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Howe, Texas
75459

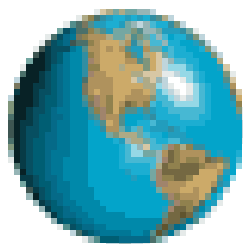
September 15, 2011



**Psalm 91:4: He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful
promises are your armor and protection.**

**The unknown photographer caught this special
moment, what a privilege to see.**

**Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil ...
It has no point!**



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Symphonic winds begins concert season September 22

DURANT, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Symphonic Winds will open the 2011-12 concert season with a program of British music at 7:30 pm, Thursday, September 22, in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Southeastern's premier instrumental ensemble will present "Keep Calm and Carry On," featuring special guest conductor David Clemmer.

The Symphonic Winds is a performing ensemble of Southeastern students and is open to qualified students in all disciplines pending competitive audition.

Admission is free and the concerts are open to the public. For more information, contact the Music Department at 580-745-2088 or Director of Bands Dr. Jacob Wallace at 745-2084.

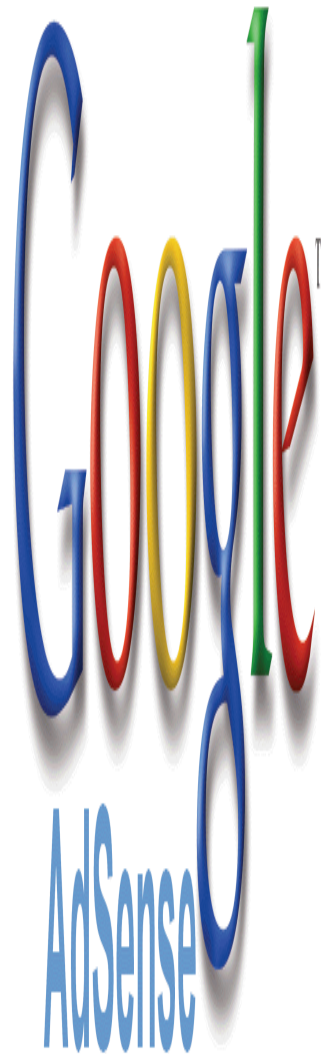
"Professor Clemmer is an amazing musician, as evidenced by his outstanding performances as a member of the faculties of the University of Kansas, Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas at Arlington," Wallace said. "He will be conducting Malcolm Arnold's "English Dances, Set 1" and I'm very excited to see the beautiful refinement and interpretation he brings to it."

The program will also include the "British Eighth March," "Second Suite in F for Military Band," "Illyrian Dances" and "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1."

Wallace noted two extremely popular British works on the program.

"It's a thrill to be able to conduct Gustav Holst's suites," he said. "If you were to ask great wind conductors across the world today to list the 20 most important pieces for band, you'd have a hard time finding many who wouldn't list both the "First and Second Suites."

"Likewise, Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance No. 1" might be the most famous piece of British classical music ever written," he said. "Most people know the trio very well - it's played at nearly every high school and college graduation ceremony in the country - but many don't know the rest of the piece, which is extremely difficult and virtuosic. It's a fantastic way to close the program."



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Howe's That

Recipe

by Lana Rideout

During the early days of our nation, schools used the Bible to teach children. But today, in many places students are not allowed to even have a Bible at school, much less study it.

From the early 1960's until 1989 (the destruction of the Berlin Wall), people in the Soviet Union were not allowed to have Bibles.

Last Sunday a missionary came to our church and he spoke about the changes in the countries that previously made up the Soviet Union. Countries like the Ukraine and Russia allow the schools to use the Bible in their studies.

In fact, they hold competitions using the Bible to teach the children. The teachers encourage the students to study and memorize passages in the Bible. The teachers said that the positive message of the Bible helps to make the students happier and more compassionate.

The United States is a country that based much of its founding on the Bible. The Bible has been quoted by many of the early founding fathers. And yet today, we are told that it is a myth that the Bible was used in the founding of the USA.

We are told we cannot use God and the Bible in our public meetings. No flags allowed either in some schools because it is too radical. Perhaps it is time for us to move to the Ukraine!

Healthy Vegetable Soup

1 large coarsely chopped bell pepper
3 stalks chopped celery
1 small chopped bell pepper
1 large bay leaf
3 beef bouillon cubes
1 large can chopped tomatoes
1 small can tomato sauce
Salt, pepper and other seasonings to taste
1 large round steak (cut into 1 inch pieces)
5-6 large sliced carrots
1 (16 ounce) bag frozen corn
1 (16 ounce) bag frozen green beans
1 (16 ounce) bag frozen chopped okra
2 small cubed potatoes
1/3 small cabbage (cut into 1 inch pieces)
4-5 quarts water

In a large soup pot boil water, meat, bay leaf and seasoning until meat is almost tender (about 1 hour). Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 2-1/2 hours until well done



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Howe ES/MS Menus

Sept. 19-23

Breakfast

Monday – Glazed donuts, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced peaches, apple juice

Tuesday – Sopapillo, cereal/toast, applesauce, orange juice

Wednesday – Breakfast burrito, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh apple, grape juice

Thursday – Breakfast pizza, cereal/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

Friday – Eggs/toast/sausage, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Lunch

Monday – Cheeseburger or fish sandwich, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced peaches, vanilla pudding

Tuesday – Chicken rings or small chef salad, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, spiced apples, wheat roll, gelatin jewels

Wednesday – BBQ beef sandwich or grilled cheese, pickle spears, carrot & celery sticks, orange halves, ranch beans, sugar cookie

Thursday – Cheese pizza or chicken spaghetti w/toast, spinach, tossed salad, Bahama salad, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Chicken crispeto or fiesta salad, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, cantaloupe



“Top Dogs” at Howe Elementary for the week ending September 9th are: Lane Griffin, Logan Farrell, Jodee Newland, Kriston Harris, Destiny Wood, Kaleb Strong, Ashley Crees, Eli Wilson, Emma Harvey, Mackenzie Bryant, Jordan Brunner, Trey Phillips, Ebenezer Chawn, Ryleigh Jenkins, Emma Hitesman, and Willie Husband. Not pictured is Braden Monroe.

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.

