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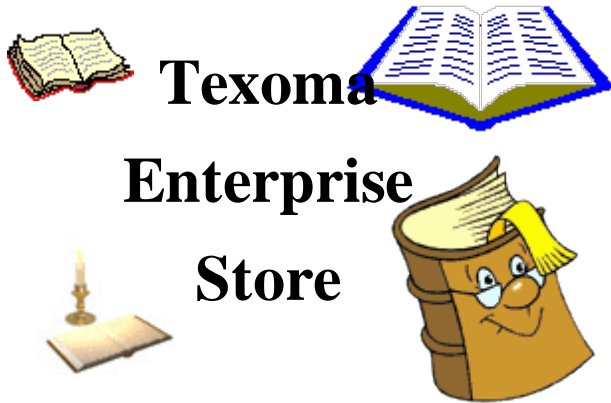


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HHS Students win Arts Fest Contest



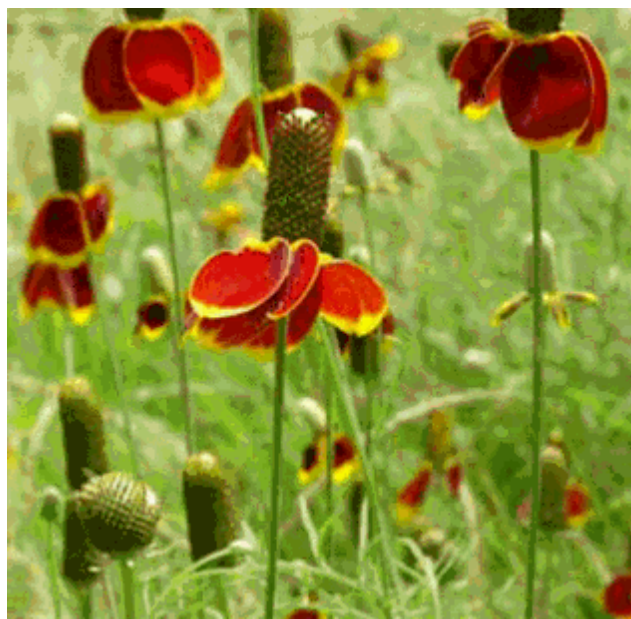
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Transfer Enrollment Day scheduled for Oct. 7

Durant, Okla. - Southeastern Oklahoma State University has scheduled SE Live! Transfer Enrollment Day for Friday, Oct. 7.

Prospective students transferring to Southeastern for the spring semester should reserve their spot now for a "one-stop" admissions and enrollment day.

Students currently enrolled in a higher education program and those with an Associate's degree are invited to the Durant campus for a day of activities.

Recruitment Coordinator Elizabeth Stidham said, "Southeastern wants students transferring into our University to quickly feel a part of the Southeastern community. Transfer Day is an opportunity to learn about Southeastern traditions and enjoy campus while gearing up for the spring semester."

Prospective students will prepare for the spring semester with "on-the-spot" admissions, advising and enrollment sessions, campus tours and a free lunch. Students will have the opportunity to attend a Southeastern class as well as workshops on Student and Residence Life.

Check-in is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Office of Admissions on the first floor of the Administration building. Advising/Enrollment sessions with academic departments will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with visits to financial aid, admissions and residence life if needed.

Optional programs include a Campus Connect Tutorial at 10 a.m. in the Henry G. Bennett Memorial Library and lunch in café of the Glen D. Johnson Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Making the Connection: Student and Residence Life at Southeastern is set for 1 p.m. in Room 303 in the student union.

Residence Hall sign-up is scheduled for 1 -4 p.m. in the Residence Life office on the third floor of the student union.

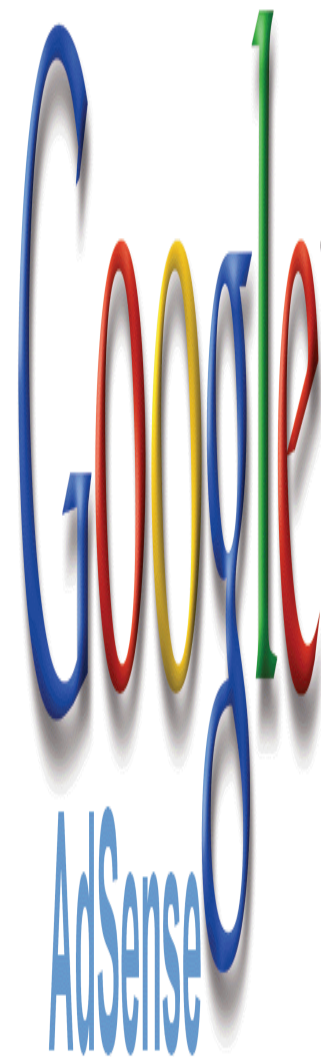
A second Campus Connect Tutorial will be held in the library at 3 p.m.

