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Girl Scout Silver Award



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GC Foundation hosts golf tournament

The 16th Annual Grayson College Foundation Viking Challenge Golf Tournament tees off Sept. 21 at the Grayson College Golf Course at the college's West Extension in Denison. While golfers enjoy a full day of fun and prizes, GC students get a hole-in-one because proceeds benefit the GC scholarship fund.

Chaired by Dale Bonner since 1999, the tournament features a Pro-Am Scramble format with six-member teams comprising five amateurs and one assigned pro. Participants may register as a team or be assigned to a team. Registered golfers receive lunch, 18 holes of golf with cart and a pro golfer, snacks and beverages during tournament play, post-tourney snacks, a golf shirt, cap and other goodies contributed by local merchants. There's also a silent auction on items donated by individuals, organizations and businesses throughout the community.

Participants have multiple opportunities to win additional prizes. Sponsored by Bayless-Hall Insurance, there are two chances to win \$10,000 cash for the first hole-in-one at designated holes. The Team Bonner Shootout on Hole #10 offers \$1,500 in GC Pro Shop gift certificates. Sponsored by Team Bonner Chevrolet Cadillac, prizes are \$700 for first, \$500 for second and \$300 for third. Team prizes sponsored by the GC Foundation also are gift certificates to the GC Pro Shop, including \$500 for first, \$300 for second and \$200 for third.

Registration is \$100 per person. Golfers may add one Split-the-Pot for \$25 and up to two Mulligans at \$10 each if they wish. A portion of each registration is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

For more information about the Viking Challenge golf tournament or the GC Foundation's scholarship program, visit the GC website or call Tina Dodson, director of annual giving at the foundation, at 903-463-8716. The Grayson College Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation.

Gold-level scholarship and hole sponsors include Atmos Energy, Tom and Regue Chick, Ken and Lauren English, Landmark Bank, Merrill Lynch/Brad Morgan, and SHW Group. Silver-level sponsors are American Bank of Texas; Estes, McClure & Associates Inc.; Spears Family; and Tyson Foods. Tournament sponsors are Bayless-Hall Insurance, Blake Utter Ford, Choctaw Nation Career Development Program, Dr Pepper, GC Foundation, Plyler Construction, and Team Bonner Chevrolet Cadillac. Media sponsors are Herald Democrat, Katy Country 93.1, KLAQ 97.5, and MADROCK 102.5. Other sponsors are Dodson & Associates Real Estate/Skee & Tina Dodson.

SBDC offers Grant Writing Workshop

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Grayson College will be hosting a Grant Writing 101 workshop specifically designed for not-for-profit organizations. The workshop is scheduled for Sept. 27 from 8 am-noon at the GC Main Campus in Denison.

Participants will receive basic information about how a not-for-profit organization can research available grants and how to prepare a grant application, and will receive reference materials for future use. The workshop instructor is Janis Thompson, who has years of success in grant writing for various organizations and has presented training throughout the United States. She is currently a Grant Writer at GC.

The workshop fee is \$35. Seating is limited and registration by Sept. 17 is encouraged. For additional information or to pre-register contact <mailto:jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu> jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu or phone the SBDC office during regular business hours at 903-463-8787.



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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Recipe

My grandmother on my mother's side was one of 11 children who grew up in Mt. Pleasant, Titus County Texas.

She was one of the younger girls, and her older sisters liked to curl her hair and make it very pretty.

Being a bit spoiled, she thought she could do no wrong.

When she was about five years old, she went to the one-room schoolhouse. On a cold day, following her trip to the outhouse, she decided to write her name in the condensation on the outside window. She had no idea how the teacher knew she had done. it

Many times when I had the chance, I asked her to tell me more stories about her childhood and later life. She also told me stories about her mother and her grandmother.

I called her Gran all her life. She was a very special lady. I miss her to this day.

Italian Burgers

- 1-1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup chili sauce
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian herb seasoning (or pizza seasoning OR 1/2 teaspoon, each, dried oregano and dried basil)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 large tomato slices
- 6 slices mozzarella cheese

Combine the ground beef, Parmesan cheese, chili sauce, onion, herb seasoning, salt, pepper and garlic powder, mixing well. Shape mixture into 6 patties about 4 inches in diameter.

