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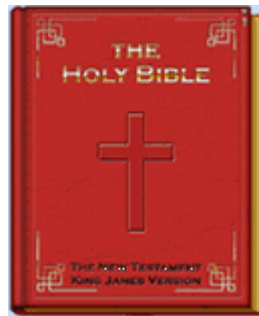


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Grayson College Theatre students Jessica Huffstetler and Blake Rice are ready for "South Pacific", the college's first musical production in several years. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20 at 7:30 pm, Oct. 21 at 2 pm, and Oct. 18 at 10 am in Cruce Stark Auditorium on GC's Main Campus.

GC's "South Pacific" honors area Veterans

"South Pacific" has entertained audiences for years with classic songs such as "Nothin' Like a Dame," "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," and "Some Enchanted Evening." It will be some enchanted opening day on Oct. 12 when the Grayson College Theatre presents the musical in Cruce Stark Auditorium on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

The musical opens the same weekend as Denison's Eisenhower Birthday Celebration. Veterans and their families are invited to attend the performances on Oct. 12 and 13 at 7:30 pm free of charge. General admission is \$5 or free with GC ID.

"Since 'South Pacific' takes place during World War II, we want to honor our area veterans and their families, especially the World War II vets," said Robin Robinson, GC professor and director of theatre.

Opening day festivities on Oct. 12 include a parachute drop at 6:45 pm in the field across the street (FM 691) from the auditorium. Following the parachute drop, a reception honoring veterans and their families will take place in the auditorium's lobby. At 7:30 pm on both Oct. 12 and 13, Dr. Jeremy McMillen, GC's new president, will greet the audiences and acknowledge veterans in attendance.

Final performances of the musical are Oct. 18 at 10 am, Oct. 19 and 20 at 7:30 pm, and Oct. 21 at 2 pm. Tickets for all performances are \$5 or free with GC ID.

"The matinee performance on Oct. 21 features a special treat as well," Robinson said. "GC's Culinary Program is offering lunch at 12:30 pm in Culinary Dining Room on the college's Main Campus." Lunch seating is limited and reservations are required. Tickets for lunch and matinee are \$15. For reservations, call the GC Theatre department at 903-463-8609 or email <<mailto:theatre@grayson.edu>> theatre@grayson.edu for more information.

An award-winning musical written by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, "South Pacific" is based on James A. Michener's Pulitzer winning novel, "Tales from the South Pacific." Ensign Nellie Forbush, played by sophomore Jessica Huffstetler of Whitesboro, is an American nurse stationed at a U.S. Naval base during World War II. She falls in love with Emile de Becque, played by sophomore Blake Rice of Savoy, an expatriate French plantation owner, but struggles to accept his mixed-race children. A second romance concerns a U.S. lieutenant who falls in love with a young Asian woman.

Racial prejudice is candidly explored throughout the musical, most pointedly in the song, "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught."

In addition to Huffstetler and Rice, the show features a large cast of GC students and community members. GC sophomores include:



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Mason Butler of Leonard as Yeoman Hebert Quale; Jose Gomez of Denison as Henry; Wes Hayes of Howe as Marine Lt. Joseph Cable; Rodney Hudson of Sherman as Professor/McCaffrey; Nathan Owen of England as Luther Billis; Amber Patrick of Colbert as Ensign Dinah Murphy; Rachel Schroeder of Denison as Lead Nurse Lt. Genevieve Marshall; Andrew Steele of Cumby as Stewpot, Carpenter's Mate 2nd Class George Watts; and Dillon Wooten of Trenton as Sailor Tom O'Brien.

GC freshmen cast members are: Skylar Alton of Texarkana as Lt. Buzz Adams; Nick Ellis of Houston as Seabee 1 Morton Wise; Michael Higgins of Princeton as Marine Sgt. Kenneth Johnson; Aaron Hogue of Anna as Seabee 2 Richard West; Tatiana Maxey of Kingwood as Liat; Kailey Rolan of Bells as Ensign Janet MacGregor; and Krishnia Seely as Ensign Connie Walewska.

Community cast members include: Macie Johnson, Pottsboro High School student, as Ensign Rita Adams; A.J. Dacosta, Denison High School student, as Sailor James Hayes; Lisa Herbert, GC librarian of Whitewright, as Bloody Mary; Skiler Schmitz, former GC student of Durant, as Navy Capt.

George Brackett; Amarion Thomas, Denison Mayes Elementary 5th grader, as Jerome; and Layla Thomas, Denison Mayes Elementary 4th grader, as Ngana. The Thomas siblings are the children of A.T. Thomas, GC's computer support technician.

In addition to Robinson, other crew members are: Tenna Matthews, GC professor, light design and technical director; Thea Albert, GC adjunct professor, scenic and costume design; Pam Gauthier-Hamer, choir director at Dillingham and Piner in Sherman, music director; Chris Sanchez, former GC student of Little Elm, choreographer; and James Scoggins, GC media technology specialist, sound design.

Sophomore crew members include: Maggie Bergener of Denton, deck manager; Jarrod Milner of Denison, master electrician; Kasy Poindexter of Whitewright, stage manager; and Taylor Roberts of Sherman, sound and symphonia. Freshman crew members are: Avery Chester of Frisco, sound; Nathaniel Poindexter of Whitewright, assistant master carpenter and flyman; Jasmine Shannon of Rowlett, assistant master electrician and light desk; Katie Slay of Lavon, follow spot; and Cody Wyman of Whitesboro, follow spot.

Cast members who hold crew positions as well include: Alton, Ellis and Hudson, wardrobe; Butler, props; Maxwell, assistant to choreographer; and Steele, master carpenter.

For more information about "South Pacific," contact the GC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or <mailto:theatre@grayson.edu> theatre@grayson.edu.





Rescue unit from 9/11 to visit Howe

Rescue 4, a Fire Department (FDNY) heavy rescue vehicle that was operating at the World Trade Center Twin Towers site on the day of the terrorist attack will be in Howe, courtesy of the Howe Fire Department on Monday, Oct. 8.

The Remembrance Rescue Project, featuring Rescue is a mobile memorial for fallen firefighters designed to honor and educate and to commemorate the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. All eight firefighters who responded that day were evacuating civilians and were killed when the Twin Towers collapsed.

Uniformed personnel and civilians will assemble at 1 pm at the Howe Fire Department, 120 E. Haning Street, for the presentation, presented as part of National Fire Prevention Month. Besides viewing the rescue vehicle and learning about its history, those attending will be invited to tour the Howe Fire Station. Refreshment will be served.

Howe Elementary Top Dogs

The "TOP DOGS" at Howe Elementary from September 10th - September 21st are: Brett Burnett, Clay Barnett, Seth Key, Erin Catching, Niko Longoria, Luis Gonzales, Sabian Acevedo, Luke Hardy, Mackenzie Bryant, Janna Nitchman, caden Garner, Catelyn Armstrong, Willie Husband, Jacob Ortega, Garren Lankford, William Fuhr, Ariel Uriostegui, and AJ Banda.

Fall Festival

When: October 20, 2012

Where: Howe Elem./Middle School
Parking Lot

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Outside vendors are welcome. For more information on vendor registration contact Darla Williams at 903-532-3320.

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Howe Police Department Texoma Night Out October 6, 2012 Vendor Booth Registration

Texoma Night Out is Saturday October 6, 2012 from 2pm to 4pm. Booth Set up starting at 1:00 and recommended to remain up till end of event at 4pm. Booths are outside spaces on the street. Size 12X12 (large areas are available for bounce house if need be) and cost for registration is free. In place of a fee for booth registration each vendor is asked to donate at least 1 door prize for the event. Door prizes will be drawn from event entry tickets, and vendors will be recognized throughout the event. Electricity will need to be provided by booth vendor themselves for those who require it, such as a generator. As well if you desire a tent/canopy, table or chairs etc for your area you need to bring your own.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

of spaces ____ Door Prize included _____ Will bring prize day of event _____

Type of Booth _____

of Electrical plugs need _____

IMPORTANT; FIREWORKS, WEAPONS, AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS CANNOT BE SOLD AND FOOD VENDORS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN BOOTH WITH VALID GRAYSON COUNTY FOOD HANDLERS PERMIT

Please mail this form: _____ Or email to:
Howe Texoma Night Out Team mommycarolyn2@yahoo.com
PO BOX 518
Howe, TX 75459
Phone: Day 903-532-9971 Police Department
Carolyn Cherry 903-814-0836
Amy Doyle 903-814-3910

You will be notified of booth assignments with check in at 1pm at the Texoma Night Out event.



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Tom Bean City officials recently celebrated the ribbon cutting ceremony at the newest business in Tom Bean, Norma's Sewing Shop. Norma and son Steven Meek recently opened their shop and is an alteration and garment repair business. Any cloth products that need to be sewn will be considered. This includes suits, wedding dresses, prom dresses, jeans, zipper replacement, quilt and blanket repair, coats, custom embroidery and resizing. Norma brings forty years of experience to the business. Please visit Norma's Sewing Shop for all your sewing needs. They are located at 106 N. Britton with hours of Monday-Saturday 9-6. Business number is 903-546-2000/fax number is 903-546-2001. You can also email Norma at normassewingshop@juno.com



Ribbon cutting photo include Type A Board member John Hunt III , Mayor Sherry E. Howard, Norma Meek, Steven Meek, Type A board member Diane Upchurch, John Hunt II and Type B Board Chairman David Harrison

Texoma Poetry Society

The Texoma Poetry Society will meet this Saturday, launching its theme for the new year, "My Favorite Poet." The theme was derived from the success of the *Herald Democrat's* publication of locally-written poems during National Poetry Month in April.