Campus and Residence Hall tours will leave from the Admissions Office in the Administration building at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and noon, 1, 2, and 3 p.m.

Students may attend classes at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and at 1 p.m.

Students wishing to be admitted during Transfer Day should bring their official high school transcript, transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, current semester class enrollment and application fees of \$20 for U.S. students or \$55 for international students.

For more information and to reserve a spot at SE Live! Transfer Day, visit www.SE.edu/SELive
<<http://www.SE.edu/SELive>><<http://www.SE.edu/SELive>>



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Howe's That

Recipe

by Lana Rideout

My husband and I enjoy going to plays in our area - schools, community plays, and college plays and programs.

A couple of weeks ago, we went to a different play. The play was written by local journalist Gene Lenore and the music by Gil Nelson who writes music and performs in the Sherman Community Players.

This play which is sort of a rough draft was performed by students at Grayson County College. They read their lines from their scripts and there were some costumes and scenery. This was the first time the author and composer saw it performed.

The students had three weeks to learn their lines and work on how they would perform the story.

The basic story told about an English lady who inherited a truck stop café in Texas. The cast of characters was delightful to watch.

When the play was over, the audience was invited to stay and comment on the play, its staging, the songs, etc. The comments were made to the author, composer, and students. The author and the composer may or may not try to work on the play and then produce in the near future.

The audience was limited to less than 100 which gave the cast and audience to be in a more intimate setting.

Also we recently saw the Theatricks production of *My Son Pinocchio*. It was a delightful production with lots of songs and humor. If you have not tried the Sherman Community Players or Theatricks, you should try it. The tickets are quite reasonable and the performances are very professional.



Apple Coffee Cake with Apple Vanilla Icing

1 cup butter, room temperature
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 carton (8 ounces) sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1-1/2 cups chopped, peeled apples
3/4 cup sweetened flaked coconut
3/4 cup chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a Bundt pan. Cream the butter on medium speed of mixer. Gradually add the sugar, mixing well. Add the eggs and beat until fluffy, about 2 minutes.

Whisk together the flour, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and baking powder. With the mixer on low speed, gradually add the flour mixture to the butter-sugar mixture. Add the sour cream and vanilla, mixing well. Batter will be thick. Use a spoon to stir in the apples, coconut and pecans. Spoon into the prepared pan.

Bake about 45 minutes, until a wooden pick or cake tester comes out clean. Do not over-bake. Cool in the pan for 5 minutes and invert onto a wire rack. Drizzle with icing while the cake is still slightly warm.

Apple Vanilla Icing

Combine 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons apple juice and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla in a small bowl. Stir until smooth and drizzle over the coffee cake.

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HHS art students win at the Sherman Artsfest

Ten Howe High School art students won ribbons at the Sherman Artsfest held Sept. 17. HHS art teacher Elizabeth Bennett congratulated the students on their excellent work.

Tenth grade students winning are Denise Gallatin, 1st place; Randel Nix, 5th place; and Brianna Rideout, 2nd place.

Eleventh grade students winning are Van Lian ThawngAui, 1st place; Kathy Courtney, 2nd place; and Libby Cannaday, 4th place.

Twelfth grade students winning are Tannya Rangel, 5th place; Myka Ruder, 1st place; Julio Corona, 2nd place; and Lun BawiThawng, 4th place

Howe ES/MS Menus

Sept. 26-30

Breakfast

Monday – Cinnamon roll, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, diced pear, 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 – Hamburger or corn dog, burger fixins, potato chips, baked beans, pineapple chunks, apple crisp

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

Wednesday – Chicken sandwich or turkey club wrap, burger fixins, pinto beans, fresh apple, rice crispy treat

Thursday – Pepperoni pizza or spaghetti/meat w/toast, broccoli/cheese, steamed corn, diced peaches, Texas toast, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Chicken crispeto or fajitas quesadilla, garden salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail



Howe Elementary “Top Dogs” for the week ending September 16th are: Lukas Peacock, Hally Bollier, Molly Wilson, Waylon Knowles, Lizzy Robertson, David Huerta, Grace Brennan, Jason Ortega, Katie Parker, Luis Gonzalez, Jaggar Courtney, Tate Harvey, Antonio Tapia, Alex Jones, Haley Richardson, and Mikaylah Komoroski.