Grill patties about 4 inches from coals or heating element 5 to 7 minutes. Turn patties. Place a tomato slice on each patty. Grill an additional 5 to 7 minutes for medium or until desired doneness, topping each patty with a slice of mozzarella during the last minute of grilling.

Serve on grilled hamburger buns. Makes 6 burgers.

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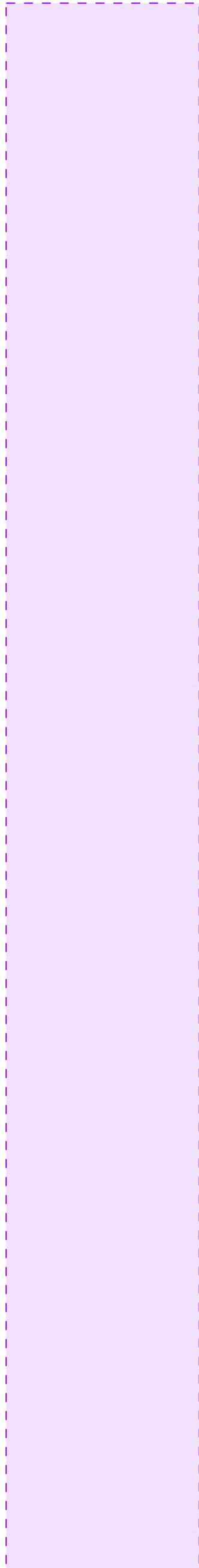


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Silver Award

Two Howe Girl Scouts, Bethany Holt (left) and Jessica Robison, have completed their Silver Award project. They made a time line going back to the beginning of the world.

They used the area where the ceiling meets the wall in the Howe Community Library to show some of the significant events that are important for school children to know.

Some of the events include Neil Armstrong as the first man to set foot on the moon. Also 9/11 when airplanes flew into three buildings (two World Trade Center buildings in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington DC) A fourth airplane was taken away from the terrorists and crashed in a Pennsylvania field.

The two young ladies spent much time collecting information and pictures. A book giving information for the time line is also available for use in the library.

Howe Elementary Top Dogs

Howe Elementary "Top Dogs" for the weeks of Aug. 27th - Sept. 7th are: Kaylee Chapman, Karrah Gardner, Michelle Caballero, Parker Pecina, Drew Cowin, Ryan Hough, Abby Earnhart, Korie Bouse, Korben Kemp, Autumn Owens, Britton Burt, Madilynn Douglas, Payton Stapleton, Colt Crane, Anthony Lowder, Brynn Riley, and Stephanie Bastida.

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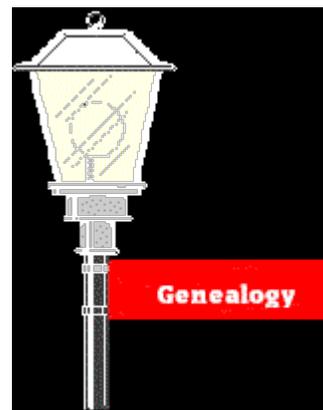
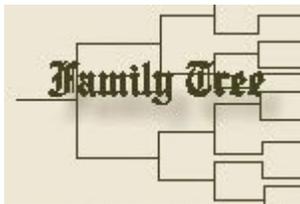


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The Van Alstyne Public Library is sponsoring a beginning Genealogy class. This class will meet on Saturday, September 15 and Saturday, September 22. Class will be from 10:30 am until noon each day. Classes are free but enrollment is limited. Please call to register in advance. Location for the class is the Van Alstyne Public Library at 151 W. Cooper St., Van Alstyne, TX 75495

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Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

The Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform on Saturday, September 15, at 7 pm.

Members of this band are Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Pat Shearer, vocals, Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Admission for the evening is \$6 per adult. Children under 12 are admitted free. Youth 12-17 are half price.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided.

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, candy, soda, coffee, water, and ice cream novelties.

