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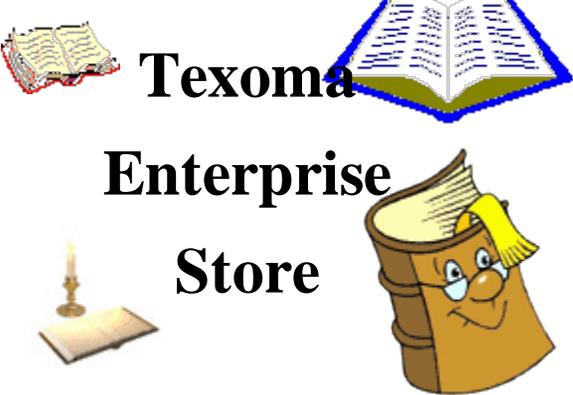


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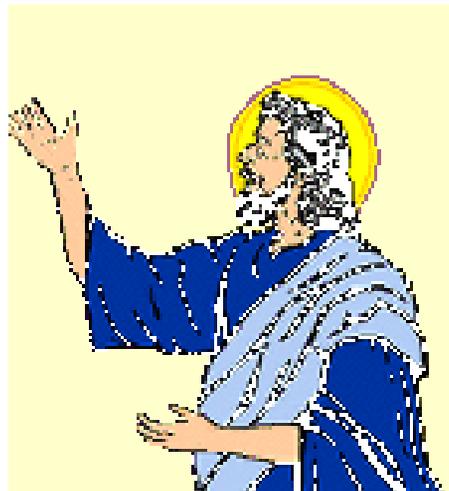
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Austin College Students Prepare For 'Roo Boo

SHERMAN, TEXAS -The 12th annual 'Roo Boo at Austin College, hosted by the Austin College chapter of Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity, will be held Monday, October 31, from 6-8 pm in Sid Richardson Center of the Robert T. Mason Athletic-Recreation Complex, off Brockett Street and just east of the football stadium.

Children 12 and younger, accompanied by parents, are invited to wear their costumes and take part in this free event, which attracts several hundred participants each year.

The event is a safe alternative to traditional trick-or-treating and will include more than 30 carnival-style booths with games, as well as a bounce house. While plenty of free candy and activities will be available, no food or drink will be provided.

Local businesses can make donations of candy, prizes, and other support for the Austin College event. To donate, contact Alpha Phi Omega organizer Jason Kirkwood at 504-810-4108.

The Austin College chapter of Alpha Phi Omega was founded in 1970. The national co-educational service fraternity is dedicated to serving schools, communities, and the nation through fellowship, leadership development, and service to humanity. The Austin College chapter also completes many service projects in the community.

Other Austin College groups are helping with the event. Organizations participating will include Aussie Dance Team, Austin College Cheerleaders, Alpha Delta Chi, Asian Student Association, Biology Interest Group, Black Expressions, Campus Activities Board, Catholic Students Association, Chi Tau Chi, Classics Club, Delta Omicron Music Fraternity, ECOS, French Club, FUSE, Gamma Gamma Gamma, Habitat For Humanity, Hockey Club, Indian Cultural Association, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Kappa Gamma Chi, Lacrosse Men, Lambda Chi, Los Amigos, Omega Zeta, Pre-Medical Society, Psychology Club, Rotaract, Sigma Phi Chi, SOMA, Suspension, Theta Sigma Chi, Xi Epsilon, Young Democrats, and Zeta Chi Beta.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Southeastern hosts

Texoma Area College Fair Oct. 27

DURANT, Okla. - High school seniors and juniors in the Texoma area are invited to attend the 2011 Texoma Area College Fair on Oct. 27 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

The event will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 am in the Bloomer Sullivan Arena on Southeastern's campus. It is free and is open to students and parents. Last year, more than 400 students attended the college fair to learn about opportunities in higher education.

This event will offer a great opportunity for students to begin thinking about college and visit with more than 30 college and university representatives. Representatives will be coming from Oklahoma, Texas, and other states to provide information and help students choose the school that is right for them.

"The Texoma Area College Fair is an excellent opportunity for our local high school students to begin looking at options for higher education," said Liz McCraw, Dean of Enrollment Management at Southeastern. "With colleges and universities from the state and region represented, students may explore areas of study, campus life and costs with a representative from each school without having to travel great distances."

In addition to browsing the college and university booths, students will have the opportunity to attend informative workshops designed to make the college transition a little easier. These workshops will be beneficial to parents and counselors attending as well. These workshops include:

9:00 am - Financial Aid - Preparing and Paying for College

9:30 am - Native American Student Benefits

10:00 am - Choosing the Major That's Right for You

Colleges and Universities and other representatives confirmed to attend the fair include: Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Austin College, Bacone College, Carl Albert State College, Cameron University, Community Care College, Connors State College, East Central University, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Northeastern State University, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University - Institute of Technology, Southwestern Christian University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M Commerce, United States Military Academy at West Point, University of North Texas, University of Oklahoma

For more information on the Texoma Area College Fair, please contact Southeastern's Office of University Recruitment at (580) 745-2060.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Last weekend my husband and I attended the Abilene Christian University's homecoming. We graduated from ACU (then ACC) 45 years ago.

We arrived on Friday afternoon in time to celebrate our granddaughter Amber's 19th birthday. She is a freshman at ACU. Although not our first grandchild to attend college, she is the first one to attend ACU.

We enjoyed a Homecoming carnival on Friday evening. Then on Saturday, we went to a Chorale performance and she was one of the singers.

Saturday evening we had a class reunion with about 20 of our former classmates attending. (We were told that reunion years ending in five are not as popular as those ending in zero (our next reunion will be the big 50!).

We did enjoy reminiscing about our college days. In 1962, things were much different from today. But it was not too long before John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, and war protesters started protesting.

At ACC back then, girls had to wear dresses and boys usually dressed up for classes.

The school did allow girls to wear slacks when they left to go home or return to the school. But as soon as possible, it was back to the dresses or skirts and blouses.

Our generation was sandwiched between the World War II years and the Baby Boomers.

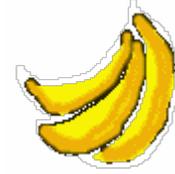
The ACU campus has changed quite a bit in the last 45 years - more buildings, more dorms, etc. The City of Abilene even redirected a portion of Judge Ely Blvd to accommodate and expansion for the university.