Fall Festival

When: October 22, 2011

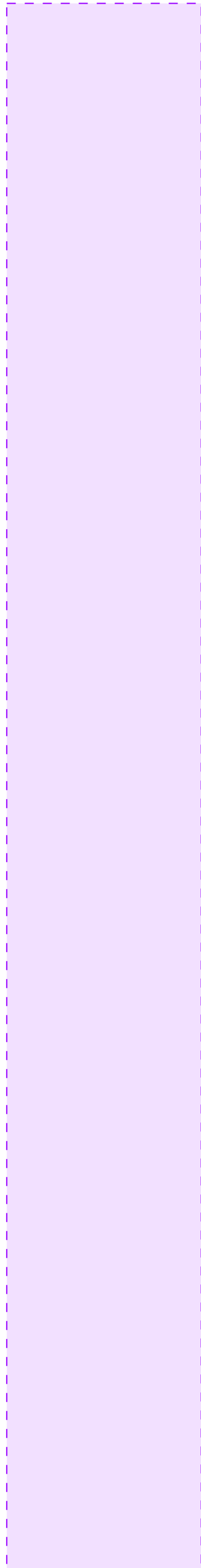
Where: Howe Elem./Middle School Parking Lot

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.





Fulton Earns Eagle Award

Howe High School Senior Travis Fulton has earned his Eagle Scout designation. His project was to build a Garden of Discovery for the HHS LifeSkills class. The 3 x 8 foot garden has a stone walkway..

HHS Principal Blake Stiles commended Travis for doing his Eagle project to help the students of Howe High School.

The son of Susan Fulton, Travis will have his Court of Honor on Jan. 8, 2012 at the First Baptist Church. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fulton of Howe.

HOWE ISD Board meets

The Howe School Board met Thursday, September 15, and conducted the following business:

Howe High School Principal Blake Stiles:

New Teacher Introduction – Melessa Bryant (Secretary), Jason Brogden (Special Ed. Aid), Ashley McCloud (Custodian) Tommy Hawthorn (Custodian), Casey Carr (Science), Morgan Floyd (Science), Kailey Bowlware (Science), Tim Short (Social Studies), Josh Vincent (Agriculture Science)

Students of the Month: Madeline Courtney and Regan Gonzalz; teachers of the month: April Adams and Caroline Hughes

HHS Senior Travis Fulton was recognized for his Eagle Scout project, a “Garden of Discovery” in front of the high school.

Also, Stiles along with HES Principal Darla William and HMS Principal Ritchie Bowling reported on changes to the Campus Improvement plans.

Becky Hogenson gave her annual report on the Library. (Information available at the Howe Community Library)

Superintendent Kevin Wilson reported on enrollment noting that transfers are up as are enrollment numbers.

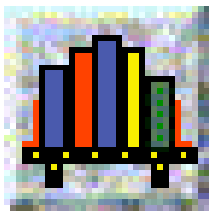
The Board approved the following:

- 2010-2011 Financial Audit
- District and Campus Improvement Plans
- Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 18, 2011
- Monthly Financial Reports
- Budget Amendments
- 2011-12 Employee Compensation Plan
- Student Health Advisory Committee
- Resolution Regarding Public School Finance Litigation
- Update Local Board Policies EIA, EIB, and EIC
- Update Vendor List

Public Hearing

Presentation of FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Data and Howe ISD Rating for the 2009-2010 school year. Persons interested in more information on this item should contact the HISD Administration Office.





BOOKSHELF

By Tracy Luscombe

Are you a coupon clipper? We all need to save money wherever we can. A couple of our staff are real coupon users and as we were sharing with each other we thought there might be others in the community who want to share too. So we've added a coupon basket to the library. Bring in the ones you won't use and take the ones out of the basket you will use. We only ask that you actually cut the coupons from the flyer before adding them to the basket, rather than just throwing the whole flyer page in the basket.

If you like old books you've got a chance to pick up a few for only a small donation to the library. We have some very old books that have been with the library system for a long time. Experts tell us these won't sell online but might be of interest to people who can hold and look at the book. With that in mind we've placed some of these books on a special shelf in the library. If you see something you want, then take it with you. We only ask that you leave a donation in the container on the shelf so we can work toward replacing that book with newer materials for your enjoyment.