This week's meeting will begin at 2 pm and be held in the Hope Waller Community Room of the Sherman Public Library. It is free and open to the public.

Bringing the program entitled "Robert Frost's 'The Road Not Taken': A Personal Look At How Prose and Poetry Relate" will be the Rev. William B. "Bill" Johnson. He is retired after serving for 33 years at Trinity Lutheran Church and was named pastor emeritus by the congregation three years ago. He leads monthly Bible studies for retirees and weekly devotionals for men. Johnson is a graduate of Clifton Junior College, Texas Lutheran College and Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. After his internship at the First Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Minnesota, Johnson served in churches in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and Beaumont before moving to Sherman in 1962. He has worked with the Sherman Ministerial Association, helping start the S.T.E.P. (Sherman Tutorial Educational Program), and has been a volunteer chaplain with Home Hospice of Grayson County.

Johnson and Muriel, his wife of 56 years, have two daughters and three grandsons. They enjoy writing their autobiographies and, in the past, have worked in the Lutheran Marriage Encounter ministry.

Little Roy and Lizzy Show Oct. 8

On Monday, October 8th we welcome the Little Roy and Lizzie show back to our stage. If you missed it last year, you won't want to miss him again. It is a really high energy, fun, musical show that they perform.

Admission for the evening is \$10 for advance tickets or \$12 at the door. If advance tickets are desired, make checks payable to Chrystal Opry House, 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, TX. 75090 and the tickets will be waiting for you at the door.

Because of this special event we will not have our regular first Saturday Bluegrass event on Oct. 6th this month. We will have our acoustic jam on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 pm. We accept donations for this event to defray expenses.

The concession area will be open with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy for the Little Roy and Lizzie Show.

The Chrystal Opry House is located 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building.

Individuals or bands interested in performing at the Chrystal Opry House should contact Bill Hayes at 903-546-6893 or <http://www.chrystalopryhouse.com>

("Like" us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com)

Sherman Community Players opens new season with *The Sunshine Boys*

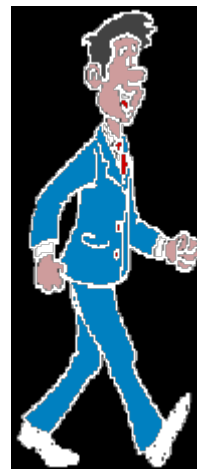
The Sherman Community Players begins its brand new season next week with Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys." Directing the production is Anthony Nelson.

Hailed as one of Simon's best comedies, the play setting is 1972. Two veteran vaudevillian comics, Willy Clark and Al Lewis, aren't speaking. After 40 years as a popular comedic team, they cut their ties and haven't spoken to each other in 11 years. When a television producer suggests they re-unite for a TV special on the greatest comics of the century, the fun begins.

Playing the lead roles as Lewis and Clark are Bruce Stidham and Frank Sanza. They are joined on stage by Jeffrey Hermann, Deborah Barrax, Sandra Lindscheid, Ed Richardson, Isaac Sheibmeir, Bruce Butler and Jim Smith.

Working backstage are: Marty Burkhardt and Tom Rawson, stage managers; Tina Ross, costume designer; Donna Champion House, assistant costume designer; Jim Barnes, sound designer; Webster Crocker, set designer; and Megan McCullough, make-up designer.

The production officially opens on Oct. 5 with an 8 pm performance. It will continue with 8 pm. performances on Oct. 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 and 2 pm performances on Oct. 7, 14 and 21. All performances will be at the Finley Cultural Center in Sherman. Tickets are on sale now to the general public beginning on Oct. 3. They can be purchased over the phone at 903-892-8818 or at the box office, located inside the Honey McGee Playhouse at 313 Mulberry in Sherman. For more information, visit www.scptheater.org.



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Audition Information 2012-13 Season
Sherman Community Players
Located in the Finley Theater 500 n. Elm,
Sherman Tx 75090
Scptheater.Org For More Details

“The Three Musketeers” by Ken Ludwig ,
Directed by Anthony Nelson
Auditions only for the Principle roles in the show happens
Monday Oct. 15th from 630-10pm.
Callbacks, Tuesday Oct. 16th 630-10pm.



Audition Information 2012-13 Season
Sherman Community Players
Located in the Finley Theater 500 n. Elm,
Sherman Tx 75090
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“It’s a Wonderful Life” Based on the
Frank Capra Film

Auditions will be held October 13th 2012 from 1-4pm and
October 14th 2012 from 5-8pm.
Callbacks will occur on Oct. 16th 2012 from 7pm - 1030pm.
*Please note: Perusal copies of the script are available for check
out in the Honey McGee Box Office, 313 Mulberry Street.
Sherman TX
**Please note: There are currently 28 roles available, double
casting may occur.
***Please note: Rehearsals will begin Monday Oct. 22nd.
****Please note: The first performance will be November 30th,
and performs through December 16th.

Character Breakdown

Principles:

George Bailey (20 - 40’s) The Everyman of Bedford Falls
Mary Hatch (Bailey) (20-40’s) George’s charming, supportive,
challenge yet loving wife.
Henry F. Potter (30-70’s) Owns practically the entire town.
Clarence Odbody (30-70’s) Angel Second Class
Violet Peterson (20-40’s) Proprietor of the beauty salon
Mr. Gower (30-70’s) Proprietor of the corner drug store
Uncle Billy (30-70’s) George’s uncle and business partner
Bert (20-40’s) A Patrolman
Ernie (20-40’s) A mail carrier
Harry Bailey (18-30) George’s Youngest Brother
Mother Bailey (30 - 70’s) A very kind and understanding woman
Aunt Tilly (30-70’s) Uncle Billy’s wife
Mrs. Hatch (30’s - 70’s) Mary’s Mother
Sam Wainwright (20-40’s) A financially successful young man

Ensemble:

Mr. Potter’s goon (open)
Mr. Potter’s secretary (open)
Miss Andrews (A townsperson)
Mrs. Thompson (A townsperson)
Mr. Martini (Proprietor of a bar)
Mrs. Martini (his wife)
Miss Carter (A bank examiner)
Mr. Welch (The School Teachers’s Husband)
Children’s Ensemble
Young George Bailey (10-15)
Newspaper Boy (10-15)
George Bailey’s Children
Pete Bailey (10-15)
Tommy Bailey (10-15)
Zuzu Bailey (8-12)
Janie Bailey (8-12)

ATHOS - is precise and surgical, perhaps the greatest
swordsman in all of France. He’s gravely intelligent, with the
courage of a lion and more dangerous than the others.

ARAMIS - is romantic. He has touches and flourishes that
reflect all his great heros of the past. Strikingly handsome and has
genuine hopes for the future in the church. He has a hot temper
and loves to be around beautiful women.

PORTHOS - is comic and insouciant. He banter as he fights,
distracting his opponents and amusing himself.

D’ARTAGNAN - the hero of the play. Fights like a young tiger,
takes on as many opponents as he can.

SABINE - D’Artagnan’s younger sister, full of energy, just as
good of a fighter.

FATHER - D’Artagnan’s father, a hero, amazing sword fighter,
the play begins with a duel between father and son.

ROCHEFORT - Cardinal Richelieu’s main henchman

HENCHMEN - Need able bodied men and women to fight the
musketeers.

*Please note: Some double casting will occur.

**Please note: Those cast at this round of auditions will begin
Sword and Fight training/choreography. the first weekend of
November and continue the entire month. Regular Rehearsal will
being December 17th, the production open February 1st, 2013.

**Please note: General Auditions for non-fighting roles will occur
December 10th and 11th 2012.

***Please note: Perusal Scripts are available to check out in the
Honey McGee Box Office, 313 Mulberry, Sherman TX.
Contact Artistic Director Anthony Nelson regarding any
questions at: artisticdirector@scptheater.org



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Eisenhower Birthday Celebration in Denison, Texas

Eisenhower Birthday Weekend Features WWII Re-enactors and Paratroopers

It's a birthday celebration for President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Denison, Texas, on October 12-14, 2012. Re-enactors will showcase weaponry and uniforms from WWII. The Liberty Jump Team will leap out of a C-47 in period uniforms. Enjoy a theatrical production of South Pacific and a sock hop. See automobiles and military vehicles from the World War II era and visit local museums and historic sites to complete your memorable experience.

The Liberty Jump Team will be one of the highlights of the weekend. They jump static line using military steerable round canopy parachutes. The team utilizes vintage C-47s to perform their jumps--most of which were used overseas during WWII to carry US paratroopers for the D-Day landings. The members dress in WWII uniforms and are a treat to watch.

The first jump will kick off official activity at 6:45 pm on Friday, October 12 across from Grayson College on FM 691. The best viewing point will be under the water tower. Visitors are then welcome to a reception in the lobby of the Cruce Stark Auditorium. At 7:30, the curtain will be raised on Grayson's theatrical production of South Pacific. The show is free to Veterans. Other performances will occur at 7:30 pm on Saturday and 2 pm on Sunday.

Saturday activities will begin at 10 am at the Eisenhower Veterans Monument at Loy Park with a dedication of newly installed Veterans bricks. The Denison Middle School Band will perform during this short ceremony. TAPS parking shuttles will be available at Loy Park to avoid congestion.

