approved in 1960, which authorizes the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County at a maximum tax rate of 10 cents.

Supporters of Proposition 8 say the tax rate available to Hidalgo County is far lower than the rate available to other Texas counties, and repealing this provision in the Constitution would allow Hidalgo County to create a hospital district under the more favorable conditions available to other counties.

Hidalgo is the largest county in Texas without a hospital district and the only one in the state required to have a maximum tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 property valuation for a hospital district. Other Texas counties have shown the ability to operate successful hospital districts with tax rates that range on average between 20 and 40 cents per \$100 property valuation.

Opponents of Proposition 8 say it opens the door to an increase in taxes for Hidalgo County property owners. The new tax rate for a hospital district in Hidalgo County could be set as high as 75 cents per \$100 property valuation. Further, they say proliferation of hospital and other special purpose

districts has had the undesirable consequence of fragmenting local government and increasing its administrative complexity. This can result in taxpayer confusion about how their tax dollars are being spent. Some say a better solution would be to remove constitutional limitations on the taxing power of counties and cities.

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at www.hro.house.state.tx.us. For more information regarding these propositions, you can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297





Psalm 34:1-22 (KJV)

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise *shall continually be* in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.
- 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.
- 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- 19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.



Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9:00 am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30 and worship service at 10:30. This week's worship service will be led by David Ellis. You may come dressed up or come casual, dress is casual.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service.

The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service.

They also have a class for the children that takes place during worship service. It is called Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus. They study Bible stories and take a journey on Rt 66 to learn the books of the bible. They also get to enjoy puppet shows.

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-271-1870 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333. Hope to see you there!

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Our services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6:00 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX..

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30 am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00 am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30 am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.

Area Churches

Cannon

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

Cherry Mound

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

Dorchester

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

Gunter

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

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

Ida

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

Luella

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

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
903/546-6898
INSPIRATION POINT COWBOY CHURCH
FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

More Church Page



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Not Your Job

Suzie Eller recently wrote about a conversation that she had with a woman after a Ladies Workshop:

The workshop had ended. Most of the moms had left the room while she fidgeted with her bag. I could see she wanted to flee, but willpower and a great desire for freedom kept her feet rooted to the floor.

We sat down and she blurted out: "I've been told for years that when I forgive myself I'll be free. But I can't do it. I've tried." I reached for her hands. "I've searched in Scripture. It's not there." She looked up in surprise. "What do you mean?"

"Forgiving ourselves..... It's not there!"

Eller explained: "There are a multitude of scriptures that show us how to offer forgiveness to others, as well as how to receive it. But none that asks us to remove the burdens from our own hearts."

Consider carefully 1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

When it comes to the forgiveness of our sins, forgiveness is God's work.

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us." – Psalm 103:11-12

God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we might have forgiveness and be reconciled to God (1 Peter 2:24).

Concerning the woman who was struggling to forgive herself, Eller wrote: "My new friend had been trying for years to do a job that wasn't hers... I asked her if she was willing to allow Christ to do what she had been unable to do for nearly a decade. Rather than forgive herself, would she accept the gift of forgiveness Christ so willingly offers?"

Jesus will forgive those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). To those who accept His offer of salvation and life, the promise of 1 John 1:9 applies (as Christians): "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

We do NOT need to forgive ourselves. That's not our job. Our "job" is to accept the forgiveness that God gives us through Christ.

When we receive HIS forgiveness, the guilt and the burden of our sin are no longer OURS to carry. Jesus takes them from us and casts them as far as the east is from the west.

Won't YOU allow Jesus to bear the burden of your sin by trusting and obeying Him today?