Howe Football Schedule - 2011

Aug. 18 - Thur. S&S (Scrimmage) Home TBA

Aug. 26 -Collinsville Home 7:30

Sept. 2 - Oakridge of Arlington Home 7:30

Sept. 9 - **Valley View Home 7:30

Sept. 16 - Wolfe City Away 7:30

Sept. 23 - Honey Grove Away 7:30

Sept. 30 - Open Date

Oct. 7 - Paradise Home 7:30

Oct. 14 - *Boyd Away 7:30

Oct. 21 - *Ponder Home 7:30

Oct. 28 - *Pottsboro Away 7:30

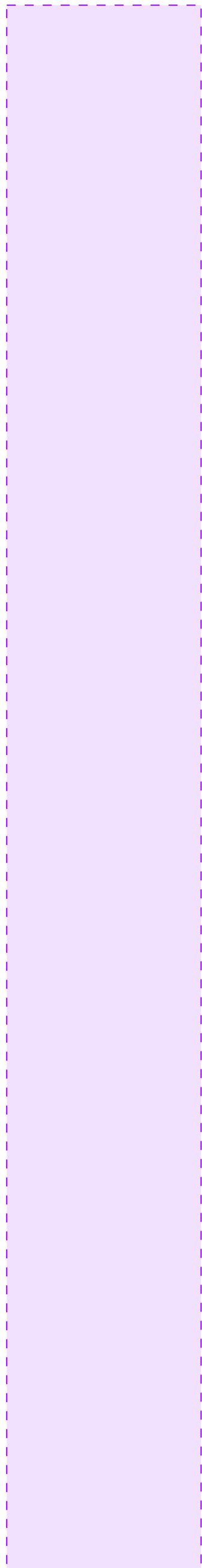
Nov. 4 - #*Callisburg Home 7:30

** Denotes Homecoming

*Denotes Dist 5 AA Div 1

#* Denotes Senior Night





Madeline Courtney, Kathryn McGuiness, Ashley Nix, Summer Patterson, Rainea Urbina
Homecoming court, above

Homecoming Queen Kathryn McGuiness, below



The Howe Bulldogs lost to Valley View

on Friday, Sept. 9, at home. Bulldog Dylan Woody kicked a field goal in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs (2-1) will play Wolfe City (away) on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 pm.

HOWE 3, VALLEY VIEW 14
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Valley View 0 7 7 0 -- 14

H – Dylan Woody kicked a field goal in the 2nd quarter

VV – Two touchdowns (2nd quarter, 3rd quarter)

Stats	Howe	Valley View
First downs	n/a1	n/a
Rushes-yds	27-49	n/a
Passing yds	99	n/a
C-A-I	7-24-1	n/a
Punts-avg	n/a	n/a
Penalties-yds	n/a	n/a
Fumbles-lost	3-3	n/a

Howe Individual statistics:

Rushing – Garette Griffin 5-20, J.C. Watson 4-17, Alex ores 4-9, Jacob Grisolia 10-6, Zack Hill 4-(-3)

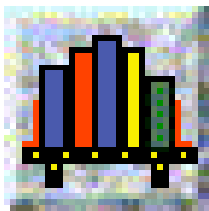
Passing – Zack Hill 7-24-1 99

Receiving – Alex Torres 4-70,J.C. Watson 1-17, Ryan Haines 1-7, Jacob Grisolia 1-5

Jimmy Patterson takes pictures of the game every week and uploads them to his website <https://sites.google.com/site/howefootball/>

Go to the above to see these photos





BOOKSHELF

By Tracy Luscombe

Thanks to all of you who turned out for our Friends of the Library book sale last weekend. I haven't been given the figures but rumor has it there weren't many books left at the end of the day Saturday. We appreciate your support.

I attended the Association of Rural and Small Libraries annual conference on Saturday. This conference brings together librarians from small and medium size libraries all over the country to share new ideas. Here are a few great subjects I learned about.

Altered books: taking those books that can't even be given away at a book sale because the information is so old and turn the book into something else. Many artists for centuries have reused canvas. This is the same concept and fits great into today's drive to reuse and repurpose. Google the topic and find some ideas for your own old books.

QR codes: I know what these are but didn't realize how easy it is to create them and make use of them to help library patrons. If you have a smart phone you probably know about the app to scan these. In the near future you can scan QR codes in our library to make finding the information you need easier.

Foursquare.com. Here's one I had never heard of and will need to research further. Apparently you can become the virtual mayor of your own town or library if you visit the place on this web site often enough.

Here are some new titles on the shelves at the Van Alstyne Public Library.

Obama's Wars by Bob Woodward

Teacher Man by Frank McCourt (audiobook)

December 6, 1941 by Martin Cruz Smith (audiobook)

City of Ash by Megan Chance

Indulgence in Death by J.D. Robb

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library.



Van Alstyne Voices

MJ Presley, Secretary/Treasurer, led this week's Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meeting. The session was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Toastmaster of the day was Pam Shaw.

Dorothy Bishop spoke on "Encouragement," persuade with power, encouraging people to be encouragers! She used the "word of the day", diffident,

Juanita Hazelton gave a speech entitled, "Homecoming!," an improvisational speech about a recent visit to her childhood home in Oregon.

Ian Willis gave the Word of the Day, diffident, meaning hesitant, and lacking self-confidence.

He also led Table Topics with MJ Presley, Pam Shaw, and Bob Bishop presenting short, impromptu speeches. General Evaluator was Juanita Hazelton, and evaluators were MJ Presley and Merrill Hazelton. Timer was Garrett Shaw.

Winners for this session were Pam Shaw with best table topic, Merrill Hazelton as best evaluator and Dorothy Bishop as best speaker.

Plan to attend our Toastmasters District conference, November 18 and 19, at the Crown Plaza on Stemmons.

Submitted by Bob Bishop 903 815 8788 cell,
r.bishop@ieee.org
Dorothy Bishop (jpg file)



7th GRADE VOLLEYBALL Won Consolation in Blue



Kaycee Alexander, Annie, Bailey, Anna Battles, Shelby Harris, Shelby Motley, Meredith Pennell, Morgan Walker

SHELBY MOTLEY All Tournament, 7th grade



Tom Bean Excels At Volleyball & Track!

The Tom Bean Lady Cats 7th grade volleyball team recently competed in the Blue Ridge Tournament last Saturday and won Consolation. They lost to Bonham 25-11 and 25-8, but came back to beat Blue Ridge 25-17 and 25-18. They beat Anna 25-16 and 25-11, with an ending record of 2-2.

All Tournament selections are Shelby Motley for 7th grade and Haley Ford for 8th grade. Team members include Kaycee Alexander, Annie Bailey, Anna Battles, Shelby Harris, Shelby Motley, Meredith Pennell and Morgan Walker. Bobbie McAdoo leads the way as coach.

The 8th grade volleyball teams are working really hard and are showing major improvement. Last Thursday, the Lady Cats played at Howe and won the first game 25-22 before losing 25-22 and 25-19 in Games 2 and 3. They also played in the Blue Ridge Tournament defeating Leonard and losing to Bonham before falling to Texoma Christian School in the Consolation Championship.

