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Halloween**



Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

“Bluegrass Day” this month is November 2nd. A bluegrass jam begins at 5 pm on the first Saturday of the month. Donations will be accepted to defray expenses. For those staying for the show, we have scheduled an open mic at 6:30 pm. It is a good opportunity to get some stage experience. Our regular show will then begin at 7 pm.

We welcome Nickelville Road to our stage this month. Members of this band are Johnny Tarver, guitar and vocals, Cecil Patterson, banjo and vocals, Jeff Smith, bass/dobro, vocals, and Bobby Brite, mandolin and vocals. Admission for the 7 pm show is \$7 per adult with children under 12 accompanied by an adult admitted free.

The doors and concession area will be open at 6 pm, with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

The Chrystal Opry House is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided. Persons interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>. (“Like” us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and (www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com))

Periods of Possession – Don Mathis

Call it a Period of Possession; don’t call it Visitation. Although a noncustodial parent may just get to see the child of divorce on the first, third, and fifth weekend of each month, we should abhor the word, Visitation.

The Texas Family Code does not mention Visitation. It is called a Period of Possession – and the custodial parent will have hers and the noncustodial parent will have his. Some may think ‘possession’ refers to the child, but the term refers to the period of time.

The amount of time each parent may have may vary, but each only has a period of possession – short in the grand scheme of things – too short. And once it’s gone, it can never be regained.

[Isolina Ricci Ph.D.](#) in her book, *Mom's House, Dad's House: Making Two Homes for Your Child*, lays out a healthy frame of mind to consider when co-parenting children of divorce. She covers the legal, financial and emotional realities of creating two happy and stable homes for kids in the difficult and confusing aftermath of a divorce.

Ricci believes it is essential that separated and divorced parents eliminate as much of the hassle and confusion as possible by setting up a working relationship with the ex-spouse. The goal is to make two loving homes for the kids.

The concept of Visitation is detrimental to such a goal. A dad can visit his son at school. Or a daughter may visit her mom at work. But a boy does not visit his own home. A girl will have her own bed at the noncustodial father’s house. She has her toothbrush by the lavatory and her artwork on the refrigerator. The child does not visit the noncustodial parent’s house.

One may visit their sick mother in the hospital. One may visit a brother in jail. And one may view the body of the deceased in a funeral home during a Visitation. But one does not visit their own home.

Parents of children of divorce should share time with their kids. Fathers should not speak badly of their child’s mother. Moms should avoid setting themselves up as ‘gate-keepers’ to their kids’ time with Dad. Such actions constitute Parental Alienation. You should not poison your child’s mind to hate the other parent. This is child abuse.

Enjoy the meager period you may possess with your children – then release them. The time parents may have with their children can be possessed in that moment only. Time cannot be put in a chest. Only memories can go there.



Obey the Law: Don't Pass Stopped School Buses

Troopers set to issue tickets to drivers breaking the law

AUSTIN – As part of National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 21-25), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging drivers to obey state law by not passing any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal – either flashing red lights or a stop sign. In addition, Texas Highway Patrol troopers will be enhancing their efforts to catch those drivers who break the law.

“The moment when students are entering or exiting the bus is one of the most dangerous times of a student’s trip; and drivers who pass a stopped school bus create a potentially deadly situation,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “The safety of Texas children is paramount, and DPS will not tolerate those who break the law and put our children at risk.”

During National School Bus Safety Week, troopers in many areas across the state will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who disregard the law. Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students, looking for motorists violating the school bus law. Drivers who violate the law could face fines as much as \$1,250, which was increased in September by new legislation.

In 2012, Texas Highway Patrol troopers issued 449 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. Last year, 840 crashes in Texas involved school buses, according to the Texas Department of Transportation, which tracks traffic crashes. According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 40,000 school buses transport 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

According to Texas statute, a driver – traveling in either direction – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop. School buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.

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.

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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



CAPITOL WATCH #561

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column will be the ninth and final installment 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. 9 (S.J.R. 42)

The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The Texas Constitution establishes the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which investigates allegations of misconduct against Texas judges. After its investigation, the commission has discretion to issue a private or public admonition, warning, or reprimand to a judge, as well as to require that the judge obtain additional training or education. If the commission deems it necessary, it may order formal hearings concerning the public censure, removal, or retirement of a judge or justice. The commission also may request that the Texas Supreme Court appoint certain judges or justices as masters to hear, take evidence, and report to the commission in these cases. If, after a formal hearing or having considered a report from a master, the commission finds good cause, the commission "shall issue an order of public censure or it shall recommend to a review tribunal the removal or retirement" of the judge or justice.