October 8 is International Observe the Moon night. We are the recipient of one of the moon viewing kits for NASA for this special event. Watch for more information on experiencing this event with this great equipment that is now a part of the Van Alstyne Public library. After the event, the kit will be made available for groups to check out for their own moon viewing events.

Here are some of the newest additions to the collection:

Ballad of Tom Dooley by Sharyn McCrumb

Impossible by Nancy Werlin

Changeling Dream by Dani Harper

Music CD collections: Burt Bacharach Collection, Frank Sinatra the singles, Frank Sinatra Reprise collection, Peggy Lee singles collection

Tea with Hezbollah: sitting at the enemies' table, our journey through the Middle East by Ted Dekker and Carl Medearis

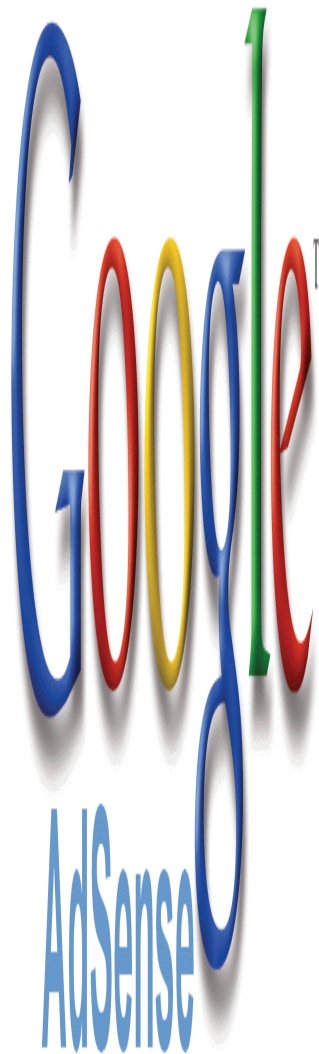
33 Men: inside the miraculous survival and dramatic rescue of the Chilean miners by Jonathan Franklin

Sugar: a bittersweet history by Elizabeth Abbott

Hope to see you around the Van Alstyne Public Library

Wyoming's

110 E. Haning Ave.
Howe, TX 75459
903-814-2128
Fine Dining



7th & 8th grade volleyball

Sept. 19 - 7th grade B team won 15-13, 15-9 last night against Whitewright.
Their record is 2-1.

7th grade A team lost to Whitewright 25-15, 25-21, record 3-3.

Both teams play Monday night at Tom Bean against S&S at 4:30.

Sept. 19 the 8th grade volleyball team earned their first district win of the season.

The Lady Cats defeated rival Whitewright (25-10) (25-23). The girls played very hard and served the ball very well all night. Congratulate these young ladies when you see them.

Varsity Volleyball

Results Tom Bean vs. Gunter 9/13/11

Tom Bean- The Tom Bean Lady Cats fell to Gunter with scores of 8-25, 11-25, 9-25. The Lady Cats fought hard but were unable to overcome their offensive struggles that have plagued them since the Labor Day break. Ashley Selman continued to lead the Lady Cats with 4 kills while Amber Davis followed with 2.

Results Tom Bean vs. Howe 9/16/11

Tom Bean- The Lady Cats enjoyed their first district win this year by defeating the Howe Lady Bulldogs, 18-25, 27-25, 25-14, 25-22. The Lady Cats were led by the solid net performance of Sophomore Ashley Selman with 20 kills, 4 blocks and a remarkable run of over 32 serves over the four game match. Amber Davis contributed 14 kills and was crucial in the clutch moment of the fourth game with a line kill to help put the game away. Ronni Trentman finished the night with 34 assists in one her most solid setting performances of the year.

The statistics and figures were a nice change of pace; however, I cannot emphasize how important it was for everyone to contribute. Alex Hendry, Makenzie Jones & Raechel Van Horn were all solid in their positions on both offense and defense, while Danielle Thompson and Maci Chapman were leaders for the mental challenges that were faced during these exciting games.

Results Tom Bean vs. Whitewright 9/20/11

Tom Bean- The Tom Bean Lady Cats dropped an exciting match against Whitewright on Tuesday night with scores of 20-25, 25-23, 20-25 & 26-28. Ashley Selman continues her outstanding performances on the net with 15 kills and 19 blocks, followed by Sophomore Alex Hendry and Amber Davis with 8 kills each. Junior Ronni Trentman gathered 28 assists on the night. While the Lady Cats seemed to be overpowering on the offensive side during the match, the inability to maintain consistency and put the game out of reach was a problem against a Whitewright team that dug the ball up over 103 times out of the 139 times the ball was hit at them. We had a wonderful crowd and I thank each and every fan for coming out. Submitted by Coach Karen Hogden

Tom Bean JV Volleyball

Sept. 20 - The JV volleyball was defeated by Whitewright by scores of 19-25, 19-25. The games were close until the end, but the lady cats just couldn't quite finish with a victory. Thank you for your support of these young ladies. We will be playing our next match Friday night here against Pottsboro following the varsity match.

