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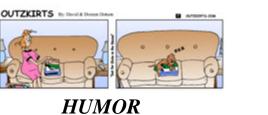
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Jazz ensemble to present "Struttin' With Some BBQ", Oct. 11

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Jazz Ensemble will present "Struttin' With Some BBQ" at 6 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Southeastern amphitheater.

The ensemble is directed by Dr. Brian Walker, Instructor of Trumpet and Music Theory. Walker has revived the popular program, which had a previous 10-year run. This will be the second concert/BBQ feast since Walker took over the group.

The concert is free and the public is encouraged to come out for smokey BBQ and smooth jazz.

Smokey Allen's will provide the BBQ for the public with prices starting at \$5 per plate.

The Southeastern Jazz Ensemble will feature standards and new jazz compositions by Maynard Ferguson, Wayne Bergeron, Tom Kubis, Eric Applegate, Count Basie, and many more.

The featured soloist is Denison, Texas, sophomore music education major Helen Moore.



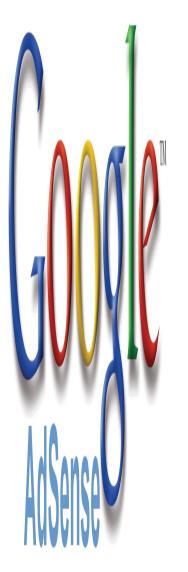


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GCC presents "Raccoon Restaurant"

"Raccoon Restaurant," written by William and Reah Easley of Fannin County, runs Oct. 12-15 at Grayson County College's Cruce Stark Auditorium. Presented by the college's Theatre Department, the play is designed for audiences of all ages. Tickets are \$1.

The comedy introduces Will and Molly, a couple who live in the country and feed a group of raccoons in their front yard. This raccoon restaurant brings animals and humans together in a tale of friendship and loyalty. The play includes a few songs that enhance the storyline, but the one-hour production is not a musical.

The GCC performances are the first for the production, which also serves as the college's entry in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). A festival respondent from the KCACTF Regional Committee will attend one performance to judge the script, actors, crew and overall production for the competition as well as offer a critique to the theatre students.

"Raccoon Restaurant" is GCC Theatre's is the first main stage show of the semester. It includes numerous actors and crew members as well as extravagant costumes, large sets and full-blown technical effects created by Thea Albert and Tenna Matthews, both professors of theatre at GCC. Original costumes were designed by Albert and sewn by students. Students also built the abstract sets designed by Albert. From a technical perspective, the play's plot is enhanced with gobos, which is textured light, shapes and color saturation, designed by Matthews.

"The costumes are fabulous," said Robin Robinson, GCC's theatre director and professor of theatre and speech. "Thea was challenged to find a way to give each animal character - most of them raccoons - their own look and personality. She achieved that by utilizing texture, shape and minute color variations to distinguish them. It's amazing."

Freshmen Wes Hayes of Howe and Kasandra Poindexter of Whitewright are Will and Molly. Miranda Shell, Gainesville sophomore, and Steven Stimpson, Cedar Hill

freshman, round out the cast of "humans" as Aunt Ophelia and Sheriff.

GCC freshmen cast as critters include: Jose Gomez of Denison as Whitey; Levi Hardin of Denton as Hawk Dodger; Whitney Bierilo of Ivanhoe as Old Timer; Andrew Steele of Miller Grove as Craven; Blake Rice of Savoy as Flynn; and Dillon Wooten of Trenton as Hawthorn.

Sophomores in the critters cast include: Justin Roberts of Bells as Petey; Amber Patrick of Colbert as Daisy; Albanie Knight as Marigold and Kalvin Douglas as Gloves, both of Denison; Noah Scheibmeir of Sherman as Little Trouble; Elizabeth Holland of Trenton as Mrs. Jennings; and Judson Wall of Whitewright as Petey Junior. In addition to Robinson, the production staff includes Albert on scenic and costume design, Matthews on light design and tech director, and James Scoggins, media technology specialist at GCC, on sound design.

Cast members who also serve on the production staff include: Douglas, makeup and hair design; Hardin, wardrobe; and Holland and Roberts, props. Sophomores who complete the production staff include: Fabian Garcia of Community as sound board operator; Jarod Milner of Denison as sound board operator; Maggie Bergener of Denton as light board operator and master carpenter; Lexi Lehberg of Frisco as assistant master electrician; J.J. Battles as costume assistant to the designer and Skylar Fulton as assistant stage manager, both of Tom Bean; and Jessica Huffstetler of Whitesboro as stage manager.

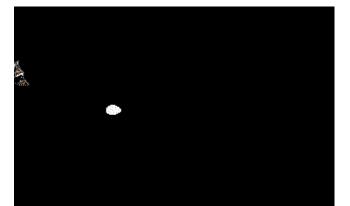
"Raccoon Restaurant" performances are at 10 am and 1 pm on Oct. 12, 13 and 14. The show concludes with two Saturday performances on Oct. 15 at 2:30 pm and 7 pm. For more information, contact the GCC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or <mailto:theatre@grayson.edu> theatre@grayson.edu.

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

At the end of last year, my mother passed away leaving a sad spot in my heart. I know she has no more pain, but I miss her on a daily basis. My dad passed away many years ago and I still miss him. And there are many other family and friends that I have lost.

Not long after my mom died, the deal we thought we had made to sell the *Texoma Enterprise* newspaper fell through. For 33 years, I had spent most of my weekdays writing stories, getting news, taking photos, etc. in order to produce a weekly newspaper. It was another loss. That newspaper had been "my baby" ... I was proud of the newspaper and proud to let everyone put articles and photos in the paper to chronicle the area's news.

