

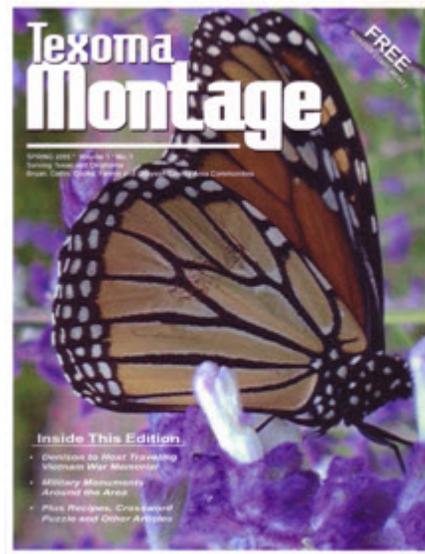
Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

October 25, 2012



Howe Fall Festival



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Howe's That

Recipe

by Lana Rideout

In my younger days, I attended the Texas State Fair just about every year. I always enjoyed the new things, the food, and much more. My favorite thing was Big Tex. Last week Big Tex caught fire and burned down to the wires.

A lot of folks posted tributes on Facebook.

That deep slow voice helped make the State Fair special.

I understand that Big Tex will be back next year. Give a Texas How-dy to welcome him back..

By the way, don't forget to vote in the upcoming election. It is always important for us to elect those who represent us in cities, states, and the US Presidential race.

Easy Pecan Pie

- 1 cup white corn syrup
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- 1 9-inch pie shell, unbaked
- 1-1/2 cups shelled pecan halves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together corn syrup, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla and salt until well combined. Pour into pie shell.

Arrange pecan halves in concentric circles on top. Bake until firm, approximately 45 minutes.



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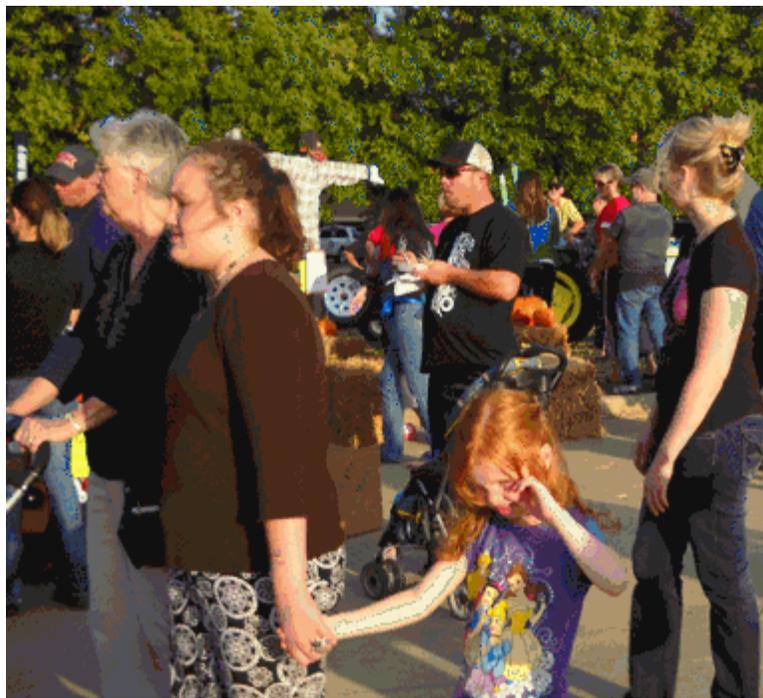
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Saturday evening, folks in Howe and the surrounding area enjoyed the annual Howe Festival.

Games for all ages as well as lots of good food and other entertainment were on the agenda.

Snow cones were tasty. Youngsters used Magic Markers(see photo above) to decorate pumpkin gourds. Also popular was dart game (hitting balloons for a prize). There was something for everyone.

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Exceptional Behavior

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Kindergarten: Aviana Acevedo, Hayden Brunner, Colt Crane, Hali Howard, Luke Miller, Wyatt Renfro, Kamry Snapp, Beau Stephens, Ariel Uriostegui, Kennadi Barrett, Andrew Crane, Olivia Dimayuga, Macy Douglas, Shelby Gard, Eduardo Gonzalez, Kenzlee Jones, Seth Lea, Anthony Lowder, Jaedyn Nance, Gavin Rodgers, Hunter Shaw, Travis Watson, Elizabeth Word, Parker Daniels, Talan Haley, Heath Hendrix, Nathan Hernandez, Garren Lankford, Bailey McDonough, Gracie Randall, Brynn Riley, Hunter Roberson, Garrett Rodgers, Presley Shockey, Braden Ulmer, Alizabeth Banda, Stephanie Bastida, David Grant, Zadavian Haywood, Ava Hodge, Emaleigh Sweeden, Charles Turner

First Grade: Camryn Boatman, Jacob Campbell, Ainsley Denham, Shianne Freeman-Williams, Caden Garner, Kayley Laubhan, Carter Layton, Lucas Mitchell, Zeb Montgomery, Sandra Nitchman, Autumn Owens, Jake Snodgrass, Matalee Stewart, Gage Troxtell, Riley Troxtell, Catelyn Armstrong, Kendall Griffin, Alex Jones, Mikaylah Komorowski, Jace Martin, Brooklyn McCaleb, Railyn Murphy, Morgan Pitt, Cameron Pugh, Jenna Roper, Emery Snapp, Mahlon Walker, Nathan Wooten, Mary Burris, Ryleigh Craven, Madilynn Douglas, Clayton Duree, Dax Foster, Kimberly Gonzalez, Jaycie Grisham, Emma Hitesman, Jaeden Howard, Willie Husband, Cooper Jones, Morghan Lamb, Zadrian Morris, Nita Olivarez, Jonathan Smith, Ashton Trevino, Isaac Vidales, Mia Wilson, Casie Adams, Zoey Bolen, Jayde Harris, Kelcey Ireland, Ryleigh Jenkins, Cheyenne Matthews, Gabby McMillen, Jacob Ortega, Haley Richardson, Noah Riley, Thomas Roberson, Fisher Robertson, Jonathan Sanderson, Payton Stapleton, Courtney White

Second: Kaylyn Bryant, Mackenzie Bryant, Abby Earnhart, Daniel Gonzalez, Hunter Hance, Andrew Harper, Matthew Hayes, Shijon Haywood, Chesnee Lawson, Trey Phillips, James Richardson, Keira Robertson, A'Niyah Shaw, DeMarcus Smith, Antonio Tapia, Gabrielle Vera, Korie Bouse, Angie Burris, Ethan Duer, Connor Gauntt, Mikya Gurley, Austin Haley, Christina Harper, Edith Hernandez, Cody McGill, Donna Mendoza, Christian Moody, Madison Morrow, Emma Sutherland, Dakota Tinker, Jordan Brunner, Kelly Caballero, Bryan Crees, Tate Harvey, Jacob McGill, Jana Nitchman, Za'Niyah Shaw, Kolby Smith, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Ayden Burris, Carson Daniels, Bettye Delavan, Jentrie Doty, Luke Hardy, Ryan Hough, Samantha Lowder, Audie Martin, Kaiden Martin, Sergio Rico, Linda Segura, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Stone Trevino

Third Grade: Jaden Bryant, Michelle Caballero, Luke Catching, Caytie Coco, John Griffin, Jaryn Grisham, Niko Longoria, Ethan Lopez, Blain Nuncio, Ricky Ramirez, Garrett Rudd, Caleb Searcey, Avery Snapp, Jennifer Torres, Eli Wilson, Kevin Bateman, Stanley Bik, Jared Brussow, Luis Gonzalez, Zoey Moore, Ramie Mosse, Justin Whitaker, Trinity Williams, Sabian Acevedo, Harley Brockelman, Drew Cowin, Ashley Crees, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Paige Gifford, Colby Hopper, Austin Jones, Luke Lopez, Abby Alvarez, Cierra Brussow, Ethan Conrad, Zak DeFrange, Will Fleming, Jaicob Husband, Lindsey Hymel, Kelynn Jaresh, Conner Record, Jordan Sanderson, Alyssa Sharp, Ben Speed, Shalimar Terry, Ethan Tindell

Fourth Grade: Leah Butcher, Kayle Chapman, Katie Grogan, Grace Brennan, Kriston Harris, Laine Watson, Mariana Cano, Holly Cavender, Ruvy Enriquez, Karrah Gardner, Mikayla Hanson, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Mason Moreau, Brooke Robinson, Leah Trevino, Reagan Troxtell, Erin Catching, Hannah Dwyer, Jake Fabacher, Tatum Hartsfield, Alex Hernandez, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Kaytee Roper

Accelerated Reader Top Ten

1st Six Weeks

Second Grade: Brody McCollum, Korben Kemp, Janna Nitchman, Jordan Brunner, Tate Harvey, Connor Gauntt, Carson Daniels, Jentrie Doty, Ethan Strunc, Mackenzie Bryant

Third Grade: Justin Whitaker, Niko Longoria, Ben Speed, Jaicob Husband, Katie Parker, Cierra Brussow, Caleb Wahrmund, Riley Griffith, David Rocha, Alyssa Sharp, Luke Catching, Zak DeFrange, Caleb Searcey

Fourth Grade: Lizzy Robertson, Jacob Fabacher, Grace Brennan, Holly Cavender, Alex Hernandez, Reese Smiley, David Huerta, Kriston Harris, Hannah Dwyer, Kaytee Roper



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for October 8th - October 19th are: Alex Blount, Sierra Copeland, Konnor Skaggs, Alex Hernandez, Kevin Bateman, Ashley Crees, Jentrie Doty, Cody Richards, Taylor Reynolds, Jacob Campbell, Kendall Griffin, Dax Foster, Kelcey Ireland, Conlton Tinker, Trevor Watson, and Ben Garibay.



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Tom Bean Robotics Team Is Headed to State!

Saturday 28 robotics teams from across Colin County met at Ereckson Middle School in Allen to compete for the "BEST" award. Your Tom Bean Robocats rose to the challenge, dominating Allen High School, Mckinney Boyd, Prosper and Princeton to bring home a First Place and the coveted "Most Robust" award.

This year's competition pushed the team into 2 new dimensions. Playing outside of Grayson County for the first time we had no idea what opposition the big schools of Collin County could mount. We are used to being beaten by Whitewright and could only imagine that these big schools would be equally tough. Second, the robot was faced with the difficult challenge of carrying scoring pieces up a 10 foot pole. The team's response to the engineering challenge was a lightweight sliding body with a minimal arm that specialized in picking up whiffle softballs and empty 2 liter pop bottles. The robot had 3 minutes to carry balls to the top of the pole and transfer bottles to the bottom. I was proud to watch the drivers step up to the controls with increasing confidence as they steadily increased Tom Bean's lead during the morning seeding rounds. It turns out there are advantages to growing up in Whitewright's neighborhood! You grow up tough. By the end of the seeding rounds the Tom Bean machine had racked up an average score double that of our nearest competitor.

