

Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

September 20, 2012



Students of the week



Grandparents Day

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Johnny Boatright,
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CMT - "It's Video", "Dance", "1990
Music: How Musician
Mark-out Video Of The Year "Country", "1990

Chrystal Opry House



A world at war over water?

Thank you for your visit. Come again soon.



Austin College Theatre Presents Comedy

SHERMAN, TEXAS-Austin College theatre students will perform the comedy *Beautiful Bodies* on September 27, 28, and 29 at 7:30 pm in Ida Green Communication Center's Beardsley Arena Theatre. Tickets for the performance are \$8 each, or free with a valid Austin College ID, and available at the door.

Written by Laura Shaine Cunningham, the play is a story of six women, long-time friends now in their mid-30s, reuniting for the first time in six months for a baby shower. The Austin College production is directed by senior Missy Lyttle of Austin, Texas. She is completing a major in communication studies and a minor in psychology.

"*Beautiful Bodies* is a comedy of ridiculous familiarity," Missy said. "The women are all in some state of emotional distress or uncertainty, and each brings her own 'flavor of crazy' to the table. Jessie, the hostess, attempts to keep the peace between the ladies so that Claire's shower is not ruined. Lisbeth is in denial over a breakup; Sue Carol is leaving her husband for the umpteenth time; and Nina demands to have the sweets kept out of her hands as she nurses a diet drink."

Missy said she sees herself and her friends in the production. "Perhaps the most delightful thing about this play is how everyone is able to relate to at least one of the girls in some way," she said. "I am able to identify with each of them because I have been each of them at some point in my life. The relationships between these women, the way the love, adore, and put up with each other is a reflection of our own lives and friendships. Audience members should see some part of themselves up on stage, and very likely will identify with multiple characters. This play should leave the audience feeling appreciative of the beautiful bodies in their own lives because the whole message of the play is love: love the ones you're with, not in spite of but because they are exactly who they are."

The cast, along with a quotes from the play selected by the director to capture the distinctiveness of each personality, includes sophomore Sarah Wilhelm of Arlington, Texas, as Jessie: "I wait for no man!"; sophomore Anika Payne of Fort Worth, Texas, Nina: "Do you want the truth or something we can both live with?"; freshman London Rogers of Richardson, Texas, Lisbeth: "Courteous men don't burp while you're dying."; sophomore Sarah Davis of Sherman, Texas, Martha: "I can't help but be worried about you."; senior Emma Merlo of Belton, Texas, Sue Carol: "I can take anything but kindness."; and junior Elizabeth Lincoln of Round Rock, Texas, Claire: "I just willed it not to happen until I was ready."

Set design is by senior Kaitlin Forsman of Conroe, Texas. Junior Alexander Benningfield of Austin, Texas, is stage manager.

*Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges That Change Lives* <<http://www.ctcl.org/>>.*

Grayson College boosts recycling effort through new grant

Grayson College's recycling efforts got a boost when 48 collections bins were provided through the Bin Grant Program, a \$4,000 grant made possible by The Coca-Cola Foundation. Recipients were chosen by Keep America Beautiful Inc. based on a number of criteria including level of need, recycling experience and the ability of applicants to sustain their program in the future.

"The bins are located across campus, and we expect them to help Grayson's students, faculty and staff in our efforts to reduce and eliminate the waste of paper and other recyclable materials," said Jennifer Miller, information technology specialist at the college, who initiated the project. "Paper will be collected in 24 bins while the rest are designated for cans, glass and plastic."

Miller was joined in the initiative by GC employees Janis Thompson, grant writer, and Michelle Urquizo, facilities services coordinator. The City of Sherman, represented by Michael Springer, solid waste and recycling superintendent, is the project's community partner.

"Through our partnership with Keep America Beautiful, the Coca-Cola Bin Grant Program supports local community recycling efforts across the United States," said Lori George Billingsley, vice president of community relations for Coca-Cola Refreshments. "We are pleased that these bins on GC's campus will provide additional opportunities for people to recycle."

Matthew M. McKenna, president and CEO of Keep America Beautiful agrees. "Providing infrastructure for people to recycle on-the-go in our communities is a key component of making recycling a natural thing to do," he said. "We are truly grateful for Coca Cola's support and commitment to recycling, and for its support and commitment of the Bin Grant Program."

The Bin Grant Program awards recycling bins directly to recipients and leverages volume buying discounts. In its seven years of operation, the Bin Grant Program has placed 29,000 recycling bins in over 500 communities in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc., established in 1953, is the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. With a network of more than 1,200 affiliate and participating organizations, Keep America Beautiful forms public-private partnerships and programs that engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments.

The Coca-Cola Company is the world's largest beverage company with more than 500 sparkling and still brands. With an enduring commitment to building sustainable communities, the company focuses on initiatives that reduce environmental footprints, support active, healthy living, and enhance the economic development of the communities where it operates.



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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

Back around 1970 a then unknown Texas singer named Willie Nelson appeared in Howe, Texas for a concert to help the Howe Fire Department. According to the story I heard, very few people showed up.

While Willie is not my favorite country singer, I do like many of his songs. I listen to a country western radio station that wakes me up every morning. In fact Willie was singing on my radio this morning and while I did not catch the name of the song, it was nice.

On another front, here is a message for your consideration.

This week we have been experiencing unrest in the world. Did America do enough in Libya to protect its ambassador? Did a film actually cause the riots or were they orchestrated? The anger and arguments are old.

So, let's turn off the noise! Quit listening to talk radio –we cannot control these things.