Proposition 9 would amend the Texas Constitution to expand the actions that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct could take after formal proceedings into judicial misconduct or after considering the record and report of a master appointed to look into judicial misconduct. In addition to its current authority after a formal hearing to issue a public censure or recommend removal or retirement of a judge, the commission could issue a public admonition, warning, or reprimand or require that the judge or justice obtain training or education.

Supporters of the amendment say Proposition 9 would ensure that the State Commission on Judicial Conduct had adequate tools to respond to allegations of alleged judicial misconduct investigated by the commission through formal, public hearings. This would allow the commission to discipline judges appropriately after all types of investigations into judicial misconduct. Since Proposition 9 would expand the options available to the commission after a formal proceeding to include an admonition, warning, reprimand, or requirement that the judge or justice obtain training or education. This would give the commission a full range of options, allowing its decision to hold a formal or informal hearing to be based on the individual case, not on the penalties or sanctions available. The commission would have discretion in choosing whether to pursue formal proceedings, so only allegations that merited a public avenue would be subject to such proceedings. Further, supporters say, public information about investigations into alleged judicial misconduct could help Texans accurately assess the judiciary and judges and whether the process was fair and effective. The availability of more information would promote transparency and help the public understand the commission's decisions. It could enhance confidence in the judiciary and judges.

Opponents say current constitutional provisions limiting the options available to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct after a formal proceeding into alleged judicial misconduct should not be expanded. Provisions restricting potential actions by the commission after a formal proceeding are appropriate because they help ensure that formal proceedings are used only in the most serious cases of alleged judicial misconduct. This helps protect the confidentiality of judges and shields them from public exposure resulting from low-level or unwarranted allegations and from those unhappy with the results of a case or from political opponents. Under the proposed amendment, the use of formal proceedings could increase to include cases that warranted lower-level actions, such as admonitions and warnings, or cases that were unfair or unsubstantiated, which could diminish the public's confidence in the judiciary and unfairly harm individual judges. The commission could feel pressure from an accuser, the media, or the public to hold formal, public proceedings in cases that did not merit them. Formal proceedings that expose all information — both supporting and refuting an allegation — to the media and the public could harm the judiciary. Exposure and debate over allegations that may turn out to be unsubstantiated or minor could taint the public's perception of a judge and the judiciary as a whole.

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.

Voter Information

Over the last several weeks I have discussed the nine proposed constitutional amendments that appear on the general election ballot this year. This week's column will provide general information regarding the election dates and procedures.

Election day is November 5, 2013. On the ballot this year are nine proposed constitutional amendments which must be passed by voters in order to become law. A complete list of the amendments, including an explanation of the amendment and arguments for and against each amendment can be found on the House Research Organization's (HRO) website at www.hro.house.state.tx.us. The HRO is a nonpartisan independent department of the Texas House of Representatives that provides impartial information on legislation and other issues.

Early voting began on Monday, October 21, and runs through Friday, November 1. To find your polling place, contact your local county officials. In Delta County, contact the Elections Office at 903-395-4400 ext. 222; in Fannin County, contact the county clerk at 903-583-7486 or visit the website at http://www.co.fannin.tx.us/default.aspx?Fannin_County/Elections; and for Grayson County, contact the Elections Office at 903-893-8683 or visit the website at <http://www.co.grayson.tx.us/default.aspx?name=elec.home>.

In order to vote, voters must present a valid photo identification document. Accepted documents are: a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); a Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; a Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; a Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS; a United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; a United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; or a United States passport. For more information on forms of identification or any other voting or election issue, visit the Secretary of the State of Texas' website at www.sos.state.tx.us.

For more information regarding any state matter, 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 36:1-12 (KJV)

- ¹ The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, *that there is* no fear of God before his eyes.
² For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful.
³ The words of his mouth *are* iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, *and* to do good.
⁴ He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way *that is* not good; he abhorreth not evil.
⁵ Thy mercy, O LORD, *is* in the heavens; *and* thy faithfulness *reacheth* unto the clouds.
⁶ Thy righteousness *is* like the great mountains; thy judgments *are* a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
⁷ How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
⁸ They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
⁹ For with thee *is* the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.
¹⁰ O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
¹¹ Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
¹² There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.



Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be speaking this week at A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Come on out and join them at 9:00 am for coffee and doughnut fellowship. Classes for all ages begin at 9:30, and worship service at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The Lord's Supper is celebrated each Sunday morning during worship service.

Kidz head on over to the Zone on Sunday morning for fulfilled time in Kidz church learning about the love of Jesus. Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus is held during worship time at 10:30.

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

Halloween is coming up soon and the church will be planning a fun event. More information to follow.

For more information about events of the church or just anything to do with the church contact Mike Ball @ 903-271-1870 or David Ellis @ 903-815-1333.

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

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You Are Dead

Donald Miller Jr. was declared legally dead in 1994. He had vanished from his home eight years earlier. Miller, 61, told Hancock County Probate Court Judge Allan Davis, that he disappeared in the 1980s because he had lost his job and he was an alcoholic. His ex-wife claims that he vanished because he owed \$26,000 in overdue child support payments. Miller lived in Florida and Georgia before returning to Ohio around 2005.

He said his parents told him about his "death" when he came back to the state.

Miller went to court this week to ask the Probate Judge to reverse the 1994 ruling that declared him legally dead. He wants to obtain a driver's license and reinstate his Social Security number.

But Judge Davis, admitting that this is a "strange, strange situation," turned down his request, citing a three-year limit for changing a death ruling. "I don't know where that leaves you, but you're still deceased as far as the law is concerned," the judge said. *

Consider...

Because of our sins, YOU and I are dead! The Apostle Paul diagnosed the condition of those in Ephesus before God saved them: "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air" (Ephesians 2:1-2).

Even so, WE are dead in our transgressions and sins – separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), under the condemnation of death (Romans 6:23), and completely unable to resurrect ourselves!

Despite our sins, however, God loves us and has provided the Way for us to have eternal life.

To those who were dead in their transgressions and sins, the Apostle Paul wrote: "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us ALIVE with Christ even when we were DEAD in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:4-7).

Because of His great love for us, God sent His only Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Jesus "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14).

He suffered the "death penalty," so that you and I can have eternal life! "He died for us so that... we may live together with Him" (1 Thessalonians 5:10).

God has promised to raise those who are dead in their transgressions and sins when they place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

The Apostle Paul explained to Christians in Rome how God had raised them up: "Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4).

We are dead in our transgressions and sins but God provides eternal life through Jesus Christ His Son.

Won't YOU submit to the Savior so that He can give you new life?

David Sargent, Minister
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Church of Christ at Creekwood
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org>

* Information from: The Findlay (OH) Courier, <http://www.thecourier.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**
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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

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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
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102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor
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Gary Gibbs, pastor
**FIRST PENTECOSTAL
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CHURCH**
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Rev. Jack Wallace, minister
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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,
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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!



Cornyn: A Six-Week Delay Won't Get Obamacare Ready For Primetime

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator John Cornyn, R-Texas, released the following statement after the White House announced that the penalty for not purchasing health insurance may be delayed by up to six weeks:

“After more than three years, Obamacare still isn't ready for primetime and a six-week delay won't change anything. Every minute the President spends slow-walking this disaster is costing taxpayers more money. He needs to face reality: Obamacare is coming apart at the seams and it's time to put this broken law to rest.”

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: What's the Price Tag For Obamacare's Tech Surge?

AUSTIN – U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) called on President Obama to detail the total expected cost for the updates necessary to make the Obamacare website functional.

“The roll out of the Obamacare website was exactly what its supporters predicted – a train wreck. To try and clean up the mess, President Obama is calling up a tech surge to overhaul the website, and sending the bill to the taxpayers.

“The taxpayers have already shelled out hundreds of millions of dollars to build the original website. How much more money is President Obama going to demand? Instead of continuing to pour money into this broken law, it's time to issue a permanent delay and work on solutions that provide real health care reform, rather than broken promises and error messages.”

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.

House Passes Bill to Name Courthouse in Honor of Paul Brown

Oct. 22, the House passed H.R. 185, legislation introduced by Ralph Hall (TX-04) to name the Federal Courthouse in Sherman, Texas the Paul Brown U.S. Courthouse. The bill passed 402-1.

Ralph Hall said, “Judge Brown; was a respected and beloved member of the Sherman community and known for his distinguished career as a United States Judge for over 21 years. He had a sterling reputation for running an efficient and orderly courtroom and upholding a high standard of personal worth ethic and judicial integrity.