The first week of 2011, we decided to put a news webpage on the Internet. I was still getting the news from Howe and Tom Bean as well as other nearby communities across Grayson County and beyond. Putting it on the Internet has given me a lot of free time ... no sending pages to the printer, no going to Durant to pick up the newspapers, no addressing papers to go in the mail and no delivering the newspapers to the various stores that sold them for us.

As I write this is it Monday morning, Oct. 3. I will spend an hour or two today; an hour or so tomorrow; probably an hour each on Wednesday and Thursday. It takes us about an hour and a half to get the news on the pages and then my husband publishes to the website (www.texomaenterprise.net).

I use my extra time for my favorite pastime -- reading books, newspapers, etc. as well as just relaxing. I guess after 33 years, it is time for a little less stress!



Strawberry Pretzel Jello Salad

3 tbsp. sugar 2 c. crushed pretzels 1/4 c. melted butter 1/2 c. powdered sugar 10 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese 8 oz. carton dessert topping 2 c. miniature marshmallows 6 oz. pkg. strawberry gelatin 2 1/2 c. boiling water

Mix together sugar, melted butter and crushed pretzel sticks. Press into 9 x 13 pan and bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Set aside to cool. Soften cream cheese; add powdered sugar and cream well. Fold in dessert topping and marshmallows. Spread over pretzel crust. Mix gelatin in boiling water, including juice from strawberries. Stir in strawberries. When slightly thickened, pour over cream cheese layer. Place in the refrigerator until set. Serves 8 to 10.





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Photo Madeline Courtney, Caroline Hughes, Robin Gonzalez, and April Adams

HHS Teachers, Students of Month for August-September

Howe High School recently selected teachers and students of the month for August-September. Receiving the teacher awards were April Adams and Caroline Hughes. Mrs. Adams teaches high school and college dual credit U.S. History. She graduated from Van Alstyne High School and has a Master's degree from Austin College. She has also completed additional post-graduate work at UNT. A Howe teacher for 14 years, Mrs. Adams currently serves as the HHS Student Council sponsor. Mrs. Adams and her husband, Scott, own Tracks Restaurant and have 3 children and one grandson.

A member of the HHS faculty for 13 years, Mrs. Hughes teaches English III Advanced Placement, English IV, and college dual credit English. She also serves as Senior Class Coordinator. Mrs. Hughes is a Howe High School graduate and has 25 years of teaching experience. She received her Bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University, Commerce, and her Master's degree from Texas A & M University, Texarkana. Mrs. Hughes and her husband, Barry, have two sons and two daughters-in-law.

Representing the freshmen and sophomore classes is Regan Gonzalez. Regan is the daughter of Don and Robin Gonzalez and has attended Howe schools since kindergarten. She is a member of the band and enjoys reading, playing guitar, and listening to music. Senior Madeline Courtney is the junior-senior representative. Madeline is the daughter of Steven and Lisa Courtney. She has spent all of her school years in Howe and is a varsity cheerleader and a member of the yearbook staff. Madeline enjoys hanging out with friends.



Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the week ending September 30, 2011 are: Valerie Langford, Seth Smith, Ethan Sloat, Ramon Rocha, Mason Moreau, Mariana Cano, Kailyn Ireland, Jaden Bryant, Jessica Bastida, Cierra Brussow, Caleb Fetzer Brown, Cody McGill, Ariana Ross, Chesnee Lawson, Emery Snapp, Riley Troxtell, and Zadrian Morris.

Howe ES/MS Menus

Oct. 10-14 Breakfast

Monday – School Holiday

Tuesday – Cinnamon roll, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced pear, apple juice *Wednesday* – Oatmeal w/cinn. toast, cereal/toast, graham

crackers w/yogurt, shamrock applesauce, grape juice *Thursday* – Breakfast pizza, cereal/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

Friday – French toast, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, cantaloupe, orange juice

Lunch

Monday – School Holiday

Tuesday – Beef fingers or crispy chicken salad, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, orange sherbet

Wednesday –Chicken sandwich or hot ham cheese sandwich, burger fixins, steamed corn, pinto beans, Shamrock applesauce, wacky cake

Thursday – Sausage pizza or laidback lasagna w/toast, steamed corn, garden salad, cantaloupe, frozen fruit bar

Friday –Soft beef tacos or lasagna w/toast, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, diced peaches



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Thank you to all who attended, who worked, who participated in any way. Special thanks to Coach Steve Simmons and all "his" kids for providing a great welcome to the police caravan.

Fall Festival

When: October 22, 2011 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.





By Tracy Luscombe

The fiscal year of 2011 has come to a close. For those of you who are into statistics the Van Alstyne Public Library's total circulation for the year was 36,991. That's almost 12 items per resident. Thank you for enjoying the materials of your local library.

As noted before, International Observe the Moon Night is October 8. We discovered this is also the night of the Van Alstyne High School Fall Festival. So far we haven't been able to work out a good place at the festival for observing the moon since everything will be so brightly lit. If we can't make it happen, we'll host our own Van Alstyne Observe the Moon night on a future night of the full moon. Watch this article for more details.

Want to learn a second language? If so, you'll be glad to know we've renewed our subscription to Mango Languages. You can access this database by clicking on the brightly colored green and orange Mango Languages box at the top of our web site. There are 6 languages available. After creating your account you can also get the FREE Mango Languages app for your smart phone to practice on-the-go.