But as in all competitive sports one should not get complacent. In the final rounds of the competition the score board is wiped clean and the machine must prove itself again against its top competitors. The first two rounds ran smoothly but at the end on the 4th round the arm stopped working. The pit crew had three minutes between rounds to find the problem (a loose wire) and fix it. In their haste they failed to notice the winch line had entangled the robot hand. When the whistle blew for the beginning of the final round it became obvious that unless the driver and the spotter could coax the robot free there would be no score. 60 seconds ticked by. First place was slipping through our fingers. Pressure mounted as everyone on the team held their breath. At last our driver (Stacy Welch) wriggled the arm free and went on to score with a ball and a bottle, just enough to save our first place trophy.

The team plays next at Texas BEST on November 10 in Garland's Curtis Culwell Center against robots from across Texas and New Mexico.

Wish us luck and endurance!

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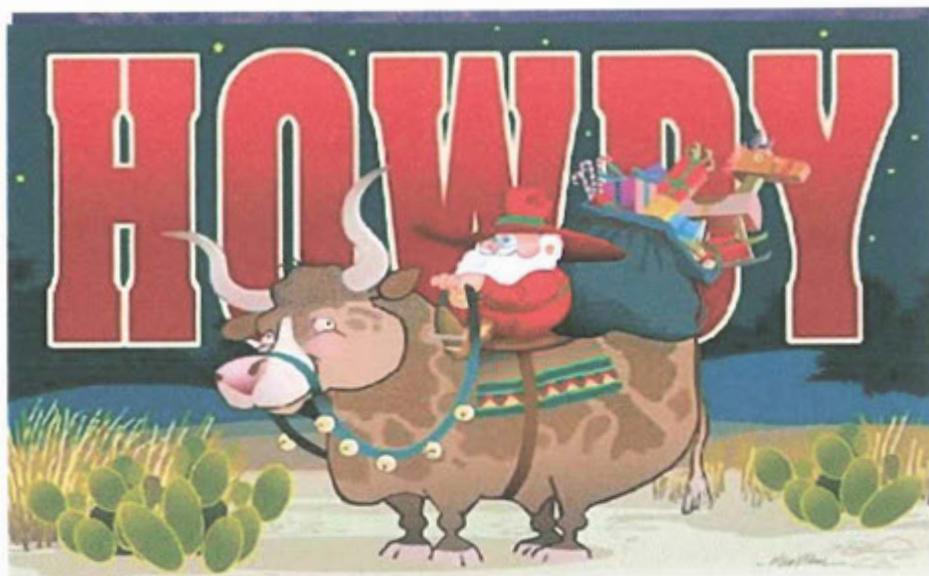
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CITY OF TOM BEAN

“A True Country Christmas”



The City of Tom Bean is excited to announce our Annual Christmas Parade. This years event will be held on Saturday December 8, 2012 @ 11am! There will be lots of fun and exciting things happening that day, Keep on the look out for more information! If your family, church, business or organization would like to participate , help or donate for this wonderful community event, please contact Melinda Carrell at the below email or phone. You may also contact City Hall! Please help our community in supporting this years “A true Country Christmas” !

City Hall: 903-546-6321
Melinda: Home: 903-546-7922
Melinda: Cell: 903-744-2686
Email: tombeanparade@gmail.com

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Entry forms @ City Hall and various
businesses in town!



Blood Drive Saturday, November 27, 2012 from 10 am to 3pm

The Texoma Regional Blood Center and Havertys Furniture in Sherman pull together in support of cancer patients and survivors this Saturday. The Blood Center will hold a blood drive on the parking lot of Havertys Furniture at 4612 Texoma Parkway from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Indoors, Havertys employees are raising money for the American Cancer Society with a bake sale and silent auction.

According to the American Cancer Society, blood product transfusions are used to replace important components of the blood when there are not enough in the body, either because they have been lost through bleeding or are not being made. There are many possible reasons people might need blood product transfusions, such as major bleeding (due to trauma or surgery) or diseases and treatments that slow production of blood cells. People with cancer might need blood transfusions because of the cancer itself.

For example:

1. Some cancers (especially digestive system cancers) can cause internal bleeding, which can lead to anemia (too few red blood cells).
2. Cancers that start in the bone marrow (such as leukemias) or cancers that spread there from other places may crowd out the normal blood-making cells, leading to low blood counts.
3. People who have had cancer for some time may develop what is known as anemia of chronic disease. This anemia results from certain long-term medical conditions that affect the production and lifespan of red blood cells.
4. Cancer can also lower blood counts in other ways by affecting organs such as the kidneys and spleen, which are involved in keeping enough cells in the blood.

Havertys Furniture stores raise money for the American Cancer Society each fall in support of their MSABC (Making Strides Against Breast Cancer) campaign. The Sherman Havertys location views their fund raising effort as an opportunity to provide public education and support of local organizations. The store invited the Texoma Regional Blood Center to conduct a blood drive on the parking lot to help draw attention to the need for blood transfusions by many cancer patients.

For information on who can donate, please visit the donating page of the Texoma Regional Blood Center website: <http://texomablood.org/donating.php>



Norman files for re-election to Grayson College Board

Jack Norman, a businessman from the Dorchester-Howe area, has filed for re-election to the Grayson College Board of Trustees. Norman values the role of the college in building and supporting local employers while making higher education affordable and available to all citizens.

Citing GC's ability to serve a diverse population through its varied programs, Norman says the college helps students have an opportunity to receive higher education and improve their job skills. "I believe the college is doing a good job of meeting the challenges and the needs of local employers," Norman said. Norman appreciates the relationship between the college and area industry that ensures students have the skills necessary for employment. "Grayson College has given so many adults a second chance to get a college education or to learn new skills to seek better employment," Norman added. "Staying on top of job training skills is one of the challenges colleges face. Job training and keeping up to speed on changes is important and I think Grayson College is certainly focusing on this," Norman said.

Having served on the Board, Norman has seen the college emerge as a strong partner in the development of our local economic efforts and workforce training. His interest in and understanding of the state and national outlook on education has been reinforced through numerous professional development training sessions he has attended. "It is important that Board members keep abreast of the needs of community colleges," Norman said. One educational challenge that community colleges are working to address is the success rate of new students. "Many high school graduates are not prepared for English and math, which makes the first semester or two of college very difficult. Grayson's open enrollment policy that allows students to enter with a variety of skill levels is a huge advantage for these students. They are able to take developmental courses to build their academic skills and then be very successful in the classroom," Norman said.

He has served the Board multiple times as president, vice president and secretary. Norman earned a Business Administration degree from East Texas State University, which is now Texas A & M-Commerce. He is an agri-businessman who has been selected to provide leadership on the Howe State Bank Board for 30 years and currently serves on the Independent Bank Board. He also held a four-year term on the Foundation Board of TAMU-Commerce, among many other civic and business organizations. He and his wife are active in the First Baptist Church of Howe.

He and wife, Texanna, have 2 children, David Norman and Jana Draughn, who have benefited from the local community college. His two older grandchildren have also experienced GC, with one still attending.

COMING SOON TO A HIGHWAY NEAR YOU - "LEFT LANE FOR PASSING ONLY" SIGNS

New signs will be placed on highways with 75 mph or higher speed limits

AUSTIN- The Texas Department of Transportation is installing additional "Left Lane for Passing Only" signs on all highways with a speed limit of 75 mph or higher. State law requires TxDOT to post these signs on highways where slower traffic is asked to stay in another lane.

"We want to make sure that travelers on our highways have a safe, efficient and enjoyable trip," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division Director. "Reminding the public that slower moving vehicles should use right lanes and that passing vehicles use left lanes will help improve safety on our highways."

Safety of the traveling public is always TxDOT's No. 1 priority. Agency leaders think the expanded use of these signs will allow highway users to reach their intended destinations more safely and without undue delay due to slower moving vehicles. This is more important than ever with an increasing number of Texas highways with speeds of 75 mph or higher.

"Engineers generally consider highway travel to be the safest when vehicles are traveling at the same speeds," Rawson said. "The use of these signs will help ensure that vehicles traveling at the posted speed limit will not be impeded or forced to make excessive lane changes when encountering a slower vehicle."

TxDOT expects installation of approximately 3,400 new "Left Lane for Passing Only" signs to be completed by summer of 2013. The signs are enforceable and violators can be stopped and ticketed by law enforcement.



DPS Heroes Recognized at Public Safety Commission Meeting

AUSTIN - The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw today presented a Purple Heart to a DPS trooper and Life Saving Awards to several officers for their valiant efforts. Trooper Max Honesto received a Purple Heart after being shot in a traffic stop last year in Ector County. The other officers at the Public Safety Commission meeting were recognized for helping to save someone's life.

"Each of the individuals honored today is a hero in their own right, distinguishing themselves in extraordinary fashion with their courage and selfless service to others," said Director McCraw. "Trooper Honesto survived a roadside shooting and we are proud to have him back at work protecting the citizens of Texas. Our other recipients acted instinctively and used their training to save the lives of others. In one incident, a DPS captain received a second chance at life when three of his fellow DPS officers performed CPR on him."

The following awards were presented today:

*Trooper Max Honesto, Highway Patrol in Pampa, received a Purple Heart for injuries suffered in a May 2011 roadside incident. Trooper Honesto was patrolling I-20 in Ector County when he stopped a vehicle for speeding. He learned that the driver was recently released from prison and noticed the smell of marijuana from inside the vehicle. When a passenger was asked to remove something from his shoe, he instead pulled a pistol from his pocket and pointed it at the trooper. The two men exchanged gunfire; the suspect was struck in the leg and Honesto sustained a wound to his right shoulder. As a result of the gunshot, Trooper Honesto sustained muscle and nerve damage to his right shoulder. He has since returned to full active duty.

*Three DPS officers received Life Saving Awards for performing CPR on a fellow DPS officer who collapsed during an exercise session in September of 2012. The DPS captain, stationed in Austin, did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Without hesitation, Assistant Director Tom Ruocco (Criminal Investigations Division), Deputy Assistant Director Greg Gloria (Leadership and Operational Review Unit) and Sgt. Greg Davis (Training) began performing CPR until EMS personnel arrived. Ultimately, an external defibrillator shock was needed to restore the victim's breathing and heart functions. Witnesses to this event stated that there was no doubt that the efforts of the three DPS officers helped save the captain's life.

*Trooper Jonathan "Shane" Lawrence, Highway Patrol in Atlanta, received a Life Saving Award for administering first aid to a car crash victim in May of 2012. Trooper Lawrence was returning to his duty station after attending in-service training in Florence when he drove upon a one-vehicle, rollover collision. The victim's left arm was severed below the elbow and he was bleeding profusely. Lawrence fashioned a tourniquet with a shirt from the vehicle and was able to stop the bleeding until EMS personnel arrived on the scene.

*Trooper Jeffrey Wachtendorf, Highway Patrol in Waco, received a Life Saving Award for helping a choking victim at a restaurant in June of 2012. Trooper Wachtendorf was eating lunch when he observed a young woman unsuccessfully performing the Heimlich maneuver on a 17-year-old man. Another restaurant patron intervened, but his efforts were also ultimately unsuccessful and the victim was again unable to breathe. Trooper Wachtendorf applied the Heimlich maneuver three times and was eventually able to completely dislodge the food from the victim's airway.