Recipe

Fruit Pizza

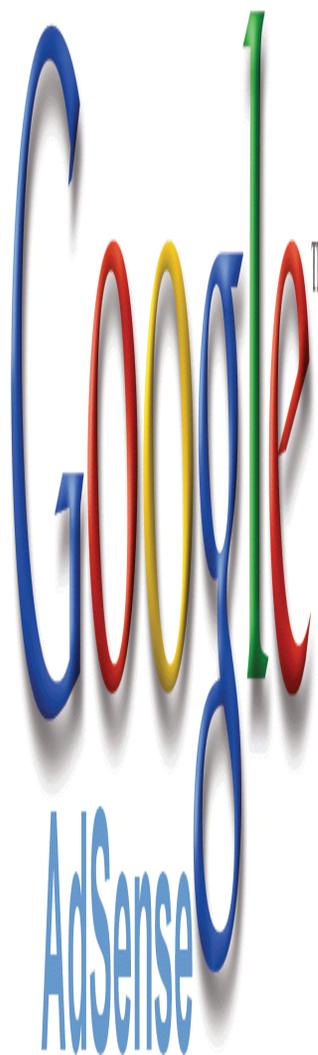
1 roll refrigerator sugar cookie dough
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Suggested fruits:
Strawberries, blueberries, kiwi, peaches, bananas, or any soft fruit, sliced



Ingredients for Glaze:

1 cup apricot preserves
1 Tablespoon water

Spray pizza pan with Pam. Roll out dough dusting with flour. Place in pan, making a small ridge around edge of pan. Bake according to directions on package. Cool. Cream together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Mix until smooth and spread over cooked cookie. Arrange fruit on top of mixture in any pattern you wish. Brush glaze over fruit and cream cheese mixture. Cut with pizza cutter and serve.



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Red Ribbon Week is Oct 24-28

Howe ISD will be celebrating the annual drug free event.

Monday -- Wear Red -- Take a stand for being Drug Free

Tuesday -- Wear Camo -- Battle The War Against Drugs

Wednesday -- Wear Slippers -- Slip Away From Drugs

Thursday -- Wear White Clothing -- Black Out Drugs

Friday -- Wear Cowboy Clothing -- Cowboy up Against Drugs



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending October 14th are: Hailey Upchurch, Bailey Bond, Alex Blount, Riley Insall, Mason Bearden, Brennan Speed, Samantha Lemley, Jacob Husband, Parker Pecina, Ryan Murphy, Dalton Laisy, Jentrie Doty, Kaiden Martin, Kaylyn Bryant, Carter Layton, Dakota Fetzer, Cassie Morrison, and Thomas Roberson



Howe ES/MS Menus

Oct. 24-28

Breakfast

Monday – Cinnamon roll, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced pears, apple juice

Tuesday – Sopapilla, country gravy, cereal/toast, applesauce, orange juice

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

Thursday – Breakfast pizza, cereal/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

Friday – Pancakes & sausage, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, orange juice

Lunch

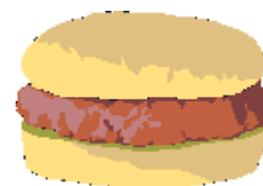
Monday – Hamburger or corn dog, burger fixins, potato chips, baked beans, pineapple chunks, vanilla pudding

Tuesday – Beef fingers or chicken crispy salad, mashed potatoes, green peas, fresh grapes, hot roll, orange sherbet

Wednesday – Chicken sandwich or turkey club wrap, burger fixins, pinto beans, fresh apple, rice crispie treat

Thursday – Pepperoni pizza or spaghetti/wmeat/toast, garden salad, broccoli w/cheese, diced peaches, Texas toast, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Beef & cheese nachos or burrito, cheese sauce, steamed corn, tossed salad, Spanish rice, orange halves



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Exceptional Behavior - First 6 Weeks

Kindergarten: Madilynn Douglass, Clayton Duree, Caden Garner, Cooper Jones, Kayley Laubhan, Jace Martin, Cheyenne Matthews, Brooklyn McCaleb, Paris Menjivar, Rilyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Dakota Smith, Jonathan Smith, Riley Troxtell, Courtney White, Mia Wilson, Kimberly Gonzalez, Emma Hitesman, Cassie Morrison, Kade Murphy, Sandra Nitchman, Juanita Olivarez, Haley Richardson, Matalee Stewart, Ashton Trevino, Nathan Wooten, Kenneth York, Mikaylah Komoroski, Zadrian Morris, Ainsley Denham, Willie Husband, Morgan Pitt, Kendall Griffin, Thomas Roberson, Camryn Boatman, Zoey Bolen, Marcos Tapia, Casie Adams, Catelyn Armstrong, Ebenezer Chawn, Nicole Garcia, Anthony Gardner, Garrett Gibbs, Jaycie Grisham, Jaeden Howard, Kelcey Ireland, Alex Jones, Carter Layton, Zeb Montgomery, Jacob Ortega, Autumn Owens, Emery Snapp, Payton Stapleton, Mahlon Walker

First Grade: Daniel Gonzalez, Korben Kemp, Dalton Laisy, Morghan Gifford Lamb, Jacob McGill, Donna Mendoza, Madison Morrow, Kolby Smith, Faith Stallings, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Vel Chin, Jentrie Doty, Tate Harvey, Ryan Hough, Samantha Lowder, Cody McGill, Janna Nitchman, Keira Robertson, Ethan Strunc, Jacob Upchurch, Jordan Brunner, Antonio Tapia, James Richardson, Emma Sutherland, Korie Bouse, Edith Hernandez, Connor Martin, Ariana Ross, Sergio Rico, Ethan Duer, Carson Daniels, Connor Gauntt, Kelly Caballero, Jesus Garcia, Luke Hardy, Alexander Huerta, Trey Phillips, Kaylee Hunnel, Dakota Tinker, Stone Trevino, Kaylyn Bryant, Breana Cole

Second Grade: Stanley Bik, Michelle Caballero, Ashley Crees, Jaryn Grisham, Jaicob Husband, Christian Moody, Ramie Mosse, Conner Record, Trinity Williams, Hagen York, Eli Wilson, Avery Snapp, Ricky Ramirez, Jessica Bastida, Harley Brockelman, Jared Brussow, Zak DeFrange, Will Fleming, John Griffin, Parker Pecina, Caleb Wahrmund, Katie Parker, Ben Speed, Ethan Lopez, Sabian Acevedo, Kevin Bateman, Cierra Brussow, Luke Catching, Luis Enriquez, Emma Harvey, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Caleb Maddison, Alyssa Sharp, Caytie Coco, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Alexis Gruszka, Colby Hopper, Toney Howard, Kailyn Ireland, Samantha Lemley, Brooke Potter, David Rocha, Aiden Roulette, Kaleb Strong, Jennifer Torres, Ethan Turner

Third Grade: Camryn Adams, Kriston Harris, Kameron Hopper, David Huerta, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robison, Kaytee Roper, Austin Thurman, Leah Trevino, Clay Barnett, Mason Bearden, Grace Brennan, Leah Butcher, Holly Cavender, Kamryn Gardner, Remington Lowe, Ethan Sanders, Gage Streetman, Korbyn Thompson, Autumn Bassett, Abby Fesperman, Katie Grogan, Makayla Hanson, Courtney Hopper, Sean Husband, Joseph Hymel, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Layla Martin, Jason Ortega, Brennan Speed, Laine Watson, Jackson Adkins, Alexandra Blount, Mariana Cano, Erin Catching, Kayle Chapman, Sierra Copeland, Ruvy Enriquez, Jacob Fabacher, Karrah Gardner, Astin Gruszka, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Raul Hernandez, Cameron Lankford, Jonathan Meneses, Lizzy Robertson, Dylan Savage, Reagan Troxtell, Braeden Wise