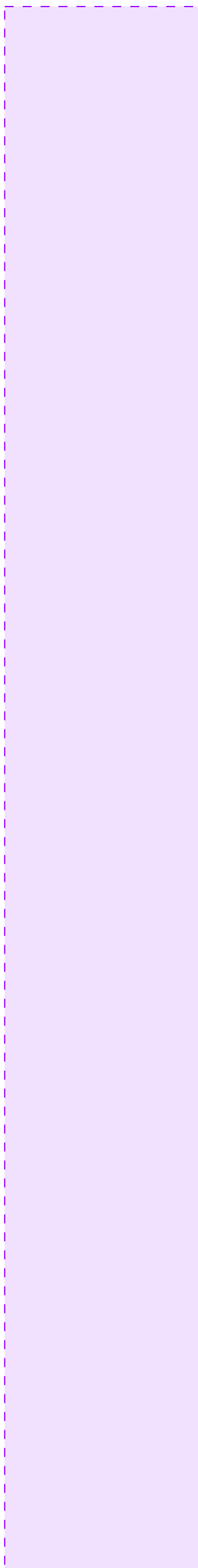
Yes, we need to know what is happening in the world, but we need peace of mind even more. Hear Paul as he writes, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable -- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy -- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me -- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:8-9) Jim

Recipe

Blond Chocolate Chip Brownies

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 Tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a saucepan, melt butter and add sugar. Stir for a few seconds, remove from heat, and cool slightly. Mix in egg, water, and vanilla extract. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt; blend into mixture (all mixing can be done in saucepan). Spread batter in a greased eight by eight-inch glass dish. Sprinkle evenly with chocolate chips and nuts. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Avoid overcooking as brownies are better moist than dry. Cool and cut into two-inch squares.



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Howe Elementary Students of the Month

1st Row: Emma Hitesman, Lucas Reese, Fisher Robertson, Alizabeth Banda; 2nd Row: Jordan Sanderson, Austin Haley, Kaylyn Bryant, Lizzie Robertson, Kameron Hopper, Drew Cowin

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Football - Howe Defeats Whitewright

On Friday, Sept. 7, the Howe Bulldogs defeated Whitewright, 41-20.

In the first quarter, Whitewright scored on a 4-yard pass. The run for extra points failed.

During the second quarter Howe scored twice - Travis Jones caught a 21 yard pass from Ryan Haines with Haines kicking the extra point and the Haines ran 1 yard for another score (the PAT failed).

In the third quarter, Haines scored on a 10 yard run with Haines kicking the extra point.

Whitewright scored again, early in the final quarter, with a 21 yard pass (the extra point failed).

For Howe Garrette Griffin scored on a 50 yard run and Haines kicked the extra point. A few minutes later, Griffin ran 62 yards for the TD and Haines kicked the extra point.

With 2:42 on the clock, Whitewright scored on a 1 yard run and pass for the extra points.

The final score of the night came for Howe with 1:31 on the clock as Griffin ran 52 yards and Haines added a PAT kick.

Individual stats:

Howe Rushing: Garrette Griffin, 21-302; Ryan Haines, 20-121; JC Watson, 3-27

Howe Passing: Ryan Haines, 6-13-78

Howe Receiving: Lane Rodgers, 3-21; Travis Jones, 3-57



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**Grandparent's Day Celebration
Howe Elementary Welcomes Grandparents for Lunch.**



Dorchester Women's Club

Paula Perkins presented the program when the Dorchester Women's Club gathered on Sept. 11 for its first meeting of the new club year. The session was held at the Dorchester Baptist Church annex and conducted by President Barbara Welch.

Perkins, a social worker with Home Hospice, discussed caring for the caregiver. She stressed the importance of relieving caregivers on a regular basis to help ease their physical, mental and emotional stresses. She presented attendees with handouts listing websites for caregivers, a caregiver's bill of rights, fatigue warning signs, prayers for caregivers and other helpful information. Perkins also spoke on the importance of people, especially seniors, having their important papers-- medical power of attorney, medical treatment wishes, financial power of attorney, names of doctors, attorneys, medications, financial information etc... -- together and stored in a place where family members or a caregiver can find them in case of an emergency.

The door prize, provided by Carol Groner, was won by Cathye Ballou. Refreshments and decorations were provided by Fran Neely and Margie Wester, hostesses. The new club yearbooks were compiled and distributed by Groner who is planning the programs for the new year.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 am Oct. 9 at the church. Guest speaker will be Dr. Peggy Redshaw of Austin College who will speak on the 1918 influenza epidemic in this area. The session is open to all local women.

Civil Air Patrol Begins Project To Honor Veterans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Performance Magazine
"New Faces To Watch In 1989"
Billboard Magazine
"New Vocal Group Of The Year"
CMT - #1 Video - "Carryin' On" - 1990
CMT - #1 Video - "Damn These Tears" - 1990
Music Row Magazine
Break-out Video Of The Year - "Carryin' On" - 1990

Canyon in Concert at the Chrystal Opry House

We have the opportunity to host Canyon at the Chrystal Opry House on September 22 at 7 pm. You may remember this group that was popular in the late 80s and early 90s. They appeared on Hee Haw and the Grand Old Opry. While several members have joined other bands Johnny Boatright and Steve Cooper have settled in Tyler, Texas and enjoy performing from time to time. They came to the Opry last year and were joined by Rebecca Stewart who will also join them this time. Their music is wonderful. You will enjoy an evening of easy listening, uplifting music.

Admission for the evening is \$10. The concession area will be open with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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

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

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DPS to Showcase Past and Present Resources at Austin Museum Day

Exhibits to include patrol boat and cars, helicopter, motorcycles, SWAT and crime lab vehicles

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will showcase its history as well as its current law enforcement capabilities on Sunday, Sept. 23, as part of Austin Museum Day, which features free exhibitions and activities at participating Austin-area museums and cultural sites. The DPS Historical Museum and Research Center is sponsoring the event at DPS Headquarters (5805 N. Lamar Blvd., Building A, Austin, TX 78752) from 12 pm - 5 pm on Sunday, which will be free and open to the public.