Tom Bean Tomcats fall to Collinsville

TOM BEAN -- Rain greeted the Tomcats and Pirates for the Sept. 16 game in Tom Bean. The Pirates came away the winner, 39-15.

Collinsville (2-2) got on the board first on a 45-yard run in the first quarter. In the second quarter Tom Bean's Cody Miller (0-4) returned a 22-yard fumble to even the score at half time, 7-7.

Collinsville dominated the third quarter with three TDs on runs of 46, 65, and 37, putting the game at 26-7 as the final quarter began.

In the fourth quarter the Pirates scored on runs of 1 and 11.

Tom Bean posted the final score of the game when Travis Hill nabbed a 19-yard pass from Miller, putting the score at 39-15.



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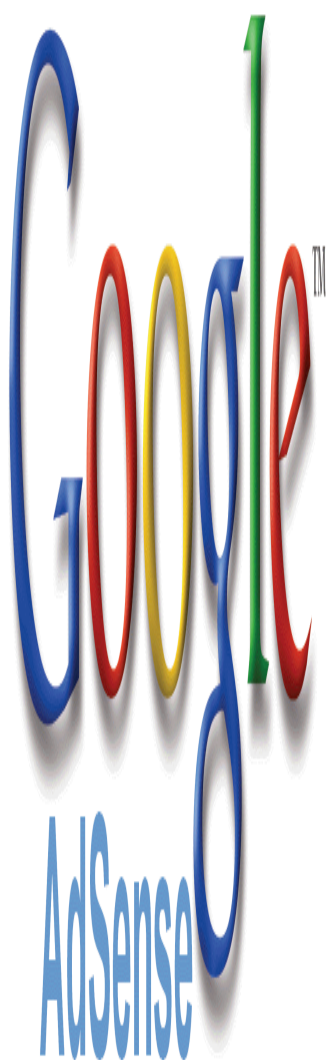
Is this Davy Crockett's Rifle?

Do you wish you could talk with your grandmother or grandfather about the old times. Well, the genealogy dept. of Tom Bean library has the next best thing. Come and visit with historians and old-timers about your heritage and life the way it was generations before. Saturday, October 1st, 200 pm

Bob DeBerry has prepared a lecture on the long rifle of the old days. The Darwin family had one of these old rifles that had belonged to Davy Crockett. That rifle is now on display at the Alamo, but still belongs to the family.

The program will begin at 2:00 pm sharp at the Tom Bean Library, located in the Tom Bean City Hall. Come early to get a good seat.

From the sounds of things, Bob is willing and able to have a question and answer session after his presentation. Lavern Darwin has been invited and indicated she might be able to come. Cliff DeBerry, 90 year old uncle to Bob, should be there also. He used to drive the Tom Bean school bus in the 1950's. Maybe Elizabeth Turner can bring her mother too? If you have neighbors or kinfolk who are "old-timers" please invite them to come. We should have a real good time listening and learning!



FLU SHOT CLINIC OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Wednesday, October 5 from 2-4 P.m. In the Tom Bean Elementary Cafeteria

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Please contact Gloria Shaw, R.N. At 903-546-6333, Ext 204, If Interested or Have Any Questions

TBISD scores high on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

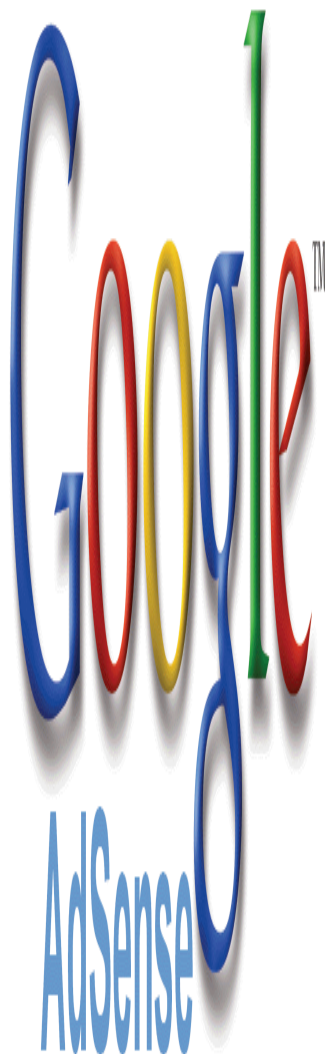
For a ninth year in a row, the Texas Education Agency has awarded TBISD its top rating of Superior Achievement for management of the school district's financial resources for 2009-2010.