The final jump will be held at the Dam Site boat launch area on Lake Texoma next to the spillway. Those wishing to see the aerial activities should be on hand early and bring lawn chairs for the Saturday 4 pm show. The paratroopers will be picked up in military vehicles and available to visit with the public afterward.

Liberty Jump Team was formed in 2006 to perform a commemorative jump for D-Day ceremonies in France. They have returned to Normandy each year since. They also perform at airshows and reunions around the world. From the beginning, the vision was for a team of commemorative jumpers to perpetuate the remembrance of not only the brave men and women of World War II but all Veterans of all wars. This team is made up primarily of active duty, retired or reserve US and Foreign Military. Countries represented are the USA, France, Canada, England, Ireland, Holland, Germany, South Africa and Belgium.

Liberty Jump Team also sets up static displays of many WWII artifacts as well as artifacts from other periods of war. Members enjoy sharing their knowledge with the general public. On Saturday, October 13, they will have a harness available for the public to try on along with their static display on the 700 Block of W. Main from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Other features on the 700 Block of Main include Grayson County Amateur Radio Operators broadcasting throughout the

day, a car show featuring 30's-50's autos, military vehicles, and the Lil' Katy Train rides.

Those wishing to see a parachute packing demonstration can watch the Liberty Jump Team in action at the SNAP Center at 531 W. Chestnut from 10:30 am – 3:30 pm on Saturday, October 13. World War II oral history interviews will be conducted and pre-recorded interviews will be shown in a media room. D-Day photographs and a timeline of Eisenhower's life will be on display. Veterans support officials and organizations will be on hand.

Another highlight of the weekend will be the return of the Texas Military Historical Society (TMHS). Both Allied and Axis forces will be on hand to visit with the public at the Eisenhower Birthplace. Saturday, October 13 will be the best time to catch up with the re-enactors. They will have a weapons demonstration after Ike's birthday cake at 1 pm. At 2:30, the group will reenact a battle. Along with their authentic WWII uniforms, they will bring a German BMW motorcycle with side car, US Army jeeps, a command car, and half-track.

TMHS began in 1978, and they preserve and experience the period of 1939-1945. The Society was formed to promote and strengthen the World War II reenacting hobby. They portray, present and recreate the diverse groups of combat soldiers that fought in the conflict. Membership is composed of business professionals, tradesman, lawyers, computer programmers, students and members of the military.

Donna Hunt and Dr. Mavis Anne Bryant will be on hand on Saturday from 9-12 at Frontier Village and at the Rialto on Sunday from 1-3 pm signing copies of their local history books including a new release. The Sunday signing will be followed by "House of the Generals" produced by Louis Pollaro of Denison. Much of the movie was shot locally with many local actors appearing in the film. "House of the Generals" takes place in the Ukraine and ends up in Israel. It chronicles a Jewish family's effort to survive the invasion of Russia.

Saturday's events will conclude with a sock hop at RadioVision, 521 W. Main in Downtown Denison. The theme is WWII: On the Homefront. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the 1940's and participate in contests for theme as well as an Ike Look Alike contest. Cash prizes will be awarded for a dance contest held at 8:30 as well as the best dressed.

Special activities and displays should not be missed at the Perrin Air Force Base Museum, Frontier Village, The Red River Railroad Museum, and Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site. TAPS will offer a shuttle service between the sites, the 700 Block of Main, and the SNAP Center from 10 am until 5 pm. The shuttle will begin at the Eisenhower Birthplace and will be at each site hourly.

Community partners will be presenting special activities and displays throughout the weekend. With the railroad being the reason the Eisenhower's came to Denison, film clips from WWII will be shown throughout the day. All activities are free with the exception of a nominal fee charged at some partners. A complete schedule of activities, hours, costs, addresses, and phone numbers are listed at www.cityofdenison.com in the calendar of events. Information can also be obtained at 903-465-2720.

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Fire Prevention Week

Water and fire damage restoration company, Paul Davis, offers tips to consumers during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13

Haltom City, TX - Paul Davis, a leading provider of fire, water and mold damage restoration services for residential and commercial properties is participating in this year's National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13. This year's theme is, Have 2 Ways Out and for children, Be Rabbit Ready.

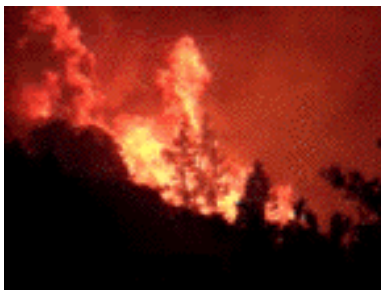
According to NFPA, when fire strikes, a home could be engulfed in smoke and flames in just a few minutes. Have a home fire escape plan that prepares families to think fast and get out quickly when the smoke alarm sounds. If escape routes are blocked, two ways out should be a key part of an evacuation plan. Focus on the importance of fire escape planning and practice. Most importantly, have two ways out of every room through windows and doors. A fire escape or ladder from window exits is imperative.

In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to more than 1.3 million fires. These fires resulted in more than 3,000 civilian fire fatalities, and 17,500 civilian fire injuries along with an estimated \$11 billion in direct property loss. Home fires caused 84 percent of civilian fire deaths. Visit www.fpw.org.

Royce Martin, Paul Davis office owner, suggests additional tips to help keep homeowners and their families safe:

- .Smoke alarms should be installed; never remove or disable smoke alarms.
- .Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- .Don't leave cooking items or clothing irons unattended.
- .Don't let children play with fire.
- .Handle gasoline or propane-powered equipment cautiously.
- .Install carbon monoxide detectors.
- .Have a family plan in place and conduct a home "Fire Drill" at least twice a year.
- .Have a portable ladder in each second floor room.
- .Check fire extinguishers for expiration and replace as needed.
- .Have an updated, emergency first aid kit.

During the awareness campaign, Paul Davis offices across the U.S. in concert with fire industry professionals will help to spread the word in their communities about the importance of fire safety. Visit the local office website at www.pdrfortworth.com.



Texoma Council of Governments Receives Two National Association of Development Organizations 2012 Innovation Awards

WASHINGTON, DC – The Texoma Council of Governments, based in Sherman, Texas, received two 2012 Innovation Awards from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Research Foundation for the Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard and the TCOG Economic Impact Statement FYE2011.

"For more than 25 years, NADO's Innovation Award has provided regional development organizations throughout the nation a unique opportunity to showcase their important work and their critical role in promoting economic development for rural and small metropolitan communities. The creativity and significant, long-term impact of regional programs and projects like the Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard and the TCOG Economic Impact Statement FYE2011 are the key to advancing the economic growth and sustainability of our nation's regions and communities," said NADO President Russell Cowley, executive director of the Six County Association of Governments in Richfield, UT.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based association that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The association's Innovation Awards program recognizes regional development organizations and partnering organizations for improving the economic and community competitiveness of our nation's regions and local communities.

The Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard is intended to inform businesses, job seekers, public officials, workforce development and economic development professionals about the economic condition of the Texoma region defined as Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties. The dashboard examines several data points from 2005 to the current time period to create an accurate picture of the overall health of the regional economy. The indicators are categorized as Employment-Related Indicators, Public Assistance Indicators, Spending-Related Indicators, and Miscellaneous Indicators.

Grayson County Historical Society

The Grayson County Historical Society will meet at 6:30 pm on Oct. 9 at Frontier Village inside Loy Lake Park in Denison. Guests are welcomed to attend. Meeting hostesses are Donna and Norman McLaren, Dr. Peggy Redshaw and Dr. Jerry Lincecum.

Guest speaker will be Weldon Walker and several local firemen, giving facts about the history of the Sherman Fire Department. Walker was born and raised in Bonham and graduated from Sherman High School in 1947. He served in the United States Army from 1951 until 1956, then became a member of the Sherman Fire Department, serving there from 1959 until 1990. While with the fire department, Walker served as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), shift captain and fire marshal. He has been active with Grayson County Juvenile Alternatives (now the North Texas Youth Connection), the Noon Optimist Club, the American Legion Post 29, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2772, the American Legion, the American Red Cross, Travis Masonic Lodge, and Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Liberty Baptist Church. He and his wife, Dorla, have been married for 61 years and have four children.

Historical Society members are reminded to bring non-perishable foods to the group's monthly meetings. The foods will then be donated to a local food bank. Kay Blankenship is in charge of the program.

The group meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm, at Frontier Village. President is John Ramsey and vice-president is Ivert Mayhugh. For more information, call 903-891-9379 or 903-463-1674.

The Texoma Regional Economic Dashboard is released in two formats: a quarterly report that contains analysis of indicators available on a quarterly basis at minimum, and an annual report that contains analysis of the quarterly indicators and additional indicators available on an annual basis at minimum.

A copy of the current report and an interactive dashboard can be found at www.texomaedd.org <<http://www.texomaedd.org>>.

The TCOG Economic Impact Statement presents the impact of all Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) programs, projects and activities on the regional economy during TCOG fiscal year 2011 (May 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011). The analysis presents the economic impact of the organization, its programs, its employees, workers in spin-off jobs, as well as an estimate of annual revenues for local taxing districts that are supported by TCOG expenditures. The basic assumption behind an economic impact analysis for an organization is that for every dollar spent on payroll or non-payroll expenses, it turns over several times in a local economy, thus supporting other businesses and jobs in the region. TCOG's total economic impact on the Texoma economy during fiscal year 2011 was more than \$34 million.