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Church of Christ at Creekwood
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org>

Mobile, Alabama

* From "I Can't Forgive Myself" by Suzie Eller in www.crosswalk.com

Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and accessed from our website at: www.creekwoodcc.org

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BAPTIST CHURCH**
1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison
**THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER DAY
SAINTS**
1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
**FRIENDSHIP UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
**WESTERN HEIGHTS
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
**CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE,**
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers
**RED RIVER
COWBOY CHURCH**
3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);
Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

Van Alstyne
**COMMUNITY BIBLE
CHURCH**
Northwest corner Hwy 5 &
County Line Rd.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033
**EAST SIDE
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am
ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH
FM 121 W, Elmont;
Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356
FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,
corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,
LIFE CHURCH,
201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Gibbs, pastor
**FIRST PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH**
903/482-6646,
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
**GREYWOOD HEIGHTS
WORSHIP CENTER**
On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy
Queen, 903/482-6700;
Chris Jones, pastor
**HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,
972/562-0752
**MORNING CHAPEL
CHRISTIAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL**
103 Bowen, 902/482-5431
SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH
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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 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Grandkids singing at the Elves Christmas Tree Farm, 2007



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

By Dorothy N. Fowler

My mother usually sat at the back of the church where I preached. She said the back of the church was the place where she could “really see what is going on.”

Between the two of us, we had it covered. Nobody could get away with anything! She could see what was happening in the choir behind me and she could keep tabs on whether I was hanging on to the pulpit so it wouldn't get away. I could see who was napping (that was a sure sign that (1) the sermon was too long, (2) too pedantic or (3) just plain too awful), who was happy, who was sweating and who thought the roast she left in the oven might be burning.

One Sunday, a dog came to church. He got in because the day was hot and we had left the front door open, along with the windows, because we hadn't yet serviced the evaporative coolers. Mama saw him come in, but she couldn't get to him, “and besides,” she said, “I wanted to see what he would do and what you would do.”

The dog, whose name was Lucky, belonged to one of the families in the church and he had come looking for them. That he had a purpose for coming was more than could be said for some of the people who were there. The ones who came out of habit and expected neither to receive nor to give anything, for the most part, had their expectations met.

Lucky, on the other hand, expected to find his family. He could easily have come down the center aisle, but he chose to walk under the pews. Because he was a little too tall, he resembled someone playing Limbo as he wended his way down the left hand side of the church. Naturally, he couldn't avoid touching people as he went, brushing against their legs or their feet. People he touched had a tendency to jump and/or squeal a little. By the time he got all the way to the front, turned to the right hand side of the church, found his family and jumped into the pew beside them, the service was considerably disrupted.

I, of course, began to laugh when the first person jumped and squealed and laughed even more when Lucky finished licking his people and turned to sit on the pew and face the pulpit, tongue lolling out, smiling triumphantly.

I don't quite remember how we ended the service, probably with an impromptu benediction and some gloriously joyful hymn — maybe “Joy to the World,” since that's one of my favorites and our organist liked to play it.

The people who were there still remember the joy they felt in worship that day, not because the liturgy was perfect or because the prelude or postlude was awesome, or because the sermon was inspiring. They remember it because one of God's creatures came to church and found his family.

We should all be so Lucky!



By Joel B. Pollak

Conservatives, and Republicans in general, have been accused of having “no strategy” in the showdown with President Barack Obama and the Democrats over Obamacare, the government shutdown, and the debt ceiling. It might be argued that the Republicans only adopted their strategy by accident, but they do have one, and it is both necessary and long overdue: win back disenchanted voters by fighting for their interests--hard.

The conventional wisdom in Washington, DC, repeated ad infinitum in the opinion pages and on the weekend news shows, is that Republicans blundered by allowing President Obama to cajole them into a government shutdown. Now, the thinking goes, Democrats have a way to shift the weight of policy failures, scandals, and the Obamacare disaster: they can blame Republicans for causing fiscal and economic chaos--and warn of more.

It is true that the public blames Republicans for causing the shutdown--and well they might. It is also true, however, that the public understands that President Obama has been inflicting as much pain on them as possible in an effort to win a political fight. His refusal to negotiate, and his willingness to use petty tactics such as closing open-air war memorials, have caused his approval ratings to drop to nearly unprecedented levels.

Had Republicans followed the conventional wisdom on Obamacare and waited until 2016 to fight the issue, none of the above would have happened. Meanwhile, millions of Americans would have faced the daunting prospect of losing their health insurance or their jobs to a new, unfamiliar, unwieldy, and ultimately more expensive policy. They would have looked to Washington, only to see no one--at all--fighting to protect them.