*Sgt. Michael Nix, Highway Patrol in Austin, and Cameron Police Department Officer Jason Lantz both received awards for assisting a woman who had a seizure in April of 2012. Sgt. Nix was going home at the end of his shift and noticed a Cameron Police Department patrol unit responding to an emergency call with its lights and siren activated, and Sgt. Nix went to assist. Once inside the residence, the officers found an unconscious woman without a pulse. They immediately began CPR and continued for several minutes until paramedics arrived. After the arrival of the paramedics, Sgt. Nix continued to give chest compressions for 20-30 minutes while the paramedics rendered aid. Their efforts restored the victim's heartbeat, which allowed medical personnel to transport her to a local hospital via helicopter. Sgt. Nix received a Life Saving Award and Officer Lantz received a Director's Award for their actions.



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Church Page



Ecclesiastes 3:1-10 (KJV)

- ¹ To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- ² A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;
- ³ A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- ⁴ A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- ⁵ A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- ⁷ A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- ⁸ A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
- ⁹ What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
- ¹⁰ I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

Christian Fellowship

D'anna Lodge will lead the worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Come join them at 9 am each Sunday morning for coffee and doughnuts and fellowship before our S.S. classes begin at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The church also celebrates The Lords Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

The church hosts a "movie night" every third Friday of the month. The movie is free and the public is invited to attend. There will not be a movie night in November or December due to all the holiday activities, but will resume in January.

Wednesday nights begin at 6:30 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional study. The little kids are having a special class right now so bring them out for some fun.

The original Halloween party and hayride that was planned on Saturday October 27, has been cancelled due to conflicts with other activities. But there will be a hayride on Halloween night Oct 31 from 6:30-8 pm, at A Christian Fellowship Church. Kids will have a safe time and will be able to go to assigned houses. The public is invited for a fun night of trick or treating.

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 your way. For more info contact Mike Ball at 903-870-0219

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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



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For Bloodstained Hands

In 1893 a great “Parliament of Religions” was held in Chicago, Illinois. Members of all the various cults were gathered in attendance: there were Hindus, and Buddhists, and representatives of all sorts of exotic Eastern religions. It was designed to be a great festival of tolerance and ecumenical brotherhood, but a preacher, Joseph Cook of Boston, offered a reminder that not all religions are equal.

During one of the sessions he rose and dramatically announced, “Gentlemen, I beg to introduce to you a woman with a great sorrow. Bloodstains are on her hands, and nothing she has tried will remove them. The blood is that of murder. She has been driven to desperation in her distress. Is there anything in your religion that will remove her sin and give her peace?” A hush fell on the gathering. Not one of the swamis or monks said a word.

In the heaviness of that silence Cook abruptly raised his eyes heavenward and cried out, “John, can you tell this woman how to get rid of her awful sin?” The preacher waited, as if listening for a reply. Suddenly he cried out, “Listen, John speaks. 1 John 1:7 – “The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, purifies us from all sin.””

Not a soul broke the silence that followed; all the representatives of Eastern religions and Western cults sat speechless. Why? Because ONLY Christianity can make that statement: only the shed blood of Jesus can claim the power to forgive “all sin.” *

This is a sublime truth for ALL of us because “ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). ALL of us have the stain of guilt of sin in our lives.

What can wash away my sin and yours? Nothing but the BLOOD of Jesus! Peter and the other apostles preached to a crowd in Jerusalem that had the blood of Jesus Christ on their hands. Peter declared, “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus,

whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).

Their response: “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” (Acts 2:37). They wanted to know: Is there anything that can remove our sin and give us peace?

The answer: “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit’” (Acts 2:38).

Amazing Grace! The bloodstained hands of those who cried out for the crucifixion of Jesus could be washed clean by the blood that He shed on the cross! Jesus made forgiveness possible by dying on the cross as payment for sin (Ephesians 1:7).

In the same way, OUR bloodstained hands can be washed clean by the cleansing blood of Christ when we respond in faith: placing our trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

Won’t YOU be washed by the blood of Jesus to have your sins forgiven?

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Nazis in East Texas

By Bob Bowman

In the 1940s East Texas sawmills and paper mills lost many of their loggers to the armed forces fighting during World War II.

The problem was solved with a unique exchange.

German soldiers who had been captured in Europe were brought to the U.S. and conscripted as loggers.

Today, the unusual trade is remembered by five Texas historical markers placed near German POW camps at Alto, Center, Chireno, Huntsville and Lufkin. Two other markers will be placed later this year at San Augustine and Tyler.

The Germans came to East Texas through the efforts of companies like Southern Pine Lumber Company of Diboll, Frost Lumber Company of Nacogdoches, and Angelina County Lumber Company of Keltys, near Lufkin.

History, regrettably, doesn't record many of the names of the German soldiers who came to East Texas, but most of them worked hard in the woods, felling trees, cutting them into pulpwood, and shipping them on railcars bound for the sawmills.

Some Germans, however, deliberately slowed down their work, believing that shortages of lumber would hurt the American war effort.

While East Texans struggled with the notion that the German POWs would escape and commit all kinds of atrocities to their families, there were few such events.

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

My red, white and blue plush donkey, still wearing his hat is 40 years old. He is a souvenir of the 1972 presidential campaign that pitted South Dakota Senator George S. McGovern against incumbent President of the United States Richard M. Nixon.

The donkey sits in a place of honor in the center of my collection of donkeys and elephants, collected over the years because they are symbols of what I believe to be essential to the continuation of our democratic republic -- a strong two party political system whose members are capable of compromise for the good of the nation.

The Viet Nam War was raging in 1972 and I, who had started as a hawk, had completely reversed my position. I wanted nothing so much as I wanted the men and women who were engaged in combat to come home quickly as honored heroes and heroines. I had changed my mind because after really studying the war, I could find no reason for the United States to be there. It was not in our national interest to be there, there was no humanitarian reason for us to be there and we were wasting our national treasure, our young men and women, there.

George McGovern wanted to end the war and I did my little bit to help him get the Democratic Party's nomination. On election day, McGovern suffered the worst electoral defeat in American history and on that same day, the United States suffered the worst electoral defeat in American history. We have yet to recover from the legacy of Richard Nixon.

The 1972 election introduced me to the concept that facts do not matter in political campaigns. This awful realization came to me when my Republican students began to bombard me with what they called, "information you probably don't have."

The first bit of information they shared with me was that McGovern was a draft dodger during WWII. In fact, he volunteered for the United States Army Air Force and flew 35 missions in a B-24 over German-occupied Europe. He earned several medals, among them The Distinguished Flying Cross for landing his crippled plane in very hazardous circumstances, thereby saving the lives of his crew members.

In spite of my insistence that someone go the library and look up McGovern's biography and in spite of finding the

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BOB BOWMAN'S
EAST TEXAS, continued

Dot's Dashes, continued

The Germans simply did their jobs and most were returned to Germany after the war. Some remained in East Texas; one even became the president of the chamber of commerce at San Augustine.

A few of the Germans escaped, but became lost and wandered back to their logging camps.

When a prisoner escaped at the Chireno camp, guards found him in a cow pasture holding a little girl, and the mother grew panicky. The guards discovered, however, that the girl had wandered into the pasture, where there were some bulls.

The escapee scooped up the child and when the guards raced toward the POW, he and the little girl were talking to nearby cows. The little girl told the guards. "He nice man. He show me cows."

Author Mark Choate chronicled the story of the Germans in his excellent 1989 book, "Nazis in the Pineywoods." Book is out of print.

Except for the historical markers, little remains of the old POW camps. In Lufkin, a gate bears an inscription scratched into the stone: "Rothhammer, 1944," a reminder of a German who lived there.

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

above information there (remember when there was no Google, no Bing?), at least half of my students still insisted that McGovern was a draft dodger during WWII because if he had fought in the war, he would not have opposed the Viet Nam military adventure.

The second bit of information my students brought to me was that McGovern was an ignorant man who did not even have a high school diploma. The fact was that after the war, using the benefits bestowed by the GI Bill, McGovern earned a Ph.D. in history and spent a good portion of his life as a history professor.

This information made no difference at all to most of my students, who, although they had to admit they were wrong about McGovern's level of education, turned that on its head by saying his education had turned him into a "liberal egg-head."

Since that campaign, I have become accustomed to but not reconciled to lies a large part of the public swallows hook line and sinker.

James Earl Carter, who taught Sunday School at his Baptist Church and during some of his tenure in the White House, was a hypocrite who was just "putting on religion

Saddam Hussein had a great stock of weapons of mass destruction that justified the United States invasion of Iraq although no such weapons have ever been found.

Barack Obama was born in Indonesia or East Africa or somewhere even though he has a valid, official birth certificate issued by the State of Hawaii.

Now that Obama Care has become law, everyone in the United States will be required to have a microchip implanted in his/her left arm. It's "the mark of the beast" required by the anti-Christ.

The world will end December 21, 2012 because the ancient Mayan calendar ends on that date and those ancient Indians knew something that we don't know.

And finally, if George Romney is elected, the United States as we know it will disappear. And if Barack Obama is re-elected, the United States as we know it will disappear. We can't afford either one of them.

What it looks to me like is that we have become victims of our own lies and that maybe our situation is hopeless. Unless of course, we got our brains in gear and decided to use a little sense.

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"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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A labor plan for all farmers

By *Bob Stallman*

For far too long, farmers and ranchers have had to struggle to make sure that they have a legal, reliable supply of workers. The reality has been a daunting, broken system, riddled with shortcomings that have resulted in labor shortages, lost crops, bureaucratic nightmares and neighbors competing with one another to get the farm hands they need.

Farmers from around the country all feel the pain. From Washington state apple growers to New York dairy producers, there is an across-the-board shortage of labor for hire. Agriculture needs and deserves a legal, stable workforce, and Farm Bureau has a plan.

Flexibility and Stability Matter

Farm Bureau, along with other organizations in the agricultural community, is working on a solution for farmers and ranchers in all sectors, in all regions and for all commodities. What Farm Bureau is bringing to the discussion is a plan that we think will accommodate all of agriculture -- from a grower who needs to hire harvesters for only a few days, to a dairy that needs a workforce 365 days of the year. The crux of Farm Bureau's plan is to establish and implement a new visa program that would give both employers and employees stability and flexibility into the future, while also addressing the current workforce that has contributed to our farms and communities. Both elements are necessary to provide a long-term, stable and legal workforce.

Building on how the domestic market currently operates, farmers would be permitted to offer migrant laborers either a contract or at-will work. Similarly, workers would be able to choose their form of employment. With a contract, both employers and workers would be provided longer-term stability, and the worker could have a visa term of up to 12 months. On the other hand, the at-will option offers flexibility to employers who may just need a week's worth of harvesting, while allowing workers the portability to work at other seasonal jobs for up to 11 months. This program reflects real-life workforce challenges and provides both the flexibility and stability that domestic workers enjoy.

Just as important, the plan would allow key migrant workers -- those who have been working in U.S. agriculture for a defined period, as well as those who are in management and other key positions at a farm-- the ability to stay in the U.S. and continue to work in the agriculture sector.

Eliminating Rigidity

Since its inception, the H-2A temporary agricultural worker program has been riddled with problems, creating more challenges than providing solutions. Because of the diverse special labor needs within farming, the program has been difficult for growers to use, is not even available to some sectors of agriculture like dairy and simply is not feasible in some parts of the country. Farm Bureau's plan would remedy many of H-2A's failings by offering real-world solutions that better meet both employers' and workers' needs. Over time, as farmers begin using the new visa program, we imagine H-2A will become obsolete.