Last Monday night the Lady Cat 8th grade B team fought hard and earned their first victory behind the great serving of Emily Osborne. In the late game the A team lost to bells in two hard fought games losing 26-24 and 25-17.

Ms. McAdoo thanks the community for their support and asks everyone to come out and cheer on the Lady Cats! The next game is Monday, September 19, at 4:30 in Whitewright.

Additionally, the HS and MS cross country teams competed in their first meet Sat. in Muenster. All teams gave it their all-taking into consideration the heat, rocky terrain, and cacti they ran across. Brad Presson (14:03) and Ryan Webster (15:10) also did an outstanding job. Kelli Gross came in for the MS girl's team at 15:26. Please encourage these young people to keep it up!

7th grade volleyball started the season off last week playing Howe. We lost 25-17,25-8.

We played in Blue Ridge Tournament Saturday, Lost to Bonham 25-11, 25-8, we came back after that and beat Blue Ridge 25-17, 25-18, then beat Anna 25-16, 25-11. Our record is 2-2.

8th grade volleyball results

The 8th grade volleyball teams are working really hard and are showing major improvement. Last Thursday the Lady Cats played at Howe and won the first game 25-22 before losing 25-22 and 25-19 in games 2 and 3. This weekend the girls competed at the Blue Ridge tournament defeating Leonard and losing to Bonham before falling to Texoma Christian School in the Consolation Championship

HALEY FORD All Tournament, 8th grade



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Lady Cats v. Callisburg

Callisburg- The Lady Cats took on an impressive Callisburg squad Friday night, Sept. 9, and lost with scores of 5-25, 15-25 & 18-25. Ashley Selman garnered 6 blocks and 6 kills to lead the Lady Cats for the evening. Alex Hendry was a steady force at the net as well, while Danielle Thompson & Ronni Trentman played solid defense. Callisburg is considered the district favorite this year and are most assuredly a tough squad, but the Lady Cats look forward to a second shot at beating them at the beginning of October on our home court.

JV Volleyball

The JV Black volleyball team fell to Callisburg last Friday night by scores of 12-25, 14-25. Lauren Khoury led the defensive with 9 digs. These girls are very competitive and work very hard in practice every day. Come watch them play. Thank you for your support.

Tom Bean Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 13 (Sat) Anna (Scrimmage) Away 10:30am
Aug. 18 (Thur) Cooper (Scrimmage) Home 5 pm
Aug. 26 - Lindsay Away 7:30pmpm
Sept.2 - Valley View Away 7:30pm
Sept. 9 - Sunnyvale Home 7:30pm
Sept. 16 - Collinsville Home 7:30pm
Sept. 23 - Pottsboro Home 7:30pm
Sept. 30 - Open
Oct.7 - Gunter Away 7:30pm
Oct.14 - Whitewright Away 7:30pm
Oct.21- S&S Homecoming Home 7:30pm
Oct.28 - Bells Away 7:30pm
Nov. 4 - Leonard Home (Sr. Parents Night 7:30pm

Tom Bean Football

Tom Bean lost to Sunnyvale, 42-28, Friday, Sept. 9.

The Tomcats (0-3) scored in each quarter, keeping up with the opposing team until the last quarter.

In the first quarter, Sunnyvale scored on a 23 yard pass and Tom Bean answered with a score as Sam Ellis scored from the one-yard.

Sunnyvale scored early in the second quarter. Tomcat Travis Hill caught a pass from Cody Miller for six points. The kick failed, putting Sunnyvale ahead by one.

Sunnyvale led, 28-13 at the half.

Miller led Tom Bean offense to score from the one-yard line and Hill mad a two point run putting the Tomcats within two scores. In the middle of the fourth quarter, a short touchdown pass to Ellis put the game in reach for Tom Bean.

Sunnyvale returned a 32-yard interception with 1:38 on the clock.

Tom Bean rushed for 320 yards to Sunnyvale's 162 yards. The Tomcats had only 48 yards passing with Sunnyvale at 273.

Individual stats for Tom Bean: Rushing - Trey Hodge 165 yards on 30 carries, Cody Miller 43 on 13, Travis Hill 33 on 1, Cade Newell 33 on 7, Keaton Lillibridge 10 on 3, and Brandon Bramer 8 on 1. Passing: Cody Miller 3-5-0-48. Receiving - Travis Hill 3-48.



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Texoma Night Out



In Downtown Howe

Saturday October 1, 2011

From 5:00 – 7:00 PM



Come out to meet local law enforcement!

Win door prizes

Play games, eat and visit booths!

Flag Raising Ceremony 5:00 PM

At  the Post Office 

Please email howetno@yahoo.com or call 903-532-5571
for vendor information.



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Howe Texoma Night Out Saturday, October 1, 2011

Setup by 5:00 pm

To Register

Vendor Registration Form (DEADLINE TO REGISTER
Wednesday Sept 28th)

Cost: Donation of one door prize per space from each vendor (Due at time of Check-in)

Vendor/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Phone: Email: _____

Product(s) Description/Price (please list all): _____

How does booth operate? _____

Is electricity needed: Yes No If so, how many outlets? _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: School Outside

Booth Location: _____

Notified By: _____

Door Prize Collected Yes No

Person Notified: _____

Date Notified: _____

Vendor Information:

*Vendors will be chosen on a first come, first served basis so we do not have more than one of each type product. Committee approval required.

*Electricity is available upon request. Only guaranteed, if pre-registered.

*Tables, chairs, and canopies are not provided.

*You may set up as early as necessary for your booth, but arrive no later than 7 am.

*A map will be distributed to each vendor prior to the beginning of the Founder's Day at the check-in booth.

*Once application has been received; vendors will be notified of their confirmation or denial. If denied, fees will be returned.

*TNO Committee has the right to deny access to any products deemed inappropriate.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact email to address below.

Please return completed vendor application to the City of Howe (Mon – Fri, 7:30 am to 4:30pm) or email to howetno@yahoo.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLANNING Select a Booth Leader as it is easier to have a single person as a point of contact.

FOOD BOOTH Food booths are a common fundraiser for most organizations. However, few organizers realize that at all times someone in the booth must have the minimum of a Concession Stand Food Handlers Certification, if the food is not prepackaged. Prepackaged foods are those purchased at Wal-mart, Sam's, etc and are ready to serve. All other foods that need to be sliced, heated, or assembled are not considered prepackaged. The Health Department has on occasion visited local events and closed food booths due to lack of certifications. The certification can be completed on the internet in about 20 minutes and the certificate printed afterwards. The website is:

ww.graysoncountyhealth.com/volunteer/. You will need to create an account, the next screen you will click on choose a course. Complete the course and print your card.