New titles added to our collection include: No rest for the dead by Jeff Abbott, et. al. The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party: a #1 Ladies Detective Agency mystery by Alexander McCall Smith

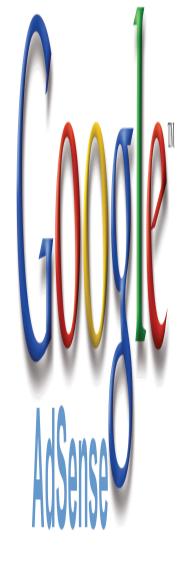
One Summer by David Baldacci Fed Up! By Rick Perry

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



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Tom Bean Middle School Paws Painted

Tom Bean SADD Members gathered after school to spread some much needed paint. Students received 15 gallons of paint from Home Depot in Sherman so that they could keep school spirit high. Huge paw prints coming up the driveway to the entrance add to the excitement of coming to school each day as well as show school spirit for their beloved Tom Cats.

Cheyenne Jones, Past President of SADD, said, "SADD students are continually participating in activities to help the school or their community. Not only have we painted the paws, we've helped do the flower beds at the front of the school!"

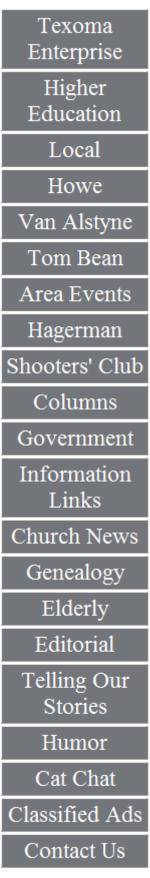
Mariah Adcock, this year's president of SADD, said "We like helping our school! It has been fun!

Ms. Yates, SADD Sponsor, indicated that students enjoy staying active and helping to improve their surroundings. "They have lots of energy and want to help!" she said. "Parents Ron and Cassie Wilson have played a big part in creating school pride."

Other activities on the agenda include hosting the RADIOS Program for middle and high school students, and a car show in November.

If interested in helping SADD Students (Students Against Destructive Decisions), please contact Ms. Yates at 903.546.6161.







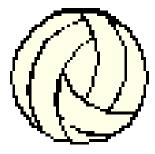


7th grade volleyball

Oct. 3 - The 7th grade volleyball traveled to Callisburg coming up with a lost. A team lost 25-13, 25-11.

B team won 20-18 but then lost 19-15,15-9. Our last home game is Monday against Pottsboro.







Bells- (Sept. 30) - The Lady Cats continued to improve their district record to 3-4, 7-17 overall on Friday night as they defeated Bells 3-1 in an early match with scores of 22-25, 25-21, 25-16, 26-24.

The match time had been moved up due to homecoming festivities in Bells and an open night on the Tom Bean football schedule.

Ashley Selman led the Lady Cats with 17 kills and 7 blocks for the majority of the match. After a flat start, the girls came roaring back to defeat the Lady Panthers in three consecutive games. Makenzie Jones continues to be a consistent force on the left side to help lead a more balanced attack for the Lady Cats.

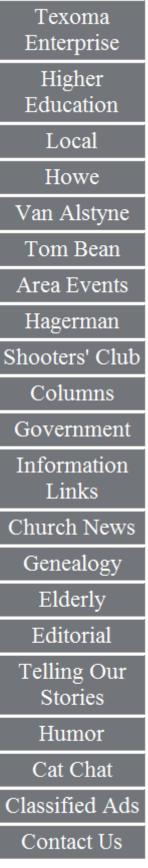
As a team, the Lady Cats have been searching for someone to come up consistent on the outside and Makenzie Jones responded to the challenge with 8 kills. Serving seemed to be a challenge for the Lady Cats for the evening but the mental toughness of Danielle Thompson and Raechel Van Horn was the catalyst that helped seal the match.

Once again, thank you for supporting our girls.

Volleyball Tom Bean vs. Callisburg

The Lady Cats were overpowered Tuesday evening, Oct. 4, by a strong and talented Callisburg team with scores of 15-25, 13-25 and 10-25. The Lady Cats came out on fire but were unable to defend the multiple set offense brought by Callisburg. Highlights for the Lady Cats were Danielle Thompson with 10 digs and Ashley Selman with 8 kills. The Lady Cats are 3-5 in district competition and 8-18 overall.

From a coaching perspective, one of the greatest things about playing talented teams is the opportunity for instruction. Playing great competition is a bonus for us and these girls were presented with an extensive amount of volleyball knowledge that was beyond the fundamental play we so commonly encounter. Our ability to rebound and use what we have learned will be a key for us as we take on tough teams again and again. Thank you for supporting our girls and if you get the chance just give them a little encouragement to keep up a good fight!









Chrystal Opry House

October is a busy month for the Chrystal Opry House.

Our first event will be the Little Roy and Lizzie Show on Tuesday, October 4, at 7 pm.

Little Roy Lewis is a legendary entertainer, best known for playing banjo, guitar, and autoharp with the Lewis Family for over four decades. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Long grew up in Georgia, and is an award-winning musician skilled in fiddle, guitar, autoharp, bass, banjo and mandolin. The duo picked up a Dove Award in 2010 for Recorded Bluegrass Song of the Year for their song, "When We Fly." Admission for this event is \$10 at the door.