Fourth Grade: Kira Allen, Paetyn Ford, Garrett Grigg, Kylie Hopper, Zane Hughes, Waylon Knowles, Morgan Dyer, Jason Hunnel, Jodee Newland, Kaley Norton, Ethan Sloat, Caden Stewart, Riley Underwood, Arturo Uribe Lowder, Jade Cox, Karsyn Fleming, Ally Harvey, Danaeja Harvey-Toney, Taylor Hinkle, Mikayla Hudek, Valerie Langford, Kolbe Lappin, Sarah Martin, Braden Monroe, Jamie Taylor, Brian Timmons, Hailey Upchurch, Maci Watson, Nayely Ayala, Hally Bollier, Ethan Chambers, Layton Elvington, Allie Gleason, Lane Griffin, Caiden Harmon, Bonnie Olivarez, Kaleigh Smith, Colton Thurman, Ty Trevino, Bethany Van Deren, Kirstyn Wheeler, Cassidy Anderson, Bailey Bond, Hunter Brussow, Robin Cung, Zoie DeFrange, Ivonne Delgado, Lakaydrian Harvey-Toney, Jenna Honore, Madison Kenney, Kacie Morgan, Jacob Roper, Cindy Torres, Magi Watson, Zimry Weatherspoon, Jackson Wilson, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon

Perfect Attendance - First 6 Weeks

Kindergarten: Caden Garner, Zarrion Johnson, Brooklyn McCaleb, Lucas Mitchell, Rilyn Murphy, Jenna Roper, Riley Troxtell, Shianne Williams, Kimberly Gonzales, Sandra Nitchman, Juanita Olivarez, Jesse Portman, Emry Woods, Nathan Wooten, Kenneth York, Logan Reese, Zoey Bolen, Ebenezer Chawn, Keyshun Collins-Toney, Autumn Owens, Emery Snapp

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Howe Elementary School recognized their top Bulldog Bucks earners for the first six weeks. Top row: Ethan Turner, Zimry Weatherspoon, Kacie Morgan. Bottom row: Riley Troxtell, Mason Moreau, Caytie Coco, Zander Toner, and Kayley Laubhan. Students earn Bulldog Bucks by showing good character, such as: Responsibility, Courage, Honesty, and Respect.





Wyoming's Welcomes New Additions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

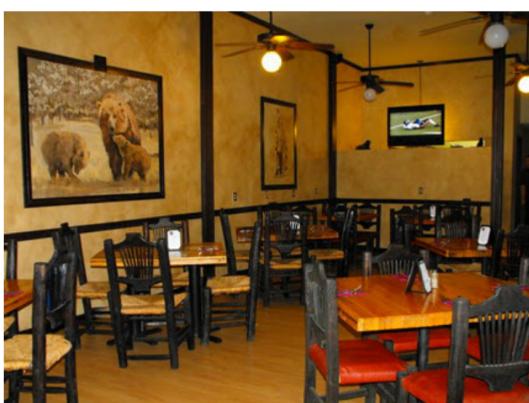
Your waiters and waitresses will be spruced up with new uniforms. They will be wearing black slacks with wine colored shirts and "Wyoming's" embroidered on them.

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

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



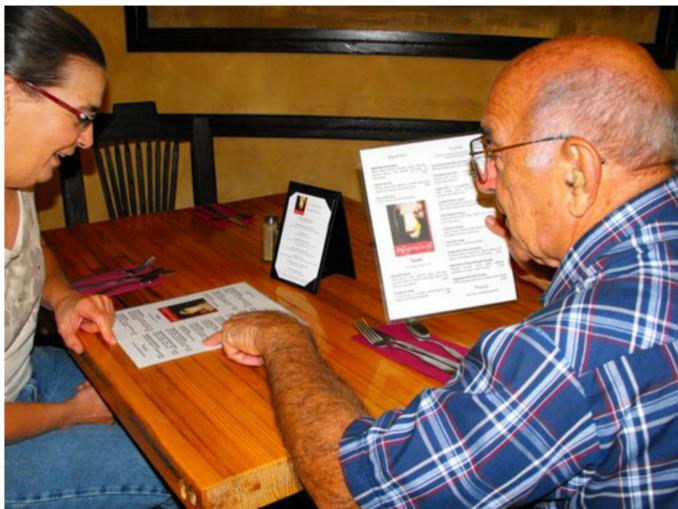
Order your favorite beer or wine at the bar



Sit with your family in the dining room.



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



Scan the menu to choose your favorite entree



Come in with a grin to join the fun.



Andrew passes through a fresh from the stove order.



Treat yourself to delicious appetizers.

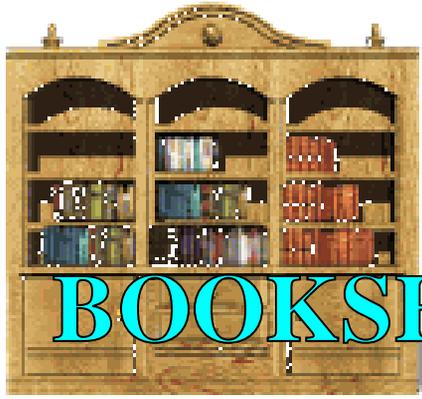
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Fine Dining



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

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BOOKSHELF

By Tracy E. Luscombe

November 5 is a date to remember. Teen Council of the Van Alstyne Public Library will be holding their Rummage Sale 8 am – noon in our East parking lot. Come find some great bargains and support our future teen activities. Then pop over one block to the Community Center for a great breakfast for only \$4.00 served by the Friends of the Van Alstyne Public Library. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy. Yum!

The Book Club met today to discuss this month's selection, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Everyone who read the book said it was a great story, and particularly intriguing if you like medical drama. However, all agreed it really is about relationships and what makes a family. Publisher's Weekly said "Verghese turns his formidable talents to fiction, mining his own life and experiences in a magnificent, sweeping novel that moves from India to Ethiopia to an inner-city hospital in New York City over decades and generations." Come check it out for yourself. Next month's book is *The Book Club* by Mary Alice Monroe. We'll meet November 21 at noon.

As of this writing we still have an opening on the Library Board. Give some thought to joining this group to help set policies for your library. Contact me at 903-482-5991 if you have any questions or are interested.

Here are some new items that hit our shelves this week.