TBISD first earned the top rating in 2001-2002 under the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) program, which is based on 22 financial indicators used to rate district compliance with financial standards and benchmarks.

The purpose of the financial accountability rating system (Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 19, § 109.1001) is to ensure that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and achieve improved performance in the management of their financial resources. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to manage their financial resources better in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The system will also disclose the quality of local management and decision-making processes that impact the allocation of financial resources in Texas public schools.

The School FIRST program was created in 2001 by the Texas Legislature. Under the annual review, public school districts can be assigned ratings that range from Substandard to Superior Achievement. Ratings are based on analysis of staff and student data, budgetary and actual figures for the year reviewed, and other Legislative requirements. School FIRST helps to facilitate better uses of school district's financial resources.

As required, the TBISD Board of Trustees reviewed the district's Financial Integrity Rating during its September 19th meeting during a public hearing.



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

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Sherman Community Players - Ring of Fire

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

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

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

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

The SCP production consists of 4 men and 4 women singers and a five piece band of well-known country western musicians from the area. The show's

format is that of a musical revue bridging songs together with narration about the late country musician's life and his music. Musical styles include country western, rockabilly and gospel, with love songs, prison songs, comedy songs, patriotic songs and many more.

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

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

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



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Bowhunting Hagerman Program

Saturday, September 24, 2011, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Annual seminar for archery deer hunters, presented by Rick Cantu and Jim Lillis. Sponsored by Hagerman NWR and the Friends of Hagerman. Free Location: Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, TX 75092

Contact:

Rick Cantu

(903) 786-2826

friendsofhagerman@gmail.com

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge lies on the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma, on the Red River between Oklahoma and Texas. Established in 1946, the refuge includes 3,000 acres of marsh and water and 8,000 acres of upland and farmland. During fall, winter, and spring, the marshes and waters are in constant use by migrating and wintering waterfowl.

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1946 as an overlay of a portion of the Big Mineral arm of Lake Texoma. Consisting of about 12,000 acres, the Refuge provides a variety of habitats for birds and wildlife. Canada, snow, white-fronted, and Ross' geese along with pintail, mallard, gadwall and other ducks use refuge impoundments and fields as stop-over and wintering grounds. White pelicans by the thousands can be seen here during their spring and fall migrations. Deer, turkeys, bobcats, hawks, and songbirds are abundant.

Many recreational opportunities are offered at the Refuge. Bird and wildlife observation, an auto tour, hiking trails, fishing, hunting, boating, and paddling are examples of available activities.

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 Updates

We have cancelled our gospel event on Sept. 24 and our bluegrass jam on Sept. 29.

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

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

Admission for this event is \$10 at the door.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided. We have had so many say they will be here that it might be a good idea to come early for your choice of seating.

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House before and during the show. We serve hot dogs, nachos and chopped brisket sandwiches, as well as soda, popcorn, and candy. 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.

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

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

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The murdered sheriff

By Bob Bowman

A few weeks ago, Doris and I spent a couple of days at Waco, attending a history conference.

One of the speakers made a presentation on Texas lawmen who died in the line of duty. One of the lawmen--Angelina County Sheriff William Reed (Bill) McMullen-- caught my attention.

McMullen was one of the men who was killed during a feud between the Gilley and Windham families at Homer, the county seat of Angelina County in the 1860s.

The seeds for the feud were planted by two incidents. On August 1, 1865, John D. Windham and Isaac Gilley met on the streets of Homer, exchanged threats and Gilley shot Windham with a double-barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot.

Windham recovered from his wounds, but Gilley was indicted for attempted murder in 1866.

But that didn't end the feud. In the spring of 1866, Gilley rode into Homer with a Texas flag, hoisted it on a pole on the courthouse square near the Hudiburg Hotel, and dared any man to take it down.

Gilley was addressing the jayhawkers and night riders who were seeking to gain control of the county in an upcoming June election.

Gunfire rang out from the hotel and Gilley and his men took cover as the town square exploded with pistol and rifle shots from the doors and windows of the hotel. Someone rode for Sheriff McMullen, who was eating supper at his home a mile away. He hurriedly rode into Homer with his son Foster.