The report was completed by Impact DataSource (Austin, TX) who calculated TCOG's economic impact on the three-county region by looking at direct, indirect, and induced forms of impact, including workers' salaries, volunteer hours, expenditures to local vendors, and supported tax base and tax revenues.

Once the model and report were developed, TCOG staff designed an information graphic (commonly referred to as an "infographic") that took the results of the economic impact report and added graphics to make data easier to comprehend.

Award winners will be showcased during NADO's 2012 Annual Training Conference, to be held October 13-16 in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information about these projects, contact the Texoma Council of Governments at 903-903-3514.



Presidential Election Fast Approaching

The Fannin County Clerk's office advises they have received less than one dozen military applications to vote by mail. It is easy to apply. Military personnel can go to www.fvap.gov <<http://www.fvap.gov>> for detailed information on how to register and request a ballot by mail. The public is asked to help get out the message via social media and word of mouth to let their family, friends and neighbors who are serving know they still have time to register and request a ballot.

Dates to remember are:

2012 Election Dates:

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

Sept. 7, 2012

Last Day to Register to Vote

Oct. 9, 2012 (5 P.M.)

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

Oct. 30, 2012

Early Voting for General Election (courthouse)

Oct.22-Nov. 2nd 8am-5pm Mon-Friday

Oct. 27 (Saturday) 7am-7pm

Election Day

Nov 6, 2012

at regular polling sites 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.

Sample ballots will be on

<http://www.co.fannin.tx.us/ips/cms/Voting/> by

October 5th.

Tammy Biggar, Fannin County Clerk, 101 E. Sam Rayburn Drive,
Ste 102,

Bonham, TX 75418,Tel: 903-583-7486

Note: For information for your county, go online to find your county's list of candidates.

Civil Air Patrol Begins Project To Honor Veterans

DENISON, Texas (September 14) - The Civil Air Patrol's Texoma Composite Squadron has kicked off its annual campaign to remember and honor our country's veterans during the Christmas holidays through the Wreaths Across America program.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to remember and honor the sacrifices of all veterans and their families. This is done through placing evergreen wreaths on veteran's graves in a ceremony held each December. Working with Civil Air Patrol and other partners, WAA places hundreds of thousands of wreaths on graves at several hundred cemeteries across the country including Arlington National Cemetery, and at 24 overseas cemeteries including Normandy Beach, France. Their theme for 2012 is "Then, Now & Forever!"

From now through November 25th, squadron members will be taking orders from individuals, families, and businesses to sponsor wreaths. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath, and can be purchased in any quantity. Order forms may be obtained from any squadron member or from the "Wreaths Across America 2012" pages on the squadron's website. Those wishing to order online or using a credit card can do so through the Wreaths Across America website; be sure to specify the Group ID number TXCAP262 when ordering so the wreaths will be delivered to the correct location.

All sponsored wreaths will be placed on graves at Cedarlawn Memorial Park in Sherman. The wreath-laying ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 15th starting at 11:00am. This event is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend, especially local veterans and their families.

For more information about the Texoma Composite Squadron, visit www.captexoma.org. For more information about Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.gocivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com for more information.



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Area Churches

Cannon

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

Cherry Mound

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

Dorchester

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

Gunter

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

Howe

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

Ida

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

Luella

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

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
903/546-6898

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Proverbs 10:1-19 (KJV)

- ¹ *The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.*
- ² *Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.*
- ³ *The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.*
- ⁴ *He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.*
- ⁵ *He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.*
- ⁶ *Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*
- ⁷ *The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.*
- ⁸ *The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.*
- ⁹ *He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.*
- ¹⁰ *He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.*
- ¹¹ *The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*

Christian Fellowship

D'Anna Lodge will be leading our worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Each Sunday morning begins at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Also dress is casual.

The church hosts a movie night every 3rd Friday night of the month. This month the movie will be held on October 19th at 6:30 pm. The movie for October will be "Big Miracles". It stars Drew Barrymore and is about whales who are trapped under the ice in Alaska. The movie is free and the public is invited to attend. So come on out for a night of family fun. Popcorn, candy and drinks are all free.

Wednesday nights begin at 6:30 pm with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional. There is also a class for the children.

The church will be planning an event for kids for Halloween. The details will be announced soon.

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way. For more info contact Mile Ball at 903-870-0219.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

Our Fall Meeting will be October 7-12 with services beginning at 7:30 pm each night. Sunday morning services begin with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service will be 7:30 pm. All lessons are brought by different area preachers at each worship service. The Lord's Supper will be given. Congregational singing will be lead by Charles Counts. 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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COWBOY CHURCH

FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean

Duane Peters,
903-815-2278

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BAPTIST CHURCH

1271 Pilot Grove St.
903/450-3708

Sherman/Denison

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450

WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH

OF CHRIST

800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,

601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers

RED RIVER

COWBOY CHURCH

3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);
Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

Van Alstyne

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County
Line Rd.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033

EAST SIDE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am

ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,
903/482-6356

FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,

corner of Pearl & Nash,
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,
972/547-0243,

LIFE CHURCH,

201 W. Marshall,
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker
903/433-8089

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

206 Waco, 903/482-5515,
Gary Gibbs, pastor

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

903/482-6646,

Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

301 S. Preston,
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

GREYWOOD HEIGHTS

WORSHIP CENTER

On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy Queen,
903/482-6700;

Chris Jones, pastor

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,
972/562-0752

MORNING CHAPEL CHRISTIAN

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

103 Bowen, 902/482-5431

SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.
Arnold Baker, pastor



Church Abomination of Obama-Nation

By Willie Sofey, Sherman, Tx.

Abomination: Characteristic of practicing in
a disgusting, vile way – Noah Webster.

There are some 230 references in the Holy
Bible to this word according to James
Strong’s Concordance. The fall of every
civilization in the history of the Bible, and
every civilization since has fallen because
of abominable acts committed before
Almighty God.

It seems as if Obama has been in
compliance with a majority of these
scriptural references of abomination. All his
verbiage quoted in the media verifies this.
His personal beliefs as well as his politically
influenced legislated laws verify his defiling
nature against what is Holy.

The baton of the abomination of America
that was handed off to Obama in 2008,
actually became precipitously tarnished
after two major events in recent American
history. I’m talking about the influence of
Madeline O’Hare who birthed a seed that
conceived diabolical demon possessed
legislators of America that created laws
that took God out of schools and public
places and protected the practice of
idolatry.

The Supreme Court decision in 1973 (Roe
vs. Wade) that legalized infant death
sacrifices in America that has led to
50,000,000 murders, and the legalization of
sodomy in same sex marriage has
skyrocketed America off the abomination
chart, even compared to the rest of the
world.

Obama has gladly taken this abomination
baton and wants to finish this vile race and
add as many Americans as his deceiving,
diabolical mind can., to the pits of an
everlasting hell. American democracy

seems to be in its last stages that other
civilizations and nations experienced in their
final stages of democracy.

Quote John Adams (2nd President),
“Remember, democracy never lasts long. It
soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself.
There never was a democracy yet that did
not commit suicide” (April 15, 1814).

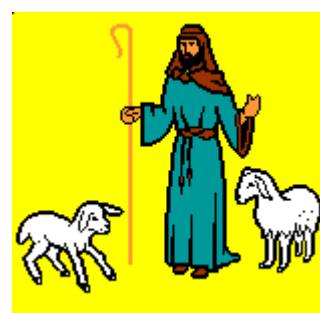
Quote Prime Minister Winston Churchill in
1947, “Democracy is the worst form of
government, except all the others have
been tried.”

Quote philosopher Plato, “Tyranny naturally
arises out of democracy, and the most
aggravated form of tyranny and slavery out
of the most extreme form of liberty.”

Are we not seeing this in the mid-east and
North African nations today in the
lawlessness and upheaval since the
upheaval against their presidents and kings?
How about America’s slavery to obeying
ungodly laws and being at the mercy of
slavery and to economic slave wage
entitlements?

In case you haven’t noticed, there is a lot of
lawlessness and more to come as a result
of extreme individual liberty in America,
where every person determines what is
right or wrong by what their conscience
dictates. Obama, through his abominations
is creating an Obama-nation that could be
fulfilling the “latter day” prophesies for
America and the world when King Jesus
will soon come and set up His Kingdom to
rule and reign not under democratic voted
in subordinates., but appointed saints who
were obedient to God’s law in this age.

Love the Lord through obedience to His
laws and live and reign with Jesus for
eternity. Bless King Jesus, Willie Sofey



Confessions of a graveyard junkie

By Bob Bowman

Okay, I admit it. I'm a graveyard junkie.

While other people collect antiques, postcards and coffee mugs, I spend much of my spare time in East Texas cemeteries looking for oddball tombstones, unique inscriptions and other reminders of people who left behind more than just a nondescript piece of rock to mark their passing.

My favorite tombstone inscription covers a woman's grave in the Garden of Memories at Lufkin: "See, I told you I was sick. P.S. I knew this would happen. I just didn't know it would happen so soon."

A century ago, malpractice lawsuits were unknown, so tombstones were sometimes used by surviving relatives to castigate doctors for their faults. In the Coldspring Cemetery, one such tombstone bears this inscription: "In memory of my darling child, Edith E., youngest daughter of Robert and S.C. Smith. Born Nov. 1, 1854, Died a victim to an experiment in surgery by Dr. Warren Stone of New Orleans, May 18, 1872."