A market-based, flexible agricultural worker program makes sense and is long overdue. It is important for workers, farmers and especially consumers that agricultural producers have access to a legal, stable workforce for the future. With all of agriculture working together, we are optimistic we can offer Congress a reasonable, practical, common-sense solution that works for growers while respecting the rights of workers. It is time to move the discussion forward and find a solution that works for all farmers and ranchers.

Bob Stallman serves as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation.
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If Elected, I Promise - by Don Mathis

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Sunshine, Blue Skies,
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Perfect Health,
And Time to Enjoy it All.

Letter to the Editor

Regarding football and the “pink awareness” campaign against breast cancer:

Football, like other sports has become too commercialized and dominated by special interest groups that include and involve everything from breast cancer to Bud Light beer.

I am especially disappointed at the way and extent to which the latest “pink campaign” against breast cancer has infiltrated and imposed itself on football.

First of all it takes away from the aesthetic beauty of the game. The splotchy pink apparel inconsistently applied to both teams’ uniforms dirties up and confuses the colors that separate one team from another. This is not helped by the fact that players are already wearing undecipherable tattoos while playing on fields littered with advertising.

Second, the pink campaign is covertly a pet project of various radical feminist groups who have hijacked the main focus of health care to their own advantage. It is not at all inconsistent with the promiscuous Hollywood set and their radical prioritized obsession

Estes Statement in Support of Burkburnett High School Cheerleaders

Austin – (Oct. 18) State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) pronounced his support of the Burkburnett High School cheerleaders who made news today after inadvertently entering into a controversy similar to the high-profile legal battle over religious expression involving cheerleaders at Kountze ISD near Beaumont, Texas.

“Rather than being chastised, these students should be applauded for their conviction and courage. It is shocking to me that what was once considered a first amendment right is now being questioned, first at Kountze ISD and now at Burkburnett High School. As an elected official, I see it as my duty to protect and defend the free speech of all religions, particularly in this increasingly litigious society. It is my hope that during the next legislative session we can find ways to strengthen state laws concerning freedom of religion in schools.”

This afternoon, District Court Judge Steve Thomas issued an injunction that will allow Kountze ISD cheerleaders to continue displaying religious banners until the trial is held in June. Both Governor Rick Perry and Attorney General Greg Abbott support the cheerleaders and their position.

Senator Estes represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.

with AIDS awareness at the expense of most other crippling diseases and health issues.

Finally, and most importantly, as noble as the fight against breast cancer may be, the pink awareness campaign is not in keeping with the true nature and spirit of giving which demands that each person give of their own time and possessions anonymously, without coercion, and without the giver expecting anything in return. Football players should not be forced to play under the threat of being labelled a spoil-sport if they refuse to conform to someone else’s or group’s (non-football) agenda. This is not the way to promote true compassion and charity. On the contrary it is the path to fear and political correctness. Think Pink! But leave football to football!

With respectful and cordial best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours, Paul Kokoski.

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**Letter to the Editor:
Obama Undermines U.S. Economic Power**

President Obama is all about big government. He believes the federal government should control our destiny as proven in his healthcare program forced on the population, appointment of numerous political czars and the imposition of anti-business policies. The high corporate tax rate and stringent environmental regulations have forced thousands of businesses to close down, and many companies have moved operations overseas, thereby increasing unemployment in this country.

In July 2012 he said "If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made it happen." Astonishingly, he believes the federal government is responsible for the establishment and success of businesses.

Government might provide the infra-structure and the policies and framework for businesses to be established, but entrepreneurs and corporate leaders, who start-up new businesses and grow existing businesses are the people who build the American enterprise system.

President Obama shows a disdain and lack of understanding of American businesses and the American free enterprise system. He downplays our accomplishments and apologizes to the world for our successes. He wants to redistribute our power in the world to other countries just like he believes in the redistribution of wealth in this country, which could kill initiative and promote a government-dependent society.

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Medicare's Observation Policy Comes Under Scrutiny

Medicare is launching a pilot program to determine whether relaxing its payment rules can help patients who require nursing home care after a hospital stay and then are charged thousands of dollars. Seniors are often unexpectedly required to pay for nursing home care because they were considered to be under "observation" in the hospital, rather than an inpatient. According to an article in the Washington Post, the new program may make it easier for hospitals to label patients as inpatients.

Medicare only pays for nursing home care if it follows a three-day inpatient hospital stay. Staying overnight in a hospital does not automatically make you an inpatient. Often the stay is classified as observation, which is considered outpatient care. If you are dismissed to a nursing home after being in the hospital for observation, you will be responsible for paying for your care.

Currently, if a hospital bills for an inpatient stay, but Medicare decides the patient should have been classified as under observation, then the hospital can lose its entire Medicare reimbursement. Therefore, hospitals are often reluctant to classify a patient as inpatient. The pilot program would allow the hospital to rebill Medicare for observation services if the inpatient care bill is rejected. The program is being implemented at 380 hospitals and will run for three years.

While Medicare implements this pilot program, the observation policy is being challenged through legislation and lawsuits. As ElderLawAnswers previously reported, seven Medicare patients have filed a class action lawsuit challenging the policy, and Kaiser Health News gives an update on a bill introduced in Congress that would allow the days in observation to count toward the required three-day hospital stay.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Citizens Have Opportunity to Claim Property

Every year, the Texas Comptroller updates a list of names of people, business, and other entities for whom unclaimed property is being held by the state. Unclaimed property can be any financial asset that appears to have been abandoned by the owner for three years or more. Unclaimed property includes items such as uncashed dividends, payroll checks, cashier's checks, stocks, mutual fund accounts, bonds, utility deposits and other refunds, bank accounts and safe deposit box contents.

The unclaimed property law, originally passed in 1961, requires financial institutions, businesses and government entities to report to the state personal property they are holding that is considered abandoned or unclaimed. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is responsible for administering the Texas Unclaimed Property Program. Property is turned over to the Comptroller's office annually when the owner's whereabouts are unknown and the property has been inactive on the books of the reporting company between one and five years. The state acts only as custodian for the missing owners, holding the property in trust until it is claimed. Texas never takes legal ownership of the property, so there is no time limit for filing a claim.

One in four Texans are believed to have money or other property they could claim from the \$2.6 billion the state is holding in their names. In 2011, the state returned more than \$165 million to its owners. The average claim paid out to individuals is about \$1,000.

More information, as well as a database of unclaimed property owners, can be found online at www.ClaimItTexas.org <<http://www.claimittexas.org/>>. You can search for unclaimed property and file a claim to have funds returned through the website or by calling the comptroller's office at 800-654-3463.

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.



A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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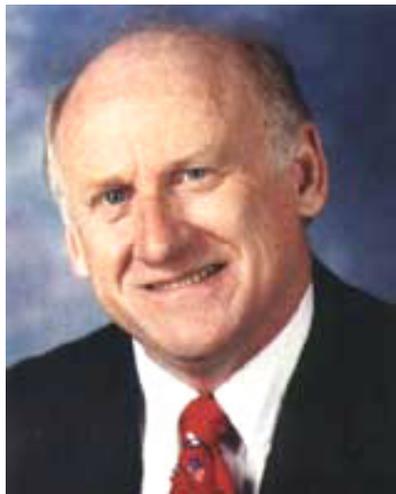
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LET'S REMINISCE: REMEMBER LISTERENE?

By Jerry Lincecum

Spoiler alert: today's column is light reading, to be taken humorously. Please do not find it offensive. We'll return to more serious topics next week.

Remember halitosis? Those of us who recall dating in the 1950s and 60s certainly should. The slick magazine ads for antiseptic mouthwash convinced me that gargling to avoid bad breath provided quick and easy evidence of clean living. Not that I was fond of garlic, but those green onions Mother grew in our garden were tasty.

Contrary to popular legend, the term halitosis was not invented by a certain pharmaceutical company. It actually dates from the 1870s, although it became commonplace in the 1920s. That's when a marketing campaign promoted Listerine as the solution for "chronic halitosis." A solution maybe, but you and I both know it did not eradicate the condition.

Nor is halitosis merely a modern affliction. Records mentioning bad breath have been discovered dating to 1550 B.C. A mouthwash of wine and herbs was once recommended as a way of solving the problem.

Listerine (named for Joseph Lister, who promoted the idea of sterilizing medical instruments) was invented in the nineteenth century as a powerful surgical antiseptic. It was later sold, in distilled form, as both a floor cleaner and a mouthwash (not both from the same bottle).

But it wasn't a runaway success until the 1920s. That's when Listerine's ads featured forlorn young women and men, eager for marriage but turned off by their potential mate's stinky breath.

"Can I be happy with him in spite of that?" one maiden asked herself. In this way, Listerine became a clear and early example of a new trend: marketing campaigns creating problems that the product is alleged to fix.

In just seven years, the company's revenues soared to more than \$8 million. Today the brand name is also used on toothpaste, several rinses, and even self-dissolving strips to whiten teeth. The market has grown and diversified.

Don't ask me how the following statistic was obtained, but the *Wall Street Journal* reported last week that "about 25% of adults world-wide suffer from chronic halitosis." Pity the poor researcher who carried out the study.

By the way, many people who seek remedies actually suffer from halitophobia, the fear of bad breath. They are around people who have sour breath, which makes them think they have it themselves. Having a bad taste in the mouth says nothing about your breath.

Regular brushing and flossing is the best remedy. Breath spray and mints just mask the problem temporarily.

Don't try a self-diagnosis by licking your wrist or blowing into your hand or under a blanket. Just ask a trusted friend or family member.

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



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Bettye Faulkner

Dates: Birth date: April 25, 1924 - Death date: October 20, 2012

Services for Bettye Faulkner age 88 of Howe, will be held at 2 pm Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Howe. The family will receive friends Wednesday, October 24, 2012 from 6 to 8 pm at Scoggins Funeral Home in Howe. Bettye passed away Saturday, October 20, 2012 at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital-WNJ in Sherman. Bettye is survived by her son, John Faulkner of Holly Hill, Florida. Services are under the direction of Scoggins Funeral Home in Howe. You may sign the online guest book at www.scogginsfuneralhome.com

Visitation: 6 pm to 8 pm on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at Scoggins Funeral Home 415 S. Collins Howe Texas 75459

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Texoma Montage

In 2005 we began publishing a history magazine about the Texoma area, North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. We continued through 2008 with publication. Many folks really enjoyed our publication so we are now adding it to our Texoma Enterprise website. Our aim is to reprint some of the articles we used in our print issue, but we may add from time to time.

A special thank you goes to Dorothy Fowler and Jerry Lincecum for giving us permission to reprint articles they prepared for the magazine. Also thank you to both of them for their great contributions writing for Texoma Enterprise. They have been doing this for many years.

This section of the website will only be updated every other month or so. We hope you enjoy it.