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



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7pm

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Proverbs 17:1-7 (ASV)

- ¹ Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, Than a house full of feasting with strife.
- ² A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, And shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.
- ³ The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; But Jehovah trieth the hearts.
- ⁴ An evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips; *And* a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.
- ⁵ Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker; *And* he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
- ⁶ Children's children are the crown of old men; And the glory of children are their fathers.
- ⁷ Excellent speech becometh not a fool; Much less do lying lips a prince.

Christian Fellowship

D'anna Lodge will be leading the service this week @ A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Join them each Sunday morning at 9:00am for coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30.

David Ellis leads praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service and dress is casual.

C. R. Men's Step Study Group has been put on hold. If you are interested in this class to help with controlling of drugs and alcohol and getting a closer walk with God, contact Jesse @ 903-744-2716.

The church hosts a movie night each month. The movie for September will be on September 21 and will be the movie *Dolphin Tale*. The public is invited and everything is free including popcorn candy and drinks. Movie starts at 6:30pm.

Wednesday night begins with a pot-luck dinner starting at 6:30pm followed by a class for the children @ 7:15 and praise and worship and a devotional.

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

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. 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.

"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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Nobody's Perfect

"Yes, I made a mistake. But nobody's perfect."

Have you ever heard that statement? Have you ever said it?

Consider the insights of A.R. Gallaher on "nobody's perfect": "It is a statement normally used by such as you and me to expresses a fault in each one of us. This statement though is not used in a negative connotation. It is a positive statement expressing that compared to everyone else, I am the same as they; therefore, I am normal and to be accepted by everyone else... We use the expression to excuse ourselves or others of receiving blame or guilt over some kind of behavior. Expressing "nobody's perfect," we find commonality with all those around us and sometimes even feel better that we are not like the murderers, rapists, thieves, or other commonly held notions of 'REAL BAD PEOPLE.'

"I ask you to contemplate how terrible and totally depraved that statement is and the one who utters it. We are not saying that it is wrong to make the statement; only that the statement expresses a horrible truth that absolutely needs a remedy."

"Murder is wrong, raping is wrong, theft is wrong; but so is lying, gossip, seeing a neighbor in need and not helping, greed, fornication, deceit, pride, disobeying parents, envy, jealousy, and much more given in Romans 1.

We are all guilty, guilty, guilty! There is no "degree" of sin with God [in the sense that ANY sin makes us guilty before God]. There is no "lesser of two evils."

When we realize that we are lost and need something from God to make us acceptable, then we will never use 'nobody's perfect' in a positive way. It should rip out our insides and cause us to fall on our knees and release any dignity and pride we had to

ask God to forgive us. I believe with every fiber of my being that until the complete knowledge of how loathsome my sins are to God, I will not comprehend what God did for me in sending His forgiveness in the person of His Son.

It's true. Nobody's perfect. "For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," and the wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23). And the holy God can have nothing to do with sin. Habakkuk the prophet spoke the truth when he said to God: "Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong" (1:13). Nobody's perfect, and that condemns us all.

But God sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we might have forgiveness and life (Ephesians 1:7). "For God made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

In order to accept His salvation and the gift of eternal life; one must place his faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

It's true. Nobody's perfect. That's the problem! We need a Savior.

Jesus IS that Savior.

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Jumbo

By Bob Bowman

The forgotten towns of East Texas got their names from a variety of ways -- from people, places, events ... even geological landmarks

But Jumbo, in Panola County, is the only town to be named for an elephant.

The town was settled by cotton planters before the Civil War years, but it wasn't until 1885 when James C. Brady established a cotton gin, a general store and a grist mill, and the community began to grow.

In 1888, Brady secured a post office for the expanding community and the community began to think about a name.

Remembering P.T. Barnum's traveling circus, which made a tour in Panola and surrounding counties between 1882 and 1885, someone suggested that the community be named for one of its star attractions, Jumbo, an elephant billed by Barnum as the largest African elephant in captivity.

In the 1800s, the circus would have traveled in East Texas on the old Houston, East and West Texas Railroad, sometimes called "Hell Either Way Taken," after the line was built from Houston to Shreveport in the early 1880s. The tracks ran through dozens of small towns not far from the Jumbo community, such as Timpson, Tenaha, Bobo and Blair.