The DPS Historical Museum and Research Center event will highlight the department's rich history, displaying a vintage patrol car and motorcycle, along with vintage uniforms. Additionally, equipment currently being used by the department will be showcased, including a 34-foot shallow water interceptor. These new patrol vessels, equipped with multiple .30 caliber machine guns and three 300 horsepower engines, are assigned to patrol the Texas Coast and Rio Grande River.

Other DPS displays will include the:

- *EC-145 helicopter, DPS' largest and most versatile helicopter, which has flown missions all over the state and the Texas-Mexico border;
- *Crime Lab Crime Scene Vehicle, which is regularly deployed to crime scenes to assist in the investigation of crimes in Texas;
- *Harley Davidson Road King Police Motorcycle that currently patrols the Capitol Complex in Austin;
- *Texas Ranger SWAT Team V-150 armored personnel carrier, which is deployed when responding to statewide critical incidents of a high risk nature, such as hostage situations, barricaded subjects, and active shooter incidents;
- *Tejas Mobile Command Center, a self-contained mobile communications command center that deploys across Texas in response to natural disasters, law enforcement events and other emergency situations; and
- *Canine Unit, which uses specially-trained dogs to search for narcotics and explosives.

DPS is one of many museum venues around Austin that will open their doors free of charge for Austin Museum Day on Sunday.

Emergency !!!.... Preparedness Fair

Saturday, September 29
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
510 W. Main St., Denison,
TX.
(Images of Dance Studio)
Admission is free!

We will have displays and presentations, plus lots of useful information about what to do should an emergency situation or disaster hit our area...

- Do you have food or water for 30 days?
 - Could you survive an emergency?
 - Are you doing what is necessary to protect yourself and your family?
 - Do you have a plan?
- Come and learn how to put one into action!

You will see displays and/or presentations from:

Ray Gano of Prophezine, Author of "Survive the Coming Storm" and Prep Expert
Berkey Water –water filtering systems
Bruce & Phyllis Hopkins & Allison Irwin of Internet Grocers
CC Sutton Coal Sales
Shelf Reliance / Thrive Food Storage
Red River Firearms
Warne Bee Farm
Chimney Sweeps of Texomaland
Silver Bullet – Colloidal Silver
Waterwise filter system
The American Red Cross - Texoma area
Citizens Emergency Response Team

- among others !!! -

Plus information provided by:
Mainstream Preppers (As seen on TV)
Mypatriotssupply.com
Emergency Essentials
Lehman's Epicenter

For additional information contact: Texoma Patriots, P.O.
Box 504, Van Alstyne, TX 75495
Go to www.facebook.com/texomapatriots



Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Experience Exhibition Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at State Fair of Texas

GSNETX will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony as they open the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Experience, a hands-on, interactive Girl Scouts experience open to all State fairgoers throughout the duration of the fair, Sept. 28 to Oct. 21.

What: Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Experience Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

When: Sept. 22, 2012, 7 p.m.

Where: The historic Hall of State on the State Fairgrounds

Why: Girl Scouts of the USA turned 100, and GSNETX are debuting their Texas-sized experiential exhibit featuring a virtual Girl Scout Troop and campfire, digital replica of Girl Scouts' founder Juliette Gordon Low's home as it was in 1912 in Savannah, GA, mobile app scavenger hunt, life-sized cookie boxes - large enough to walk through - highlighting the importance of Girl Scout cookies, and much more.

How: Created and produced by Dallas-based Corporate Magic<<http://www.corporatemagicinc.com/>>, and presented by AT&T with a generous gift from Thirty-One Gifts, the hands-on exhibition will animate the historic Texas Hall of State with unique technology, memory-evoking experiences and opportunities to learn more about the first 100 years of Girl Scouts and the vision for the second century of Girl Scouting.

Extension Office Presents: Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus in North Texas

October 2, 2012
6:30 to 8 pm

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Assembly Room

Mosquitoes not only irritate and annoy people, but they also can transmit many disease-causing organisms to humans and animals. They can spread such diseases; such as West Nile virus, encephalitis, dengue, yellow fever, malaria and filariasis. If you are concerned and want to know more about this problem, you will want to attend this program.

Dr. Mike Merchant, Urban Entomologist, with the Texas A&M AgriLife District Office in Plano, TX will be covering such subjects as:

West Nile Virus and its impact in North Texas
Mosquito control around the home and property.
Mosquito prevention.
How to choose and use mosquito repellents

Grayson County Health Department will also be present to update its citizens on its current role in monitoring West Nile cases in Grayson County and sharing results on mosquito trap counts and tests analysis.

One CEU (Law and Regs.) will be provided for Private Applicators. Enter the courthouse on the south side across from Knight Furniture and proceed to second floor.
RSVP to Chuck Jones at 903-813-4202

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

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Front: Debi Wedding; 2nd row (l-r): Linda Donie, Karen Elmore, Melody Holmes (Director), Christy Mullens, Laura Cook; 3rd row: Cindy Gann, Lisa Wood, Sherry Southerland, Nanette Reid; 4th row: Cindy Denning, Barbara Hotze, Margo Rivers, MaryAnn Carson; 5th row: Diana Scott, Teri Streit, Becky Clark, Barbara Esbenshade

Red River Valley Chorus has a new rehearsal location

The Red River Valley Chorus has a new rehearsal location! The chorus has just completed a move to their own, personal rehearsal studio in Pottsboro, Texas. The Sweet Adeline International Chapter will continue with their Monday night rehearsals at 6:30 pm, now at 682 E. Hwy 120, Suite 11; Pottsboro, Texas. The studio is between Hot & Creamy Donuts and Landmark Bank. Chorus director, Melody Holmes says, "With the new facility, the chorus has a new sense of ownership. It does wonders for our spirits and that in turn increases the positive energy. That new drive is pushing us forward at an astonishing rate!"