Living beyond your feelings by Joyce Meyer

America the Vulnerable by Joel Brenner

Roger Ebert Life Itself a memoir

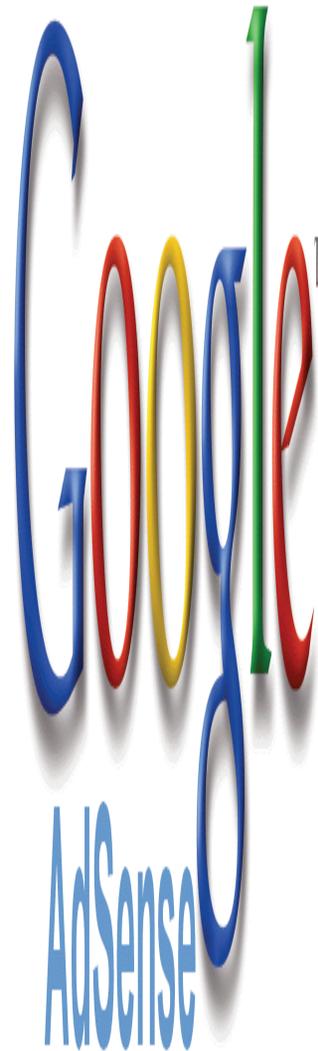
Predator by Terri Blackstock

Abuse of Power by Michael Savage

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



Watch for news about new management, new chef, new hours, and new menu items - coming soon at Wyoming's



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Nominees for Tom Bean High School's homecoming queen and king are (front row) Sam Ellis, Rachael Cortez, Caitlin Ranallo, Ashton Brogdon, Danielle Thompson (back row) Brandon McLain, Travis Hill, Judah Mangrum, and Trey Hodge. Not pictured: Mandy Rohrman

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Tom Bean School Board

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Policy EI local was approved which states that certificates of coursework completion shall be issued to senior students who successfully complete state and local credit requirements for graduation, but who fail to meet all applicable state testing

requirements. The student's academic achievement record shall indicate the date on which the certificate was issued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Gavin Williams (EL)



Keoni Puana (MS)



Taylor Haston (HS)

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Texas Bluebonnets Planted in Tom Bean

Early last week, Mayor Sherry E. Howard called upon the help of the SADD group (Students Against Destructive Decisions) from the Tom Bean Middle School to help distribute bluebonnet seeds in our median along Highway 11 for upcoming spring 2012. Twenty students arrived after school along with their sponsor, Ms. Debbie Yates, to work the event.

One parent, Ms. Cherry Webb, also accompanied the group. They quickly distributed a trash bag full of the seeds of which were generously donated to the city by our long time citizen, Mrs. Mary Jones. The site will later be named Mary Jones Garden in the spring of 2012.

The city appreciates the SADD club who donated their time after school along with Mrs. Mary Jones for her thoughtfulness for the future beautification of our city.



Feral Hog Dilemma to be Addressed at Annual Meeting of SWCD Directors

TEMPLE, TX (October 10, 2011)--The feral hog dilemma in Texas seems to be a curse that won't go away, but rather seems to be intensifying. Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Extension Specialist, Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton, will speak to SWCD directors attending the 71st Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation Districts about the current feral hog problem in the state. The annual meeting which draws some 600 conservation district officials from over the state will be held October 24-26 in San Antonio at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort.

Dr. Higginbotham will talk about current research supporting control efforts with respect to the feral hog dilemma in Texas in an afternoon workshop on Tuesday, October 25. He will also talk about the reasons behind the current feral hog population levels in the state as well as the legal control methods and best management practices associated with each method. The characteristics of damage caused by the hogs will also be addressed.

According to a recent study by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University Institute for Renewable Natural Resources, about 134 million acres, or 79 percent of the state's total of 170 million acres is feral hog habitat.

Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

Our Gospel event is the fourth Saturday night at 7 pm. This Saturday night, October 22, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of the band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Joey Whitfield, bass, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

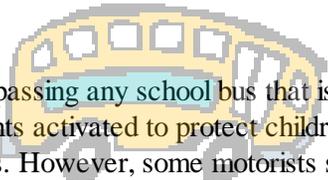
Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7 o'clock. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and refreshments is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half 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 no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.

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Don't pass a stopped Texas school bus: it's dangerous



Texas law prohibits vehicles from passing any school bus that is stopped and has its flashing red lights activated to protect children getting onto and off of a school bus. However, some motorists still break the law and place schoolchildren at risk of injury or death.

During National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 17-21), Texas Highway Patrol Troopers in many rural areas of the state may be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who break the law.

When a vehicle illegally passes a stopped school bus with the red lights activated, Troopers riding on the bus will radio ahead to

other Troopers who will then pull over the offending motorist and issue a ticket that could cost up to \$1,000. Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off children, looking for motorists violating the school bus law.

"The safety of children riding on school buses is important, and we will do everything we can to ensure that Texas drivers obey the law," said Steven C. McCraw, Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Drivers will receive tickets if they do not stop for school buses as required."

In 2010, Texas Highway Patrol troopers wrote 414 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. There were 762 crashes in Texas involving school buses last year. In those crashes, one person died and 89 people had serious injuries, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, which tracks traffic crashes.

Texas State Parks Ideal Fall Destinations in Wake of Hot Summer

AUSTIN – After a searing summer and record-breaking drought, cooler weather and the promise of at least some rain have many Texans thinking about heading outside for recreation and relaxation.

Texas' 93 state parks offer a safe, economical and fun environment for enjoying the great outdoors this fall. Although the past year's extreme weather conditions have taken their toll on a number of state parks' natural resources, wildlife and lake levels, there remain dozens of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department-operated sites where the impacts are minimal.

In east Texas, sandwiched between Angelina National Forest to the north and the Big Thicket National Preserve, lakeside Martin Dies Jr. State Park is faring well. Park superintendent David Weeks reports that Lake B. A. Steinhagen remains at full pool level and is expected to maintain that level through the winter.

Martin Dies now has 38 canoes for rental to tackle the park's four official Texas paddling trails where the waters are still flowing and wildlife abounds. Space is still available on the park's popular guided canoe trips into the forks of the Angelina and Neches rivers held the third Saturday of each month. The paddling trails offer excellent opportunities for birding, wildlife viewing and nature photography.

"Excellent hunting opportunities exist adjacent to the park in the Angelina/Neches Wildlife Management Area, where waterfowl hunting is expected to be good due to the positive lake level," Weeks adds. "Fishing, too, is picking up already on cooling area waters, with anglers reporting good catches of catfish, crappie and bass."

Despite the dry conditions, Weeks predicts fall color on most park trails should still be good. A good time to take to the trails

be Oct. 29 when Martin Dies hosts its Haunted Halloween Hike. On Nov. 26, the park will hold its Cowboy Campfire.