Barnum bought Jumbo from the London Zoo for \$10,000, an enormous sum of money in the 1880s. Standing twelve feet high and weighing six and a half tons, Jumbo quickly became a huge attraction.

In 1888, as would-be town namers in the little community near the Panola-Rusk county line suggested names, Jumbo would have been

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D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

A woman who attended a meeting at which I was present last week said she didn't understand why anyone was upset by the attempt by the Texas state legislature, along with several other legislatures, to require people to present a picture identification card as a prerequisite to vote. "It's always been the law for that everyone has to carry a picture ID at all times," she announced.

That statement is patently false. It is also false to say that voter fraud is rampant in Texas. My legal eagle friends, i.e., attorneys, have told me there has never been a successfully prosecuted case of voter fraud in Texas. As a matter of fact, I was involved as a partisan spectator in Ector County when an incumbent school board member who was defeated alleged voter fraud and the case went to trial. The judge ordered one of the young men in the courtroom to disclose how he had voted in the election and when he refused to do so, the judge sent him to jail for contempt.

He stayed upstairs for a few hours and then agreed to tell how he had voted and his testimony did not do the plaintiff's case any good. The incumbent who was suing became the former incumbent. I wish I could say we all lived happily ever after, but that wasn't the case.

Because I rarely take anyone's word for anything -- that's some something the former city editor, Kathy Williams, at the *Herald Democrat* taught me -- I always try to check it out. Checking it out usually leads me further into a wilderness of information that I didn't anticipate.

Requiring voter registration is one thing. Requiring a picture ID is entirely another. For those of who have a driver's license, that really presents little problem, but for those who don't the problem is more complicated than most of us can imagine. As a matter of fact, it is easier to get a driver's license in Texas than it is to get a state issued picture ID.

Because I love doing Internet research, I went there first to get the requirements, which I found to be so tedious that I gave up making the list. I didn't think there would be room in this column for the complete list, so I resorted to the old fashion phone call to the driver's license division of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The woman who answered the phone was very courteous and helpful. "Let me go through some of the things you could present," she said. "You will have to have several of them."

"A Texas certified copy of your birth certificate, your original Social Security card, and one or more of the following -- a marriage license, a copy of a divorce decree, a high school diploma or transcript of college work, two utility bills to verify your address and \$16 for the fee," she told me.

I said, "Thank you," and hung up to think about whether I could get a state-issued ID card and what it would cost



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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

fresh on their mind because of the circus' visit and, more importantly, because of Jumbo's untimely death in 1885.

A tragic accident in Ontario, Canada, ended Jumbo's life when an unscheduled freight train hit him while Barnum's circus was loading in the freight yards.

The collision derailed the freight train and 150 people were required to haul the elephant's body up an embankment. Jumbo's hide was given to Tufts College, stuffed and mounted, and put on display in the Barnum Museum at the college, now Tufts University.

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



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beyond the \$16. I do not possess a copy of my marriage license nor the divorce decree. I haven't seen either of them for more than 50 years. I'm not sure where my high school diploma is, probably buried in a trunk somewhere. Likewise my college transcripts. I could, of course, write Odessa High School and if I could pay the fee for a duplicate diploma or for a transcript, I could get the documents, just as I could get the transcripts from the many and various colleges I have attended.

My guess is that getting those documents would cost between \$15 and \$50 in addition to postage and would take a significant period of time.

My understanding is that the utility bills have to be in the name of the person applying for the ID, so if you are a young person -- or someone's grandmother -- who is living with parents or with adult children, you can't meet that requirement at all.

Now, do you understand why the federal court ruled that the voter ID law was unconstitutional because it was in reality a voter suppression law? I have a Master of Arts degree in government with minors in history and English as well as the 45 hours or so I had to take to be certified as a school administrator and it would be hard for me to get that state issued ID if I didn't have a driver's license.

Oh, well! The motives of the governor and the state legislature were probably absolutely pure. They probably really were trying to prevent the voter fraud that even they admitted had never occurred in any significant way in Texas. And if you believe that, I've got the title to the Brooklyn Bridge and I'll be glad to sell it to you for 50 cents.