Amidst the many competing versions of what a new Republican strategy should look like after 2012, the one common theme was that the party needed to learn how to relate to the concerns of ordinary people. There is nothing more basic, no issue more “kitchen table,” than the cost of health insurance. Symbolic votes against Obamacare may look good on campaign literature, but voters are smart enough to see through those tactics.

Another repeated exhortation was the need to reach out to Latino voters. And yet it has gone virtually unnoticed that the man leading the revolt against Obamacare on Capitol Hill, the man who shifted the GOP out of its torpor, is a Hispanic Republican--easily now the most recognizable Hispanic leader in America. For his trouble, he has been vilified by the wiser heads in his own party, who think appealing to Latinos means amnesty.

The major strategic challenge facing Republicans prior to the shutdown fight was the fact that millions of core GOP voters stayed home in 2012 and looked likely to do so again after the party leadership became consumed by debates over immigration reform. With few swing districts at stake in 2014, and Democrats vulnerable in key Senate races, the task--though many GOP leaders ignored it--was to reach out to the base.

Yes, the shutdown exposed Republicans to possible defection by independent voters. But President Obama, who evidently believes that the shutdowns of the 1990s foretell victory today, has missed one of the key lessons of that battle. President Bill Clinton won largely because he cast himself as a savior--of health care, education, and the environment. President Obama, in contrast, has auditioned for the role of executioner.

And so, ironically, Republicans have been able to cast themselves as the protectors of popular government programs by passing “rifle-shot” bills to fund each of them alone. At the very least, the GOP has prevented the damage from being worse. They do not look mean, as Gingrich did in 1995-6; they merely look irresponsible. And in that category, the president is giving them stiff competition by taking an ill-advised hard-line position.

All year, the Republicans’ clear--if quiet--legislative strategy has been to use the Full Faith and Credit Act as a backstop against default, strengthening their position in debt ceiling talks with the president. The only immediate political effect of the shutdown was to move that fight forward a week. But the strategic effect was great, and profound: the GOP is now back on course to connect with its missing voters--just in time for 2014.

Sen. Cornyn Statement on Yellen Nomination

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Senate Finance Committee, today issued the following statement regarding the announcement that President Obama will nominate Janet Yellen to chair the Federal Reserve:

“Ms. Yellen subscribes to the liberal school of thought that the best way to handle to our nation’s fiscal challenges is to throw more money at them. This stimulus obsession is the reason the nation finds itself in the fiscal calamity it does today, and the last thing we need is a leader at the helm of the Federal Reserve who is intent on more quantitative easing that harms our economy and further burdens hard-working Americans.”

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

Cornyn: President Obama, Tell Americans How Much More Debt You Want Them To Pay Off

WASHINGTON –U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement regarding President Obama’s call for a clean increase in the debt ceiling.

“Over six trillion dollars have been added to our debt since President Obama took office, a nearly sixty percent increase, while Americans are left paying the tab. Now, President Obama is calling on Congress for a clean debt limit increase without telling the American people how much he would need.

“Sadly, President Obama has not demonstrated fiscal responsibility and certainly cannot be trusted with a clean debt limit increase.”

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Cornyn: We Should be United in the Need to do Right by our Military Families

Calls on Senate to Pass House Bill to Restore Halted Death Benefits to Families of Fallen Service Members

WASHINGTON—Sen. Cornyn today went to the Senate Floor to call for unanimous support for H.J. Res. 91 to immediately restore military death benefits to the families of fallen service members, including assistance with unforeseen expenses such as flights and funeral arrangements. The legislation was approved by the House of Representatives earlier today, 425-0.

The Pentagon has been denying death benefits to the families of fallen soldiers, which would help them afford flights to Dover Air Force Base to receive the remains of their loved ones and pay for funeral expenses.

“We’ve asked repeatedly for the President to negotiate with us to end the government shutdown. To date, he has dug in politically and refused to come to the table. Now the impacts of his shutdown are being felt in a very real and troubling way—hitting the families of America’s heroes at the hardest time possible.

“There may be differences in opinion in this chamber over the fiscal direction of this country, but we should be united in the need to do right by our military families. The way they have been treated is outrageous and unacceptable and must be rectified immediately.”

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Should You Prepare a Medicaid Application Yourself?

Whether you should prepare and file a Medicaid application by yourself or should hire help depends on answers to the following questions:

How old is the applicant?