Cooler fall nights make for more comfortable tent camping, Weeks notes, and when winter finally arrives, campers will be glad to know new heaters have been installed in campground restrooms and showers. Though the park continues under a burn ban, there has been sufficient recent rainfall to again allow charcoal grilling. The use of camp stoves is still fine.

Located roughly 50 miles east of Dallas, Lake Tawakoni State Park reports good lake access via a four-lane boat ramp and decent fishing, though the reservoir is about six feet lower than normal. As the weather cools off, the park will experience less crowded campgrounds for those who want a little elbow room in a part of Texas that rarely receives more than a week of freezing temperatures.

"The wildlife has been more active than normal because of the drought," says park superintendent Donna Garde, "so we're getting more gray fox, mink and deer sightings. And from November through February, we offer favorable long-term camping rates for our full-service campsites."

In Central Texas, Buescher State Park still offers a bucolic Lost Pines experience since it was untouched by the early September wildfire that burned most of its sister park, Bastrop State Park, 11 miles to the west. The park boasts small, quiet campgrounds and an excellent trail system that winds through the hills amid the loblolly and hardwood forest that covers much of the park.

The 25-acre lake still has plenty of water and recently has been stocked with 900 pounds of catfish, according to Buescher State Park superintendent Cullen Sartor. And, he notes that park-goers need to remember that fishing within the boundary of any Texas state park requires no fishing license. In addition, the park rents canoes and kayaks to access the lake.

And, outdoor lovers shouldn't forget that fall is a great time to visit a seaside state park. Texas boasts four such parks: Sea Rim State Park on the uppermost Gulf Coast, and further south Galveston Island, Goose Island and Mustang Island state parks.

Sea Rim and Galveston Island state parks have bounced back from recent hurricanes and are welcoming campers, bird watchers, anglers and kayakers in increasing numbers. Half of the 44 worn-out seaside shade shelters have been replaced with new ones at Goose Island and the others will be replaced over the next couple of months. Keep an eye out for the endangered whooping cranes that winter in the area and enjoy the new boardwalk over the recently restored marsh. At 4,093-acre Mustang Island State Park, visitors can cruise the beach, pitch a tent and even build a campfire, a rarity in rain-starved Texas. And, remember you don't need a fishing license to wet a line in any Texas state park, so don't forget to bring your rod and reel.

Despite the spring wildfire that struck 1,500-acre Possum Kingdom State Park in North Texas, the park has made a great comeback, has received some rain and welcoming an increasing number of visitors. The lake level is down some, but the park's boat ramp remains one of the few still open and the county's burn ban has been lifted, so campfires are okay again. The campgrounds are open and all but one cabin, which sustained slight fire damage, are available for overnight stays. Keep in mind, too, that many state parks offer reduced camping fees during "off-peak" fall and winter months, especially for campers planning a longer stay. Reservations for accommodations and campsites can be made by calling the reservations center in Austin at (512) 389-8900 or online through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

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THE TEXAS TEN HORN'S NEW SHOOTER'S CLINIC

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

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

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

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A 1912 road trip
By **Bob Bowman**

Today, an automobile road trip across East Texas is a delight for many families, largely because roads are well-paved, signs mark the towns and distances, and there are ample gas stations and eating places.

But in 1912, Woodson Nash and C.G. Smith, accompanied by their wives, three Nash sons, and a friend, Sam Krauss, hopped in Nash's touring car -- a seven-passenger Abbott Detroit 40-horsepower vehicle -- in Dallas and started to Galveston, a distance of 288 miles by way of Terrell, Marlin and other small towns.

Nash had contemplated making the trip in his Chalmers touring car, but decided that it might not be up to the task.

The party stopped at Sanger's, a store in the Dallas area, where Nash bought a cap because his western hat kept blowing off. Mrs. Nash wore a large Queen Victoria hat, held on with a heavy veil.

In 1912, roads were often impassable and ran across farms and ranches. The Nash-Smith party stopped frequently to open and close gates, some of which were made of barbed wire.

"On the second day, leaving Marlin, we began having lots of sand, and I had to lower the tires' pressure down to 45 pounds which helped some," said Smith.

Only two cars passed the party on the way south -- a Marton Hanley and a Pierce Arrow. They were enroute to automobile races on the Galveston beach.

On the second day, the Nash and Smith party stopped at Navasota and spent the night in a small brick hotel. "It was hot and the mosquitoes and bedbugs made sleeping, or trying to sleep, pretty miserable," said Smith.



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



By **Dorothy N. Fowler**

Last year -- maybe it was the year before -- a panel whose members I never recognized, recommended that women forgo the yearly mammogram because statistically so few women's lives were saved by the early detection possible with modern mammography. The report mentioned the negative psychological effect of "false positives," and seemed to say that the impact of these effects outweighed the positive impact of finding a cancerous tumor early enough to save a life.

Women, at least the ones of us who are assertive about such things, went up in flames and the recommendation of the panel -- which I still believe was motivated by the desire to save the insurance companies money so that the CEO could retain his big bonus -- was blown away.

At our weekly church supper, my friend Tom Nuckols said men need some of the moxie exhibited by the women. He said that a similar panel has said essentially the same thing about the PSA test, a blood test that indicates whether certain enzymes associated with prostate cancer are present, thus triggering further examination. The panel once again cites false positives, the psychological damage these false positives cause, and the rush to treatment for a cancer that may not even be present.

Once again, I find myself almost too angry to be coherent. Early detection of any kind of cancer increases the likelihood of successful treatment. That is particularly true of a cancer like prostate cancer, which grows silently and without symptoms until it is often too late to treat it effectively.

Once again, no matter what the panel says, I suspect the subtle or maybe not so subtle hand of the insurance companies who somehow or other miss not only the humanity of the situation, but also the ultimate economic impact of treating full blown and probably fatal cancer. Finding it early, when it is treatable, is just plain cheaper than paying for the prolonged care involved when a patient is dying.

I do not understand why men are not raising the roof with their protests. Perhaps their virtual silence has something to do with male ego. Or maybe one of the women in a choir I was in years ago was right when she said, "Men had rather be dead than be impotent and they are all afraid that if something goes wrong with their prostates, that's how they'll be."

I didn't believe her then and I don't believe her now. I do think that men have been reticent about prostate problems for far too long and that what they need is the male equivalent of Happy Rockefeller and Betty Ford, who brought breast cancer out of the closet and into the light of public discussion. When that happened, research money and information made it possible for women to begin to make informed decisions about breast health.



**BOB BOWMAN'S
EAST TEXAS, continued**

Dot's Dashes, continued

On the third day, the party reached a white shell road out of Houston, but, like all the other roads, was one-way and "we we lost time in passing." The bridges, observed Smith, were also one-way.

For more than 30 years I have wanted men to insist on a prostate exam when they get their yearly check-up. That exam could not possibly be more invasive or uncomfortable than getting a Pap smear and a mammogram are for women. In the absence of that exam, the PSA blood work is virtually painless. If there are some false positives, that is a whole lot better than not knowing a malignancy is present until it is far advanced.