Dale and Lana Rideout



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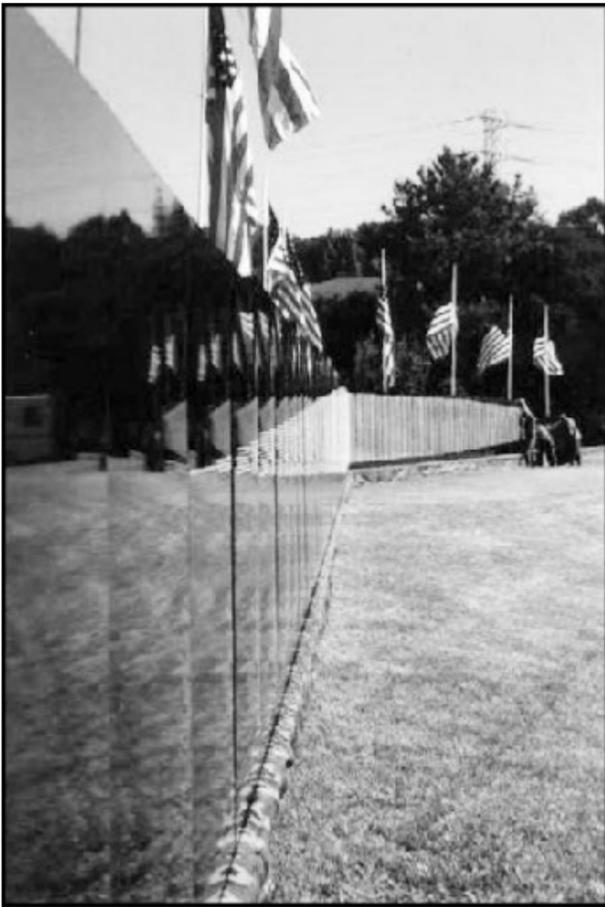
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The Wall, looking East
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Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

by Dorothy N. Fowler

The first time I saw the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., I was with my 80 year-old mother. She broke down and cried as she looked at the wall bearing the names of more than 58,000 dead and missing in action.

"Such a waste," she said through her tears. "Such a waste."

Mama had opposed the war to start with, not because she believed members of the armed services were doing anything wrong, but because she thought the policy behind it was a failed policy and that the United States had no vital national interest there.

When the war began, I was a hawk, but as it dragged on, I wanted nothing so much as to bring home the men and women whose lives were in danger every day in a cause that clearly seemed to be lost as a result of policy failures. I watched helpless every year as some of my brightest and best students were drafted, went to fight, and either came home in military caskets or terribly wounded either in body or spirit.

When I saw the wall for the first time, I visualized a baseball stadium that seats 60,000. I saw it full and then suddenly irrevocably empty. As I walked the length of the wall, seeing the gifts that had been laid beneath some of the names, watching people take rubbings of the names of their children, their friends, their husbands, brothers, sisters, lovers, I too began to cry.

I was not alone. Many of the people who were walking near me were crying. Nothing outside the sudden death of my three-year old granddaughter has ever affected me as much as that first visit to the wall.

It's a fact that the Vietnam War Memorial is the most visited National Park Service Site in Washington, D. C. It's also a fact that most Americans will never get to Washington to see the memorial.

That's why, when the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial comes to Denison on July 22, sponsors will keep the practice field at Denison High School open 24 hours a day for its three day stay.

"We want as many people as possible to be able to visit it," Horace Groff, former Grayson County Judge and one of the organizers of the wall's visit, said. "There is never any charge whatsoever to visitors to the wall."

After his retirement from political life, Groff went to work part-time for Bratcher Funeral Home, which is now part of Dignity Memorial Funeral, Cremation and Cemetery Providers. The company commissioned the traveling replica, which was completed in 1990.

"Sponsors who want the wall to come to their city put their names in and Denison got picked for this summer," Groff said. "Sponsors make contributions and sometimes individuals who visit the wall make contributions to have it come, but the wall is truly a service that the company makes possible."

At 240 feet long and eight feet high, it is sometimes hard to find a place large enough to hold it and the crowds of people who visit it. Security is also a problem. "We needed to have it in a place that was accessible and at the same time secure," Groff said. "The practice field at DHS was the best spot."

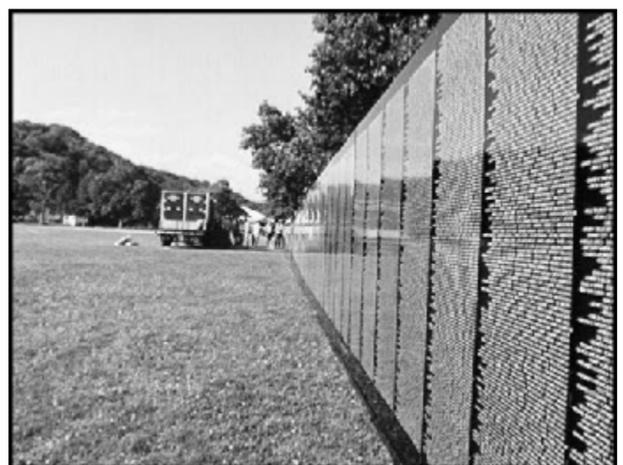
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

Learning that the wall was coming to Denison sent me on a quest for other war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, Bryan and Collin Counties. I didn't find all of them, probably overlooked some that were right under my nose, but looking for them and thinking about the uncommon valor that each represented was a life affirming experience.

If you and your family go looking for the memorials described on page 14 and following, I hope you will come away from the experience with a renewed sense of the sacrifices that others have made to make it safe for you to travel freely, to speak freely, to read whatever you choose to read, to attempt any job you want to do. I hope you will think what it means to be free.



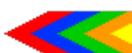
The Moving Wall - in Spencerport, NY.
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The moving wall - set up and ready for visitors.
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What's Cookin...

By Lana Rideout

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Cooking During Wartime

War time is a difficult time for all involved: the soldiers on the battlefield and the family members back home.

The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 just as Americans were coming out of the Great Depression. People were used to doing without and making do with what they had. They were used to sharing with others.

The folks back home did all they could to get those American soldiers back home. They participated in scrap iron drives; they rationed gas and many food items such as sugar and eggs.

One creation of the time was a sweet treat known as the "Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake" also known as the Depression Cake.

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 2 Cups Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups HOT Water
- 2 Tablespoons. Shortening
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 Package Seedless Raisins
- 1 Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 1 Teaspoon Cloves
- 3 Cups Flour (Sifted)
- 1 Teaspoon HOT Water

Boil together the Sugar, Water, Shortening, Salt, Raisins and Spices for five minutes. When Cold, add the Flour and the Soda (dissolved in a tsp of Hot Water). This makes two loaves--Bread Pan Size.

Bake in 325F oven for about 45 minutes. This Cake is of good texture and keeps moist for some time. Note: You can Ice this cake with your choice of Icing.

My friend Betty Weaver of Sherman was 10 when the U.S. entered WWII. She remembers her mom baking this cake usually at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She would store it in an old pressure cooker, wrapped in waxed paper and a heavy towel (trying to hide it from the children). Betty says the cake is a favorite at her family reunions and usually sells for upward of \$40. Her recipe calls for lard, but she uses canola oil which makes for a very moist cake.

In researching this recipe, I found several versions: Some use brown sugar and others white sugar. Spices include nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves, and/ or allspice. One recipe said that 1 cup of nuts adds flavor to the cake.

During WWII people on farms did better than some of the city folks since farms had chickens for a steady supply of eggs. Also vegetables grown in the gardens were plentiful. On the farms and in the towns lots of folks grew "victory gardens" – vegetables they could eat or can.

Although sugar was rationed, folks on the farm who did their own canning were allowed more sugar.

My Dad served in the Army and was overseas in England when I was born just two weeks before D-Day – June 6, 1944. My Mom was living with her parents in Fort Worth; all of them were praying for a speedy end to the war and the safe return of their loved ones.

Another recipe used during World War II is the Spam and Egg Sandwich - good any time of day--breakfast, lunch, dinner, or midnight snack!

WWII Spam and Egg Sandwich

- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 2 Tablespoons finely

- chopped onion
- 1 Slice fully cooked luncheon meat (e.g. Spam)
- 1 Egg, beaten
- 2 Slices bread
- 1 Slice American cheese (optional)
- 1 Slice tomato (optional)

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the onion in butter until soft. Mash up the slice of luncheon meat with a fork, and add it to the skillet. Cook for 2 or 3 minutes, until browned. Pour the egg into the skillet so that it covers all of the meat and onion. Cook until firm, then flip to brown the other side.

Place the egg and meat onto one slice of the bread and top with cheese and tomato if desired. Place the other piece of bread on top. Bread can also be toasted first.)

I also did a little research on recipes from the American Civil War or the "War Between the States." From some of the websites I visited, it looks like some folks are still fighting that one. While no one advocates a return to slavery, the issue of states' rights versus the federal government is a hot issue in many southern political discussions.

My great-great-grandfather on my mother's side was a plantation overseer in Tennessee. He was off serving in the Confederate Army when his daughter was born near the end of the war. I remember my great-grandmother. She died when I was six and I still remember receiving hugs from her. Her daughter, my mother's mother told me many stories about the family members.

During the Civil War, soldiers on both sides carried an item called hard tack. It is a simple cracker made of flour, salt and water. They could be very hard and some soldiers called them "tooth dullers" or "sheet iron crackers." The soldiers softened them by soaking them in their coffee, frying them in bacon grease, or crumbling them in soup.

Hard Tack

- 1 Cup Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- Water

Mix the flour and salt with just enough water to bind the ingredients. Flatten the dough to about ¼ inch thick on a cookie sheet. Cut into 3 inch by 3 inch squares. Pierce with 16 holes about ½ inch apart. Bake at 400 degrees F. 20-25 minutes.

Another popular recipe during the Civil War time is Southern Johnny Cake – a cornbread variation good with your favorite beans or stew.

Southern Johnny Cake

- 2 Cups Cornmeal
- 2/3 Cup Milk
- 2 Tablespoons Lard (Vegetable Oil)
- 2 teaspoons Baking Soda
- ½ teaspoon Salt

Mix into a stiff batter and form into 8 biscuit-sized "dodgers." Bake on a lightly greased cookie sheet at 350 degrees F 20-25 minutes or spoon batter into hot cooking oil in a frying pan over flame. Optional: spread with a little butter or molasses for a real southern treat.

As a part of this new magazine, I will be sharing recipes and stories with you. If you have recipes or ideas you would like to share, contact me at lanarideout@texomamontage.com or call 903/532-6012.



Betty Weaver of Sherman found this one-piece metal tube cake pan in an antique store. It was made by E. Katzinger Co. of Chicago (date unknown) and printed on the bottom of the pan is the following: "Swan's Down Cake Flour Makes Better Cakes." On each side of the pan is a movable vent so the cake won't sweat and to aid with removal of the cake. Does anyone know the date it was made or have other information?



WW II Ration Book and Stamps were needed for many of the necessities.



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Texoma Remembers Its Heroes

Bryan, Collin, Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties all have monuments honoring their veterans who gave their lives in support of our great nation. While we know that we have missed some, we have tried to give good examples from each county.

by Dorothy N. Fowler

“This will be a lead pipe cinch,” I said to myself. “After all, this is the place where everywhere you look there is an MIA flag and there is more red, white and blue than any place you’ve ever been. You’ll be able to find dozens of war memorials in Grayson, Cooke, Fannin, and Bryan Counties.”