“The youngest of a family of six, Paul Brown was raised on a farm near Pottsboro, Texas and graduated from Denison High School. When World War II broke out, he joined the U.S. Navy and served as a minesweeper and served. In both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters and as part of the occupation forces in Japan.

Judge Brown received his law degree in 1950 from the University of Texas. Following his military service in the Korea War, Judge Brown began practicing law. He served as Assistant Attorney from 1953-1959, and U.S. District Attorney from 1959-1961.

In 1985, Senator Phil Graham recommended Judge Brown to President Ronald Reagan for a new Judge's position created for the Eastern District of Texas. Confirmed later that year, Judge Brown held court in Beaumont, Paris, Sherman, and Texarkana. When the caseload in Sherman grew, he eventually presided over the Sherman courthouse exclusively. Judge Brown serves as U.S. Judge until 2006. He passed away Nov. 26, 2012.

TCOG reports FY 2013 Economic Impact

Organization generated \$24 million in Texoma region

SHERMAN, OCT 21, 2013 – Dr. Susan Thomas, Executive Director of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) announced last Thursday night at the TCOG Governing Board that TCOG's total economic impact on the Texoma economy during fiscal year 2013 was around \$24 million.

In her report to the TCOG Board Dr. Thomas pointed out, “When you compare the total economic impact in the region to the amount of dollars paid in membership dues, you'll find that for every \$1 paid there is a \$489 impact. That is an incredible value for local jurisdictions who work with our organization.”

The TCOG Economic Impact Report presented the results of an economic impact analysis estimating the annual impact Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) had on the state and local economy during fiscal year 2013 (May 1, 2012 – Apr 30, 2013). TCOG's economic impact was calculated on the three-county region by looking at direct, indirect, and induced forms of impact, including workers' salaries, volunteer hours, expenditures to local vendors, and supported tax base and tax revenues.

In FY 2013, TCOG supported \$16.33 million in economic output or revenues for businesses and employed a total of 60 direct jobs and an additional 59 indirect and induced jobs in the region. In total, TCOG supported 119 full time employees.

“What I find impressive about this report is that 145,000 volunteer hours were served in the region last year alone, primarily by Senior Corps Program volunteers,” Dr. Thomas stated. “That equates to 70 full-time equivalent employees working 40 hours a week in volunteer hours to provide meaningful service across our region.”

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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New Obamacare Exchanges Flounder, Portend Disaster

By Sally C. Pipes

One thousand two hundred and eighty-nine days.

That's how long the Obama Administration had to set up the 36 online health insurance exchanges it's operating wholly or in partnership with states. Surely three-and-a-half years is enough time to establish websites with at least basic functionality, right?

Not so much. Obamacare's exchange rollout has been disastrous. The federal government's Healthcare.gov website is still unusable for most browsers. By last count, fully 47 state exchange sites were generating frequent error messages.

It's the dawn of a new era of government-dominated health care -- brought to you by the Obama Administration.

Even the parts of the exchanges that work are confusing. For instance, here's the prompt that pops up when visitors try to set a username: "The username is case sensitive. Choose a username that is 6-74 characters long and must contain a lowercase or capital letter, a number, or one of these symbols _./-."

Got that?

The collective experience of exchange users is best summarized by Michael Hoffman, a Florida man who unsuccessfully attempted to enroll over half a dozen times. "I was pretty frustrated," Hoffman said. "It's disappointing when you have higher expectations."

Federal officials have stated that heavy traffic is to blame for technical difficulties -- that the exchanges are "too" popular. Healthcare.gov -- the federal government's main portal -- received 4.7 million unique visitors over its first 24 hours of operation.

But much of that figure is comprised of reporters, healthcare wonks, and curious onlookers -- not exactly the target demographic of uninsured adults looking to buy coverage.

Only a tiny slice of visitors is actually enrolling in health plans. According to one industry rep, "Very, very few people that we're aware of have enrolled in the federal exchange. We are talking single digits."

Single digits might be optimistic. Just one percent of the applications to federal exchanges contain "enough information to enroll the applicant in a plan," according to CNBC. California's exchange has registered just a 0.58-percent registration conversion. Of the 28,000 visitors to Connecticut's Access Health site last week, just 167 applied for a plan.

Reporters have been so desperate to find even one person who's successfully purchased coverage through the exchanges that they actually ditched basic fact-checking standards once they thought they found one.