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Dot's
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By Dorothy N. Fowler

While I waited to pick up a prescription at a local pharmacy, I watched other customers come in to do whatever it was they were going to do. Most notably to me were the grim faces on the skinny women who came in. No answering smile even when they received one, no glint of good humor and as each of them approached the pharmacy clerk each of them exhibited a certain aura of supercilious righteousness, just short of being uncivil.

"My word," I thought, "Every one of these women must be hungry. That's the only thing they could possibly have in common. Unless they are all members of the _____ Church." You get to fill in the blank, although I have a certain denomination in mind.

Now, it is true that I am a woman who has fought my weight since I was a small child and I am the first to confess that if I am angry or uncivil, my behavior is not likely to be the result of being hungry. And most, although not all, members of the denomination that ordained me as a minister, are less inclined to supercilious righteousness than some others. Some, however, are a bit prone to intellectual snobbery, a trait that might lead one to believe they know about Jesus but have barely more than a speaking acquaintance with Him.

There is no way to know for sure why the women who were coming into the drugstore looked so cross.

One of my favorite preachers, a man who was a good friend and a wonderful mentor, urged the members of his church to use their Christian imaginations when they encountered incivility.

For example, he said he had showered, shaved and put on a gleaming white shirt his wife had just finished ironing, got into his car and began his daily trip to the hospital. He hadn't gone far when a man driving a pickup drew up beside him at a stop sign, and when the driver started the pickup, he burned rubber and incidentally threw the only water on the street into the minister's open car window. The combination of muddy water and tire rubber ruined his shirt.

"I wanted to run him down and drag him out of that pickup and beat him to a pulp," the minister said, "but I decided that he probably did what he did because he was on his way to the hospital because his wife had called him because she was in labor. I didn't believe it, of course, but it could have been true and it made me feel better."

So, that's what I did as I watched the sour-faced customers, mostly women come and go. "Maybe she has someone at home who is really ill and someone has come in to stay with that person while this person gets out for a little while," I thought.



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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

As he approached the hotel, he was killed instantly with a bullet to his chest. Eli Windham was also killed. Seeing that McMullen had fallen, men on both sides scrambled for their horses and rode out of town.

Several wounded men were treated by Dr. W.W. Manning on his store porch. The Gilley gang rode to the home of Dr. D.H.L. Hogg to have their wounds treated.

The instability of county's government was worsened by the Homer shootout. In an election on July 25, 1866, voters elected new county officials, and the mood was to kick out the unionists.

Sheriff McMullen, meanwhile, had been buried at Homer Cemetery.

In 1885, after Gilley had fled to Louisiana, he was hunted down and returned to Homer for the murder of Eli Windham. However, he was found not guilty.

On March 12, 1890, Gilley cleaned his pistol, loaded it with new shells, placed the barrel under his chin, and pulled the trigger. He died instantly.

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

Dot's Dashes, continued

"Maybe she has arthritis and every step she takes hurts so much that she can't look pleasant."

"Maybe she bought shoes too small for her feet and every step is painful."

"Maybe she picked up a gallon milk and dropped it before she got it to the kitchen counter and maybe the top came off and it spilled all over the floor and she had to pull the refrigerator away from the wall so she could mop under it before she left the house."

"Maybe her roots are beginning to show the gray and she can't get an appointment with the colorist for three more weeks."

In a world where being thin is such a prized condition, it was hard for me to think up many more hypothetical reasons for the sour looks and barely civil behavior I saw among the skinny folk. Since they have met and in some cases exceeded the desired degree of thinness, they should, in most cases, have been ecstatic.

Barring any other convincing explanation, I have gone back to my first premise. I think they're just plain hungry.

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Capitol Watch
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Constitutional Amendments Election

This week's column is the third 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.

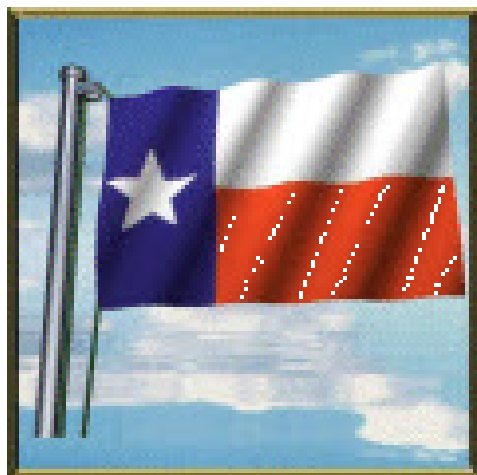
Amendment No. 3 The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the state to finance educational loans to students.