In Paris (the one in East Texas), I've always had an affinity for a large stone Jesus marking the resting place of cowboy Willet Blalock, who died in 1884 and was buried in a local cemetery. True to Blalock's character, Jesus is wearing cowboy boots. If Blalock had been around today, he probably would have had Jesus wearing Nikes.

Charlie Ratliff of Jasper is one of only two people I know with two gravestones. When the 80-year-old man lost his right arm to cancer, he had it buried in Little Hope Cemetery with a marker bearing a carving of

Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

There are 36 minutes left before the Great Debate starts and I am of the opinion that I have been since the First Great Debate in 1960. Despite what every talking head has said today, whether on the right or the left or in the middle, I think this is a sorry way to pick a president.

It is also a sorry way to pick a candidate for president, legislator or governor.

In spite of my reputation as a flaming liberal, a designation that is without merit, I am in fact an Alexander Hamilton conservative in many respects. Hamilton believed the general population was restless and easily led and that its participation in government should be limited to those who had a definitive stake in and an understanding of how their interests would be affected by government.

After teaching government and economics for almost 40 years, I can guarantee that far too many Texans (and by extension, far too many Americans) make absolutely no connection between what is happening in their communities and what happened during the last legislative session in their state or the nation.

The most obvious case should be to most parents of school age children who attend Texas public schools. We probably cannot find a parent who is in favor of the test, test, test, ad infinitum culture that exists in public schools. At a recent meeting of the parents of high school freshmen, parents were stunned to discover that many, if not most of their students will never get a high school diploma because they will be unable to amass enough cumulative points on their English tests to qualify.

This failure will not be because teachers have failed; trust me, English teachers are trying to teach to those tests, much to the detriment of students who will never be exposed to classical literature or poetry. The problem is that despite assurances that C-scope, the curriculum used by 80 percent of the school districts in Texas, is aligned with the test, there is no evidence to support that assertion.

Moreover, school districts that bought C-scope did not provide any teaching materials to go with it. That means that most teachers are trying every night after they get home, to produce materials on their own, materials that once would have come with a textbook adoption. Those materials included workbooks that went with the curriculum guides that that came with the textbook. Those materials

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an arm and hand. When Charlie died four years later, the rest of his body was buried beside the arm.

The same thing happened to Winnie Jones, who lost a leg and had it buried in St. Luke's Cemetery in San Augustine County with the inscription: "Here lies Winnie Jones' leg." When Winnie died, she was buried near her leg with the notation: "Here lies Winnie Jones."

In Mount Hope Cemetery near Chester, a 10-foot shaft sometimes called the "history marker," tells the story of pioneer farmer James Barnes' family. Chiseled into the four-sided base are 218 words, 18 historical dates, and 13 individual names. The stone bears the names of Barnes' ten children and their birthdates.

A similar four-sided monument is in Bodan Cemetery near Pollok. On three sides are the names of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Scott and Mrs. M.E. Chancy, who died from pneumonia on the same winter day in 1899. The weather was so cold that a bonfire was built over the grave to thaw out the earth. The fourth side bears the name of Thomas Chancy, who died 15 years later.

Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches -- which ironically is the dead end for Hospital Street -- contains rows and rows of magnificent tombstones, including those for four signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

But I particularly like the tombstone of Oscar L. Holmes, a county clerk who had an extract of his will chiseled on his marker. Knowing what he knew about records that sometimes disappear, he probably wasn't taking any chances with his bequeath.

My favorite grave in Tyler isn't even in a cemetery. It's the resting place of Shorty the Squirrel whose little monument sticks out of a flowerbed on the downtown square. Shorty skipped and bounced across the square for 15 years, becoming one of Tyler's best known citizens. When he died in 1963, the victim of old age, the whole town mourned his passing.

Another animal's grave is almost as well known at Lufkin. Ottie the Horse, owned by the Humason family, pulled an ice wagon and led funeral parades in Lufkin in early-day Lufkin. When she died, she was buried outside Glendale Cemetery, but when a utility line was built across her grave, her tombstone was relocated inside the Humasons' family plot.

In Williams Cemetery, near Fair Play, is a little wooden marker covered by a white shed. It's the grave of Sarah Jane Northcutt, reportedly a member of a wagon train who died among strangers in Panola County in 1855. As the years passed, Fair Play's residents have tended the grave as if it belonged to one of their own.

Another favorite tombstone marks the resting place of Texas' second governor, George T. Wood. When he died in 1858, his wife ordered him interred in a small family plot, reportedly to fulfill Wood's wish that he be "buried close to home." Stuck away in the dense forests of San Jacinto County, it's a strange place for the grave of a Texas governor, but Wood himself was a little strange, too. He seldom wore socks and often rode from his home near Coldspring to Austin on the back of a mule.

In contrast to Governor Wood's isolated grave, Riggs Cemetery south of Cleveland is probably the most visible in East Texas. It straddles the median between the north and south lanes of U.S. 59, one of the busiest highways in Texas. The Texas Highway Department tried to relocate the little graveyard when it made 59 a superhighway, but the descendants of those buried there wouldn't budge.

If asked to name my favorite cemeteries, I would have to include in the list Scottsville Cemetery near Marshall, which is filled with priceless Italian marble sculptures marking the graves of the Scott and Rose families.

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

included tests designed to determine whether students had learned the material taught. Those materials included bibliographies that helped teachers expand and enrich the basic curriculum.

I have been told by more than one school board member that C-scope is here to stay because it is cheaper than buying "better curricula."

Now school districts rarely have all the money they need, but they have much less than they need in Texas because the governor and the legislature cut funding for public schools by massive amounts in the last legislative session and threatening even more Draconian cuts in the next session. Previously, the governor and the legislature approved a law that limited the money a school district could raise by tying any increase to the amount that was raised last year.

Put another way, if the local school district gets new business, housing, or other taxable property into the district and levies taxes on it, the state reduces its contribution dollar for dollar by the amount the local district collects locally. No matter what the local district does, it cannot increase its revenue.

The governor, knowing that the electorate does not understand that nor does it know that the policy is the result of what he and the legislature did, can and did say with a straight face that cuts in educational services are the result of actions by local school boards.

So here it is, in simplest terms: the reason your school district is using a cheap curriculum and your children's teachers are frantically working to produce materials that should have been produced by specialists who have plenty of time for that, and the reason why your kid who just started ninth grade may not graduate is because of something the state legislature and the governor did.

Maybe, just maybe, you ought to "get into" what's happening with things the government has legitimate responsibility for instead of being so interested in having government regulate people's private lives.

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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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Water in Texas: Top 10 irrigation facts

By *Mike Barnett*

I've been writing a lot about water in Texas lately with good reason.

The drought brought home the reality of water shortages in our state and accusations are flying over who is using water and how much. Many of them are aimed at irrigated agriculture. Expect the finger-pointing to increase as we get ready for a new legislative session in Austin.

The Texas Water Resources Institute recently released a study on the status and trends of irrigated agriculture in Texas. It completely blows out of the water allegations that Texas agriculture is a "water waster" and that irrigated agriculture is "stealing water" from urban areas.

The report is something everyone in the state should read. It also gives farmers and ranchers plenty of facts and figures in the upcoming water debate. Here are 10 you should remember:

1) Groundwater is by far the source of most agricultural irrigation in the state, accounting for 86 percent of the irrigated acres (in 2000). Surface water made up 11.6 percent and the remaining 2.4 percent used a mix of groundwater and surface water. 2) The state's irrigated acres are concentrated in those areas that have good soil and available water. Most irrigation is in West and South Texas, far from the state's major population centers in Central, North and Southeast Texas. 3) Annual estimated water use in Texas totaled 13.2 million acre-feet in 2009, with about 57 percent used for irrigation. Total annual irrigation has remained steady, averaging approximately 9.5 million acre-feet since the late 1970s. 4) While statewide agricultural irrigation rates have stayed relatively constant since the mid-70s, per-acre corn yields have increased by 62 percent since 1975 while cotton yields have more than doubled. 5) Because of the adoption of technology, irrigation efficiency has gone from 60 percent to 88-95 percent in much of the state today, allowing Texans to get much more value and agricultural output from its water. 6) On a per acre basis, the rate of irrigation application in Texas has averaged less than 18 inches annually since the 1950s. A three-year study in College Station found average households supplemented rainfall by applying 22 inches of water annually to their lawns and landscapes. 7) The statewide economic value directly derived from irrigated agriculture was \$4.7 billion in 2007. 8) Agriculture, as part of the broader food and fiber sector, accounts for 9 percent of the Texas economy. 9) Projections in the 1970s suggested the Ogallala Aquifer would be exhausted by the early 2000s. Producers responded by using newly developed efficient technologies and those projections did not come true. 10) There are opportunities for irrigated agriculture to become even more efficient through improved irrigation scheduling, adoption of drought tolerant crop varieties, developing improved irrigation water management technologies and continued adoption of conservation practices.

So here's the conundrum. Aquifer levels are declining, especially in the Ogallala Aquifer, which supports agriculture in the Texas High Plains. Surface water faces increasing demands. Rapid development and expansion of urban areas are expected with many converted to residential areas with significant quantities of irrigated landscapes. The population of Texas is projected to double in the next 50 years. People need water to drink. Industry will need water to provide jobs.