A great opportunity to see the new chorus facility will be Saturday, September 29, 2012 at an Open House from 10 am to 2 pm in conjunction with a visit to Pottsboro Frontier Days where the chorus will also have a booth. The chorus members will give a grand tour of their rehearsal hall, offer refreshments and be happy to share information about the Red River Valley Chorus. Be sure to check into a free Trial Membership Offer, see their patriotic, homemade quilt for raffle and shop the Costume Sale for great Halloween ideas.

Also mark on your calendar, a performance by the RRVC ladies at the Whitesboro Peanut Festival on Saturday, October 20, 2012 around noon. Come and enjoy four-part harmony, a cappella music - Barbershop style. These are real women, singing real harmony and having real fun!

Women singers from North Texas and Southern Oklahoma are always welcome to visit a chorus rehearsal. Come meet the warm, dynamic group of ladies of the Red River Valley Chorus any Monday evening at 6:30 pm at their new location of 682 E. Hwy 120, Suite 11; Pottsboro, Texas.

Be sure to call 903-957-SING (7464) for directions or to answer any questions about the Red River Valley Chorus. Also, go to www.RedRiverValleyChorus.com to learn more.



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Local Churches

Cannon

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903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH

George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

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Dennis Stewart, pastor,

Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

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Gunter

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300 Pecan, 903/433-3335

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903/532-6828; Roger Roper,

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903/532-6032

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903/532-6441;

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100 E. Davis, 903/532-5504;

Roger Tidwell, pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH 810 N. Denny,

903/532-6718;

Tom Medley, minister

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10 am, Worship 11 am

Charles Morris, pastor

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Proverbs 6:1-11 (KJV)

1 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,

2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.

9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will be leading the service this week @ A Christian Fellowship Church in Luella. Join them each Sunday morning at 9 am 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 host 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 6:30 pm.

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. 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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Local Churches

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1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.
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Urgent Admonition

By Willie Sofey

Admonition: Warning, Reprimand, Rebukement (Noah Webster).

“Now all these things happened to them (Israel) as examples, and they (God’s Words – Bible) were written for our (all humans in this age) admonition, upon whom the Ends of the Ages (until Christ returns) have come”..., Paul in 1 Cor. 10:11.

Saul chosen by Christ on the road to Damascus, on his way to persecute Christians (being renamed Paul), understood that the Old Testament scriptures were a testament of Almighty God for all ages and especially the example of the nation of Israel promised to Abraham and his descendants.

Reflecting back through the civilizations of history, mankind and the governments thereof have failed to acknowledge these admonitions (warnings) and as a result, we are presently (2012 AD) experiencing the results (punishments) of disobedience of God’s Word.

Recently, at the DNC, it seemed as if the majority of the floor (which represents this administration of Obama), are continuing to violate God’s Word. They (under the approval of Obama) want to strip God from their platform. These representatives that represented the majority of American voters in 2008 want to strip Israel of its capital Jerusalem, which it gained back in a war provoked by an Arab Muslim coalition in 1967.

This land and city of ancient Canaan has been the apple of God’s eye from creation. The Bible mentions this area of Salem (Jerusalem) back some 4,100 years ago. Abraham made a visit there (2,100 BC) to pay homage and a tithe of spoils to King Melchizedek (Gen. 14:8-21). King Melchizedek typified Christ (Ps. 76:2; Ps. 110:4; Hebrews 7).

According to James Strong’s Concordance of the Bible, there are some 691 scriptural

references to the city of Jerusalem in the Old Testament and 132 in the New Testament that verify that this city was given to Abraham’s descendants “for an everlasting possession” (Gen. 17:8; 2 Chron. 7:16; 2 Chron. 33:7). This heavenly city (Jerusalem) will be the residence of all saints ruling the world with & when Christ returns (Heb. 12:22-24; John 14:2).

Mr. Obama and the liberal apostate professing Christians need to read the Bible if they want to know that, in fact, Jerusalem will be the future capital of the world (Zechariah 8:3).

It seems America is following the rest of the world in its “falling away” (apostasia), revolting, and rebellion against the Word of God. While campaigning in 2008, Obama quoted, “Whatever we (America) once were, we are no longer a Christian nation... We are also a Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and a nation of non-believers”. Unfortunately, he was and is correct..., for the U.S. largely has abandoned its Biblical principles.

You, that vote and choose anti-God leaders that violate God’s laws and legislate anti-God laws, are as guilty of murder of infants and the practicing of the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah as those who actually commit these sins (Hosea 8:4; 7:14-16; 13:10; 7:8-11). You sow your mark (vote) to the wind..., “you will reap the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7).

When a people or nation ignores the Word of God in prosperity, God will send a famine of the Word upon that land. “The days are coming declare the Lord when I will send a famine through the land – not a famine of food..., but a famine of hearing the Words of the Lord..., searching for the Word of the Lord, but they will not find it” (Amos 8:11-12; 1 Sam 3:1, 28:6).

God, in His Word has given the warning..., reprimand follows, then rebukement (punishment). A Witness to the Admonition of the Lord, Willie Sofey



The Good Old Days

By Bob Bowman

The “old days,” those years which seem to tug at our nostalgic senses, weren’t as good as most of us like to believe.

Even East Texans living in the 1940s considered the past as being less complicated and somehow more pleasant.

But in 1948-49, when eighty-year-old Andrew Allen Veatch of Sabine County sat down to write his unpublished autobiography, “The Sage of Lone Vale,” he observed that he had lived in those so-called “delightful times, and I should not like to go back to them.”

Veatch grew up in an East Texas that was sparsely settled and the Civil War had left the region “perhaps more distressingly affected than any other section.” Confederate money was worthless, “yet it was the only kind we had,” said Veatch.

To survive, Veatch said East Texans depended on home-grown vegetables and meat from “razorback hogs, the meanest in the world.” He said the hogs were never fed, but “found their own living in the woods,” and could outrun a deer.