Thus armed, with more enthusiasm and optimism than information, it seemed to me to be good sense to start at home on the quest for photographs and information about memorials to men and women who have died serving the United States in any one of its last eight major wars. Named, those wars include the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq the First and Iraq the Second.

It seemed equally good sense to start the quest by visiting the VFW in Sherman to talk with people who had been combatants in one or more of those wars. Surely those folks would have a special interest in war memorials.

VFW Post 481-2772 Sherman, Texas

If anyone in the main room at Sherman’s VFW is watching or listening to the wall mounted television set, it isn’t obvious on this wintry Thursday night.

Nearly all the people present are men. One woman is a server behind the bar and at 7:30 or so, another woman comes in and joins a group at a large round table. It isn’t clear whether she is a member of the auxiliary or a veteran, but whatever her status, it is clear from her reception that she is well-liked. The easy conversation at the table continues, punctuated by soft, well-controlled laughter.

The men at the table with me are Henry Salisbury, Doyle Sloan and Jessie Goodman. Later in the evening, Franklin “Andy” Anderson joins us.

Salisbury is the memorial chairperson for VFW Post 481-2772 and is a past commander of the post. He’s an army veteran of the Vietnam War. He arrived there in 1968 just in time for the TET offensive. He was there through 1969.

Sloan, nicknamed “Mr. VFW” by his comrades, fought in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Salisbury says Sloan has held nearly every office possible in the local VFW.

Anderson, a Vietnam veteran, and chaplain of the post, is personable as he pours his Sprite. He provides snippets of information about how VFW members went about building the war memorial in Sherman’s Fairview Park.

It is clear that these men, along with the other people in the room, and the hundreds of thousands of men and women who have shared the experiences unique to war, are living memorials. But they are not interested in being living memorials. People die, they say. Families get separated. Kids either don’t remember or don’t care about the role their parents played in wars. The only way to be sure that future generations remember is to build memorials of granite and cement, to inscribe the names of the dead in stone.

“It’s a shame it took so long to get the memorial for World War Two,” Salisbury says. “I don’t think we can do enough to honor the people who serve their country, especially the ones who paid the ultimate price and didn’t come back.”

The other men nod agreement.

Doyle Sloan says the most recent memorial in Sherman is at Fairview Park. “H. K. Lyde was instrumental in getting it started. He was the Grayson County Council Commander and he wanted the VFW, the American Legion, the AmVets and the DAV to be involved in building it. About 10 years ago the veterans organizations raised about \$40,000 and combined it with lots of manual labor to build that softball field and the granite monuments.”

It’s the same with most war memorials, they say. It’s a dream that starts with one or maybe a few people and they work at raising the money for a memorial that has to be placed somewhere. Someone has to design it. Someone has to raise the money to pay for it. Someone has to navigate the myriads of red tape with local, state and sometimes the national government before the monument can be built. Someone has to plan the dedication ceremony, arrange for the speakers, the music if there is to be any.

These men have done all those things and helped others do them. Each year on special days, they visit the memorials, lay wreaths or light candles, leading the public as they remember their wars and the wars of fathers and grandfathers.

They do much more, working to improve the lives of veterans who are facing hard times, visiting veterans confin-ed to nursing homes, taking people to the nearest veterans hospitals for their check-ups, working with young people in the community.

“May I take some pictures?” I ask. There is a moment of hesitation.

“Most reporters want to take a picture of someone sitting at the bar, drinking,” Salisbury says. “But we’d like to have our picture taken with the national award the post won for its work on Poppy Day.”

“That’s just the picture we want,” I say.

“Thanks.”

“Wow! What nice people and what a treat to meet them,” I thought as I made my way through the parking lot to my maroon pickup. “They’ve given me two new ideas and the location of a war memorial that must be pretty close to brand new in Gainesville. If the weather holds, I can visit the memorials in Sherman, go to Gainesville and Bonham the next day and into Bryan County the next.

The weather did not hold. Rain and cold were the order of the day for the next two weeks. I had surgery on my right foot and the ensuing swelling kept me out of the pickup except for the brief ride to the doctor’s office for follow-up.

Undiscouraged, I went to the Internet, typing in war memorials Grayson County Texas, war memorials, Fannin County Texas, war memorials Bryan County Oklahoma, war memorials Cooke County Texas.

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Doyle Sloan, Henry Salisbury, and Jessie Goodman stand in front of the VFW Post 481-2772 Poppy Project Award.

Photo by Dorothy Fowler



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The notice that the search engine had found thousands of bits of information about war memorials in each of the counties was misleading, at best. The truth was that there was a plethora of information about the subject of war memorials and that there were a few privately produced reminiscences about coming home from WWII, but there was almost nothing about war memorials in general and nothing at all about war memorials in any of the counties included in the question.

Questions to local historians elicited interest in the project, but no new information. "I guess you already know about Ely Park," one Austin College professor said. "And there's that newer one at Fairview Park. Those are the only ones I know anything about."

"What about the statue on the courthouse lawn?" I asked.

"I thought you wanted to know about memorials for men and women who died in the service of the United States," he replied. "That's a monument to men who died in service to the Confederate States of America. If you want to broaden your search, you'll find many more monuments to the soldiers of the Confederacy than to the soldiers of the United States."

Ely Park World War II Memorial

At first glance on this almost balmy February Sunday afternoon, Sherman's Ely Park, bordered on the east by Rusk Avenue, on the north by Steadman, on the west by Austin and on the south by Moore, looks like the kind of family-friendly park one might find anywhere in the country.

There is a softball diamond on the northeast end, a big covered picnic pavilion on the south, typical playground equipment nearby and in between, a vast expanse of grass.

The abundance of crepe myrtle trees, planted at regular intervals around the perimeter of the park are a bit unusual, considering the sparse plantings in the rest of the park. Closer inspection indicates they are unique, for each of the 72 trees flanks a small white concrete marker that bears the name of one of the 72 men from Sherman who died during World War II.

Also on the markers is the birth year and the death year of the man commemorated by the marker. Most were in their late teens or 20s. A few were older. About one-third of the 72 died in 1944-45, which makes me wonder if they were part of the D-Day invasion or perhaps part of the Battle of the Bulge.

Beyond their names, which are also inscribed on a plaque placed on the west side of the park as part of an Eagle Scout project, there is no information at the park. However, people who are looking for more information might find it at the Sherman Public Library, which has a fine genealogy section and which also maintains excellent newspaper files.

On Memorial Day and Veterans Day and other national holidays, veterans groups and others place flags and flowers beside each marker.

The location of the park, bounded as it is by neat, well-kept houses that look as if they belong to blue collar workers, adds to the poignancy of the markers, for it's likely that most of the men whose names are on the stones lived in neighborhoods much like this one.

It takes about 15 minutes to walk the perimeter of the park if you stop to read the names and to think about how young were the people memorialized there.

Fairview Park War Memorial

In late winter, almost warm but not yet early spring, two of the three flags at the Liberty Memorial Garden in Sherman, Texas, crackles in the southwest wind.

The stars and stripes and the dark flag bearing the acronyms MIA and POW straight out from the poles from which they are suspended. The top of the third flag, the Texas flag, worked itself loose from the hooks that should have held it, leaving it drooping, hanging only by the lower grommets.

There is no way a passerby could repair the damage. The poles are state-of-the-art, with the mechanism that raises and lowers the flags locked behind plates in the substantial poles. People who frequent the park have no doubt that the flag will be back in its proper place before sunset.

Local veterans organizations are proud of the memorial they built with what one of them described as "an excess of sweat" after they raised \$40,000 to build the monument.

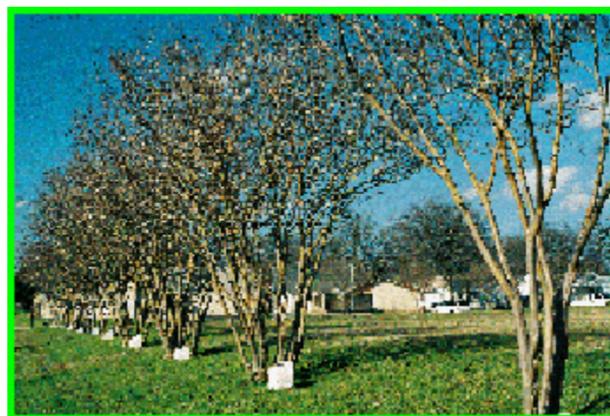
The monument is roughly in the center of a giant park complex bordered on the east by Ricketts Street and on the north by Taylor Street. It is in a place that is strangely quiet, even when families with their children are on the playground equipment across the park road and east of the monument. Soccer players, on the field immediately east and north of the monument do not make enough noise to be heard.

Two well-maintained park benches provide places for visitors to sit and examine the memorial, which consists of four gray marble stones on which the names of every man or woman in Grayson County who died in World War II, Korea, or the Vietnam War carved. There is also a list of MIA's.

Two hundred and forty men from Grayson County died in action during World War II, 26 in Korea and 26 in Vietnam. The names of the five MIA's are at the end of the list.



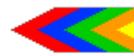
Ely Park



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Fairview Veterans Stadium



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Members of the local veterans' organizations are always on the alert for the names of men and women they might have overlooked when the memorial was first erected. Several names are obviously new, their black outlines much darker than the names that were part of the original monument.

The names of the dead are inscribed on four slabs of granite, each about five feet tall and set in concrete. The granite slabs face each other. On the north, a fifth granite slab bears the names of each branch of the United States armed forces. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and the Coast Guard are there, along with the names of local veterans organizations that helped build the memorial. They include the Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans and the American Legion.

The monument is open every day of the year. Because it is near the park, it's a good place to bring a picnic on days when the weather is good.

Confederate Monument on Grayson County Courthouse Grounds

Thirty-one years after the United States Civil War ended 20,000 people gathered on the northeast corner of the block where the Grayson County Court house stands in Sherman to witness the dedication of the first Confederate monument erected in Texas.

An article in the Sherman newspaper, dated April 21, 1897, said "(the statue) represents not only the confederate dead who are sleeping in West Hill (the oldest cemetery in Sherman), but those who are sleeping from *Gettysburg to the Rio Grande, from Missouri to the Atlantic Seaboard.*"

The monument is 45 feet tall, including the six foot statue of a Confederate infantryman standing at parade rest and gazing toward the north east. Most of the monument is made of light gray granite mined from Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Georgia. The blocks that bear the inscriptions came from quarries at Lexington, near Atlanta.

Ironically, the statue of the soldier, which is crafted of a material characterized as "white bronze," was created in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In 1996, under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the monument was rededicated.

The inscriptions on the sides of the base are typical of the prose of the Victorian age in general and Southerners in particular.

One of them reads, "*And the fame of that nameless nation on history's page shall shine as our heroes' grand oblation in our hearts has found a shrine.*"

Another reads, "*Sacred to the memory of our Confederate dead: true patriots. They fought for home and country. For the holy principles of self government—the only true liberty. Their sublime self-sacrifice and unsurpassed valor will teach future generations the lessons of high born patriotism, of devotion to duty, of exalted courage, of southern chivalry. History has enshrined them immortal.*"

Three Texas historical markers are clustered near the monument. One of them tells the story of Grayson County. Another tells of the exploits of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, which started with about 1,000 men and by war's end had only 110. The third tells the story of the 11th Texas Cavalry.