At first glance, it's easy to say cut irrigated agriculture water out of the equation. It's a huge target. But consider the consequences.

- It takes water to grow food and fiber. Irrigation is critical to our food production and food security.
- Convert all the irrigated farmland in the Texas High Plains to dryland farming for a net loss of \$1.6 billion in gross output, over \$616 million in value added and nearly 7,300 jobs. That story repeats across the state when irrigated agriculture is targeted.
- Agriculture irrigation has doubled crop yields, improved economic viability and sustained communities. Farming and ranching is the seedstock for the broader food and fiber sector, which accounts for 9 percent of the state's economy.

Challenges abound when it comes to water. Will Texans cooperate and solve problems? Or will the blame gamers take out a vital segment of our economy, and even more important, our food security?

Stay tuned. The next few months will be very interesting.

Mike Barnett

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Cornyn: SPR is for an Emergency – Not a Presidential Campaign Letter Calls on President to Refrain from Raiding SPR

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), along with Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Jon Kyl (R-AZ), John Thune (R-SD), Roy Blunt (R-MO), and James Inhofe (R-OK), sent a letter<http://barrasso.senate.gov/public/_files/SPR_Letter.pdf> to President Obama regarding potential use of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

In their letter, the Senators outline that the SPR was created for use only in emergencies to safeguard our economy and national security against severe oil supply disruptions - not as a political mechanism to control the price at the pump. They also detail how a political raid of the SPR would increase the amount of taxpayer money needed to refill the SPR to pre-2011 levels. After last year's drawdown by the Obama Administration, refilling the SPR would cost around \$1 billion.

“The SPR is America’s rainy-day fund. We ask you to preserve it for a truly rainy day when an unanticipated emergency or severe supply disruption occurs. We also request that your administration provide to each of us no later than 30 days from the date of this letter a detailed plan explaining how you intend to fully refill the SPR to pre-2011 levels. There are plenty of storm clouds on the horizon. The government must adequately shelter the American people and vigorously protect their rainy-day fund,” the Senators wrote.

TEXT OF THE LETTER:

October 1, 2012

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are concerned by recent reports that you are contemplating a release of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) in response to record gasoline prices. The SPR was created for use only in emergencies to safeguard our economy and national security against severe oil supply disruptions, not as a

mechanism to control the price at the pump. We strongly urge you to refrain from deploying this vital strategic asset unless and until a severe oil supply disruption occurs.

Congress created the SPR in 1975 in response to the oil embargo Arab countries imposed on the U.S. and other nations at the time of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. This severe supply disruption tripled the price of imported crude and wreaked havoc on the U.S. economy. Today, rising tensions throughout the Middle East similarly threaten our supply of imported crude. But while conditions are similar, we have not yet seen the discrete event that directly affects our oil supply and justifies tapping our reserves. For example, if Iran blocked 20 percent of the world’s oil from flowing through the Strait of Hormuz, crude oil prices would spike upward and U.S. gasoline prices would skyrocket. We must preserve the SPR for when we truly need it -- unanticipated emergencies and severe supply disruptions.

An SPR oil release comes at significant cost to the American people. Your administration’s withdrawal of 30.64 million barrels of oil in response to high gas prices last year reduced the length of time the SPR can replace lost imported crude in the event of a severe supply disruption by three days. If your administration released another 30 million barrels, it would reduce the SPR’s capacity to provide import protection by another three days, leaving American consumers even more vulnerable to emergency oil supply disruptions and gasoline price shocks. It would also increase the amount of taxpayer money needed to refill the SPR to pre-2011 levels that, after last year’s drawdown alone, would cost around \$1 billion.

Furthermore, an additional SPR withdrawal will not effectively reduce the price of gasoline. Following your administration’s announcement that it would release oil last year, prices dipped slightly before rebounding above their pre-announcement levels within a month. Even if your administration flooded the market with the entire remaining SPR stock, it would cause barely a ripple in the price of oil and gasoline.

The SPR is America’s rainy-day fund. We ask you to preserve it for a truly rainy day when an unanticipated emergency or severe supply disruption occurs. We also request that your administration provide to each of us no later than 30 days from the date of this letter a detailed plan explaining how you intend to fully refill the SPR to pre-2011 levels. There are plenty of storm clouds on the horizon. The government must adequately shelter the American people and vigorously protect their rainy-day fund.



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Cornyn: DoD Must Answer For Growing Military Voter Disenfranchisement

WASHINGTON-U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, today issued the following statement regarding reports by the Military Voter Protection Project (MVPP) indicating a 92-percent drop in absentee-ballot requests by service members in the state of Virginia (versus 2008 requests). MVPP has also concluded that absentee ballot requests by service members are down by well over 50 percent in other states including Florida, North Carolina, Illinois, Ohio, Alaska, and Nevada. The MVPP report comes on the heels of a report issued by the Pentagon's Inspector General indicating deficient on-base voter assistance for military service members and their families, mandated by the 2009 law, the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, or MOVE Act.

"Today we're learning our men and women in uniform may be even more disenfranchised than they were before sweeping reforms were signed into law two years ago to make it easier for them to exercise their right to vote. This is an unacceptable failure by Pentagon leaders to comply with the law and ensure our service members and their families are able to exercise one of the most fundamental rights for which they sacrifice every day.

"DoD leaders must answer for this serious failure and do everything in their power to make this right for military voters and their family members."

In September, Sen. Cornyn and several colleagues wrote to Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, voicing concerns with the DoD's inadequate implementation of on-base voter assistance for military service members and their families. The Senators outlined immediate action items that must be taken to ensure members of the military and their family have the opportunity to vote in November's election. A copy of that letter can be found here<http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=InNews&ContentRecord_id=4364dc85-4306-4b6a-8630-b56792878a77&ContentType_id=b94acc28-404a-4fc6-b143-a9e15bf92da4&f6c645c7-9e4a-4947-8464-a94cacb4ca65&Group_id=bf378025-1557-49c1-8f08-c5df1c4313a4&MonthDisplay=9&YearDisplay=2012>.

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

The Cowboys Weren't Ready To Play

This past Monday night, the Dallas Cowboys played the Chicago Bears at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Let's just say the Cowboys were not ready to play football that night. If their opponents were a makeshift group of athletes from the Special Olympics, maybe they would've had a better chance of winning. Who knows? We'll never know. The Special Olympics don't have football programs to compete against professional athletes. (For the record, the Cowboys lost 34-18.)

The point I'm trying to make is that the Cowboys should have been ready to play Monday night. I'm not saying it would've been easy, but they should have been ready. If the Cowboys were ready to play the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants in the season opener then they should have been ready to play. And with the Cowboys having a bye week perhaps they can be ready to play the next game. And who knows? Maybe the Cowboys will win this time around. After all, they are capable of doing such.

A.J. Chilson is a poet and freelance writer living in Princeton, Texas. His memoir "A.J. Chilson: A Poet in Transition" is available on Amazon.com.

Estes to Chair Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security Committee

Austin - State Senator Craig Estes (R - Wichita Falls) was named this week as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security by Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst for the upcoming 83rd Legislative Session.

Governor Dewhurst said, "This new responsibility will complement Senator Estes' personal priorities and military presence in his District."

The Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security Committee will maintain the focus it has had since Senator Estes' original chairmanship appointment in 2009 with an expanded emphasis on immigration and border security.

With this announcement, the Lieutenant Governor has signaled he is committed to continue our efforts in addressing illegal immigration and border security. These issues will be a priority during the upcoming legislative session.

"I am honored by Governor Dewhurst's appointment and the expanded responsibility I will be trusted with during this difficult session," Estes said. "Since the federal government has failed in its responsibility to secure our border and address the illegal immigration crisis, Texas must step in and correct the problem. We cannot have homeland security until we have true border security, and I look forward to working closely with Lieutenant Governor Dewhurst and my fellow Texas Senators to solve this problem."

To view Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst's announcement, go to <http://www.ltgov.state.tx.us/prview.php?id=389>.

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.





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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.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



House Research Organization

This week I will talk about the House Research Organization, which is an important department within the Texas House of Representatives. The House Research Organization, or HRO, is a non-partisan division that researches and reports information on a number of issues to the members.

The HRO produces Policy Reports during the interim between legislative sessions, which are an in-depth, thorough analysis of some of the issues facing the state. Recent Policy Reports have focused on the taxation of internet purchases, the federal e-verify program, and revisions to the Medicaid program in Texas. These reports are informational, but can be indicative of the issues that are likely to be taken up during the next legislative session.