“When other food in the woods gave out, the razorbacks would root up pine saplings, chew the roots and go on living,” he said. The hogs were hunted down, using dogs, a tradition which still exists in parts of East Texas.

His family, Veatch said, had corn ground by a water mill six miles away and every housewife spun and wove the cloth, turning it into garments. Women and young girls knew how to knit and their knitting needles supplied the family with socks and stockings. “Hats were made of palmetto, which had been cut and bleached ... and shoes were made (by shoemakers) from leather tanned at home,” he recalled.

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Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

One of the teachers who had been on strike in Chicago said she is tired of hearing the term “bad teachers.” She said good teachers want to get rid of “bad teachers” and the problem is that administrators won’t go the trouble to do it.

She is on the money. The problem I have experienced is that too many administrators can’t or won’t tell the difference between bad teachers who have their ring-kissing technique up to snuff and wonderful teachers who don’t.

More than one of the teachers at the high school where I taught appeared at work on multiple occasions drunk. One of them just failed to show up to work one day and when she was found in a neighboring town clad only in her night gown, told a story of going out to get a soft drink and having her car break down. She couldn’t get any help because she was embarrassed about being out late at night in her nightgown.

At the request of students in a classroom on the hall where I taught, I called an administrator to witness the bizarre behavior of a teacher who was clearly impaired. This was a teacher who at one point in her career stopped the car she was driving on a school sponsored trip and allowed students to go into a liquor store in the precinct known as Impact, Texas, so they could buy beer. “It was,” she was quoted in the local paper as saying, “an existential decision.”

When the chairperson of the foreign language department and I went to administrators to say we were seeing packets of cocaine changing hands in the hallway intersection near our classrooms, we were told that if we would buy a handful of Hershey’s Kisses or other candy and stand in the hall with the drug sellers, we could bond with them.

One of the best history teachers in the world retired long before she meant to because she refused to be a mentor (without pay and without an extra conference period) for a teacher not even in the social studies department. The principal retaliated by arranging a teaching schedule that was appallingly bad. Since she was working hard, full time for \$300 a month, the difference between her salary and her and her retirement pay, she left teaching.

When the local community college partnered with the school district to establish a dual enrollment program, the principal attempted to give the college class to one of his buddies, who did not have a Master’s degree at all. That was because teaching the college class provided an extra stipend. A Master’s degree in history was required for the job and we had only one person who was academically qualified. Unfortunately, that teacher was not on the favorite’s list.

However, I called the college and administrators there insisted on a teacher who met the qualifications. The college wanted to protect its accreditation, or so the administrators said.

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EAST TEXAS, continued

One such shoemaker was L.N. Morris, whose quality work earned him the nickname, "Leatherneck Morris."

Medicines were scarce and the East Texans turned to nature for remedies, using red pepper, watermelon seeds, corn husk tea, charcoal, pine rosin and tar, sassafras, black haw and dogwood bark, roots from wild plants, and weeds such as one he called "the devil's shoe string."

Veatch observed caustically: "Some of these remedies may have been worthless, but at least they had the merit of being harmless ... the strongest curative power was our faith in its efficiency."

Soap making was the most arduous task in a household. Families made lye, an ingredient used in soap, by filtering water through wood ashes, and there were four other steps essential to producing soap, as described by Veatch.

First, it was unwise to make soap except in the dark of a March moon.

Second, at least two pounds of pine rosin had to be added to chunks of fat meat or "old cracklings" to create "soap grease."

Third, the lye and soap grease were combined in a kettle sitting over a fire in a fireplace.

Fourth, to stir the mixture, a "soap stick" had to be cut from a sassafras limb cut from the right side of a woods trail. It had to be slightly crooked at the end which touched the soap mixture.

Five, the mixture was always stirred to the right. If stirred from the left, even for a few seconds, the soap would be of a poor quality.

The next time you complain about having to drive to the store for a bar of soap, remember Andrew Veatch and the "good old days."

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I will not describe the retribution I faced for this act of what the principal called "insubordination." Oh, well!

The problem that teachers have now is that too many administrators and members of the public have come to believe that most teachers are lazy, illiterate pigs who have their feet in the public trough.

That attitude is the result of a concentrated effort to discredit public education over a period of the last 30 years or so, when President Reagan commissioned a study that became the oft quoted "A Nation at Risk," which laid the sins of the world on the backs of teachers and began the era of school reform.

This era of reform apparently included reforming only the teachers by (1) denigrating their status as prepared professionals by offering their jobs to people who had not even one hour of professional education training, (2) lowering their pay, (3) attempting to gut their retirement systems and (4) subjecting them to whimsical and capricious evaluations conducted by administrators who know absolutely nothing about the subject the teacher is teaching.

Those folks who are critical of teachers point out that the school reform movement provided technology, computers, smart boards, and other equipment that teachers do not use. The hot flash for those folks is this: There was never enough of that equipment and there was rarely adequate training to use it if the equipment had been available. If a teacher has 22 students in a class and access to three computers in the classroom every day and access to a computer lab once every two weeks, all that technology is an expensive waste.

The most important jobs of an administrator should be this: To facilitate teaching by (1) seeing that teachers have the equipment and materials they need for their students (2) acting as principal teacher, which is to say, demonstrating what techniques work in the classroom when such demonstrations are appropriate and (3) maintaining a safe and orderly work place by dealing with unruly, obstreperous students and unhappy parents.

Like that teacher in Chicago, I am tired of hearing about "bad teachers." Too many of the people who are leaving teaching (note that I did not say profession, because as things stand now, teaching does not have a single characteristic that identifies a profession) are the ones who no longer can stand the incompetence and bullying of administrators and the unreasonable demands of parents.

If public education, which is vital to the coherence of our society, is to survive, reform must take place, but it needs to start somewhere other than with classroom teachers, who too often have been sent out to make war on ignorance with neither armor nor weapons other than their personal knowledge and dedication. As important as the latter are, they may not be enough.