Earlier this month, Chad Henderson, a mid-twenty-something Georgia resident, tweeted out that he'd bought exchange-based insurance. Within a matter of hours, Chad was interviewed by dozens of national news outlets and became the de facto poster boy for Obamacare.

Turns out Chad was faking it. Further investigation revealed that he'd only submitted an application, not actually enrolled.

The Obama Administration has tried to explain away the exchanges' high-tech hiccups by likening them to those experienced by Apple last year, when it released its flawed Maps application for the iPhone.

"We're building a complicated piece of technology," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius. "Hopefully you'll give us the same slack you give Apple."

But that's a misleading analogy. Employees at private companies are usually held to account when they screw up. Scott Forstall, the lead designer of the Maps app, eventually got axed by Apple.

Government doesn't work that way. There's no such accountability. No one is going to be fired or demoted because of the exchanges' massive flaws.

The problems with the exchanges don't stop at basic programming incompetence. They're also vulnerable to fraud and abuse. "The root problem is that the health insurance exchange isn't made up of a single, authoritative site where people can go and register for coverage," explains Christopher Budd of Trend Micro, an internet security firm.

So it's easy to create a fake exchange site to dupe online shoppers. One site billed as the "Pennsylvania Health Exchange" turned out to be run by a private insurance broker.

The exchange rollout has gone worse than even Obamacare's fiercest critics could have predicted. Patients are going to be very upset once they discover that many of the new plans will not cover the same number of doctors and hospital networks as pre-Obamacare policies did.

The sites' multiplying glitches are only a preview of how health reform will disrupt our healthcare system. Welcome to Obamacare.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Taube Fellow in Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *The Cure for Obamacare* (Encounter 2013).

2 Chronicles 7:14

I remember reading about the children of Israel who turned from God time and time again, only to realize their mistake and pray for forgiveness. Each time, God would forgive them and they would walk with him for a time. So, I am going to ask you to join me in praying for our nation every day. Please read the email below. God is in control. May God Have Mercy On America ; Protect Our Troops When I was in Atlanta last week, there were signs in people's yards that said, " America , prayer is our only hope" - with 2 Chronicles 7:14 underneath.. We certainly need God's help! I have no idea who started this, but I certainly agree with this e-mail.

I heard a preacher on TV tonight who said if we pray for our nation things will turn around. After a day of contemplation and soul searching, I have decided to reach out to my friends and relatives and ask you to do something that has been troubling me for a long time. Our nation is/has been on the slippery slope for a long time. If you look around you will find corruption, greed, moral decay, and a steady move away from the things that made us great. The principles upon which this nation was founded are no longer our backbone.

However, we can reverse this trend. 2 Chronicles. 7:14 in God's Word, He states, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." I am convinced that we must pray for our nation and its leaders and ask for forgiveness. So I ask you to join me in this plea to our Lord. Would you please send this to people in your address book? Ask them to pray EVERY DAY. (25 to the 5th power is 9,765,625 people.) IMAGINE if each person reaches TEN others... Or all TWENTY FIVE!

If you do and they comply, we will lift up millions and millions of prayers a day to our Creator. He will hear us, and in faith will answer. Here's a quote from Ronald Reagan: "If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." I truly believe this is why the United States of America is in the shape it's in today. Most people have forgotten that we are ONE NATION UNDER GOD! Let us as Christians stand up and remind people of this. "In GOD we trust....Always"

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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.



Howe Elementary October Students of the Month

Row 1: Remi Barker & Jackson Moreau, Row 2: Riley Troxtell, Rowdy Kuydendall, Brynn Riley & Anthony Lowder, Row 3: Luis Gonzales, Sadie Terry, Audie Martin & Antonio Tapia



Bulldog Graphic Design Company

Howe High School students created a vinyl banner for Gunter Parks and Recreation Department. Bulldog Graphics Design is a company created and operated by Advanced Business Management class of Howe High School. Students provide a wide variety of products ranging from car decals to custom made banners.

For more information, contact Martha Wilson at 903-532-3236.

So there was this elderly female business executive who was late for a meeting. She is going 65 on a street where the speed limit is 40.

A cop pulls her over and says "ma'am, can I please see your license?"

She says "I'm sorry, officer, but I got it revoked two years ago for drunk driving."

His brow furrows and he straightens up. "Well, can I please see the registration of your car?"

She says "I stole the car and I killed the driver; he's in the trunk."

"Ma'am, DON'T MOVE, I'm calling for backup."

He mutters furiously into his walkie-talkie...