On Saturday, October 8, Canyon, a band of the late 80s and early 90s, will have a reunion performance. Some of their awards were Performance Magazine -- New Faces to Watche in 1989, Billboard Magazine's "New Vocal Group of the Year", CMT- # 1 Video--Carryin' On 1990, CMT #1 Video--"Damn These Tears", 1990

Music Row Magazine's Break-out Video of the Year--"Carryin' On", 1990. They appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and on Hee Haw. Some of the members were from the Sherman/Denison/Bells area. This is a free event, but donations will be accepted to defray expenses. On Saturday, October 15, George Dickerson will again perform an Elvis/Ronnie McDowell tribute concert. George does a fantastic job with his renditions of favorite songs of these performers. He has the original music tracks and this past summer was able to perform with the Jordanaires, which was a highlight of his summer. The show begins at 7:30 pm and admission is \$10 at the door.

On Saturday, October 22, at 7 pm, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of this band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, Tom Hackney, rhythm guitar, vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Mike Vaughan, drums, Jody Cofer, bass, and vocals, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors open at 6 pm for a 7 pm performance. Admission to this event is \$6 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. The concession area has brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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



controversies, and finally, the death of his adored wife June Carter Cash. She would precede Johnny into death by just four months and many close to him say that he died of a broken heart.

Cash's long career spanned more than 50 years and encompassed many different artistic mediums including writing, acting, and a prolific recording career. In his lifetime Cash released well over 70 albums.

The SCP production consists of 4 men and 4 women singers and a five piece band of well-known country western musicians from the area. The show's format is that of a musical revue bridging songs together with narration about the late country musician's life and his music. Musical styles include country western, rockabilly and gospel, with love songs, prison songs, comedy songs, patriotic songs and many more.

RING OF FIRE – THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY CASH opens September 30 and plays through October 16. Performances are held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. There will be no evening performance on Saturday, October 8, instead there will be a special matinee at 2 pm with tickets bargain-priced at \$10 for

Sherman Community Players -Ring of Fire

On Friday evening, September 30, the Sherman Community Players will open their new 2011-12 Season with RING OF FIRE – THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY CASH. The show is a musical journey of over 30 songs made popular by one of America's most brilliant songwriters and storytellers.

In his long, event-filled life, Cash struggled with poverty, the death of his older brother, drug addition, alcohol abuse, time in numerous jails on various charges, illness, political and professional

> all seats. Regular ticket prices are \$12 for adults and seniors and \$7 for students. Thursday performances are \$7 for all seats. Performances are held in the Finley Theatre at 500 N. Elm.

For tickets, call the SCP Box Office at 903-892-8818. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday from 10 am to noon. The Box Office is located in the Honey McGee Playhouse at 313 W. Mulberry, directly behind the Finley Theatre. According to director Ron Cassady, interest in the show is really high, so reservations should be made as early as possible.

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A Star Spangled Event

It was truly a "Star Spangled" evening of celebration and patriotism for the many that came to enjoy the event. It was definitely evident that our star spangled banner "yet waves" at the Fannin County Republican Party's Red, White and Blue Congressional Update Meeting with our honored guest Congressman Ralph Hall, just back from Washington, DC and our widely popular Representative Larry Phillips. If you cherish that awesome feeling of American patriotism you would have enjoyed this meeting.

As "Old Glory" was waving, two patriotic sing-a-longs led by Denise Green and Terri Sheddy began the meeting. A special TeenPact presentation by 15 year old Quanah Wright impressed the crowd by stating the mission of this organization is to train our youth to embrace the call of the next generation of leaders by understanding the political process, valuing liberty and defending their Christian faith.

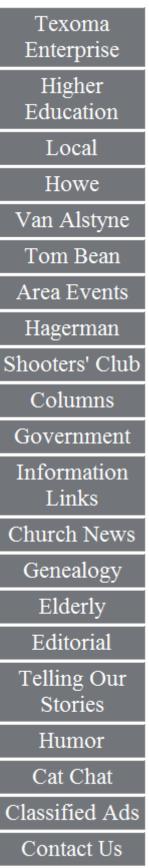
What a beautiful sight it was to see our Nation's flags waving and people cheering for the values we stand for: White for purity, Red for valor and Blue for justice.

"What an outstanding meeting" stated Scott, one of the many first time attendees "everything was so uplifting -- the delicious food, the new friends, the excitement and the first hand communication with out State and National leadership was great."

Melanie Grammar, President of the Republican Women gave an overview of the monthly activities of the ladies and the recently completed 13th Annual Armed Forces Dinner and Celebration where over 300 of our Veterans and Senior citizens were honored for their service.

A flag waving, "USA, USA" chanting audience greeted Representative Phillips and Congressman Ralph Hall before they spoke to the receptive crowd. Rep. Phillips introduced the speaker who gave a congressional update. Congressman Hall spoke about the challenges we face as a Nation and stressed the need for all parties to work together but emphasized that there are some very tough decisions that must be made. The Federal government has made it more difficult for some businesses to operate such as the EPA mandates that especially hurt organizations in Texas including local agriculture.

There are several important events in Fannin County that you can see your Republican Party at work. Join us at the Fannin County Fair, the monthly Republican Women's meetings and the annual Cookie Exchange in December. For more information you can visit us at our website at fcrepublicans.net. Remember to go vote on November 8th for the Constitutional amendments and the local school bond election.