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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.



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"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007



A world at war over water? It could happen...

By Mike Barnett

Earth is facing a looming water crisis and the consequences could spell war in an ever thirstier world.

That's the consensus of the InterAction Council (IC), a group of 40 former heads of state and former government, academic and foundation leaders.

Look what's happening here in Texas and you can easily see the causes for concern.

Last year's drought (ongoing in many parts of the state) brought home to most everyone that water is a limited resource in parts of Texas. Many municipalities continue to scramble to supply their residents while irrigation supplies have been shut off for rice farmers along the Gulf Coast. The "blame game" finger has already started pointing at agriculture, the biggest user of water.

The problems will intensify as municipalities, industry and agriculture must share a finite amount of water as the population in Texas is expected to soar over the next three decades.

Take what's happening in Texas and multiply it on a worldwide scale and you see the potential for conflict.

The IC says there will be an additional 1 billion mouths to feed by 2050. This means the world must find the equivalent of 20 Nile Rivers or 100 Colorado Rivers to provide the water to grow the necessary food. That's a lot of water.

The greatest demand will be for agriculture and industry in the United States and in the two most populous nations on earth, China and India.

Maybe world agriculture will follow Texas' lead in more efficient water use in agriculture. Irrigated farm acres in Texas declined 18 percent from 1974 to 2008 while the total amount of water used for irrigation dropped 32 percent. At the same time, irrigated corn yields increased 46 percent (from 1981) and cotton yields tripled from 1974 to 2010.

Texas agriculture continues to do more with less and farmers continually strive to be more efficient. The world will have to do the same. But even that isn't enough.

New technologies must be developed: breeding more drought-resistant plants, developing new irrigation techniques, finding new sources of water such as desalination and conserving better what we do have.

The alternative is ugly. No water means no food. Does that means hungry nations will fight to survive in wars over water? Let me know what you think.

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Cornyn Op-Ed: As Middle East rages

Cornyn Op-Ed: As Middle East rages, Obama must offer real leadership

“Recent Decisions on Middle East Policy Have Signaled Weakness and Exhaustion”

WASHINGTON - The following article, authored by Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, was published this week on FoxNews.com<<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/09/18/as-middle-east-rages-obama-must-offer-real-leadership/>>.

Like all Americans, I was shocked to learn that four of our diplomats had been killed by Islamist radicals outside the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on the anniversary of 9/11. The victims included Air Force veteran Sean Smith and former Navy SEALs Glen Doherty and Tyrone Woods. Another victim was Ambassador Christopher Stevens, a longtime Foreign Service officer with years of experience working in Libya.

Ambassador Stevens was there during the Qaddafi regime; he was there during the 2011 revolution; and he was there during the ongoing transition to democracy. This was a man who spent his life promoting American influence and American values in the Middle East.

Upon hearing the news of these murders, along with the news that protestors had attacked our embassies in Egypt, Yemen, and other countries, Americans felt outrage and despair. Once again, the Middle East appears to be an irredeemable cauldron of anger and violence.

Americans want to know what the Obama administration is doing to beef up security at US embassies and consulates around the world. For that matter, they want to know why security wasn't stronger prior to the attacks. They also want to know whether the Libyan massacre was a pre-planned terrorist act -- and, if so, how our intelligence community missed it.

Now is a time for moral and rhetorical clarity. The administration should affirm that failing to protect American diplomats will have real consequences for foreign governments. It should demand that the Muslim Brotherhood stop encouraging wild protests over a ridiculous amateur movie. And it should remind Arab officials that Americans enjoy a constitutional right to free speech.

Meanwhile, the administration should repair recent damage to the U.S.-Israel alliance and stop trying to embarrass Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. After all, if we want to be respected by our rivals and enemies, we must be seen as loyal to our allies. And Israel remains the truest and closest US ally in the Middle East.

In a larger sense, President Obama should tone down the rhetoric about a “Pacific pivot.” While I applaud the administration for recognizing the threat posed by China and for bolstering our security partnerships throughout Asia, I reject the idea that we must reduce our influence in the Middle East in order to increase our influence in the Far East.

Indeed, the Middle East has never needed US leadership more than it does today. Beyond the challenges in Libya and Egypt, there is ferocious violence raging in Syria, where the Assad regime has used a steady supply of Russian weaponry to commit mass murder.

In Iraq, sectarian tensions have reached dangerous levels after a wave of terror bombings. Yemen is battling against the Al Qaeda affiliate that tried to blow up Northwest Airlines Flight 253 on Christmas Day 2009.

Last, but certainly not least, the Iranian dictatorship is plowing ahead with its nuclear program, convinced that the Obama administration is not serious about “all options” being on the table.

To the extent that President Obama discusses Middle Eastern affairs on the campaign trail, he likes to tell Americans that “the tide of war is receding.” But events suggest otherwise. I fear that our hasty departure from Iraq has jeopardized hard-fought security gains and emboldened Iran. As for Afghanistan, it was foolish of the president to announce a withdrawal date at the same moment he announced a troop surge. Taliban fighters now have every incentive simply to wait us out and prepare for a post-2014 bloodbath.

Taken together, many of our recent decisions on Middle East policy have signaled weakness and exhaustion, fostering the impression that America is a declining power. The embassy attacks call for a renewed demonstration of strength and resolve.

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

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The heart of animal care

The following originally posted on Focus on Agriculture, a blog by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

By Marsha Purcell

Some days are suited for reflection, and today is one of those. I am thinking of how grateful I am to members of the surgical team who replaced my husband's aortic heart valve earlier this year. It is amazing to think that such an intricate surgery is considered commonplace, with about 80,000 adults in the U.S. having this procedure each year. I am also thinking of how grateful I am to the farmer or rancher who raised the animal from which the valve came.

Agriculture is under a constant barrage of criticism from those who oppose eating meat. The farmers and ranchers who face that criticism -- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week -- and continue to do their jobs have my greatest admiration.