Here's an unrelated addendum from The AAUW (American Association of University Women). I include it without comment because I intend to comment on it at length in a coming column. AAUW got its information from the United States Census Bureau.

"Women still earn just 77 cents, on average, for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. That number hasn't budged in the last decade. As AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, said today: "If we keep going at this pace, women will never earn the same amount that men earn for full-time, year-round work." And the numbers are worse for black and Hispanic women, who make an average of 64 cents and an average of 55 cents, respectively, for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to coworkers. Without this bill, employers can penalize and even fire employees for talking about their salaries. This egregious practice leaves workers in the dark, preventing them from ever finding out about pay discrimination in the workplace. We can't make real progress in closing the wage gap until we strengthen enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws and give women the tools they need to get the pay they deserve."



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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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Forget Mother Nature; Watch the land to see the seasons change in Texas

By Mike Barnett

A blast of cool greeted me as I stepped outside Sunday morning, a welcome respite from a week of 100-degree temperatures last week. Does that mean fall has arrived? Hardly. I reckon we'll face more hot weather.

That's the thing about Texas. We take a lot of ribbing because we don't have distinct weather changes like our northern cousins. It may be 95 degrees in February in the Lone Star State. Spring can turn to summer in April. Mild temperatures -- like last year -- make you wonder what winter is. And in the fall, we don't have the wholesale changing of the leaves as those further north enjoy. What little color we do have may show up after Thanksgiving.

I'm not complaining though. Even though the temperature may not offer a clue, it's easy to tell the change of seasons in Texas.

Watch the land.

Fall is a time of harvest in the South Plains of Texas. In a good year, fields of white stretch like snow as far as the eye can see. In other parts of the state, watch the tractors. Farmers plant wheat or winter pasture, or prepare land for the coming spring. And in anticipation of the breath of old man winter, ranchers stockpile hay for hungry cows.

The dead of a Texas winter may seem bleak, until you see the emerald blaze of a winter wheat field, growing the grain that puts bread on our tables. Wheat and oats and other winter forage are also used to put weight on stocker cattle -- a temporary buffet before they journey on to a feedlot. And although many residents rarely see it, snow does occur in Texas -- more plentiful in the northern reaches yet hardly at all in the south.

The transition to spring is the one definitive season in Texas, and the most beautiful. Although the temperature may not be an indicator, bluebonnets are, blanketing the roadsides in many parts of the state. Spring also means new life...corn being planted, a curious calf. And the hope of rain.

Because summer is right around the corner. And what happens in the spring will determine the fate of Texas farmers and ranchers. Good rains and farmers will see beautiful crops and fat cattle. No rain and the relentless sun and heat bury dreams of a good harvest. And everyone -- cows and people alike -- seek relief from a burning sun.

So there you have it. Mother Nature may not always offer clues to the change of seasons in the Lone Star State. But the land -- and the farmers and ranchers who work it -- will.

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Cornyn Statement on the 11th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks

WASHINGTON – Sept. 11 U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released the following statement on the 11th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks:

“On this somber anniversary we stand together as Americans to remember the nearly 3,000 lives that were taken on a September morning just 11 years ago. From the brave souls of Flight 93 who gave their lives so that others might live to the many mothers and fathers who went to work that day never to return to their families—we are united in our commitment to honoring their legacy and ensuring a tragedy like 9/11 is never repeated.

“On September 11 and every day of the year, let us show our support for the quiet heroes who work diligently to keep us safe - our men and women in uniform, our intelligence community, law enforcement and first responders. May God continue to protect them and our great nation, and may He continue to comfort the families of those we mourn on today's anniversary.”

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.

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual – or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country. Samuel Adams

House Passes Hall-Sponsored “North Texas Zebra Mussel Barrier Act of 2012”

WASHINGTON, DC . . . This week, the House voted to pass H.R. 6007, the North Texas Zebra Mussel Barrier Act of 2012, sponsored by Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04). This bill allows the North Texas Municipal Water District to pump water from Lake Texoma straight into the Wylie, Texas Water Treatment Plant. There, the water can be cleaned of zebra mussels without being in violation of the Lacey Act. The bill passed by voice vote.