How complicated is the applicant's financial situation?

Is the individual applying for community or nursing home benefits?

How much time do you have available?

How organized are you?

Medicaid is the health care program for individuals who do not have another form of insurance or whose insurance does not cover what they need, such as long-term care. Many people rely on Medicaid for assistance in paying for care at home or in nursing homes.

For people under age 65 and not in need of long-term care, eligibility is based largely on income and the application process is not very complicated. Most people can apply on their own without assistance.

Matters get a bit more complicated for applicants age 65 and above and especially for those of any age who need nursing home or other long-term care coverage. In these cases, availing yourself of the services of an attorney is practically essential.

Medicaid applicants over age 65 are limited to \$2,000 in countable assets (in most states). It's possible to transfer assets over this amount in order to become eligible, but seniors need to be careful in doing so because they may need the funds in the future and if they move to a nursing home, the transfer could make them ineligible for benefits for five years. Professional advice is also crucial because there is a confusing array of different Medicaid programs that may be of assistance in providing home care, each with its own rules.

All of that said, the application process itself is not so complicated for community benefits (care that takes place outside of an institutional setting, such as in the beneficiary's home). In short, those over 65 in many cases will need to consult with an elder law attorney for planning purposes, but they or their families may be able to prepare and submit the Medicaid application themselves.

But submitting an application for nursing home benefits without an attorney's help is not a good idea. This is because Medicaid officials subject such applications to enhanced scrutiny, requiring up to five years of financial records and documentation of every fact. Any unexplained expense may be treated as a disqualifying transfer of assets, and many planning steps -- such as trusts, transfers to family members, and family care agreements -- are viewed as suspect unless properly explained. Finally, the process generally takes several months as Medicaid keeps asking questions and demanding further documentation for the answers provided.

Many elder law attorneys offer assistance with Medicaid applications as part of their services. This has several advantages, including expert advice on how best to qualify for benefits as early as possible, experience in dealing with the more difficult eligibility questions that often arise, and a high level of service through a long, grueling process. The one drawback of using an attorney rather than a lay service is that the fee is typically substantially higher. However, given the high cost of nursing homes, if the law firm's assistance can accelerate eligibility by even one month that will generally cover the fee. In addition, the payments to the attorney are generally with funds that would otherwise be paid to the nursing home -- in other words, the funds will have to be spent in any event, whether for nursing home or for legal fees.

The Gospel According to Kids

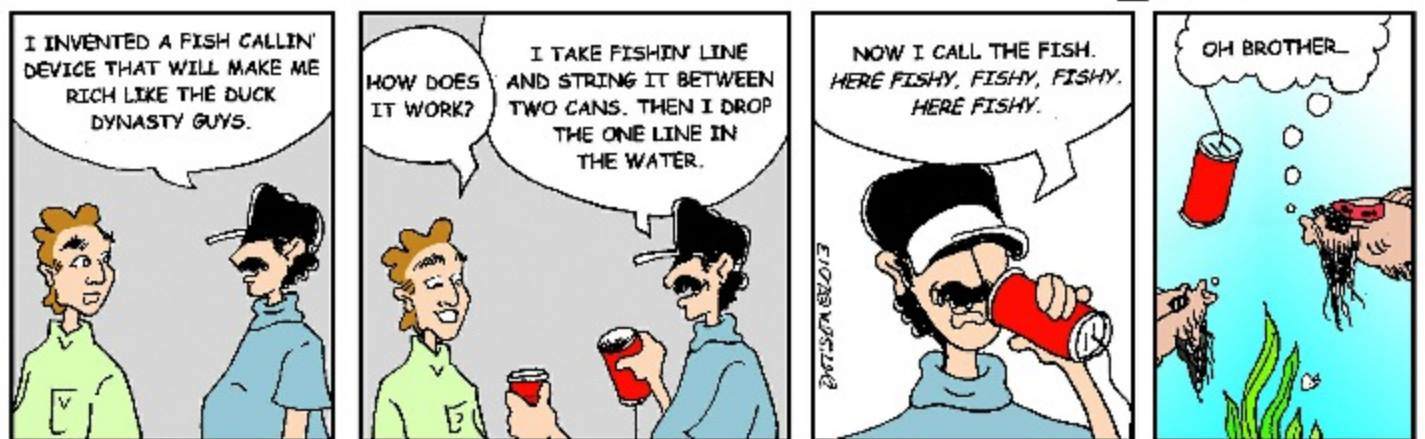
Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
Moses ides before he ever reached Canada (true).
Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
David fought with the Finklesteins, a race of People who lived in times.
Solomon, one of David's son, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
Mary and Joseph flew to Egypt. Their pilot's name was Ponchus.
Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
St. John, the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
The people who followed the Lord were call the 12 decibels.
One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was a taximan.
St. Paul Cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