I have had opportunities to visit farms and ranches and to talk about livestock production with those who do it every day. They are caring, dedicated people who want their animals to be healthy. They spend countless hours and dollars determining the proper care for their animals. They spend many sleepless nights helping a cow, ewe or sow through difficult deliveries or feeding baby animals when their mothers are unable to do so. They work with nutritionists to determine the best feed for the animals and with veterinarians who determine the best health care practices. They teach their children the value of raising an animal that will provide nutritious food and many other valuable products.

Initially, we did not know if my husband had a porcine (pig), ovine (sheep) or bovine (cow) valve. We joked about whether he would begin to "oink," "baa" or "moo." We later found that he has a bovine valve, and we do know that his heart is stronger. We know that his long-term prognosis is very positive. And we know that in addition to thanking God and the surgical team, we owe a debt of gratitude to the livestock producer. There are probably thousands of people today who are alive and well because of a tissue valve from an animal. I am hopeful those recipients are appreciative of the farmers and ranchers who made those life-saving surgeries possible, rather than critical.

As for my family, we will always support animal agriculture, not only when we eat meat, but also when we enjoy many more years together thanks to a new heart valve.

Marsha Purcell is director of membership and program development at the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Letter to the Editor:

Disappearance of U.S. Manufacturing Jobs

The United States has lost 50,000 manufacturing jobs per month or a total of 2,000,000 high paying manufacturing jobs under President Obama.

Our unemployment rate hover over 8%. In January 2012 there were more unemployed Americans (12.8 million) compared to Americans working in manufacturing jobs (under 12 million).

China, the primary culprit, subsidizes its industries, manipulates its currency and has no minimum wages. China is the number one supplier of critical parts for our defense systems, and is the world's largest exporter of high technology items. It produces 10 times more steel than the U.S.

Currently, there is one steel plant in the U.S. capable of producing steel that meets military specifications, and it was purchased by a European company.

We must counter the trade deficits with China and other countries by decreasing corporate taxes, or keep tax rates where they are, and subsidize U.S. industries. We currently owe China \$1 trillion in debt, and our national debt has skyrocketed from \$10 trillion to \$16 trillion in the past few years.

President Obama had almost four years to improve our economy, and he has failed.

Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH

Letter to the Editor:

TIA Asks Congress to Pass Federal Right to Repair Law

The Tire Industry Association applauds the passage of the Right to Repair law in Massachusetts and strongly urges Congress to pass a comparable federal law to ensure that all American car owners and their trusted repair shops have the same access to safety alerts and repair information as the franchised new car dealer network.

Most new vehicles are equipped with tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) to protect motorists from the dangers of operating a vehicle with underinflated tires. Because these systems are controlled by computers, every repair facility must have ready access to complete, accurate information from the car companies or it will be very difficult to keep all TPMS systems activated and in safe working condition. Passage in Massachusetts is a good start, but there is a critical need to swiftly pass the Right to Repair Act on a national level.

The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 1449) levels the competitive playing field for motoring consumers and between new car dealerships and independent repair shops by requiring that car companies provide full, fair access at a reasonable cost to all non-proprietary service information, tools, fault codes and safety-related bulletins needed to repair motor vehicles.

We support each car owner's right to patronize the auto service facility of their choice and ask all motorists to visit www.righttorepair.org <<http://www.righttorepair.org>> to send a letter to each of their congressional representatives, urging them to co-sponsor the Right to Repair Act.

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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



Famous Trees of Texas

In 1970, the Texas Forest Service first published Famous Trees of Texas, the purpose of which was “to memorialize those trees which have been witness to some of the exciting periods and events in Texas’ frontier history.” The book chronicled 81 trees of historical significance to the state. There have been a few other editions since that time; however approximately 20 of the trees originally featured have since died. The Texas Forest Service is currently accepting nominations for new trees to feature on its website, <http://famoustreesoftexas.tamu.edu>. The trees featured on this web site represent living links to many of the moments - large and small - that make up the history of Texas.