On the House Floor, Rep. Hall stated, “North Texas has a serious problem with an invasive aquatic species called the zebra mussel. Zebra mussels will attach to just about anything – they infest and cover rocks, attach to boats and docks, and clog water pipelines. North Texas has a unique situation due to a Texas/Oklahoma boundary change that requires a Congressional solution. You know you hear people say, ‘It would take an act of Congress’ to get something accomplished - well, this is what we’re doing today.”

Hall continued, “Our local water folks have been working extremely hard to prevent the spread of zebra mussels - while simultaneously attempting to provide enough clean water to our citizens, but they need our help...These folks have tackled and solved this problem, and now they need our support.”

In the late 1980's the North Texas Municipal Water District built the Lake Texoma Pump Station to better serve its users. The station was built entirely within the Texas border and in accordance with the Army Corps of Engineers 1939 survey, which defined the Texas and Oklahoma boundary line.

In 2000, a variation in the Texas-Oklahoma border was enacted into law that caused the pump station to straddle the two states. When zebra mussels appeared in Lake Texoma in 2009, use of the water pump station was effectively banned due to the Lacey Act - a bill that prohibits the transfer of zebra mussels across state lines. The North Texas Municipal Water District generally receives 28% of its water supply from Lake Texoma.

“H.R. 6007 will enable the Water District to resume pumping water to better serve more than 1.5 million users and do so in a manner that provides safe water in the tradition of its 20 year history. This bill will allow the Texoma Water Pump to reopen, provide much-needed jobs, and provide enough clean water to the community during a season of severe drought - when water is desperately needed.

“This is a common-sense solution, a necessary solution, and one that helps restore North Texas's water supply.”





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Five Things to Discuss With Your Spouse Before You Retire

You may have a vision for your retirement, but does your spouse share that vision? Spouses often disagree about many key retirement details. It is important to work together to come up with a plan you both can accept.

A 2011 study by Fidelity Investments found that many husbands and wives are not in accord about retirement. For example, the study found that one-third of couples disagreed or don't know where they were going to live in retirement and 62 percent didn't agree on their expected retirement ages.

Here are some important things to discuss with your spouse as you get ready to retire:

Timing of retirement. There are many factors that can go into a decision about when to retire, including job enjoyment and financial needs. But couples also need to think about how best to maximize their Social Security benefits. Because Social Security doesn't just pay benefits to a worker but also pays benefits to the worker's spouse, couples need to work together to figure out how to get the most out of their Social Security benefits. For example, a husband can wait until his full retirement age to take benefits on his wife's record. When he does, he can get half of her full benefit. The husband can then wait until age 70 to file on his own work record. At that point, the wife can file a spousal benefit on his record. Each circumstance is different and couples should talk to a financial planner about the best strategy for them. For more on Social Security's spousal benefits, [click here](#).

Finances. The first hurdle is that both spouses need to understand their financial situation. The Fidelity survey found that wives were much less involved in retirement finances than their husbands. Both spouses need a clear understanding of their finances and whether they are working in sync.

Type of lifestyle. What do you expect to get out of retirement? Do you want to travel? Do you want to volunteer? Or do you want to relax on a beach somewhere? It is important to have a conversation about your hopes and dreams for retirement. You can start the process by creating individual wish lists and then comparing them.

Health care. Make sure you and your spouse have adequate health care coverage either from Medicare or an employer-based plan. You also need to understand the rules regarding Medicare coverage. For more information about Medicare, [click here](#). For more information about when to sign up for Medicare, [click here](#).

Long-term care. Unfortunately, most couples are going to need some type of long-term care for either one spouse or both spouses at some point. There are things you can do to make it easier on yourselves if this need arises. Talk to your elder law attorney about putting a plan together. Doing it early will save lots of headaches and expense later.





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



High School Aerospace Scholars Program

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has just announced the launch of its 2012-2013 High School Aerospace Scholars Program, and is encouraging high school students across Texas to apply.