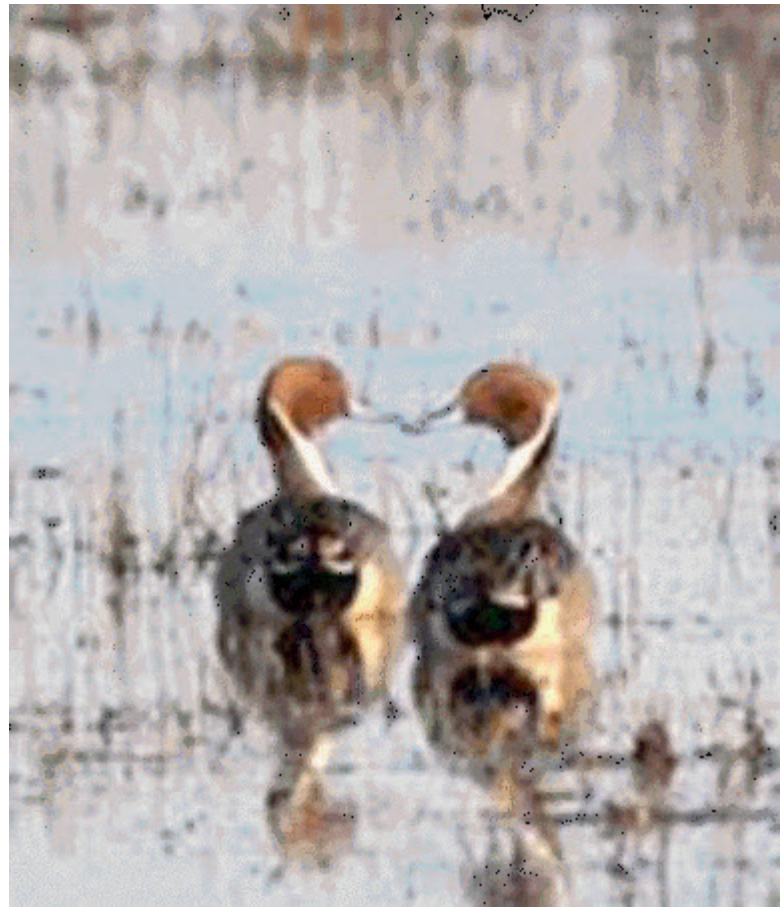
Another kind of report, State Finance, takes an in-depth look at the state budget process. During and after each legislative session, the HRO prepares reports on the proposed budget, a background on the current fiscal issues facing the state, and a summary of the final budget. The HRO also publishes a summary of the most important legislation considered during the session, a report on the governor's vetoes, and an analysis of any proposed constitutional amendments submitted for voter approval.

During the session, the HRO prints the "Daily Floor Report," which is an unbiased analysis of each bill that is up for a vote on the floor that day. This report is extremely helpful to members of the legislature because they include the arguments for and against each bill.

The House Research Organization is directed by a steering committee, which is made up of 15 House members. These members are elected by their fellow members to serve on the steering committee, and set policy for the organization, approve its budget, and ensure the reports from the organization are objective and unbiased.

For more information and to view HRO reports, visit the website www.hro.house.state.tx.us. 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.





Friends of Hagerman

Frisco resident Tigger Saldy has been named September “Photographer of the Month” by the Friends of Hagerman. A collection of 12 photographs he took at the refuge is currently being exhibited online at www.friendsofhagerman.com/Gallery.

“I have always been interested in art and painting, especially water colors. However, actually doing a water color takes quite a while, especially when one is out of practice,” says Saldy. “So, for me, photography took its place as a way to get some instant gratification of the visual and creative kind.”

Saldy started taking pictures in 2009 with a Nikon D90/300 MM/1.4 tele-converter combo and still uses the same equipment. He likes taking pictures of wildlife, especially birds, and enjoys the variety found at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge.

In other photography news from the refuge, winning entries in the 2012 Hagerman NWR Photography Contest will be announced at noon on “Super Saturday,” Oct. 13, in the refuge’s Visitor Center meeting room. Awards will be presented and there will be a showing of the winning photos, chosen from nearly 250 entries.

The Fall Photo Safari is set for 8 am on Oct. 20, wrapping up National Wildlife Refuge Week. Registration is now open for this free small group photo shoot on the refuge. Space on the safari is limited and early registration is encouraged. To register, send your name, contact information, camera make and model and level of photo experience to friendsofhagerman@gmail.com.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge is located at 6465 Refuge Road, on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma. For more information, call the refuge, 903-786-2826.

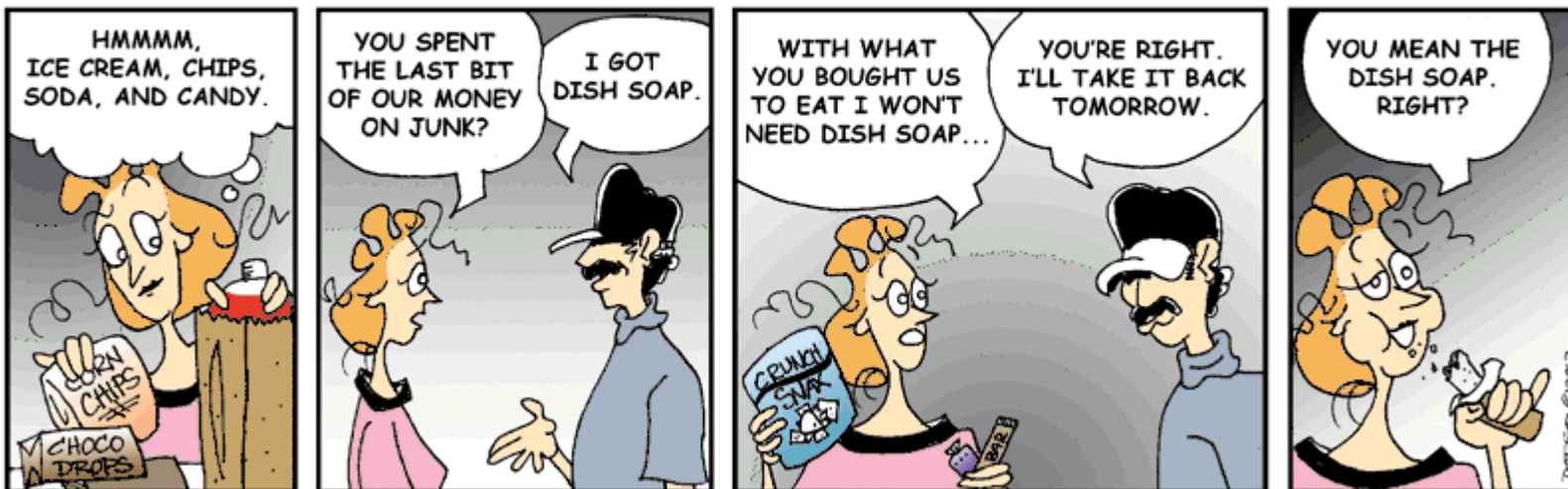


“Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning, Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it’s morning.”

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn’t find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 10 times. If I don’t park here, I’ll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.” When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note “I’ve circled this block for 10 years. If I don’t give you a ticket I’ll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.”

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LET'S REMINISCE:

Saving Seed

By Jerry Lincecum

In my grandfather's time, saving seed for next year's crop was a necessity. Nowadays, it may be against the law. How in the world did agriculture change so much and so fast? I have been reading a good book that explains what happened.

It started with hybrids in the 1920s. The first hybrid seeds were two varieties of corn, and their yields far exceeded those of the old standbys like Yellow Dent. However, you could not save seed from a hybrid because its genes were a mixture of ancestral strains. That meant it would not "breed true."

In the midst of the Depression farmers began to abandon the old standard varieties and plant nothing but the new hybrids. One reason was they were not subject to diseases like bacterial wilt that had caused crop failure.

By the time my generation was growing up, after WWII, hardly any farmers were planting heirloom varieties of corn, cotton, and other cash crops. Even home gardens were filled with hybrid tomatoes, sweet corn, and beans. No one cared that a huge number of heirloom varieties became extinct.

Seed and chemical companies joined forces (call them Big Ag) to find new ways to speed up hybridizing in order to develop new varieties of corn and cotton that matured faster. Of course farmers needed to use large amounts of nitrogen fertilizer and also chemical sprays to control weeds and bugs.

The real game-changer came in the 1980s and 90s, as it became possible to use recombinant DNA in the lab to produce genetically modified (GM) corn and other seeds. The best part was that this Bt corn (as it became known) was not bothered if you sprayed the plants with a strong weedkiller.

Cotton was modified to produce a bacteria that would kill insects like bollworms. No need to spray it at all.

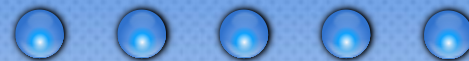
These Bt varieties would breed true, meaning you could save seed for next year's crop. That's when Big Ag decided they needed legal protection against farmers saving seed, even if you weren't planting their brand.

Their reasoning was that your corn might have been pollinated by someone else's who had planted theirs. I remember being told that my grandfather once gave cottonseed to a neighbor whose barn had burned. What would he think about being sued for saving seed?

Organizations like Seed Savers Exchange are promoting the preservation of biodiversity by encouraging folks to save and plant heirloom varieties of all kinds of crops. I raise a few tomatoes every year and seek out heirlooms like Arkansas Traveler rather than hybrids. What do you remember about the tradition of saving seed?

-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





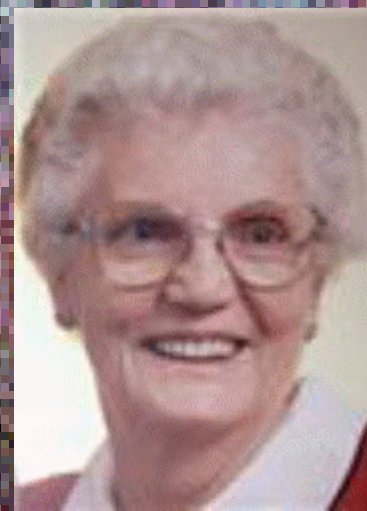
HOWE - Graveside services for Willie Fay Craver were held at Thursday, Oct. 4 at Akers Cemetery. Rev. Charles Morris of the Ida Baptist Church will officiate. Mrs. Craver, 88, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012 at the Clairmont of Tyler.