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Lawyers are uniquely positioned to serve low-income Texans

By Lisa M. Tatum

A woman arrived at the pro bono legal clinic in a desperate state and suffering from severe disabilities. Thanks to the work of attorneys at LyondellBasell, a Houston-based plastics, chemical and refining company, she is getting the legal help she needs. The attorneys, led by chief legal officer Craig Glidden and pro bono coordinator Monica Karuturi, are helping her set up a special-needs trust to manage her disability benefits.

“It’s one of those unique opportunities that we as corporate lawyers have to contribute to the community’s overall prosperity,” Karuturi said. “Our work is very matter-specific on a day-to-day basis, and pro bono work gives us a way to contribute to broader social issues and interact with people who really need our help. It also grounds us and gives us a sense of what’s really important.”

Lawyers across Texas could share similar stories of making a difference in the lives of people who could not afford legal services. The National Pro Bono Celebration, happening Oct. 20-26, is about acknowledging the value and importance of this work and encouraging more attorneys to get involved.

The American Bar Association started the celebration in 2009, after the recession left more people in need of pro bono legal services. The goal is to recognize lawyers’ good work while recruiting more volunteers, mobilizing community support, and fostering collaborative relationships. The celebration is nationwide, with a focus on local projects.

The State Bar of Texas encourages Texas attorneys to provide at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services each year, and hundreds of attorneys regularly exceed that goal. Still, while nearly 6 million Texans qualify for legal aid, the state’s legal community meets only 20 percent of the need, according to a 2009 Legal Services Corporation study. As attorneys who care about access to justice, we can and should do more.

As president of the State Bar, I am pleased to announce the Care Campaign, a new program designed to further empower Texas attorneys to provide pro bono services. Through the Care Campaign, attorneys can find practical training tools, interpreters for clients with limited English-language abilities, and access to malpractice insurance through a specialized network. The program includes a Care Kit—a box containing all of the resources that local bar associations and legal organizations need to easily hold a legal advice clinic in your community.

Texas attorneys also continue making a difference through programs that serve U.S. military veterans who cannot afford or lack access to legal services. One such program, the State Bar’s Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans, develops and assists pro bono legal clinics throughout the state.

“Anyone who needs pro bono work, by definition, is unable to afford legal assistance, but the ones I find the most significant and inspiring are people who have the quietest voice and the greatest need,” said Shauna Wright, partner and pro bono coordinator at the Fort Worth law firm of Kelly Hart & Hallman, LLP, which regularly sponsors veterans clinics and also represents families adopting orphans. “We have kids in the community who have been failed by people over and over and over, and the world has let them down. So it’s a powerful thing for us to help their new parents give them a forever home and a permanent family. It’s truly humbling to be a part of it.”

Marc Vockell’s extensive pro bono work includes helping victims of domestic violence navigate family law cases. “You want to make a difference, and you want to help your clients improve their lives,” said Vockell, the head of intellectual property litigation at Dell Inc. in Round Rock who served on the Texas Access to Justice Commission from 2009 to 2012. “I’ve had clients who were very pleased to get on with their lives and clients who tell me I’m their guardian angel. But I think I get more out of it than my clients because I get to practice law in a way that is very personally fulfilling and rewarding.”

Other opportunities to volunteer abound. Attorneys interested in connecting with legal aid providers and pro bono organizations in their communities can find them and other pro bono resources at texasbar.com/atj. If you need an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one, you can contact the State Bar for a referral to a low-cost civil legal service agency in your area by calling (800) 204-2222, ext. 1855.