The party rolled into Galveston on the evening of the third day "with everyone tired but happy." The return trip to Dallas also took three days.

Women, if you love your men -- that includes lovers, husbands, brothers, uncles, et.al., insist that they have a yearly prostate exam. Write, e-mail, call your member of Congress and insist that laws be passed that require insurance companies to cover prostate exams and PSA blood tests. Shoot the recommendations of this present panel down.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books about East Texas history and folklore. He can be reached at bob-bowman.com. Thanks to Andy Bergfield for clippings from a 1912 newspaper)

In this fight, men may not do it for themselves and since that is true, we need to do it for them.

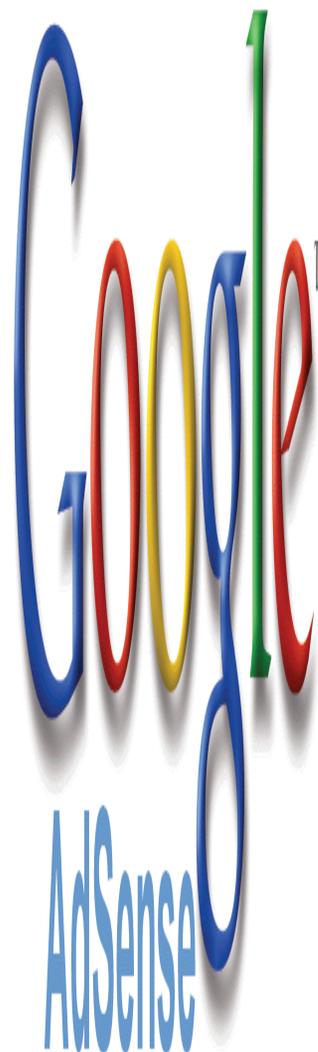



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Capitol Watch
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column is the seventh in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 8. 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. The order that the amendments appear on the ballot has been randomly selected by the secretary of state. I will be providing information about the proposals in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

Amendment No. 7 The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.

The Texas Constitution currently allows the legislature to authorize indebtedness payable from taxes for the development of certain parks and recreational facilities as may be necessary to provide for improvements and maintenance for a conservation and reclamation district in a specified county. The proposed amendment would include El Paso County for which such indebtedness is authorized. The proposed amendment would facilitate the creation and maintenance of a regional parks district in the El Paso County through certain bonding and taxing authority currently available in 10 other counties. The amendment would not raise taxes or automatically create a regional parks district, but rather would allow county voters to decide whether such a district should be created.

Supporters say that parks play a role in the success of a community, enhancing the quality of life in an area, and the creation of a regional parks district with authority to issue bonds payable from property taxes would allow the city and county to work together to offer higher quality services than either could provide separately.

Opponents say that the proposed amendment would provide an opportunity for further taxing authority in El Paso County, a property-poor county. In this current economic climate, government leaders should be focused on sustaining the local

economy and generating revenue rather than on creating additional debt.

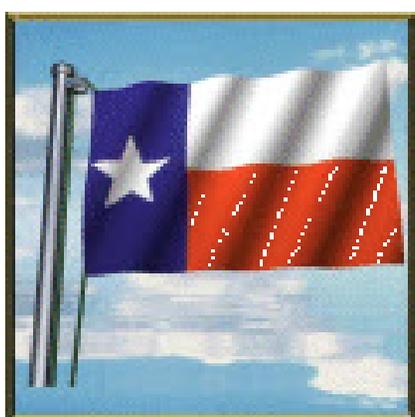
Amendment No. 8 - The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The Texas Constitution generally requires real property to be taxed at its market value. The constitution also requires the legislature, for the purpose of promoting the preservation of open-space land, to provide for taxation of open-space land devoted to farm, ranch, or wildlife management purposes on the basis of its productive capacity, rather than at full market value. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide by law for the taxation of open-space land devoted to water stewardship on the basis of its productive capacity.

Supporters say that according to the state water plan, active conservation will account for 23% of the state's future water supply, and the plan endorses voluntary water stewardship as a water conservation strategy. Voluntary water stewardship is a new tool to advance water conservation and is revenue neutral because eligible landowners already would be receiving the agricultural-use property valuation. In a state where more than 90% of the land is privately owned, a water-stewardship tax incentive would encourage private landowners to conserve water without more regulation.

Opponents counter that the amendment could provide a way to undermine the agricultural-use property valuation, or have other unintended consequences. There already are several other tax breaks for Texas landowners, and providing for another one is excessive. The separate water-stewardship valuation is superfluous because landowners already practice voluntary water conservation.

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at www.hro.house.state.tx.us <<http://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.



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

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

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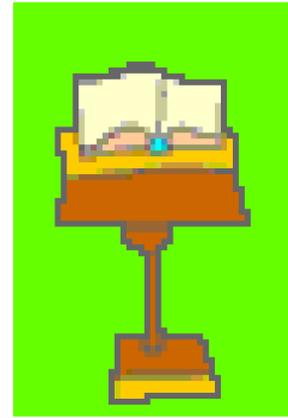
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Genesis 1 (New International Version)

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.



Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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

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

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

Numbers

By Willie Sofey

Numbers are significant in relation to mankind's existence on planet earth during the age beginning with Adam up to the time when Creator God will recreate the new Heaven and Earth following the 1000 year reign of Christ on planet earth.

God devoted one of the 66 books of the Holy Bible entitled to Numbers. James Strong's references some 320 versus throughout the Bible to numbers. The book of Numbers

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us.

Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts.

Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

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

covers the 40 years of Israel's departure from Egypt to her arrival in Canaan. The lesson to be learned is that God's people must walk in faith of God's promises. There was much unbelief and discontent during this 40 year journey in the wilderness.

The New Testament references many events in Numbers to remind believers the seriousness of sin towards God. See John 3:14 and Num. 21:9., 1 Cor. 10:5-11 and Num. 14:29-35, 16:41-50, 20:1-13; 2nd Peter 2:15-16, Rev. 2:14 & Num. ch. 22-24; Jude 11 and Num. ch. 16, ch. 22:7-35; 27:3.

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The science of numbers has propelled mankind into a technological future almost beyond imagination, making him believe he is self-sufficient. Unfortunately, in many instances, mankind has prostituted God's science of numbers and tried to deceive the world with his own Satan-influenced occult numerology.

Presently, government leaders and candidate potential leaders are throwing around a lot of numbers they believe will be solutions for America's problems. Our present administration is speaking in billions and trillions numbers to solve the economic throes. One candidate, Cain, has a 999 solution for America.

The primary world power ruler during the coming tribulation period on earth described in the book of Revelation also has a number system (666), that he believes will control and monitor the economies of this great empire.