Hagerman NWR

Nature Programs Free and Open to Public

October 8, 2011, 10 am Dr. Connie Taylor Grasses & Fall Wildflowers

November 12, 2011, 10 am Ross Anderson, SOSU Swallows

December 10, 2011, 10am Dr. Wayne Meyer Winter Waterfowl at Harerman NWR

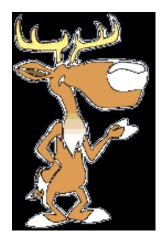
Second Saturday for Youth Hands on nature activities and crafts for ages 4-10, 10-11:30am

FOH Nature Photo Club Club Meets Bimonthly 12:30 pm Next meeting November 12, 2011

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THE TEXAS TEN HORN'S NEW SHOOTER'S CLINIC

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

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

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

Directions to the range and a map can be found by going to the Jacob's Plain Website at www.jacobsplain.com.

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Place names By Bob Bowman

When settlers from the U.S. poured into Texas following its independence and later statehood, they started slapping names on the places where they put down roots.

Most of the names are still around and just as colorful as they were decades ago.

Bloody Hollow in Delta County was named for a disagreement at a brush arbor revival. Buggy Whip Creek in Hopkins County was named for local switch cane often used as buggy whips.

Looneyville in Nacogdoches County is near Loco and Crazy creeks, but the name comes from the Looneys, a stable local family. Buck Naked lies in Parker County and, contrary to rumor, is not a nudist colony.

Crush in McLennan County, west of East Texas, is famous for the Crash at Crush, where two locomotives were pointed at Crush on the same track, and their throttles tied open. The result was perhaps the only deliberate train crash in Texas.

In Lipscomb County, the folks who named five local creeks apparently couldn't find any colorful names, so they named them First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth creeks.

Cut 'n Shoot in Montgomery was apparently named for the disposition of the local men folk. There are a few other supposed reasons.

There's a Deadwood in Panola County, a Dime Box in Lee County, a Dollarhide in Angelina County and a Day Duck Creek in Kent County.

Four Notch can be found in Walker County and Five Notch lies in Harrison County.





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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Picture this. I'm sitting at my computer, downloading a quilting pattern from a reputable company from whom I have order before. In the middle of the download, the computer screen goes black and then flashes back on with a notice that a driver has failed.

"O.K." I think, and proceed again with the download. Before it can really get underway, the screen goes dark again and a notice that a driver has failed appears. "Weird," I think, "but I am giving up on this pattern site."

Then I notice this cute little icon in the lower left hand corner of the screen. It is labeled "Driver Detective."

"Wow!" I think. "Microsoft is really on the job."

So I click on the icon and the sentence that accompanies what comes up contains the word "Microsoft." I click again and within seconds the Driver Detective has scanned my computer, faster than any scan I have ever had before. And that's when I think, "This really is too weird, too coincidental," and shut the computer down.

The next morning I called Diamond Computers, whose owner and employees have been wonderfully helpful in the past, and sure enough, the whole thing was a scam. The drivers never failed. My computer had received something that I had never opened and if I had continued with the Driver Detective process, I don't know how much information whoever the distant intruder might have gleaned. Maybe information retrieval was not even the object, Maybe it was just vandalism.

"There is nothing Congress can do about this," the computer repairman told me. "Most of these things come from foreign countries and there really is not much you can do about it."

"How about more anti-virus software?"

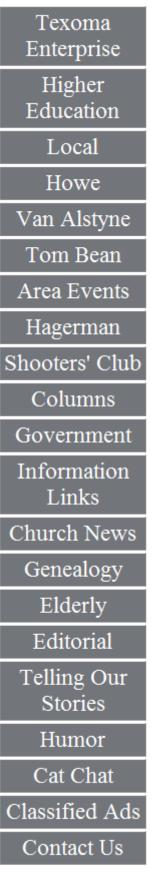
"Won't help. You've got all you need and whatever else you get, they are already ahead of you."

This does not make me happy, of course. After all, it is one thing to leave your house and go to a bar or other place of business that carries with it inherent risk and get mugged while there. It's entirely another to go or to be in a place that should carry no risk and be hurt. What makes us doubly angry when we hear of kids going to school and being assaulted by some crazy gunslinger is that school is a place where there ought to be minimal risk.

Home is another of those places and the reason home invasions are so terrifying is that we assume that as long as we are at home, the greatest risk we'll face is tripping over a throw rug or falling in the bathtub.

Hardly any of us think that we can be working with electronic equipment in our own home and find our space







BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

Byspot in San Jacinto County got its name when O.H. Bennett of Conroe spelled his wife's name Topsy backward and added a B from his own last name.

Can't 'Cha Get Over That Creek is in Kaufman County. The creek flooded after the smallest rain, blocking the way of travelers.

Chicken Creek lies in Walker County was named for wild chickens who lived in the area.

Fair Play in Panola County was named for the community's concern for a child from a wagon train who died in the community.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of more than 50 books about East Texas history and folklore. He can be reached at bobbowman.com)



Dot's Dashes, continued

invaded by a stranger against whom we have absolutely no defense. There is no adequate lock to be placed on the door of cyberspace.

Our answer, of course, could be to shut it down and just not use the technology, but I am not willing to do that. I was frustrated all day Tuesday because I couldn't write my column, check my e-mail, download my quilt pattern, do research for an article I'm writing and do lots of other tasks that take minutes when the computer is working instead of hours when it isn't.

So, Driver Detective invader, whoever you are, wherever you are, you slowed me down for a day, cost me \$73 in computer repairs but like Freddie Kruger, "I'm back." I can't get you, but I will be watching for you and your kin.