Five minutes later, half the squad pulls up, the Chief of Police walks over to the woman's window.

"Ma'am, can I see your license?" he asks sternly.

"Of course, officer," she smiles demurely and pulls out a license from her purse.

He squints warily at it. "This looks legitimate," he mumbles.

"Can I see the registration to this car?"

She pulls it out of the glove compartment and hands it to him.

"Ma'am, stand back!"

He bangs open the trunk of the car and flinches: but it was completely empty...

The woman brandishes a finger at the first cop and says accusingly, "And I'll bet that liar told you I was speeding too!!"...

Don't Mess with Old People.

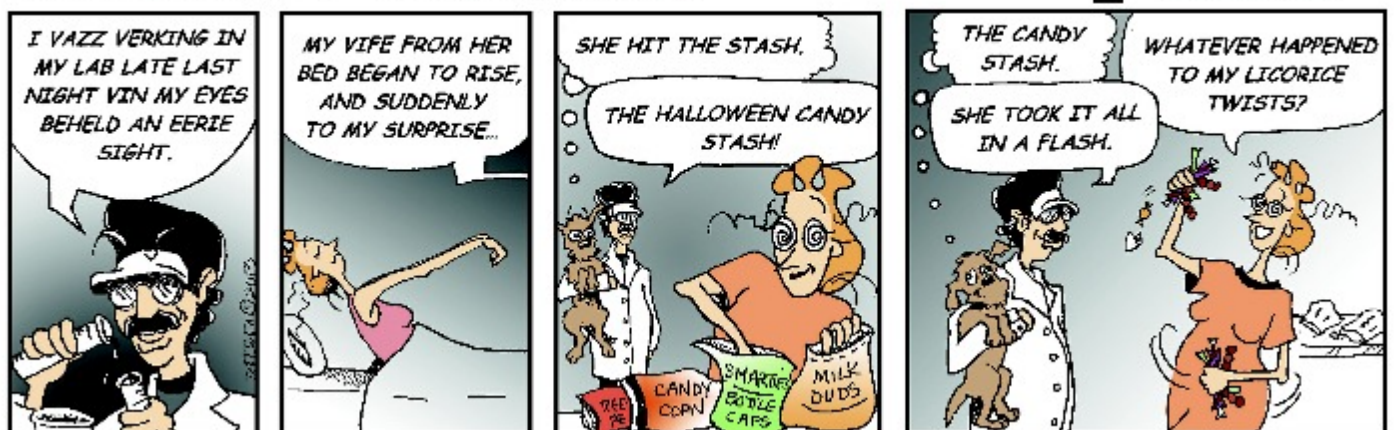
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Lee's New Article

Excited to share my new article on TH. It's been 4 years since my last TH piece.

Here are the Cliff Notes concerning my 5-year hiatus:

In an effort to keep my finger on the pulse of public education for my writing, I looked in to returning to teaching HS English and coaching wrestling part-time. It turned in to a major investment in to the lives of some kids with some pretty messed up lives.

The last school I was at was close to 90% black. I became a substitute father for more young men than I can count on two hands. I recently resumed writing after one of my kids was shot four times in a drug deal about the time the media was trying to portray a little hoodlum named Trayvon Martin as the poster child for black youth.

So, here I am. I hope you like this. Thank you for reading my previous work! I hope you will like and support my new journey. I would greatly appreciate your taking the time to comment on this piece @ TH. If you recommend it, that would be cool, too!

Very sincerely, Lee Culpepper



Here are two stories from Dr. Lincecum. Our last issue we had trouble getting the story on the page.



LET'S REMINISCE: FUNERALS AND CEMETERIES

By Jerry Lincecum

After being asked to speak at the annual "dinner on the ground" held at a local cemetery, I gave some thought to my own memories about funerals and graveyards. I started with a story about the little cemetery in Robertson County where I hope to be interred several decades in the future (if I'm lucky).

In contrast to the long history of many rural graveyards, my favorite cemetery didn't exist until my mother's mother died in the mid 1930s. My grandmother's brother, Leland Neyland, and my Grandfather Jones bought a few acres at the crossroads to establish the Seale-Round Prairie Cemetery, with Rissie Neyland Jones as first occupant.

Mother was in her first year of college at the time, and she said it troubled her somewhat that they buried her mother in what looked like a cotton field. It just didn't seem right and proper. But she accepted it, and before long the new cemetery had other graves and began to resemble a graveyard. Eventually all the lots were claimed by local residents and their kin, and it was enlarged.