Willie Fay was born April 11, 1924 near Celeste, Texas to the late Ruben Lawrence Watson and Nezzie (Shields) Watson. On May 27, 1939, she married W. W. Craver in McKinney. She and Mr. Craver had been married more than 72 years when he passed away in 2011. Mrs. Craver worked for 15 years in the cafeteria at Howe ISD and was a longtime member of the Bethel Baptist Church. She will be fondly remembered for her fun-loving nature, her enjoyment of flowers, and playing 42.

Mrs. Craver is survived by one son, Larry Craver and wife Janet of Nashville, Ark.; one daughter, Alice Joyce Campbell and husband LG of Tyler; four brothers, Wayne Watson of Cleburne, Glen Watson of Oklahoma City, David Watson of Dallas, and Donald Watson of Savannah, Ga.; three grandsons, Chris Fuller, Donnie Fuller, and Toby Craver; three great-grandsons, Josh and Kyle Fuller, and Brent Craver; and three great-granddaughters, Natalie Briggs, Carrie Craver, and Karlie Craver. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Sue Carol Craver; five brothers, Lewis, Ray, RJ, Mack, and Kenneth Watson; and sister, Ruby Morris.

The family received friends Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Waldo Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Baptist Church at PO Box 458 Howe, TX 75459 or the Alzheimer's Association P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090-6011.

The register book can be signed online at waldofuneralhome.com.



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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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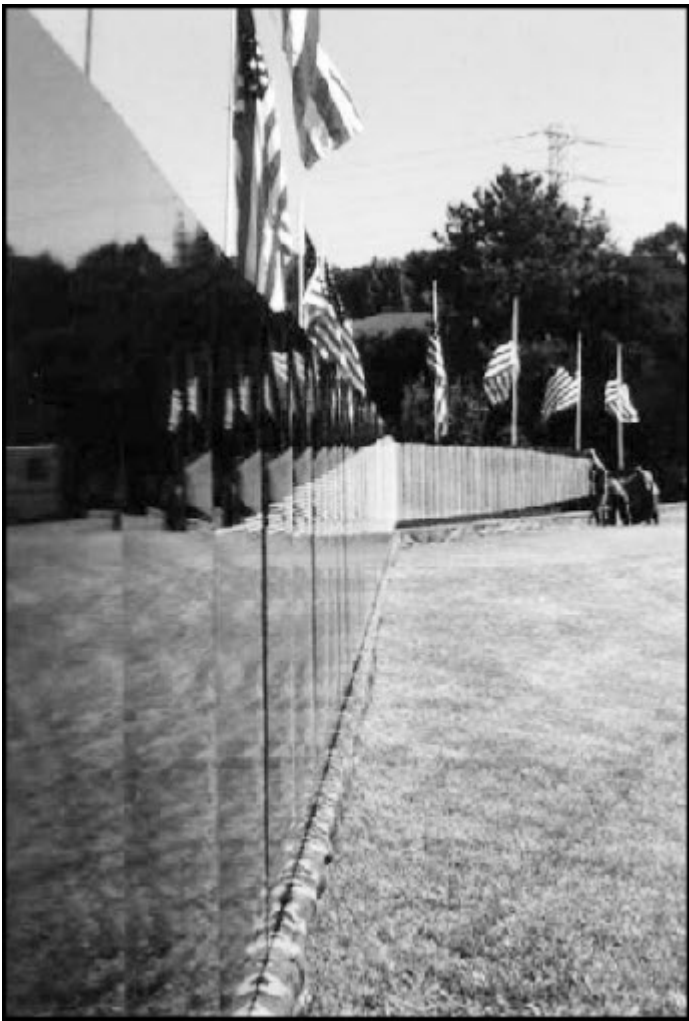
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The Wall, looking East
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Traveling Vietnam War Memorial

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."

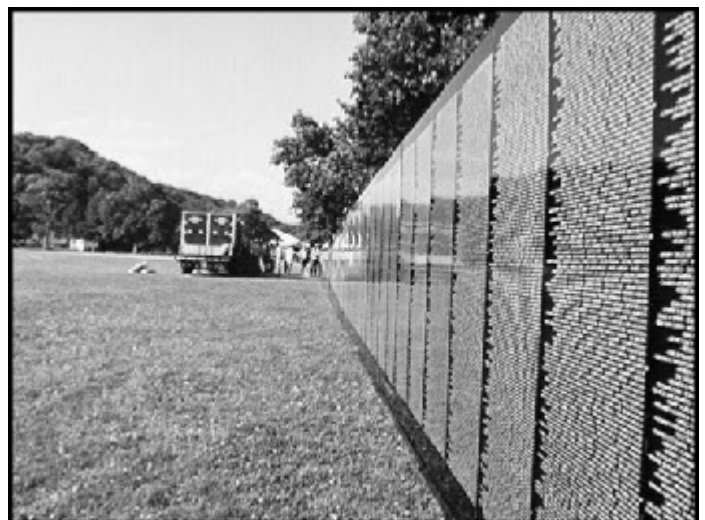
Local veterans groups will provide some of the security and other organizations and individuals will also volunteer to be on guard. Opening ceremonies will be July 22 at 9 a.m. at the practice field, located just behind Denison High School, which is at 1901 S. Mirick in Denison.

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 a-cross 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.



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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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Telling Our Stories

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

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

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- *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.

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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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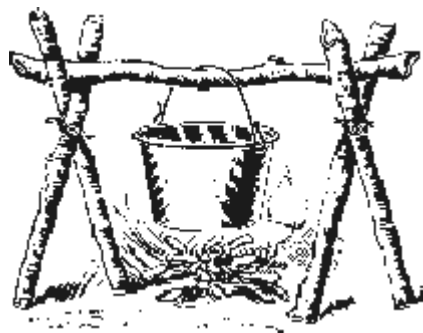


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Cookin' Out



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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:

¼ 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.)

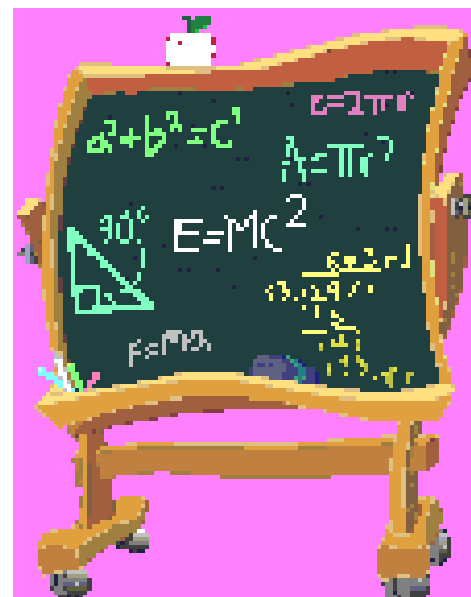
Do not mix. Just Dump the ingredients into your Dutch oven and cook 30 minutes to 45 minutes. You can add cinnamon, nuts, brown sugar, pats of butter, etc to the top for extra special effects. This is easily doubled or more just by adding more of each ingredient.



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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Telling Our Stories

REMEMBERING ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

by Jack Frost McGraw

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Jack Frost McGraw



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



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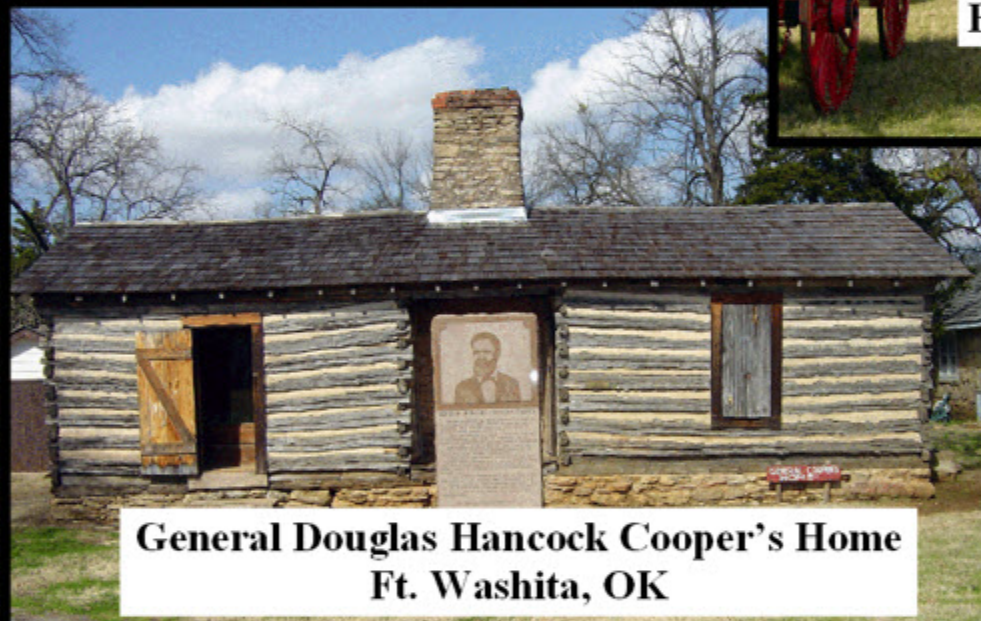


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