As it stands, you may have done a favor. The folks at the repair shop cleaned the computer and it is lots faster than it was before your visit.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column is the fifth in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 8. These amendments were joint resolutions that were passed during the recent legislative session; however, because they change the Texas Constitution, they need state-wide voter approval before they can take effect. The order that the amendments appear on the ballot has been randomly selected by the secretary of state. I will be providing information about the proposals in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

Amendment No. 5 The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund.

The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to authorize a city or county to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without meeting the requirement that, before incurring any debt, the city or county provide for the assessment and collection of a sufficient tax to pay the interest on the debt and that it create a sinking fund of at least two percent.

Supporters of the amendment say that current constitutional provisions requiring local governments to impose a tax and create a sinking fund when incurring any debt have been interpreted in a way that limits the ability of a city or county to enter into an interlocal contract with a term of more than one year by treating a longer term contract as a debt under certain circumstances, which would require a debt service tax and sinking fund. This limitation has impeded the ability of cities and counties to enter into contracts to consolidate longterm programs, services, and projects, including the construction of infrastructure. By allowing a local government to enter into a contract with a term of more than one year without having to impose a tax or create a sinking fund, the proposed amendment would increase government efficiency by allowing for the consolidation of more programs, services, and projects. There is no apparent opposition to the amendment.

You can view a complete list of the proposed constitutional amendments with analyses online at

www.hro.house.state.tx.us<http://www.hro.house.state.tx.us >. For more information regarding these propositions, you can contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at

larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.

Cornyn: Today in Texas President Should Learn, Not Lecture

'Rather than lecturing Texans on how to create jobs, the President should learn from the Texas experience'

WASHINGTON- (Oct. 4) U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) issued the following statement in advance of President Obama's trip to Texas:

"More failed stimulus spending is not the answer to putting Americans back to work. Instead, the White House should get its boot off the neck of job creators by eliminating uncertainty in the marketplace and lifting the onerous regulatory burden on business.

"Rather than lecturing Texans on how to create jobs, the President should learn from the Texas experience."

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.

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<u>Texas Records and Information Locator (</u>TRAIL) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

<u>The Handbook of Texas Online</u> is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

<u>Texas Online</u>: The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

<u>Library of Texas</u>; Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.

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Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a family oriented church home, you found it, with each Sunday morning beginning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classed for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Denis Gray.

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

C R Men's Step Study Classes meet every Saturday night from 6-8 at the church. The church has home study groups throughout the week.

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

he church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella, look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The Cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mile Ball @ 903-870-0219.

Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found

athttp://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsl etter.

Solutions Or Solution?

By Willie Sofey

The candidates seeking leadership roles in America and Europe are speaking volumes of seemingly rhetorical solutions for the woes that surround the citizens of their countries. The so-called solutions advocated by these candidates seem to be band-aid approaches that will only temporarily delay the impending demise of the sick body.

The world civilizations have a history of violence. God's inspired words through 40 authors of the Holy Bible have described many of these historical civilizations. God's Word had described emphatically the promise of blessings and the promise of curses to nations on conditions of obedience to His commands. (Deut. 2:1-43)

Many of our leaders and want-to-be leaders have failed to learn the Word of Creator-God, or at least they suffer from amnesia of the Word. This failure to remember Almighty God's commandments has caused citizens of historical nations to "set up kings without My consent... (and) choose princes without My approval," Hosea 8:4.

I will compare briefly the nation of Israel under King Solomon in 970 B.C. to America in the 21st century A.D... Israel was the richest and most powerful nation of that time. In his old age Solomon followed paganistic ways that began the fall of this great nation, and under his son Rehoboam the kingdom split into two nations... with Rehoboam ruling Judah

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and Benjamin (and some Levites) and King Jeroboam (son of Nebat) ruling Israel (Northern 10 tribes) in 931 B.C... (1 Kings 11:1-13, 12:4-24, 14: 21-31).

The Holy Scriptures detail the heavy tax burdens placed on Israel by King Rehoboam to keep opulent Israel afloat, similar to America's condition today. (1 Kings 12:4-24). The nations of Israel and Judah continued disobedience and allowed sexual sins and infant sacrifices, similar to and worse than the heathen nations and as a result God allowed the heathen nations of Assyria and Babylon to conquer, rule, and deport the nations of Judah and Israel. (2 Kings 17:5-11; 25:1-2).

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." (Spanish-born philosopher George Santayana - "The Life of Reason, Vol. 1").

God's chosen nation of Israel is His documented (through the Bible) example of the blessings and curses involved according to obedience of His Word... for all nations to follow. "Now all these things happened to

them (Israel) as examples, and they were written for our admonition (warning), upon whom the ends of the ages have come"... Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 10:11).

America, as well as other Christian professing nations, has allowed laws to be incorporated into their land analogous to the ancient heathen nations of Sodom and Gomorrah, Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, etc. America has legalized infant sacrifices (abortion of 50,000,000 since 1973), sodomy (legalized homosexual marriages)... outlawed the display of the Word of God, has been the world's largest producer & exporter of pornography, and chosen Kings (presidents) and princes (legislators and judges) without God's consent.

On 9-11-2001, almost 3,000 innocent victims fell to a foreign terrorist attack in one day. Ten years later, America memorialized these deceased, innocent victims and heroes Citizens of America... demand Godly before the rebuilt multi-billion dollar freedom towers. On that horrific day on 9-11-01, 4,000 innocent babes in the womb were murdered, as have been an average of that

many per day since 1973 and subsequently 4,000 murdered each day till presently.