GAMES Some of the more popular games for children are: Fish/Duck pond, ring toss, face painting, football throw, milk bottle game, tic-tac toss, dart throw, etc. Teens enjoy basketball free throws, football toss, tattoo parlor, etc. Popular booths for adults are: bingo, domino tournament, craft booths, games of chance, cake walk, etc. New games will always be a main attraction for people because it is not just the same old thing

PRIZES Make sure each booth has a plenty of prizes. Oriental Trading Company and US Toy have great prize assortments.

DECORATIONS – The theme for this year is “Old Wild West” Banners, pennants, balloons and crepe paper are the most common decorations used. Use a variety of colors to keep things festive. Signs made of bright colored poster board are an eye catcher. They should be easy enough to read from a distance. Letters should be 12” – 14” high and bold. Masking tape works better than cellophane tape.

RECORD KEEPING - Keep accurate records of supplies used, money spent, volunteers, etc. All of this will make your job easier next year. Be sure to thank all your volunteers and inform them of your earnings. Ask the volunteers to jot down their thoughts, comments, and ideas for future improvements. Consider holding a wrap-up meeting to discuss what worked and what didn't.

CLEAN-UP Each organizer is responsible for their booth area. Provide your clean-up workers with garbage bags. Make sure clean-up occurs immediately after the Founder's Day closes, when volunteers are still present and energy levels are still relatively high. This way, clean-up is fast and easy.

OTHER HELPFUL HINTS You can spice up your booth with decorations for “a little of nothing.” Crepe paper is cheap! Review with booth volunteers to the cost to play the game, rules of the game, and prizes Keep prizes secure.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR NEW GAME & PRIZE IDEAS
www.unitedrent-all.com, www.texassumo.com, www.thatsawrapper.com,
www.funattic.com, www.funservicesneia.com,
www.clownaroundpartyrental.com, www.carnivalsavers.com,
www.schoolcarnivals.com, www.mdacarnival.org,
www.carnivaldepot.com, www.airjump.com, www.bigbeesbouncealot.com

* A map will be distributed to each booth prior to the beginning of the Texoma Night Out. You may set up as early as 4:00 pm. Someone will available during the event.

* If you require electricity, please make sure you bring extension cords. They will not be provided. Only the booths that pre-register requesting electric will be accommodated.

If booths remain that have electric access, they will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

* If you have a food booth, you must have disposable gloves, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and a cleaning mixture. Please make sure that at all times someone in the booth has the Concession Stand Food Handlers Certification. Food booths require pre-approval.

* Tables are not provided. Each booth is responsible for furnishing their booth with tables. If you would like to use flags, etc. to separate your booth from another, you may do so. Also, if you want to use a canopy or decorations that is great!

* Each booth needs to have a sign/poster with the booth title on it and how much it takes to play or buy.

* Booth fee of a door prize donation will be collected at the time of check-in.

* Someone will be walking the parking lot during the event to make sure everything is running smoothly.

For more information call Amy Doyle or Carolyn Cherry; 903-532-5571 City Hall; 903-814-0836 Carolyn Cherry.



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Hagerman Refuge Visitor Center Closed Temporarily

The Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center will be closed from Monday, August 22nd through Wednesday, Sept. 7, to complete construction and exhibit installation. The public is invited to join the Refuge as they celebrate the grand opening of the new facility at 10 am on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The new building will provide approximately 3,200 square feet of administrative office space plus a 4,600 square foot visitor center that will include exhibits showcasing the important marshland and upland habitat for migrating and wintering waterfowl and native wildlife. In addition a 1,500 square foot multipurpose room will provide space for environmental-education programs and special events hosted by the refuge and Friends of Hagerman. Native plants and outdoor interpretive exhibits will also enhance the experience for all visitors. For more information, contact the Refuge at 903-786-2826.

Friends of Hagerman NWR
6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, TX 75092
www.friendsofhagerman.com
Refuge - 903-786-2826



Music by Kevin McCloud

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Chrystal Opry House Presents Jill Brown Studios

Jill Brown Studios will be in concert on Saturday night, September 17, 2011, at the Chrystal Opry at Melody Ranch. This will be a "Back to School" concert with special guest Tammie Perkins. A collection will be taken for the Sherman Animal Shelter. Participants are asked to bring a used towel for the animal shelter also.

The concession area has brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy. Doors will open at 5:30 and the performances begin at 6 pm.

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>

Howe Police Department Texoma Night Out 2011

Dear Potential Sponsor:

We are asking for all local community sponsorship that may be available for the upcoming Texoma Night out against Crime. This event is being held October 1, 2011 in downtown Howe, from 5 – 7 pm. This event involves your local law enforcement professionals and others with in our great county.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out, 'America's Night Out Against Crime,' was introduced by the Association in 1984. The program was the brainchild of NATW Executive Director Matt A. Peskin. While the traditional 'lights on' and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, festivals, neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

The key to make this event a great success begins with community sponsorship. We are asking for your sponsorship to cover the expenses of hosting food and beverages as well as door prizes in hopes of an opportunity to bring out our town for this event. Activities are to begin at approximately 5:00pm on Saturday October 1, 2011, with our Howe police officers arriving in the officer caravan during this time. We will have refreshments, prizes, as well as many activities for children.

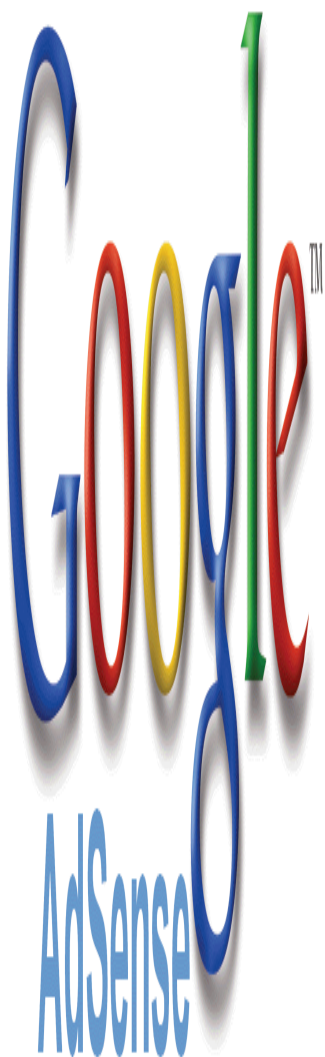
If you would be interested in helping us support this area wide message of coming together as a community to fight crime together at Texoma Night Out, please contact one of the following for a list of items that are needed, or email questions to howetno@yahoo.com.