Because the soldier is perched so high on the shaft of the monument, it's not possible to see him in detail without binoculars, but you do get the feeling of just how important it still is to many people to have him there, overlooking the business at the intersection of Travis and Lamar 140 years after his war was lost.

For visitors who want to just sit for awhile, the citizens of Grayson County provided benches in honor of much-loved Grayson County Judge Horace Groff when he retired and re-entered life as a private citizen in 2002.

The Union Soldier at Fairview Cemetery in Denison, Texas

An eternal flame honoring veterans of all wars burns near Katy Depot in Denison, but the most impressive and surprising monument stands north of the city, in the northwest corner of Fairview Cemetery.

The existence of a monument honoring Union soldiers may be the best kept secret in Grayson County. A quick survey of 10 lifelong residents of Grayson County netted 10 people who not only didn't know it exists, but also doubted that it does.

The monument, which is 15 feet, six inches tall, includes a five foot square base. It appears to have been made of limestone. The statue of the Union Infantryman wears a cap, a coat, brogans and other items typical of soldiers of his era. He is carrying a rifle that may have been a Springfield rifle.

Dan Bray, who wrote a local history that included a chapter on the Union soldier, speculated that the statue itself was made of pre-cast concrete and had been cast in four separate castings.

He also noted that the gaze of the statue, which faces southeast, intersects at some point with the gaze of the Confederate soldier on the Grayson County Courthouse lawn.

The inscription on the south side of the base reads:

**G. A. R.
1906
Erected by
Nathaniel Lyon
Post No 5
Department of Texas
In Memory of
the Loyal Soldiers
and Sailors**

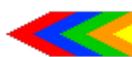
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Six Union soldiers are buried just to the west of the statue. Each headstone bears the name of the soldier buried there and the federal shield. Information provided by the cemetery says that several Union soldiers are buried throughout the cemetery,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

After visiting and photographing war memorials in Sherman and Denison, I turned east, toward Cooke County and the monument to veterans of 20th Century wars. On the way, I stopped in Whitesboro, a small town about half way between Sherman and Gainesville on Highway 82.

In Whitesboro, at the intersection of Highway 56 and Main Street, students from Whitesboro High School maintain an informal and surprisingly touching memorial. It is nothing more than an open space on the northwest corner, but the corner is filled with American flags and tied to a post nearby are tattered yellow bows and ribbons.

“There used to be a lot more ribbons and bows,” a man who works in a nearby building says. “But they got pretty torn up and I think the kids took some of them down and haven’t put up replacements yet.”

Dozens of such monuments may exist in small towns across the nation and where you find them, it’s a good thing to stop and think about what they mean.

The War Memorial at Frank Buck Park, Gainesville, Texas

A big renovation project makes it difficult to get access to the war memorial in Gainesville. The renovation is to the small zoo and the park that holds it and has nothing to do directly with the war memorial, but signs denying access to park roads and parking can confuse the faint of heart. But faint heart ne’er won anything much, so I went into the park on a road clearly marked “Construction Workers Only,” and found at the end of the lane, not only construction workers, but also a good many park visitors.

Where I needed to be, however, was at the entrance to the park, so I turned the pickup around, threaded my way through the traffic and parked on the shoulder of the highway so I could walk up the steps to the newest of the war memorials that I visited.

The Stars and Stripes hold center stage at the monument. To the left of the pole, a large marble slab holds the names of those killed in the service of the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Like the similar monument in Sherman, there are recent additions to the original list, which was dedicated in 1996.

War Memorials in Fannin County, Texas

If there were other memorials in Cooke County, no one could tell me where they were, although everyone seemed familiar with the one at Frank Buck Park, so I turned east, to drive back through Grayson County and into Fannin County to the county seat, Bonham.

A police officer in Bonham told me the only war memorials he knew about in Bonham were on the courthouse square. “I guess there might be some out at the VA hospital, but I don’t remember seeing any,” he said.

Bonham’s courthouse square is typical of every courthouse square in North Texas, surrounded as it on four sides by businesses of almost every stripe, but it does have something that most squares don’t have: a statue of the man for whom the county was named.

The metal representation of James Butler Bonham wears boots with spurs, carries a hat and a powder horn and over his left shoulder, there’s a strap that supports a pouch. If the statue looks like Bonham, Bonham was a handsome fellow.

There are two inscriptions on the base of the statue. One of them provides a brief biography of Bonham. The other reads: “*At the call of his boyhood friend William Barrett Travis, He came to Texas in 1835 and engaged in the war for independence as aide and messenger for Travis. He was faithful unto death at the Alamo March the sixth 1836.*”

Bonham’s statue is the only one I found that made mention of Texas’ war for independence from Mexico.

The other memorial, a statue of a Confederate soldier, is on the northwest corner of the courthouse. The soldier is not nearly so high as the one in Sherman, but it is still too high to permit viewers to make out details clearly without binoculars.

Inscriptions on each face of the base, however, are for the most part, quite clear.

The inscription on the east face reads: *Battles fought, 2242. Total enlistment Confederate Army 600,000. Total enlistment United States Army 2,278,304. Federal Prisoners captured by Confederates 270,000. Confederate prisoners captures by federals 270,000. Co. E 11th/TX CAV and Co. F 11th TX CAV.*

On the south face, between crossed sabers are the words from 1861 to 1865. Below are the following words: “*They fought for principle, their homes, and those they loved. On fame’s eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, and Glory guards, with solemn round, The bivouac of the dead.*”

On the west face, below the bold, black letters Confederate, are these words: “*To the Confederate soldiers who sacrificed their lives for a just cause This monument is lovingly dedicated by the daughters of the Confederacy aided by the Confederate Veterans Association of Fannin County.*”

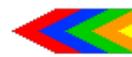
On the north face are the words: “*The great war/un-rivaled in history for bravery, gallantry, daring and dash. E Anderson, AD 190 (perhaps 5)*”

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

While I was looking for memorials in Bonham, my colleague Dale Rideout was in another part of Fannin County, in Leonard, where he found two memorials. Both of them are dedicated to all veterans of all wars.

One of the memorials is located near the center of town. On both front and back of a granite slab, the citizens of Leonard, who maintain both memorials, have had engraved the names of all service personnel from the town who have died in the service of their country.

Rideout says the memorials includes the names of veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam. The other memorial is at the cemetery.



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On the same day he visited the cemeteries in Leonard, Dale also visited cemeteries in Collin County. He found a variety of memorials, including the gravesite of John Abston (1761-1856), a soldier in the American Revolution.

Abston is buried in the Old Belew cemetery, near the city of Lavon.

Rideout also visited the cemetery at Farmersville, where he found Freedom Plaza, a memorial that includes a granite slab on which are engraved the names of "*Farmersville heroes (who died to keep the torch of freedom burning.*" The names of veterans of World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam are listed on the slab.

At the bottom are words attributed to Audie Murphy, "*The real heroes of the war are those who never came home.*"

The memorial was dedicated in 1998 by the community of Farmersville.

Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

In the Pecan Grove Cemetery, Dale found a granite marker engraved with the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy and the names of all Civil War veterans buried in the Pecan Grove Cemetery. A historical marker in the Pecan Grove Memorial Park "*commemorates the courageous and compassionate pioneer men and women of this vicinity.*"

It mentions in particular Dr. James Webb Throckmorton, who was a Texas legislator during the 18950's, a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, Governor of Texas from 1866-1867 and a member of Congress intermittently between 1875 and 1888.

In the same cemetery there is a medallion, dedicated in 1970, dedicated "*To those who served for freedom's just cause.*"

In McKinney, Dale found a granite marker "*Dedicated in honor the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of our country.*"

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, William H. L. Well Camp #1588, dedicated a marker to Confederate soldiers in Plano in 2000.

Fort Washita

There are probably other memorials in North Texas that we overlooked, but it wasn't because Dale and I didn't try to find them all. As soon as I was through with the Texas side of Texoma, I went looking in Oklahoma.

Lifelong residents of Durant told me they didn't know of any monuments, but directed me to Ft. Washita, about 18 miles west and north of Durant.

"It isn't really a war memorial, I guess," one man said. "There aren't any statues or anything out there. But in another way it's better than statues or plaques because you can almost hear the way it was when it was a fort."

Restoring the fort, which is on Oklahoma State Highway 199, is a work in progress. The fort office, made from a building that once was officers' quarters, is complete and so is a barracks building across the road and to the south. Several smaller buildings are also in good repair.

One of the major barracks buildings is in ruins, however. It is covered by vines with branches thick enough to be tree branches.

Two burial grounds are on the fort grounds. The post burial ground is at the north end of the road into the fort. It is an active cemetery. On the day I was there, flowers from a recent funeral were still fresh on the mound of red earth that covered the grave. A visitor told me she had "put my husband here two years ago."

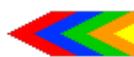
The other burial ground is inactive, but it is well kept. The Stars and Bars flies from a low flag pole there and there is a marker telling visitors that 200 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried there.

Ft. Washita, which was established in 1842 to keep peace among the Indians and white settlers, was abandoned by the federals in 1861 and was used by Confederate troops until the Civil War ended in 1865.

It has a resident ghost, Aunt Jane, who is listed among the prominent ghosts of the frontier.

Each of these places is worth a visit. A little planning would make it possible to visit several memorials in the same day and get home before dark. It would be a good thing, if you're interested in history or you want to teach your kids to be proud of their heritage, to set aside a day every now and then to visit one or more of them.

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

Lincecum is owner of Big Barn Press which publishes autobiography and local history books by local authors. Their most recent publication in the "Telling Our Stories" series is Volume 10, entitled "20 Years of Telling Our Stories." It includes 48 stories by local writers who have participated in TOS, which began in 1990. Check out their webpage: <http://www.austincollege.edu/Info.asp?4124>

Specialties are:

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- *editing stories and books for publication
- *training Home Hospice volunteers to collect life stories and edit them for publication in booklet form
- *leading workshops for writers of autobiography and family history
- *Chautauqua programs on Dr. Gideon Lincecum (1793-1874), pioneer Texas scientist and physicist

He has served as President of the Texas Folklore Society,

Lincecum has been awarded the Silver Certificate of Merit by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Miss Ima Hogg Historical Achievement Award for Outstanding Research on Texas History. His book on the pioneer naturalist Gideon Lincecum, *Science on the Texas Frontier: Observations of Dr. Gideon Lincecum* has been reviewed by several academic journals both in history and in the sciences, as have some of his other books.

Telling Our Stories

DINNER FOR THE MINISTER

by Ruby Frizzell Draisey of Bonham

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

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

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

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

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

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

He was pretending. The conversation continued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

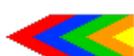
Sure enough, we had fed the minister a dinner of horse meat.