These human beings had no choice in life to be heroes, nor will their names be memorialized, even to the degree of a gravestone. Their blood and bodies flow through the sewers of America. Be assured.., God hears the screaming blood of these millions as did He hear the blood of innocent Abel crying out from the ground.

God is no respecter of nations or persons (Acts 10:34, Dt. 10:17, 2 Ch. 19:7, Mk. 12:14, Ro. 2:11, etc.). God's Word is absolute and will not fall void. America is not immune to God's Word. Man's solutions will not solve the world's or America's problems. There is only One Solution to these problems.., and that is Almighty God's Solution as proclaimed in the Holy Scriptures.

leaders!! -- or else expect the consequences of the demise of your nation... for "It is Written."



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Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

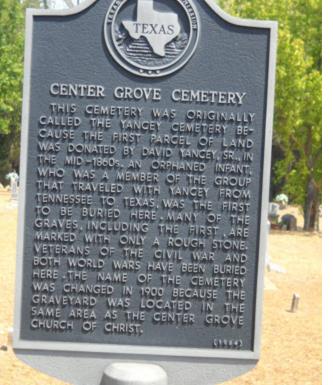
We had three extra surprises that we enjoyed. First, as we were walking, my wife saw a familiar name. It was the married name of the youngest sister. So we now had her information along with her husbands information, and a photo of the tombstone.

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

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

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

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Amy Winehouse's Death Illustrates the Importance of a Will

Amy Winehouse had many ups and downs during her short life, but it appears the singer/songwriter left behind an up-todate and ironclad estate plan. Winehouse's tragic death at age 27 illustrates why you are never too young for a will.

Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil were married briefly. Under English law, marriage negates any wills made before the marriage, but if a couple divorces and there is no new will, the ex-spouse is the favored beneficiary. Fortunately, Winehouse reportedly updated her will to ensure that Fielder-Civil, who is currently in jail for burglary and possession of an imitation firearm, would not inherit any of her estate. Under Winehouse's will her fortune, estimated at \$16 million, will go to her divorced parents and her brother.

In the United States, if you die without a will, the state dictates who will inherit from you. If you are married, most states award one-third to one-half of your estate to your spouse, with the rest divided among your children or, if you don't have children, to other living relatives such as your parents or siblings. If you are single, most states provide that your estate will go to your children or to other living relatives if you don't have children. If you have absolutely no living relatives, then your estate will go to the state.

If you have accumulated some assets (it doesn't have to be Winehouse's millions) or have young children that will need a guardian, then it is time to start thinking about an estate plan. Planning your estate with a will or trust is the best way to ensure your estate is distributed the way you want it to.

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Water: Every drop counts as this drought in Texas continues

By Mike Barnett

With no end in sight for this devastating Texas drought, water is becoming a scarce commodity. Repercussions are escalating.

Agriculture has already been hit with over \$5.4 billion in direct losses because of this drought in Texas. As water runs short across the state, restrictions are imposed on farmers and ranchers to stretch supplies for our urban neighbors.

Water travels a great circle in Texas. Its genesis is the humid air in the Gulf of Mexico that flows inland. An event such as a cold front or a tropical storm provides a trigger. Clouds form and rain falls, crops are harvested, pastures grow, lakes and rivers fill, aquifers replenish and towns and cities have plenty of water to drink. Water flows back to the Gulf from the lakes and rivers, providing the needs for those downstream. The cycle begins again.

That's when things go right. This Texas drought is proof that the circle can be broken, with dire consequences for everyone.

Let me give you an example.

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is responsible for managing water resources for the Highland Lakes, which provide water for Austin and numerous other cities on the Colorado River as it flows to the Gulf. The LCRA also provides water to irrigate about 60,000 acres of rice in Matagorda, Colorado and Wharton counties, as well as supplemental water to flood waterfowl management units.

Because of this drought in Texas, Lakes Buchanan and Travis are 39 percent full. If the situation doesn't improve – soon -water sales will be restricted or eliminated for downstream users. This means that rice farmers may grow only a half crop or no crop at all, depending on if and how much it rains. Supplemental water used to flood wetlands for two million waterfowl and millions of other migratory birds could also be cut off.

The rice industry in Texas supported nearly 5,200 jobs with \$1.014 billion in economic activity, according to an analysis

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released by the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University in 2010. Some 2.6 million Texas hunters and anglers spent nearly \$6.6 billion in 2007, supporting 106,000 jobs.

I'm not trying to lead you to believe that all that economic activity resides in those three counties. But the loss of millions of dollars from rice farming would be devastating to those small communities in the three counties. A proud 80-year history of rice farming could end if the tap runs dry -- farm families stretching for alternatives, jobs and infrastructure lost, economies ruined.

Historical surveys show that 75 percent of dabbling ducks and 90 percent of the geese in Texas depend on rice fields for food and shelter. Cut off the water and the loss of habitat could impact their ability to return to northern breeding grounds in good enough condition for optimum reproduction and survival. Less waterfowl means fewer hunters, which deals another economic blow to the well-being of Southeast Texans.

Am I advocating the people of Austin go thirsty so farmers can grow rice and ducks can nest? No. Municipal needs are going to trump agriculture every time. It is a wake-up call, however, that struggles will intensify to balance a limited resource among various user groups including agriculture, municipal, industrial and wildlife.

People can't live without water. People can't live without food. It takes water to grow food. It takes water to support healthy wildlife populations.

Trade-offs? Compromises? Conservation?

Yes.

Every drop counts as this historic drought in Texas continues.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.txfb.org.