Chief John Cherry	Sergeant James Doyle
903-532-9971	903-532-9971
Mrs. Carolyn Cherry	Mrs. Amy Doyle
Howe TNO Event Director	Howe TNO Chairman
903-814-0836	903-814-3910

Texoma Night Out Against Crime- City of Howe

Wish List – 200 Cans Soda, 200 Bottles Water, 200 Door Prizes

Items for door prize purpose examples - Free hair cuts, Massages, Gift certificates, Dinners, Gift items



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 includes 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 safety 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.

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A sawmill ghost town

By Bob Bowman

Aldridge is perhaps the most isolated and desolate of East Texas' ghost towns--a somnolent cluster of weathered concrete and brick ruins wrapped in the growth of a Neches River forest.

Nearly a century ago, the old ruins were the backbone of a sawmill town whose fortunes rose and fell with the vast virgin pinelands of Jasper and Angelina counties.

The town lasted less than 20 years, but the sawmill's sturdy buildings that were abandoned on the river's bank have kept Aldridge's legends alive.

Unfortunately, the buildings have been tarnished by graffiti, chipped by inconsiderate campers, and trashed by wanderers. It has been a sad ending for one of the few remaining early sawmill complexes in East Texas.

Today, however, the U.S. Forest Service is riding to Aldridge's rescue.

The federal agency, which administers the Angelina National Forest where Aldridge stands, has closed the buildings to public access because of deterioration, vandalism, and structural problems.

The buildings will remain closed until a team of archeologists and engineers can assess the site and develop plans to make it safe and accessible for the public.

Lumberman W.H. Aldridge came to this corner of East Texas around 1900. Impressed with the thick pine forests he found along the Neches River, he established a mill site in 1903, guiding hundreds of men and



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's WWII propaganda minister said that a story told often enough, loudly enough, will be believed. If one changes the wording just slightly, you get this: a lie told often enough, loudly enough will be believed.

For example, I recently asked 10 people, some of whom I know rather well, and some who are almost complete strangers this question: "Are Texas teachers represented by a union." Ten out of ten answered yes. "Do you believe the union is strong?" Same result.

Now the truth is that a few Texas teachers do belong to the American Federation of Teachers. Most of them are probably in the Austin area, with a scattering in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. Because there are so few members, AFT in Texas is virtually powerless and certainly could not command enough strength to negotiate a contract with even a local school district, much less a statewide contract.

When I began teaching in 1959, administrators insisted that teachers join the Texas State Teachers' Association, mostly because in those days professional people joined professional organizations. Physicians joined the American Medical Association, lawyers joined the American Bar Association, dentists joined the American Dental Association, etc. Being a member of your professional organization was a positive thing to put on your resume because it marked you as someone who cared about your profession.

School districts were so enthusiastic about having teachers act as professionals that they made it possible for teachers to pay their dues by payroll deduction. No one had to join, but we all understood that it was the professional thing to do.

By no stretch of the imagination could TSTA or its alternative, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, be confused with a union. The most important thing the organizations provided from the point of view of most teachers was liability insurance for teachers who belonged. They also lobbied the legislature concerning proposals that affected students and teachers.

I always joined TSTA, just as I always paid the poll tax before it was declared unconstitutional. I do not regret having spent the money for either, although now I think I was terribly naïve to believe teaching was a profession instead of a day job.

The marks of a profession are at least these: (1) There are educational requirements to enter it. There are no alternative routes to be licensed to do the job. (2) Professionals exert considerable control over the following: the place where they do their work, the tools they use to do their work, the hours they work and their clientele.

Teaching does not exhibit a single, solitary mark of a profession. There are no longer any hard and fast educational



BOB BOWMAN'S

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tons of machinery--some by river barge, some by ox cart--to a sweeping bend on the river near Burr's Ferry Crossing.

Pouring concrete by hand, Aldridge's men built two massive dry kilns and a powerhouse with floors four feet thick. They also built a two-story wooden building to house the giant saws that ripped through the pines, a concrete engine room, and other massive concrete structures.

While the work was time-consuming and laborious, Aldridge's crews put into the buildings ornate roof lines, archways and an architectural sophistication seldom seen in sawmills. It seemed as if they expected the mill to last for centuries.

The town of Aldridge began to shape itself around the mill--including a large commissary store, a hundred or so houses for sawmill families, a school, and a church--all made from Neches River pine. A railroad line--the Burr's Ferry, Browndell and Chester Railroad--soon connected the town with a main line at Rockland.

Aldridge's mill was soon producing 100,000 board feet lumber a day and shipping it to booming Texas cities like Dallas, Houston, and Beaumont.

When W.H. Aldridge decided to sell the mill and move to El Paso, the mill was sold to a man named Trevathan, but in a year he sold the company to Keith Lumber Company. In another year, it was owned by Kirby Lumber Company, which operated a sister mill at nearby Browndell.

Aldridge reached the peak of its prosperity around 1912, but three years later a fire burned down the sawmill and parts of the town. The mill's owner decided not to rebuild the mill, and in the 1920s workmen began to smash holes in the concrete buildings to remove the mill's machinery. The railroad tracks were taken up in 1925.

The U.S. Forest Service acquired the town site and much of the cutover forests in the 1930s, incorporating the holdings into the Angelina National Forest.

Today, the ruins of Aldridge loom like forgotten monuments deep in the forest, waiting for someone to remember their rich history in the lumber industry.

(Bob Bowman of Lufkin is the author of nearly 50 books on East Texas history and folklore.)



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requirements to enter the "profession," a condition resulting from the assumption that anyone can teach because everyone has observed teaching. There are now "alternative" routes to certification. Anyone with a degree can apply to the regional education center, spend the requisite number of hours (not nearly as many as those spent by people who went to school planning to become teachers) in whatever activity the education center requires and emerge with a certificate.

My colleague who belonged to the John Birch Society and who was the first Libertarian I knew, would be thrilled. He believed the government, local, state, national, had no right to require any education whatsoever of anyone who wanted to practice a profession. "If a man wants to be a doctor, he should just hang out his shingle and practice medicine. The public will soon find out who is competent and who is not," he insisted.

Teachers have little to no control over where they teach within the school district where they are hired. The year I was transferred to Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, I had already hung the bulletin boards in my room at Alamo Jr. High School. Students had come in to tell me they heard I was going to Lee, but no who was supposed to know had told me and I certainly had not asked for a transfer.

Nevertheless, on Thursday afternoon, with school set to start on Monday, the personnel director called to tell me to get my materials packed and to report to Lee High School Friday morning. Of course, I wanted to go, but it would have been a tremendous help had they given me notice sooner. And I would not have had to spend all that money on the bulletin boards I left behind at Alamo Jr. High.

Teachers have little to no control over the tools they use to teach. When I started teaching, the basic tools were textbooks, chalk and a blackboard. Computers and other electronics are standard now, but individual teachers have no control over what those tools might be.