Nowadays it is a lovely cemetery and quite a few of my relatives are buried there. When my younger brother Joe died suddenly of a massive heart attack about a few years ago, I looked at the cemetery plat map (my dad had been one of the officers and kept a copy on hand). Our family had several plots reserved, and I marked what I thought was the correct one for the gravediggers.

Fortunately, one of my cousins who was better at reading the plat corrected my mistake before the grave was dug. I was just one plot off. Joe's grave is not far from the one for my stillborn brother, born when I was two, unbeknownst to me until I stumbled on the marker when I was maybe ten years old and demanded to know why I hadn't been told.

There's another story about that cemetery that my father shared with me after I was grown. It harked back to the days when graves were dug by family members or friends of the family. He had helped to dig a grave for the stillborn child of a close friend of his, and it was a rainy day for the funeral. Instead of attending the service, Daddy stayed at the gravesite with a tin can attached to a piece of baling wire, which he used to dip water out of the grave, trying to keep it as dry as he could.

One more story my Dad told was about his father, who once made the drive by horse and wagon from his little rural community to a town some distance away, to pick up the coffin for a young woman of another family. It was freezing cold when he got back and dropped off the coffin. He then went on to his home and got ready for bed.

But all of a sudden he felt something in his pants pocket. In a flash he remembered that the grieving mother had instructed him to buy a pair of fancy stockings, something her daughter had wanted. He had rolled up the stockings and put them in his pocket; then he forgot about them. Nothing would do except he had to put on his heavy coat and get on his horse to deliver those stockings right away. He didn't want that poor woman to see her daughter laid out without the stockings.

Those are my memories; what are yours?

LET'S REMINISCE: SAM RAYBURN, A MODEL FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

By Jerry Lincecum

Some time ago I alluded to Cong. Sam Rayburn's 1947 Cadillac and promised to write a column about it. However, in the interest of fairness to this outstanding member of Congress, I must also tell you about one of his notable contributions: the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. It provided federal loans for the installation of electrical distribution systems to serve rural areas of the United States.

I can remember in the 1940s when the REA brought electric lights and more to our farm in the Seale community of Central Texas, and it sure made a positive difference in our lives. Most of the cooperative electric power companies that the federal loans made possible still exist today. These member-owned coops purchased power on a wholesale basis and distributed it through their own network of transmission and distribution lines.

Electricity came about five years later to my Lincecum grandparents who lived in the Bald Prairie community (Robertson Co.), and I recall finding a few scraps of the thick aluminum wire that was used in building their power lines. That wire was soft and easy to bend, making a good plaything for kids like me.

Although Mr. Rayburn didn't write the bill authorizing the REA, he was the leader of the Democratic Majority in the House of Representatives when it passed, and rural Texans gave him credit for making it happen. He moved up to become Speaker of the House in 1940.

As a result of the 1946 elections, the Democrats lost control of the House and Rayburn was replaced as speaker. That meant he also lost the use of a congressionally-funded 1944 Cadillac, the official speaker's limousine. While Rayburn remained positive about his new role in Congress, his fellow Democratic congressmen could not bear to see their beloved "boss" without a car.

Several congressmen wanted to buy Rayburn a new car to replace his limousine, but he had a personal rule barring him from accepting gifts over \$25. Undeterred, the congressmen asked all the Democratic members of the House to donate \$25 toward a new car.

Rayburn, somewhat embarrassed, nevertheless agreed to their plan. Along with the 142 Democratic donations, 50 Republican representatives donated to the Cadillac fund.

The congressmen purchased a new 1947 Cadillac Fleetwood for \$3,600 in donated checks and presented the keys to Rayburn during a ceremony officiated by his good friend, John McCormack, the Democratic Whip.

However, when Rayburn learned that Republicans had donated money toward the purchase of the car, he insisted that their money, \$1,250, be returned. Reflecting his keen sense of personal integrity, he felt that for him to accept money from Republicans might be seen as a conflict of interest. Thus Rayburn graciously thanked each Republican donor but returned their checks.

Rayburn used the Cadillac from 1947 through 1949, when he was again elected speaker. (He served as Speaker for 17 years total, longer than anyone else). Later he had the car driven to his home in Bonham, where it can now be seen at the Sam Rayburn House Museum. You may also find a picture of it at their website.

I'm sure most of you will join me in asking the men and women who represent us in the U.S. Congress now to read a little history and take Mr. Sam as a model.