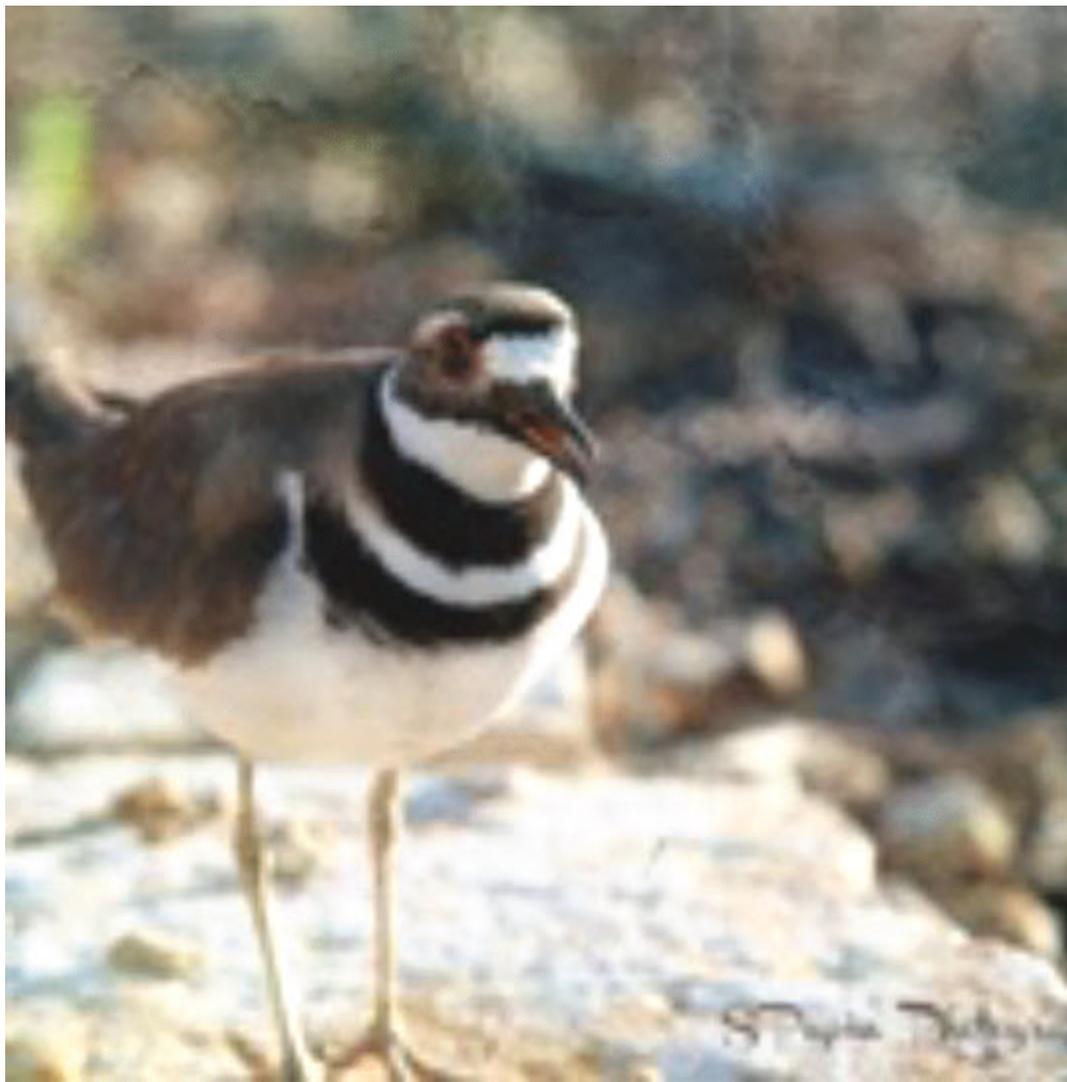
The Aerospace Scholars Program (Program) was started in 1999, to encourage students to explore career possibilities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, with space exploration as the central theme. Since the Program began, over 6000 students have participated. Those who do participate are eligible to receive a credit for a one-year science elective.