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Letter to Editor, Domestic Violence Awareness Month

I read about Amanda Knox who is on trial for the murder of her sex partner. But this is not a case of domestic violence.

The media is still uncovering aspects of Casey Anthony who was suspected of killing her toddler. But this is not a case of domestic violence either.

Also in the news is Catherine Kieu who has pleaded not guilty. Authorities say she spiked her husband's dinner, tied him to the bed after he succumbed to the sedative, then cut off his penis as he woke. This is not domestic violence either.

Amy Blose of Oklahoma is currently facing charges for her involvement with a 13-year-old boy. Call it 'having sex,' do not call it rape. Do not call it domestic violence either.

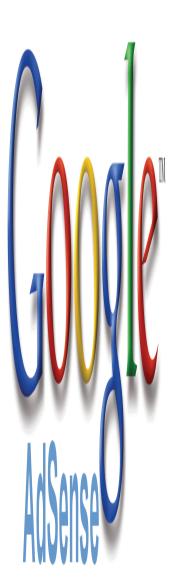
Iowa residents are following the case of Revette Sauser who is accused of shooting and killing her husband. The news does not mention domestic violence.

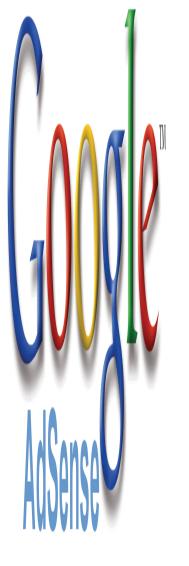
In Massachusetts, Angel Haywood was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, saying she stabbed her boyfriend. No mention of domestic violence.

The reason these and other cases of atrocities by women are not considered domestic violence is because such violence can only happen to a woman - at least in the mentality of the media, the legal system, and most feminists.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. People should be aware that people other than women can be victims. We need to recognize that women can sometimes be the perpetrators of domestic violence too.

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Nina Marshall Garrett of Bonham won a Gold Star rating in the 2010 TOS contest and published a story in Volume 10, on sale at the Herald Democrat office in Sherman.

by Nina Marshall Garrett

A story I remember happened in February of 1938. We had lived in Arizona for over three years and were on our way back to visit our relatives in Oklahoma. We had everything we owned packed in our big truck and I was riding in the front with Dad and Mom while my four brothers were riding in the back. Of course between naps I was listening to Mom and Dad talk. They began to talk about going to Boswell to visit my Aunt Ollie and Uncle Neal, who had children close to my age.

While listening I began to look down at my shoes and saw how ragged and worn they looked. I remember my parents thought I was too hard on my shoes. At the age of eleven, I enjoyed sports and played on every playground swing or Giant Stride available. Since many were located on a field of gravel, my shoes seemed always scarred and in need of polish.

I remembered some of my schoolmates wearing new shoes with crepe soles that looked very neat. As we were approaching Big Spring, Texas, I took my chances to ask Mother and Dad to stop there and buy me a new pair of shoes. They didn't say yes, but didn't say no either, so I had hopes. Sure enough, we stopped near a dry goods store, and they took me in to get a new pair of shoes.

When I sat down, the clerk measured my foot, and then asked what kind of shoe I would like. I asked if he had shoes with crepe soles. He went back behind the wall where the boxes of shoes were neatly stacked and came back with a pair that had the prettiest crepe sole. It was squiggly and almost see-through, and the sole felt so good when I walked. It didn't take me long to decide this was what I

wanted. Dad paid for them and I just wore them back to the truck. My parents may have shopped some more, but I was through and so proud of my new shoes. In two or three days we arrived at my aunt and uncle's house in Boswell, and I remember what a wonderful time we had talking, playing, cooking, and eating. They lived just across the road from the Lake West School. On Monday when school started, my younger brother, Major, and I visited school with our cousins, Dixie and Newman. This one-teacher school had 25-30 students. We "foreigners" caused much wonderment. I remember the teacher, Mr. Holland, was very interested in learning about the schools we had attended in Arizona as well as the people who lived near us. Major and I were happy to tell about our experiences, and we visited every day that week.

In fact we stayed two more weeks after that. By that time one of the soles of my new shoes had come loose from the front of the shoe. As it flopped each time I took a step, I made a noise when I walked. Tired of hearing it, my older brother Max said, "Sis, let me have that shoe. I think I can fix it." When he brought it back to me, he had threaded a piece of small wire from the sole to the top of the shoe.

While I don't remember just how long my beautiful crepe-soled shoes lasted, I know I enjoyed them.

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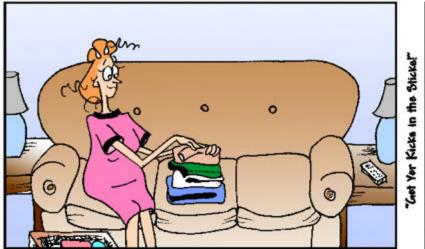
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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

¿ Que es ¿

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

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

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

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

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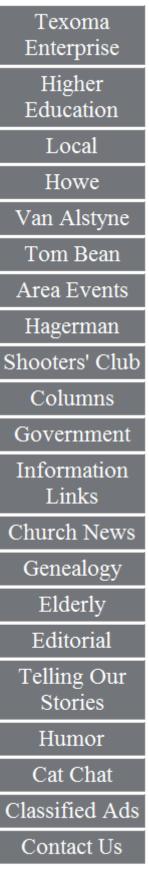


"Santa", Amber, Dominique, Timothy, Jordan, Rachel, Caleb, Chris, Cassie, Brianna, Lana



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007







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