God addresses the seriousness of sin in individual lives and nations throughout the Holy Scriptures and as I mentioned above and more specifically the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, wherein God describes the promise of blessings and the promise of curses to His chosen nation of Israel (1410 B.C.) through Moses, on conditions of obedience to His Word.

The Apostle Paul (55 A.D.) reiterates that "all these things that happened to Israel as examples, and they were written for our admonition (warning), upon the ends of the ages have come", 1 Cor. 10:11.

I will quote some numbers on my mind that I believe are on the Lord's mind also. America has legalized the murder of approximately 50,000,000 infants in the wombs of mothers since 1973. In comparison, Hitler of Germany legalized the murder of some 6,000,000 Jews during the Holocaust and Stalin

legalized the murder of some 30 to 40 million during his reign in Russia.

The prophet Jeremiah (627 – 585 B.C.) in Jer. 7:31, denounced Judah for outdoing the heathen in their murderous infant sacrifices. The prophet Isaiah (740 – 680 B.C.) condemned Israel and Judah's murderous infant sacrifices (Isa. 57:5). The people are no better than their leaders and are rebuked for being insensitive to righteousness, for idolatry (including sex orgies and infant sacrifices), and for lack of trust in God.

Mother Teresa stated, "The greatest destroyer of peace is ABORTION." Veronica Lueken of "Our Lady of the Roses" on Nov. 1, 1985 stated: "How can a great country like the U.S. fall, you say, my child? You ask me in your heart. I read your heart. I tell you why. Because they have given themselves over to Satan. When a country has lost its morality and seeks the pleasure of the flesh, giving over, themselves over, to all manner of abominations, like homosexuality (and murderous abortions), and condoning this up the highest courts of the land, THEN THAT COUNTRY SHALL FALL".

James Madison said, "A right towards men is a duty towards the Creator". John Adams stated if the U.S.A. ceased to be moral, democracy would destroy our nation.

Before we can start rebuilding America, as our God-fearing forefathers designed, we must first remove obstacles of God-deploring, sinful laws ingrained into the fabric of our nation. Almighty God is interested in the economies of the spirit man, not the economies of man's idolatrous flesh. A man's flesh is numbered.

From a small voice in the wilderness, Willie Sofey, Sherman



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Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

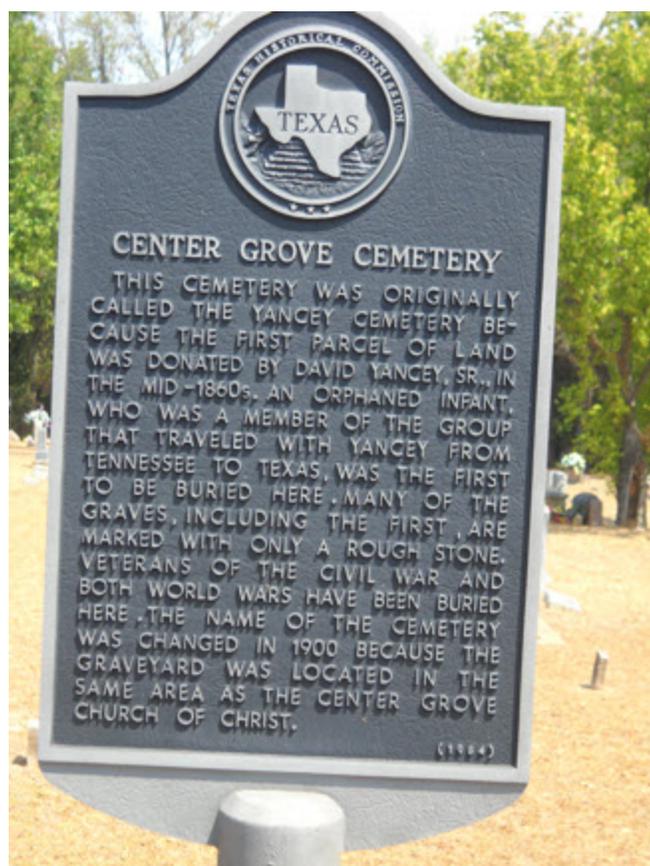
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members.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

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

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

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

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





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The Difference Between Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

Many people use the terms Alzheimer's disease and dementia interchangeably, but they have very different meanings. Although dementia is a group of symptoms that include memory loss, the term itself doesn't explain what is causing the symptoms. Alzheimer's disease is the leading cause of dementia, but here are many other causes.

Dementia is a general term for memory loss that is severe enough to interfere with daily life. The signs of dementia may include forgetfulness, difficulty making plans, thinking ahead, or using language, as well as changing character traits, among other symptoms. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 50 to 80 percent of dementia cases according to the Alzheimer's Association, but there are other causes, including vascular dementia, Lewy body dementia, frontotemporal dementia, and Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome. Some causes of dementia are treatable, so it is important to understand the cause.

Alzheimer's disease is a partially hereditary disease that causes a loss of brain cells. The symptoms start out mild but grow progressively worse over time. There is no cure, but there are medications that can treat the symptoms and slow the disease's progress. An early symptom of Alzheimer's is difficulty learning new information. It can then progress to more severe symptoms such as forgetting names and places, disorientation, mood and behavior changes, and an inability to relate to others. Eventually, it can lead to the inability to talk, walk, or eat. For more information on Alzheimer's disease from the Alzheimer's Association, [click here](#).

Dementia, whether caused by Alzheimer's disease or some other underlying disease, is not a normal part of aging. If someone you love is exhibiting signs of dementia, they should get immediate medical attention to understand what is causing it.





Texas State Fair

By Amanda Hill

Growing up in Dallas, the State Fair of Texas was a BIG deal. Each year, we got a day off from school to explore the sights, sounds and foods of our state's great tradition. Since we lived in the suburbs, my brother and I were in awe of everything—the cowboys, livestock, foods, and, of course, Big Tex.

This Texas tradition has an incredible history and represents the best of the Lone Star State. The State Fair of Texas began as the Dallas State Fair & Exposition in 1886 on virtually the same plot of land in East Dallas. For more than 125 years, millions of Texans have passed through the gates of Fair Park to get a taste of life in rural Texas.

The State Fair has evolved over the years, moving more toward a food and entertainment venue. Today, many fairgoers head out to Fair Park on a mission to find this year's strangest fried fair food or make a beeline for the Fletcher's corndog stand. Food is still at the heart of the State Fair, but with a twist.

This year, I had to try the fried lemonade. Yes, fried lemonade. The experienced fair food creators at the Stiffler Brothers' booth came up with this concoction -- a lemon cake ball, fried and covered with a glaze of Country Time Lemonade, lemon juice and powdered sugar.

The Stiffler family works all year to perfect their entry for the Best Taste and Most Creative fried fair food contests. While I was there, I also tried their fried pumpkin pie. (It's the State Fair... Why not?)