The number of minutes to be spent teaching each subject is set by law or by administrative regulation. In the elementary school, if 55 minutes is to be spent on math, heaven help the teacher who gets a class on a math roll one day and spends 75 minutes on math, thereby shortchanging science by 20 minutes. Lightning will surely strike a teacher who lets his/her class get carried away discussing the characters in a story and how the author used language to paint a picture.

The hours to be spent with students are to be at least from 7:30 am to 3 pm. In addition, every Texas teacher contract (contracts bind only the teachers, not the school district) states that teachers can be required to perform whatever other tasks administrators demand. In these difficult economic times, that may mean hours of after school meetings and some weekend meetings, all without any extra pay.

Then, there is the matter of clientele. I was a very fortunate teacher because the students who signed up for honors government were of the academically ambitious variety. They were willing to do whatever it took to pass the course and get that (H) on their transcript and if they wanted the "A" they went the miles it took to earn it.

Honors teachers got to choose their students, but I refused to do that. If a student showed up at my door wanting to be in honors government, the question they had to answer affirmatively was this: "Did you make at least 69.5 in American history. If you did you're in." To be honest, I guess I was choosing my students but my colleagues thought my standards for choosing weren't very high.

The students, though, for the first six weeks, thought they had made a terrible mistake and were scared to death. Then they got over it and when they graduated, thought they could go directly to be Supreme Court Justices or the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

That kind of student makes any teacher look good, but having a classroom full of unruly, uncouth, disinterested "I can't wait to get out of here," students can make the best teacher in the world look bad, particularly if administrators are unwilling or unable to provide needed support.

To sum up, Texas teachers don't have a union and they also don't have any marks of being professionals. What most of them have is a passion for what they are doing. What none need is the constant beating they are getting from the general public, from the media, from administrators, from school boards, and from the business community.



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Capitol Watch
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Constitutional Amendments Election

This week's column is the second 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. 2 The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstanding.

The proposed amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for Texas Water Development Fund II accounts in amounts such that the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds issued by the board at any time does not exceed \$6 billion. The \$6 billion bonding authority would be in addition to the board's current bonding authority. Supports say that the increase in Texas' population and the persistent threat of severe drought highlight the need to update infrastructure to meet current water

needs and to anticipate and plan for future water needs. Without the additional bonding authority, critical water planning and infrastructure upgrades will be greatly impeded or halted altogether, which will negatively impact local water development and conservation programs in many communities across Texas. The additional bonding authority is needed also to meet federal matching requirements to draw down capitalization grants through the federal Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs. The provision in the proposed amendment making the bonding authority continuous (also known as the evergreen provision) would give the Texas Water Development Board, which has been a good steward of the bonding authority granted to date, flexibility over a longer term in the board's financing options.

The House Research Organization could not find any apparent opposition to this 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.



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Selected Sites

[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.

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 Mike Ball.

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.

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 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 at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.

Everyone is invited to our fall meeting October 2 - 7 at 7:30 pm each night. Our theme is "How Well Do You Jesus?"



Loving You

By Willie Sofey

This word, "Love" is perhaps the most difficult to define. If a person wants to possess the true understanding of love... I would suggest a reading and study of the writings of the Author of Love... Almighty God.

"God is love" (1 John 4:16). My Ryrie NIV Study Bible references some 750 plus verses to the root word love and my Strong's Exhaustive Concordance references some 450 plus verses. My foundational verse of love, like most Christians, is: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Jesus was obedient to His Father and willingly laid down His life to a tortuous death, displaying an unequalled expression of love.

Jesus spent His earthly life trying to teach degenerate mankind the principles of love that God tried to instill in mankind from the beginning of creation.

The apostle Paul gives a succinct, albeit deeply piercing and to the point description of what love is in his letter to the Corinthians. "Love is patient, love is kind, and not jealous" (1 Cor. 13:4)... "Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (all things of God... my add) (1 Cor. 13:6-7). "But now faith, hope, love; abide these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).

It's easy to love who we consider worthy to be loved in our lives. Jesus' teachings

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are explicit in teaching us to love, without conditions, the so-called unworthy in our lives. One quote I remember from my past was:

“Our love for Jesus is only as great as our love for the least of who we love.”

Jesus came to save all unrighteous mankind, “that none should perish.” We must emulate Him and “love those who hate us”... by sharing and witnessing the love of God to all that we pass..., to those that love us and praying for those that hate us.

“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’” Matt. 25:34.

“I was hungry”... “thirsty”... “a stranger”... “needed clothes”... “sick”... “in prison”... (Matt. 25:35-37) and was ministered to... paraphrasing Jesus. “When did we see you a stranger”... (Matt. 25:38). “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for Me”, Jesus... (Matt. 25:40).

If my love for Jesus is only as great as my love for the least of who I love in my life... I’m going to be in big trouble!!! -- explaining to My Lord and Savior on Judgment Day (Bema Seat)... of how much I loved Him while residing on planet earth.

Think about it.



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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.

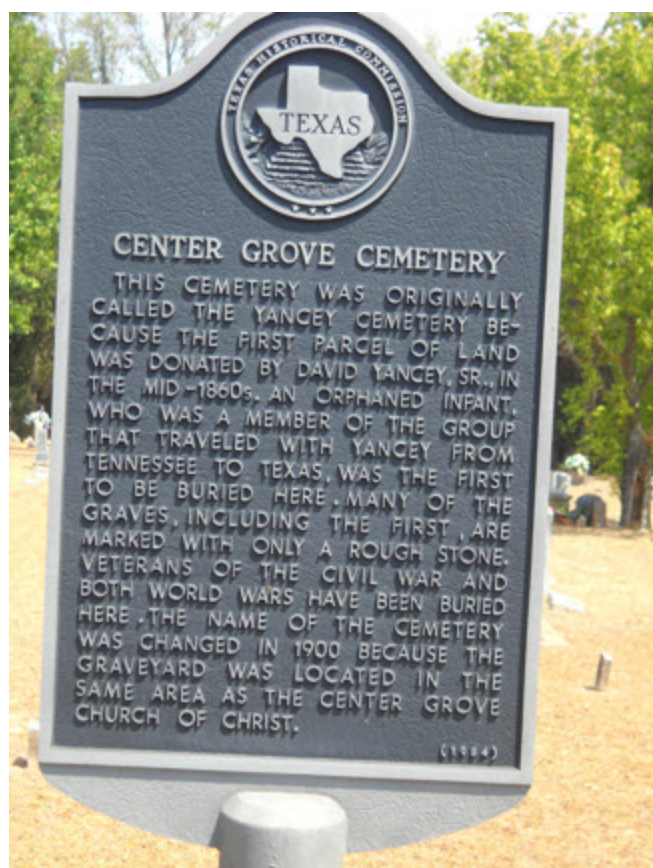
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members. 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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Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan. The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children. Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few. Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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And Justice For All

By Senator Craig Estes, SD-30

A newly-wed couple from Morocco moved to New Jersey in August of 2008. The couple did not know each other; their marriage had been arranged by their families. Their life in this country was uneventful until November of that year, when the husband discovered that his wife, who was all of seventeen years old, did not know how to cook.