Students selected for the program this year will learn about NASA's plan for space exploration. Those selected will complete web-based assignments during the school year and then travel to the Johnson Space Center in Houston during the summer to apply the skills they have learned. While at the Space Center, students will work alongside NASA scientists and engineers on a unique design project.

To be eligible for the program, a student must be a U.S. citizen; Texas resident; current high school junior; interested in math, science, or engineering; willing to commit to the program; and have access to the internet and email. Students interested in participating will need to submit an application directly to the Johnson Space Center no later than November 2, 2012. If you are interested in being nominated for the program, please contact my office before October 15, 2012.

For more information on the program or to apply to the program, please visit the website at <http://TAS.aerospacescholars.org>. 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.





Hagerman Photographer of the Month

Durant resident Sally Papin has been named the “Photographer of the Month” for September by the Friends of Hagerman. A dozen of her Hagerman photographs will be exhibited on the Friends website. www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery throughout the month, as well as on the USFWS National Wildlife System Face page.

Papin says she started out photographing sports shots of animals and dogs, and moved to an artistic approach as she studied the work of other photographers. Today her goal is to get each image to tell its own story and reflects her and her love of nature and composition.

Papin said, “I use a Canon Rebel Xti, with a dedicated Macro lens a Signa 150 mm, and a Sigma zoom 100-300. I have a great street lens, a Tamron 28-75.

Once she downloads her images onto her computer, Papin, says she uses Lightroom, processing and deleting images before she moves on to Photoshop Elements 10 and the artistic work. Call her work “chinecolle,” Papin says it is a takeoff on a printmaking technique. She provides a background color behind the image that is different from the surrounding background, and uses digital pasting, papers and ephemera.

The Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club meets bimonthly at the refuge, located as 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman.

The next meeting is set for Sept. 8 at 12:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to join; memberships are available at a nominal cost. For more information send an email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com



Kids in Church

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough of his antics.

“You're not supposed to talk out loud in church.”

“Why? Who's going to stop me?” Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, “See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers.”

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LET'S REMINISCE:

Remembering First Grade

By Jerry Lincecum

What do you remember about starting First Grade? (I'm assuming most of my readers didn't have the option of kindergarten.) For me, it was not easy. Those who know me now will find it hard to believe, but I was a shy kid. To prove it, I will confess that I wet my pants one morning before recess rather than ask Mrs. Evans for permission to go to the outhouse.

However, I recently met someone whose First Grade year made mine seem like a picnic. At the age of six in September 1942, Claud Crook entered First Grade in Hagerman School in Grayson County. He remembers the three-story school building, with an auditorium on the top floor. Even before he started to school, Claud had occasionally recited short poems for PTA meetings held in that auditorium. He wasn't shy. He had older siblings in school and they brought home literary pieces, which his mother would help him memorize.

So why do I think First Grade was difficult for Claud? Well, by the time he entered school the enrollment at Hagerman was pretty low. In fact, Claud was the only First Grader that fall. People were moving out of Hagerman because they knew that Lake Texoma would soon be rising over the banks of Big Mineral Creek, wiping out the town.

The Hagerman school remained open until Christmas Break in 1942, and Denison Dam was completed about the same time. As the waters of Red River filled the new lake, not only was Claud's school closed for good (and soon demolished), but in early January 1943, the Crook's house was jacked up by house-movers, with all their possessions still inside. They spent one more night in the house there in Hagerman (in the middle of a road).

The next day the house was moved into the nearby town of Pottsboro, but still not placed on the lot their dad had purchased. So the family slept in the house a second night "on the road."

There was another complication as the movers started to place the house at its new location in Pottsboro, on what is now East St. The wheels of the truck hauling the house got stuck in some soft dirt. Completing the job required help from a man who brought in a county road grader to get the house moving again.

Claud and his family were now residents of Pottsboro, and even lived near its school. So in mid-January he joined a First Grade class there. Of course he had a different teacher and no pupils he knew. It was like starting school all over again.

That's why I think Claud Crook had it tough in First Grade. What was it like for you?

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2	3 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	4	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	8
9 1:00 p.m. Waterloo Lake	10 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	11	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	15 Sherman Arts Festival Fun Run Details TBA <small>Email update will be sent</small>
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