Then I headed over to the Texas Department of Agriculture's Food and Fiber Pavilion. Here, fairgoers can sample foods that are grown and made for Texans, by Texans. If you visit the State Fair, be sure to stop in for ice cream from the Southwest Dairy Farmers, steak from our friends at the Texas Beef Council and countless Texas food and fiber products at the GO TEXAN General Store.

And while you're in the Food and Fiber Pavilion, be sure to stop by Texas Farm Bureau's Planet Agriculture exhibit, where you can learn more about Texas farmers and ranchers and how they grow our food.

The focus of the State Fair of Texas may have shifted from 1886, but its agricultural roots still shine through. As a kid, and even now, the State Fair allowed me to experience what Texas farmers and ranchers do to provide me and my family with nutritious food that is skillfully and carefully grown.

The State Fair of Texas -- it's certainly more than fried fair food and Big Tex.

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Hall Promotes Job Creation Through Deregulation, Trade Agreements

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Following the completion of several 'jobs bills' passed in the House this week, Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04), who supported these bills, released the following statement:

"The Republican-controlled House has spent the year focused on growing our economy and promoting job creation through cutting spending, reducing the deficit, and creating regulatory and tax certainty. This week, the House continued this focus by passing multiple bills that would help put Americans back to work.

"On Wednesday, I voted with the House to pass H.R. 2250, EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011. Over-reaching regulatory policies are crippling our economy and costing American jobs. I have consistently voted for legislation that would get rid of unnecessary government regulations. This bill would give the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) time to construct accurate, achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters and incinerators. The legislation also addresses many concerns with the Boiler MACT (Maximum Achievable Control Technology) rules. In the 4th district alone, the Boiler MACT rules threaten more than 800 good-paying, manufacturing jobs. These are not jobs that can be recreated; once eliminated, they are gone. This is one more example of how EPA's rules are costing jobs at a time when we need to be creating jobs.

"Also passed on Wednesday were H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, and H.R. 3080 - bills I voted for that would promote trade agreements between the United States and Columbia, Panama, and South Korea. Enacting these agreements would create American jobs and lower prices for consumers. According to the International Trade Commission, an independent federal agency, the agreements have the ability to add 250,000 U.S. jobs and

\$13 billion to our economy, while leveling the playing field for American workers, farmers, and businesses. For three years now, House Republicans have been ready to pass these free trade agreements, in conjunction with separate consideration of trade adjustment assistance legislation. I am pleased the President and Congressional Democrats have finally shown interest in passing these bipartisan trade agreements.

"In many cases, our imports from Columbia, Panama, and South Korea enter the US duty-free, while our products face stiff tariffs when they are exported to those same countries. That severe handicap makes it more difficult for our domestic industries to stay competitive in foreign markets. Specifically, in the 4th district, beef exports to South Korea are positioned to increase dramatically along with dairy and other agricultural products due to the elimination of tariffs. In today's global economy, America can't afford to watch other countries take advantage of trade agreements that provide export opportunities while we sit on the sidelines.

"Today, I supported and the House passed H.R. 2273, Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. This bill would protect public health and the environment without further burdening state budgets, the coal combustion residuals reuse industry, or killing jobs. Coal combustion residuals disposal facilities would still be subject to enforceable permits, but would allow states the freedom to regulate the EPA's rules. The bill would also keep coal ash from being deemed a "toxic waste," allowing ash to continue to be reused in industries such as cement, avoiding the loss of 184,000 to 316,000 jobs.

"Though the House passed several much-needed 'jobs bills' this week alone, much work is still required to promote an environment where job creators and businesses have the confidence needed to provide real, long-term jobs and economic growth. I will continue to work towards this end, so Americans can get back to work and families are more secure."



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BOOK REVIEW: ELMER KELTON'S LEGACY LIVES ON

By Jerry Lincecum

LONG WAY TO TEXAS

By Elmer Kelton

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Western novelist Elmer Kelton died more than two years ago, at the age of 83, but he left readers a rich legacy that continues to give pleasure and insight. Newly released by Forge Press is an Omnibus Hardcover edition of three of his novels, all with roots in the Lone Star State.

In "Joe Pepper," the title character is awaiting the hangman's noose as he reveals the story of how, while seeking revenge, he discovered a lust for violence. The irony is that it was Joe's keen sense of justice that put him on the wrong side of the law. Unfortunately, he tarried there long enough to get caught and receive a death sentence.

The novel "Long Way to Texas" gives its title to the omnibus volume. The story takes place just after the Civil War battle of Glorieta Pass in New Mexico. (In history there were some Lincecums involved there, but Kelton didn't use the family name). It is a narrative complicated by the self doubt and fear of failure of Lt. David Buckalew, whose remnant of Confederate riflemen is under siege and low on water and supplies.

In "Eyes of a Hawk," the protagonist, Thomas Canfield, is known to the Mexican citizens of Stonehill, TX, as *El Gavilan* (the Hawk). Not one to forgive a wrong, he sets out to even the score with an insolent ranchman rival intent on building a fortune at Canfield's expense.

Unfortunately, the Hawk is willing to go so far as to destroy the town before yielding to his enemy.

The volume features an introduction by Dale L. Walker, himself a noted author and a past president of the Western Writers of America. Not only is the book a must for those who already know Kelton, it would also make an excellent gift for someone who appreciates good fiction and has yet to discover our Tejano treasure. He wrote as well as several nonfiction books. To learn more about him and his fifty western novels, go on the internet to: www.elmerkelton.net.

Having hosted Elmer Kelton at Austin College and then visited with him many times as he sat near the front at annual meetings of the Texas Folklore Society, I look forward to perusing the almost 500 pages in this handsome volume.

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Where Was Jesus Born?

A lifelong unchurched man suddenly develops a vague religious urge and decides to join a church -- any church. So he sets out to find one.

His first stop is a Roman Catholic church where he asks what he has to do to join. The priest mentions diligent study and the affirmation of the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds, then -- just to see how much the man knows -- asks him where Jesus was born. "Pittsburgh," he answers. "Get out!" cries the shocked priest. Next stop is a Southern Baptist church where the seeker is told he would have to learn Bible verses, swear belief in the Nicene and Apostles' creeds, swear off booze, and be baptized ("By immersion, not just some sissy sprinklin"). The Baptist preacher then, to see how much this man knows, asks him where Jesus was born. "Philadelphia?" he asks tentatively (once bitten, twice shy). "Get out, you heathen!" yells the preacher.

Our perplexed protagonist finally walks into a Unitarian church where he is told all he has to do is sign a membership card. "You mean I don't have to renounce anything, swear to anything, or be dunked in anything?" "That's right. We have no special tests for membership, no dogma. We support total individual freedom of belief." "Then I'll join! But tell me -- where was Jesus born?" "Why, Bethlehem, of course." The man's face lights up. "I knew it was some place in Pennsylvania!"

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

¿ Que es ¿

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

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

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

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



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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