Outraged by her ignorance, he decided that she needed to be punished. Over the next three months, he repeatedly assaulted her, covering her body in bruises. He pulled out her hair. He beat her about the face until she was rushed to the hospital, covered in blood. And he regularly raped her while she cried and begged him to stop. "This is according to our religion. You are my wife, I can do anything to you. The woman, she should submit and do anything I ask her to do," he responded.

The Superior Court of New Jersey agreed. And it refused to issue a restraining order.

Yes, you read that right. The young couple's religion was Islam, and under some (more radical) interpretations of its body of law, known as Sharia, the husband was correct. The New Jersey court found that, while he had assaulted and raped his wife, his conduct was not criminal. In other words, the Superior Court decided that the law of the land does not apply to you if you consider yourself to be part of another culture. It decided that you can do whatever you want, so long as you believe you're right.

Fortunately, the Superior Court did not have the last word. The New Jersey Appellate Division reversed the decision. However, the case increased public examination of other cases involving Sharia law, which led to the discovery that courts in the United States, including courts in Texas, had been indirectly enforcing Sharia law for some time through arbitration agreements.

Over the past forty years, reformers have been pushing alternative dispute resolution, particularly arbitration, as the best way to reduce the length and cost of litigation. The result has been a series of laws that virtually prohibit courts from interfering with arbitration. But when people enter into an arbitration agreement, they are free to choose the "law" that will be used to settle any

disputes that might arise out of the agreement. While this "law" could be the law of Texas, it does not have to be. People are free to arbitrate their disputes according to the law of another state or according to any other set of principles, including the law of a religion. The only real safeguard on how far this can go is that arbitrators cannot award remedies that would be unenforceable in a contract. In other words, an arbitrator can award money, property, or custody of a child. But an arbitrator cannot order a beating, a stoning, or a beheading.

I believe that in a free country where individuals possess the freedom to contract with one another, it is one's right to sign an agreement to arbitrate a dispute according to any set of principles one wishes, including Sharia law. The key is that the choice must be freely made. Unfortunately, two months ago, Texas law encouraged the opposite.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided in **Prima Paint v. Flood & Conklin Manufacturing** that when a contract contained an arbitration agreement, the validity of the contract had to be determined by the arbitrator. This reversed normal principles of contract law, which usually require a contract's validity to be established before its contents are enforced. The Texas Supreme Court adopted this doctrine in **Forest Oil v. McAllen**. The result was that, in a case where a husband threatened to behead his wife if she did not agree to arbitrate their custody dispute according to Sharia law, her defense of duress had to be raised in the Sharia court.

Though this exact scenario had not yet occurred in Texas, I was alarmed by the possibility of such a miscarriage of justice. To prevent it, I worked to pass Senate Bill 1216, which allows parties to a family law contract containing an arbitration agreement to challenge the validity of the agreement in court, without having to go before an arbitrator who might be biased. Governor Perry signed it into law on June 17, 2011.

Freedom of contract and freedom of religion are crucial rights that I strongly believe in. But, if ours is to remain a free society we cannot allow Sharia courts or sects like Warren Jeffs' to use arbitration agreements to avoid due process of law. Upholding constitutional due process and the rule of law is not a difficult choice. Senate Bill 1216 will help ensure that our courts have the necessary tools to provide justice for all.



Chipotle Grill's irresponsible marketing needs to get real

By Si Cook

I read an article last week about how Chipotle Grill is promoting the natural, organic ingredients that they use to make the majority of their menu items. "That's nice," I thought -- until I learned the rest of the story about their marketing tactics.

It seems Chipotle has developed and launched a marketing campaign designed to drive customers to their restaurants through fear and mistrust of modern agriculture practices. They developed a folksy, animated video featuring a song by Coldplay and performed by Willie Nelson.

Through this video and other methods of advertising, they are making the case that modern production methods are cruel, destructive and unhealthy. They revive the tired old argument that production agriculture should revert back to the methods used 70 years ago. They suggest we deny the agriculture industry the use of technology and economy of scale. (Wonder how the Chipotle chain grew to more than 1,000 stores nationwide?)

The methods Chipotle suggests sound great, but they are not -- to use another popular word here -- sustainable on a global level. We will shortly face the challenge of providing food and fiber to roughly 9 billion people worldwide. I'm not a scientist or mathematician, but I can tell you that producing food and fiber for the daily needs of this many people is simply not possible using the technology and production methods of 70 years ago -- when the world population was less than 3 billion. It's kind of like asking the auto industry to go back to making each car by hand, or suggesting that we do away with our word processors and go back to using manual typewriters -- without expecting any decrease in production.

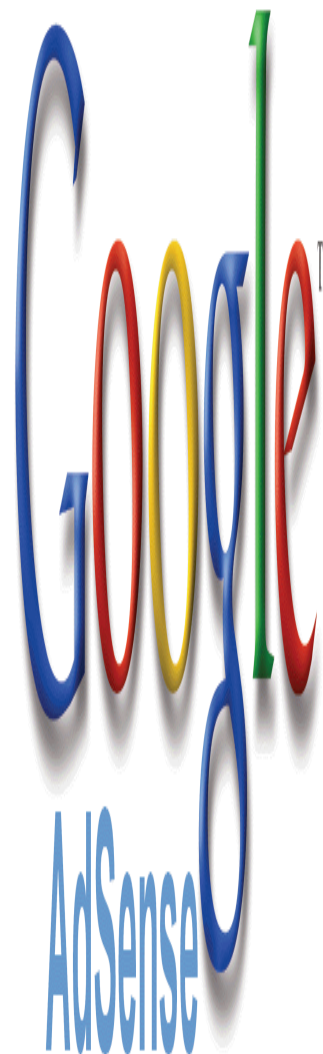
I have no problem with Chipotle, or anyone else for that matter, promoting natural and/or organic ingredients. This is an honest and viable market that many consumers respond positively to every day.

I do take exception however, when any entity blatantly disparages other modern agricultural practices for the sake of market share. Let's be clear here: modern agricultural practices and the technology used to implement them allow the agricultural community to provide safe and affordable food and fiber to an exploding population.

Both human and animal health has steadily increased, and we are well prepared to address expected continued population growth. Suggesting that the advances we have made in agriculture during the past 70 years are somehow evil and destructive is simply irresponsible.