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A retired English professor, Dr. Jerry Lincecum teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any topic: jlincecum@me.com

Too many knocks on the door

By Glenn Mollette

It seems that America is living in perpetual Halloween. It's like Bill Murray's movie Groundhog Day. We constantly relive Halloween and we're not laughing. The same monsters keep coming and coming to America's door but they want more than candy. The monsters come in the form of the Afghanistan war, Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid.

The average American doesn't mind what we spend on defense. We rejoice in our freedom and want to support our troops. Most of us believe our military earns their money and deserve more. The rub comes in the fact that we are sick and tired of Afghanistan. In the middle of our budget crisis we were severely reminded by the death of more American troops that the Afghanistan war is very alive.

The loss of more life is a cruel visit by the ugliest monster of all. The knock on the door that one of our children has been killed is the greatest of all nightmares. Mr. President, give the command, get us out of Afghanistan. This would save our country approximately 100 billion dollars a year. We could use this money to do a few things at home but most importantly we could avoid more senseless loss of life.

Social Security is America's frequent treat or trickster. Fifty-eight million Americans are glad and can hardly wait each month. Every month the social security check or deposit is welcomed. Unfortunately the trick is the growing bite the government wants back in taxes. Plus, we are incurring more and more debt to keep the system going. We need 816 billion dollars this year to keep the checks rolling. This amount is only going to grow. The system will not sustain itself and all of us must be willing to be a part of the solution.

Medicare and Medicaid have the biggest and deepest sack of all. This is no little monster. It stands at the door totally unsatisfied for one treat but keeps nodding and shaking the bag for more and more. We will spend over 732 billion dollars on Medicare and Medicaid this year. The projections for the next ten years are scarier. At the forefront of this hungry monster are medical providers who bill our government excessive costs. One physician told me he always bills Medicare or the insurance company three times the amount that he expects to be paid. This same physician would never give me a cash price for a treatment I was personally seeking. He asked me to change insurance companies because my current company would not pay him what he wanted. If our government is going to continue to pay the hospitals, nursing homes and doctors it must get control of the excessive, abusive and fraudulent charges made by many providers. Once we get sick they show up at our doors and stay there until they have financially and emotionally drained us.

We could survive Halloween once a year. For most Americans there are too many knocks on the door from the same monsters and we're tired of them.

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Pawsitively Passionately Pink

Tom Bean ISD students will be participating in the first Pawsitively Passionately Pink Rally for the cure this Friday, October 25th. We will start our rally with a few facts and words, followed by some motivation! We will then conclude with a mile PINK parade walk around the track to raise awareness and to acknowledge those who are fighting or have been through the fight.

Students and classes will be walking with banners and chain links to show their support for all of those, not only battling breast cancer, but all forms of cancer. Students and faculty have also accepted the challenge to see who can wear the most PINK for the event.

Tom Bean High School is also taking donations for the event, with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. With your donation, you will receive a Passionately Pink pin to show your support. Donations may be made in the TBHS office.

Please contact Lorry Royal, TBHS Counselor, for additional information regarding the event.

Breast Cancer Awareness - Facts & Tips

Every 2 minutes, there is a new breast cancer diagnosis.

Every 14 minutes, a life is lost to the disease.

Over 40,000 people will die this year; about 400 of them will be men.

85% of all diagnoses have no family history.

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in women between ages 40 and 55.

<http://www.womenrockinc.org/>

For additional information, please visit <http://www.breastcancerawareness.com/education.php> or <http://ww5.komen.org/>



Howe's That

Lana Rideout

My husband and I like to take brief vacation-like outings.

Last week we went to Gilmer in East Texas. We enjoyed the Yamboree events. (Gilmer is known for its yams.) We bought a small box of yams. They will be enough for quite a few meals.

Also we attended part of the Gospel events – lots of good old fashioned singing – quartets, bands, etc. We stayed about 2 hours or a little more. Wish we could have stayed longer. We may go back next year.

The program was two days. The ones we heard were very good. It was edifying.

What's Cooking

Earth Quake Cake

1 c. chopped pecans
1 c. shredded coconut
1 German Chocolate cake mix
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1 small box powdered sugar
1 stick oleo
1 tsp. vanilla
Grease 9x13 pan or cooking oil. Spread pecans and coconut on bottom of pan. Mix cake according to package directions and pour over coconut and nuts. Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, oleo and cake mixture. Bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes.




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