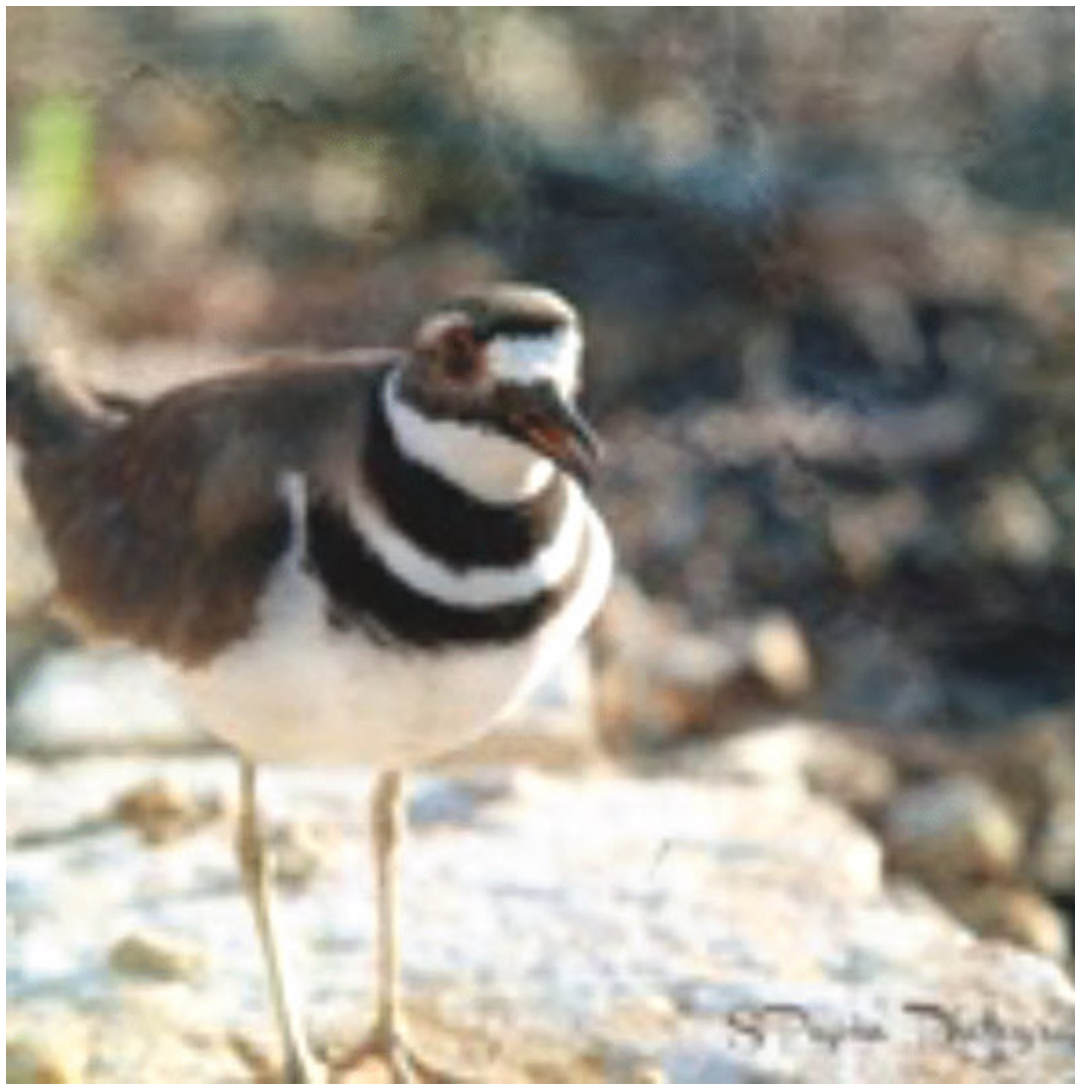
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To nominate a tree, go to the website and fill out the nomination form, and mail it with the supporting documentation requested. A committee of experts will review each nomination for historical accuracy. The Forest Service plans to add new Famous Trees twice each year.

The Texas Forest Service was created in 1915 by the 34th Legislature as an integral part of The Texas A&M University System. It is mandated by law to “assume direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state.”

For more information on this or any other state issue, please 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



JANE SEABROOK is an illustrator and designer who lives in Auckland, New Zealand. In recent years, her artwork has focused on paintings of wildlife for the Fury Logic series of books. She shares her life with her husband, two teenage children, and a growing menagerie of assorted animals. Following are some excerpts from her Fury Logic books.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt...

Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections

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LET'S REMINISCE:

The Rancho Grande

By Jerry Lincecum

When I was in fifth or sixth grade, we memorized in Spanish the lyrics to a song entitled "El Rancho Grande." We performed it for an end-of-school program, I think, and most of us had no understanding of the romantic themes expressed by the cowboy in that song.

It was much later that I discovered the song had been recorded by Bing Crosby, Dean Martin, and some younger artists. Before I was born Gene Autry starred in a movie entitled "Rancho Grande," and of course he sang to pretty girls from back East. Somehow my childhood memory of that song about working on "the great ranch" came to mind recently as my wife and I drove from Sherman to Tyler for a meeting of Texas authors.

After we had passed by a couple of dozen fancy entrances proclaiming the names of ranches, none of which met my expectations for a "Rancho Grande," I got the idea. Having a piece of property you can call "X Ranch" and decorate with an imposing gateway fulfills a lifelong ambition for a good many people.

Despite having grown up on a farm that had changed into a ranch by the time I ran off to college, I never aspired to own one. The decorative or impressive side of ranching was not part of my experience. We had a brand registered at the county seat but didn't use it. Hauling hay to cows, vaccinating their offspring, penning the herd and forcing some into a truck for a trip to the auction—that was the view I had of being a rancher.

Upon enrolling at Texas A&M, I declared a major in Engineering but soon switched to English. The assistant dean who had to sign off on my change of major asked me if I was certain about the choice. I think he wanted me to think twice about the question of how to make a living from literary study.

My brother Joe, who did major in Agriculture at A&M, didn't go into the ranching business either. However, after a career with the Farmer's Home Administration, he took early retirement and backed into the cattle business as a hobby. When our family estate was settled, he bought my acreage and that of one of our sisters to add to his share, which gave him a decent spread of grazing land.

But I'm confident Joe never thought of himself as owning a ranch and he certainly didn't erect a fancy entrance. Come to think of it, there aren't many of those around Lake Limestone, where we grew up. Where I live now, not far from Lake Texoma, there are a number of horse ranches with elaborate (and expensive) gateways.

Over in Fannin County, I have noticed that one of these latter-day ranchers has a sense of humor. His entrance proclaims the name of his spread as "DunBrokUs."

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



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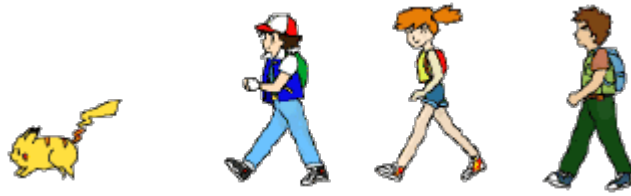
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2	3 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	4	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	8
9 1:00 p.m. Waterloo Lake	10 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	11	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	15 Sherman Arts Festival Fun Run Details TBA <small>Email update will be sent</small>
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23	24 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	25	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	29 9:00 a.m. Waterloo Lake
30	NOTES: The Hagerman walk on 09/01 will encompass the Meadow Pond trail. Sign in will be available at the trail head from 9:45 to 10:15. Stop by the Visitor Center before you hike for a trail map. By signing in, you will receive credit for walking the entire length of the trail. so be sure to let us know if you turn back early. thanks!					