As attorneys, it is our privilege to be the ones who can help people in this essential way. “A lot of us serve on nonprofit boards or maybe volunteer at a soup kitchen or a homeless shelter, and those are good things to do,” said Wright, the Fort Worth attorney. “But pro bono legal work can only be done by lawyers. We are uniquely qualified to do it.”

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Connally Jacket Label

State Library and Archives Displays Unique Items from Texas' Investigation into President Kennedy's Assassination

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) will join the nation in observing the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination with a special exhibit that revisits the unforgettable events in Dallas, November 22-24, 1963.

Texas Investigates: the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy and Wounding of Governor John B. Connally opens to the public Tuesday, October 22, in the lobby of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, where it will remain through February 14, 2014.

"After 50 years of intense scrutiny, the events of November 1963 remain a topic of interest and fascination for the American public," said Jelain Chubb, State Archivist. "This exhibit will provide a look at how Texas state government responded to this national tragedy." At the time, Kennedy's assassination was considered a homicide and Texas law enforcement authorities led the criminal investigation. It was not until 1965 that the assassination of a president and vice-president became a federal crime.

The exhibit features materials gathered and created by the Texas Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety in the course of their investigations into the assassination of the president and the subsequent murder of Lee Harvey Oswald by Jack Ruby. Among the items on display will be: an aerial photograph detailing Oswald's escape route, the 25-page Dallas Police Department inventory of items taken from Oswald after his arrest and confiscated from his residence, and a 1964 report by Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr that supplemented the federal government's official Warren Commission report.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is the suit of clothing Governor Connally wore that day and which indicates the positions of his injuries. The suit was used as evidence in both the state and federal investigations. In January 1964 the Governor donated his clothing to the State Archives where, due to public interest, it was displayed for a brief time. This exhibit is the first public viewing of the suit since March 30, 1964.

TSLAC's Lorenzo de Zavala Building is located at 1201 Brazos St., Austin, across the east entrance to the State Capitol. From October 22, 2013 to February 14, 2014 the public may view the exhibit in person, for free, at any time during the lobby's operating hours, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Connally Shirt Cuff



Tom Bean Beautification

The Tom Bean Beautification Committee was recently reinstated with new members consisting of Lee Lucas, Carol Southerland, Donnelle Hunt, Buddy Hunt, Lisa Harrison, Larry Howard and Mayor Sherry E. Howard. The first meeting was held on September 9th of which brainstorming ideas for new projects were discussed among the new members. The second meeting was held on October 3rd of which Rhoda Harris, Chairman of the Type B Economic Development Board, was in attendance to hear of the plans that were discussed from the prior meeting. Possible financing options were discussed and the committee voted to go out to Van Alstyne for lunch at the Durning House followed by a trip to Green Acre Nursery for purchasing the items needed for their display in front of the city clock brick wall. The committee had a great time looking at all the specimens of pumpkins, gourds, mums, etc. On Friday morning, the committee met at 7 a.m. and assembled the items for the display. We hope that our citizens and visitors enjoy our fall display as much as we had pulling it together! We love Fall!

Plans are underway for Christmas decorating at city hall along with plans to choose a home within the city limits as our "Yard of the Month" and a cash prize. Committee members will be driving around town during the first several weeks of December and the winner will be notified on Saturday, December 14th.



Howe's That

Lana Rideout

I have a sister who is four years younger than I am. She had the same 2nd grade teacher (Mrs. Murphy) as I did. (This was at Diamond Hill Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas)

I liked to teach my sister what I was learning. But with the four grades different, I was teaching her stuff I was learning (four years later).

Mrs. Murphy told my sister not to teach her. I quit teaching her.

An interesting item, my Uncle Raymond also had Mrs. Murphy as his second grade teacher.

What's Cooking

Crunchy Tuna Salad

1 (7-ounce) can water packed tuna
½ cup celery, chopped
2 T. chopped green onion
2 T. finely chopped radishes
2 T. mayonnaise
2 t. Worcestershire
2 t. lemon juice
1 t. minced parsley
Salt and white pepper to taste

Drain and flake tuna. Mix with first 3 ingredients. Combine mayo and seasoning and mix. Chill. Delicious for stuffed tomatoes or sandwiches. The radishes make the difference.




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