Si Cook has been involved with animal husbandry and the livestock industry for more than 40 years. He also serves as Organization director of Texas Farm Bureau.

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



TELLING OUR STORIES:

THREAD HOLDS A FAMILY TOGETHER

by Laurette McCommas

Thread has always held our family together, except when it created strife.

When Laurette was a little girl she had a grandma who was always worrying. While she crocheted she would worry about each of her six children separately. Laurette sat at her knee and learned about all the family worries. But what she really wanted to learn was how to crochet.

Grandma took out a small crochet hook, and said, "The first thing you need to learn is how to chain." But her hand and wrist whipped along so fast. When she let Laurette try, she only made tangles and knots.

Grandma finally said, "You don't need to learn. I'll make all the pillow case edgings, doilies and tablecloths you will ever need." So she did. The only problem was that she never bought enough thread to finish. A few inches of each crochet project were always made of a different color.

Daddy had learned to embroider when he had cracked his skull as a twelve year old. He was kept quiet in bed for a long time, and Grandma didn't know what to do with him. She taught him to embroider, and he made a whole bedspread. When he became an adult, he still enjoyed the pastime. He said it was relaxing to come home from the noise at work and just sit in a chair and embroider.

Mommy couldn't sit still long enough to embroider, but when someone came to the door, Daddy laid his embroidery work down quickly, left for the kitchen and closed the door. Mommy would open the door to the one who had knocked. Upon entering the person would usually say, "What a beautiful project you are making. You have so much lovely embroidery on display." Mommy always said, "Thank you."

Aunt Bessie, who married Uncle Al, could crochet so well that she sold projects. In fact, she actually made more money than Uncle Al. She reminded him of that quite often, causing family quarrels.

Aunt Marion didn't crochet but she enjoyed making sewn crafts, like fancy pins covered with sequins. Her husband, Uncle Lou, had been stationed in Japan while in the army. He bought yards and yards of pure white silk and sent it home for her to make into a wedding dress. But she didn't like to sew clothing, so all she ever made from the silk was a blouse.

She told Laurette of her religious belief that every stitch she took on Sunday would have to be removed by her nose after she died. However, that didn't stop her from sewing on Sunday. Her explanation was that since eternity is a long time, it would all turn out OK. Sometimes when Laurette prays, she thinks of her Aunt Marion and wonders how she is removing all those stitches with her nose.

Laurette McCommas of Whitewright has published many stories in TOS books as well as her own memoir, "Secrets



At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, 'If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

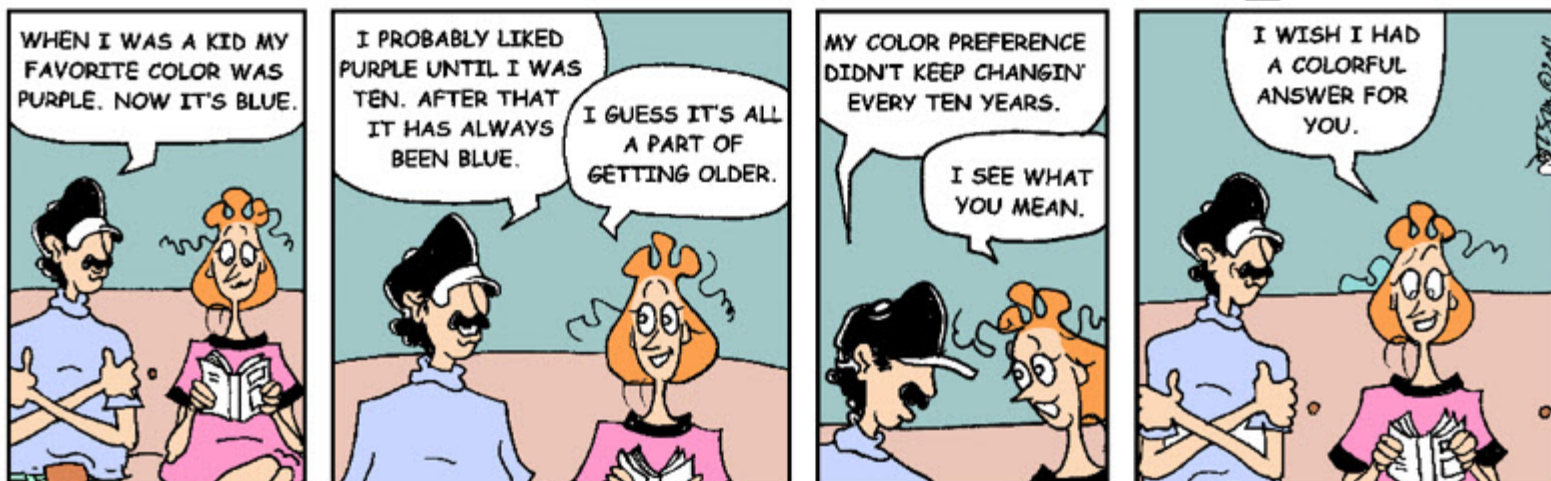
In response to Bill Gates's comments, Ford issued a press release, stating: 'If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash..... twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single 'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as in the old car.
10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.

(Got this off the internet. I do not know if Ford and Microsoft had this exchange - but the principles are valid.)

OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

Getting out more -

Welcome back to my little epistle. Just wanted you to know that the Old Man is doing much better. He has been getting out and going places and doing things. It has been a dull Summer for me because I usually go with him, but since most of his Summer he has not gone anywhere neither have I.

Let's see...we went to a 4-H banquet a few nights ago. Old Man got to visit with several friends he has not seen in quite a while. One of the young men he visited used to sing with Old Man in the barbershop chorus. The young man had a beautiful tenor voice. He is now doing graduate work in college. How the time flies.

Another family at the banquet has three daughter. They have all taken part in 4-H activities. Over the years it was the two oldest girls who were always winning awards for their work and the youngest was just there to help honour her older sisters. Well, this time the oldest girl was not at the banquet. The middle girl was there to honour her youngest sister, and the baby we have watched won many awards. It is now her time to star in the show.

Now to change the subject a little. I just noticed something. The software we use to write and edit these pages is from England. We like it because it is very economical (about 1/10 what the same would cost from the US.) and does a very good job. I just found a little problem and will let you watch to see if you can catch when it happens. I just ran a "spell check" on something I have written. It came back with a correction. It changed the spelling from American English to British English. As an example, in American English the word "neighbor" is spelled without the extra "u" while in British English it is spelled "neighbour." So now, without telling you, see if you can find where I accepted the British spelling over the American. Now prizes, just fun.

See you next time. Bye for now.



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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



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