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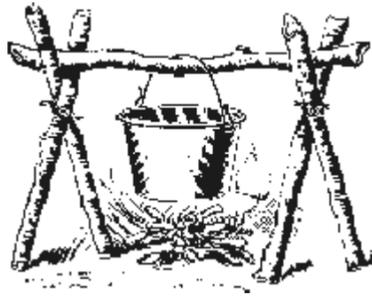


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Cookin' Out



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Dutch Ovens and Dump Cake

by Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dump Cake

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

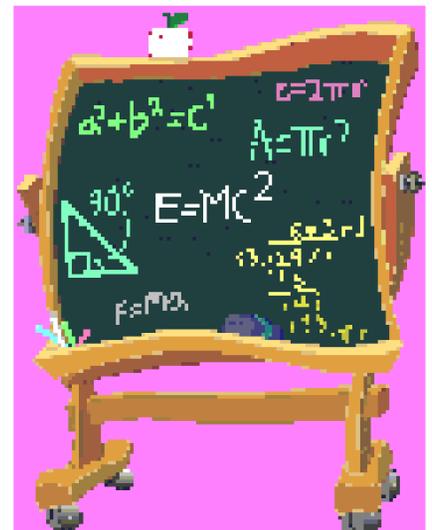
- 1/4 pound butter or margarine*
- 1 can pie filling (any flavor you like, apple, cherry, etc.)*
- 1 box cake mix (again any flavor, yellow or white works great.)*

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

Southern Algebra

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

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



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Turkey Vultures

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



One Vote

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

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

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

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

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

In 1845, One Vote brought Texas into the Union.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dining Out with my Grandson

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He said, "I fooled you, Papa!"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

The Jefferson School was located on Chaffin Street in Sherman. Students gathered in the yard, and when they heard a bell, they all ran to see which teacher was standing in the doorway. On a bright November morning in 1918, Miss Knox called her second grade class. We lined up and marched single-file up the steps, down the hall, and into the cloakroom. There we hung up our coats and carried our bookbags into the classroom.

Our opening exercise was a recitation in unison of the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then we started our reading lesson. On this morning we were interrupted by Miss Evorie, who came in to announce that "the war was over" and we should go home to "celebrate."

I knew what "cele-brate" meant. At our house we celebrated holidays and birthdays all the time. It meant fried chicken and blackberry cobbler and all the aunts and cousins coming in to eat with us. It meant the dining room filled with grown-ups and the children waiting or being served at the kitchen table. It meant deviled eggs and pickles and, if it was a picnic, bread-and-butter sandwiches made from that delicious brown bread.

As I hurried home that morning, I disobeyed a standing rule: I cut through the park and walked by the Interstate Cotton Oil Mill.

Goodness! The whistles were stuck and they kept going off. They were awfully loud, and someone was shooting a gun! It, too, kept going: Bang! Bang! Bang! Then the streetcar came down Grand Avenue and the bell was ringing. The noise around there was really something!

But I hurried on thinking of our celebration. Then when I reached home, I stopped in my tracks. My grandmother was dressed in her Sunday clothes. She was even wearing her hat. How could she fry chicken and make pies dressed like that? What's more, she said, "Put your things away and come with me, we're going to town to celebrate the end of the war."

There was nothing to do but follow instructions. We rode the streetcar with the clanging bell and where we got off at Travis and Lamar streets downtown, we could barely get through the crowds. The big red fire truck pulled by giant horses was coming down the street and Dad Hill was trying to hold the crowd back so they would not be trampled. We work-ed our way down to the bank, where Mother was waiting for us. She said, "We are really going to celebrate" but she took my hand and led me into a big restaurant. The man at the door took us to a table already set with napkins and silver and glasses of water.

I wondered how he knew we were coming and if he could fry chicken. He sure didn't look like he could bake pies. He wore a black suit and a white shirt and his tie was black too. He seemed like maybe he would preach or lead us in prayer. He seemed friendly, though, when he pushed my chair up to the table. Then he left and another man came with big cards. I thought surely this one was going to have a reading class; but Mother talked to him using words I didn't know, like "oyster" and "a-la-mode." I was anxious to get through with this visit so we could go celebrate with maybe a cake and candles to blow out. Pretty soon that last man returned and set some plates of food in front of us. It wasn't chicken or black-eyed peas but Mother said I should taste it and see if I liked it.

It was oysters! That was the most delicious food I'd ever eaten. I ate all of mine and was about to ask for more when Mother said, "Wait a minute! You have a surprise coming." It was pie—cherry pie, my favorite that we rarely had at Grand-mother's house—and on top of it was a big serving of ice cream.

Well, this was a celebration after all. I knew "celebrate" meant a big fancy meal. I just had never eaten fried oysters or pie-a-la-mode before. We really did celebrate Armistice Day, November 11, 1918.



Jack Frost McGraw



Jack Frost (on right) waiting with a friend and her grandmother to ride the trolley to downtown Sherman for the first Armistice Day celebration, Nov. 11, 1918



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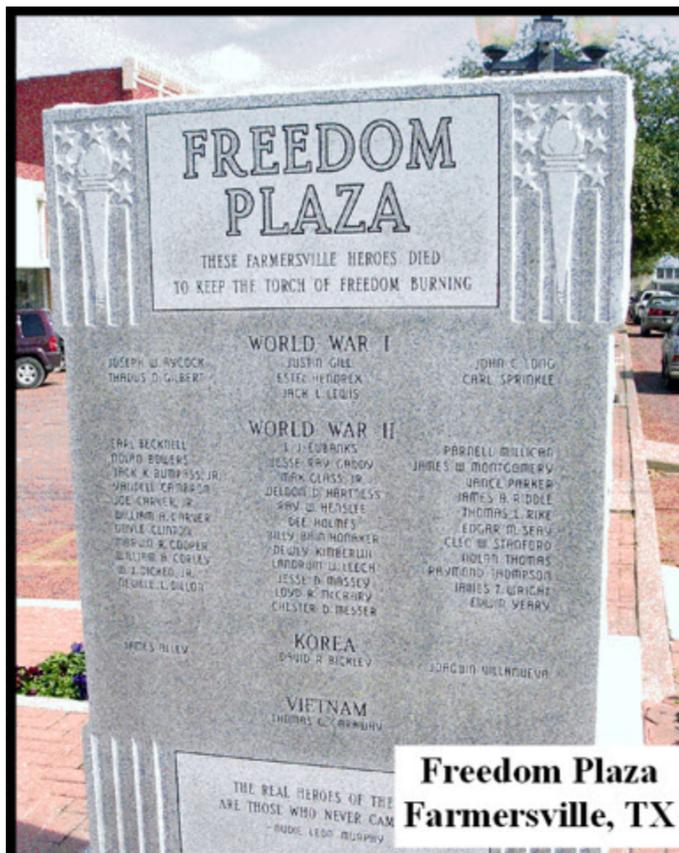
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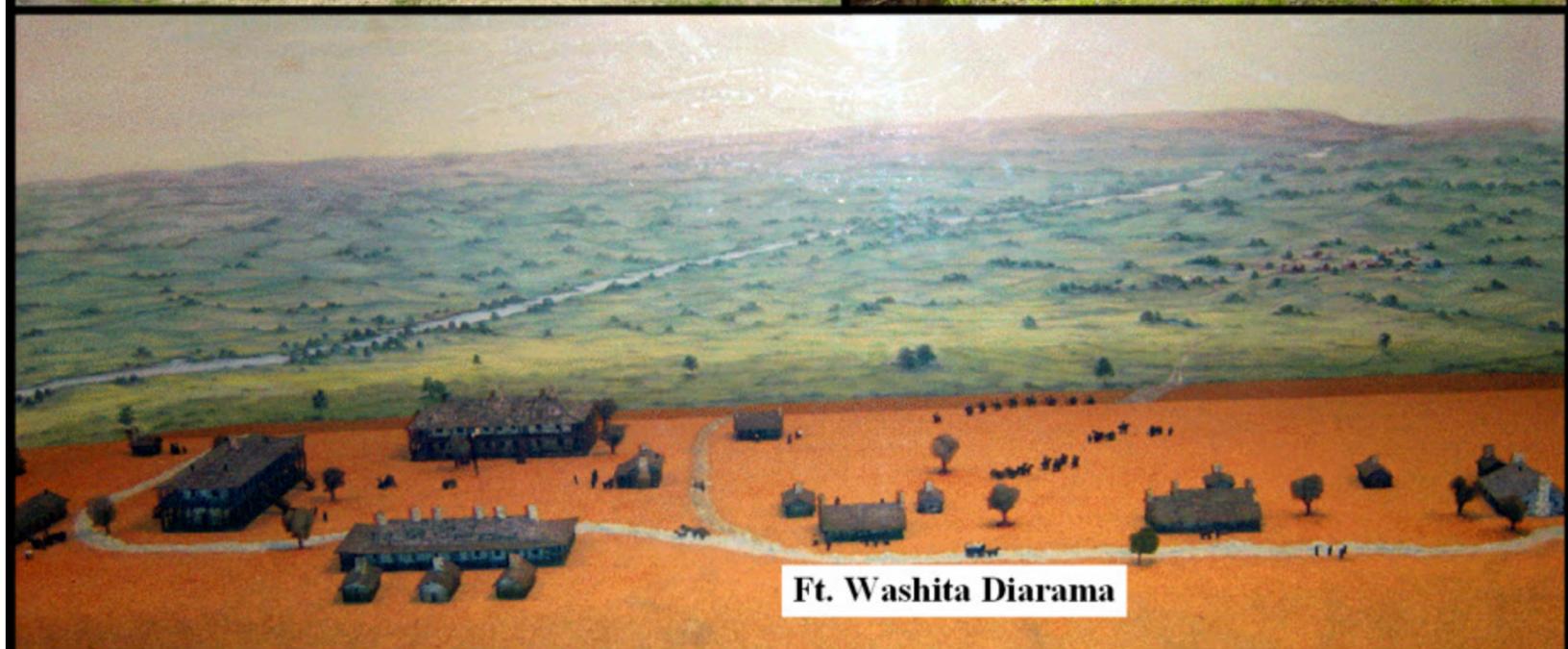
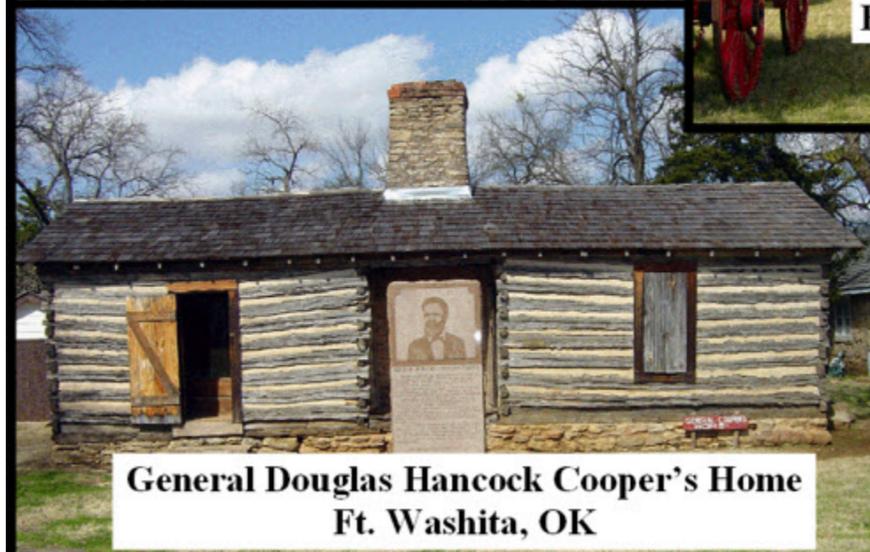


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