This amendment would empower the legislature by general law to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell state general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing student loans in the manner provided by law as long as the principal amount of outstanding bonds issued is at all times equal to or less than the aggregate principal amount of state general obligation bonds previously authorized for that purpose. It also would authorize the legislature to provide for the investment of bond proceeds and to establish and provide for the investment of an interest and sinking fund to pay the bonds. The proposed amendment would have the effect of continuing the existing Hinson-Hazelwood Student Loan Program, for which similar bonds have previously been authorized. Unlike the previous bond authorizations, the proposed amendment would not limit the total amount of bonds issued.

Supporters say cuts in federal financial aid and the elimination of certain federal financial aid programs, together with

expected reductions in available state grant programs, likely will increase the demand for student loans, and low-interest, fixed-rate loans, such as those offered under the Hinson-Hazelwood program. Such loans are the best alternative loans a student can get when federally subsidized or federally insured loans are insufficient or are not available. The program boasts relatively low default rates, interest rates competitive on a national level, and a long-standing record of success. Students issued loans under the program tend both to graduate and to repay money owed. In addition, existing law requires that the program be self-sustaining; regardless of the default rate, the program is obligated to pay back its debt service payments, which it does through student loan repayments funneled into a statutorily required interest and sinking fund. The state has never had to contribute any general revenue for bonds issued under the program, and even though the program is backed by the state's general obligation rating, it does not affect the constitutional debt limit due to its self-supporting nature.

Opponents of the amendment point out that nationally, student loan debt presently exceeds credit card debt, and there is some concern that student loans are a potential catalyst for a widespread financial predicament similar to that relating to subprime mortgage loans. Ideally, state support of students pursuing higher education should be in the form of grant aid, not loans. 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.

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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 7:30pm each night. Our theme is "How Well Do You Jesus?"



More Than a Prank

Ray Hawk recalls an incident from his college days*: When I was a college student in the late fifties, several of us from Stratford, OK car-pooled to Ada for classes. We would meet downtown to ride with whoever was driving that week.

One morning, right after Halloween, I pulled onto the one block stretch of downtown stores and was surprised to see an outhouse standing in the middle of the street. I parked, grabbed my camera and took several pictures. When I had finished, I noticed the town constable walking my way. I greeted him. His mood became visible very quickly.

"Why are you taking pictures?" he asked. I told him I thought it was an unusual sight. He asked, "Did you have anything to do with this?" I replied in the negative. His response was, "It seems strange that you just happened to have a camera to take pictures of something that you didn't know anything about until you arrived." I told him that I always carried my camera in the car with me. Apparently satisfied, he turned and walked away.

Later I found out who had pulled the prank. Several of my college friends had "borrowed" it and placed it on Main Street as a Halloween prank.

Pranks are often pulled during Halloween... Most are harmless, and people laugh when their stories are told. Those that damage property or actually hurt someone do not make their way into our folklore as being amusing.

The word prank is defined as, "A practical joke or prank is a mischievous trick played

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on someone, especially one that causes the victim to experience embarrassment, indignity, or discomfort.” So, not everyone thinks they are funny. Our town constable didn’t. Neither did some of the storeowners. Folks coming into town and finding the street blocked, didn’t. Those who had to move the outhouse probably lost their smiles when it came to moving it.

Following Hawk’s analogy and application, we learn a needed truth: It was much more than a ‘dirty prank’; it was an abominable LIE when the devil told Eve, “You will not surely die,” when she disobeyed the Lord (Genesis 3:4). This lie has been perpetrated to this day. Sin is serious – deadly serious – because it SEPARATES us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), and ‘the wages of sin is DEATH’ (Romans 6:23a).”

But the GOOD NEWS is that “the gift of God is eternal LIFE in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23b). God so loved the world that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price of

redemption for our sins (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7). He died for us so that we might have forgiveness and live with Him for eternity!

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

Here’s the TRUTH: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Won’t YOU accept God’s gift on His terms?

David A. Sargent, Minister

Mobile, Alabama

* Ray Hawk. “My Thoughts: Prank or Joke.” Wednesday:

09/07/2011. Hawk serves as one of the ministers of the Campbell St. church of Christ in Jackson, TN.



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105 Hopson,

Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

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minister; worship 11am

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Jim Poole, pastor,

903/482-6356

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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.

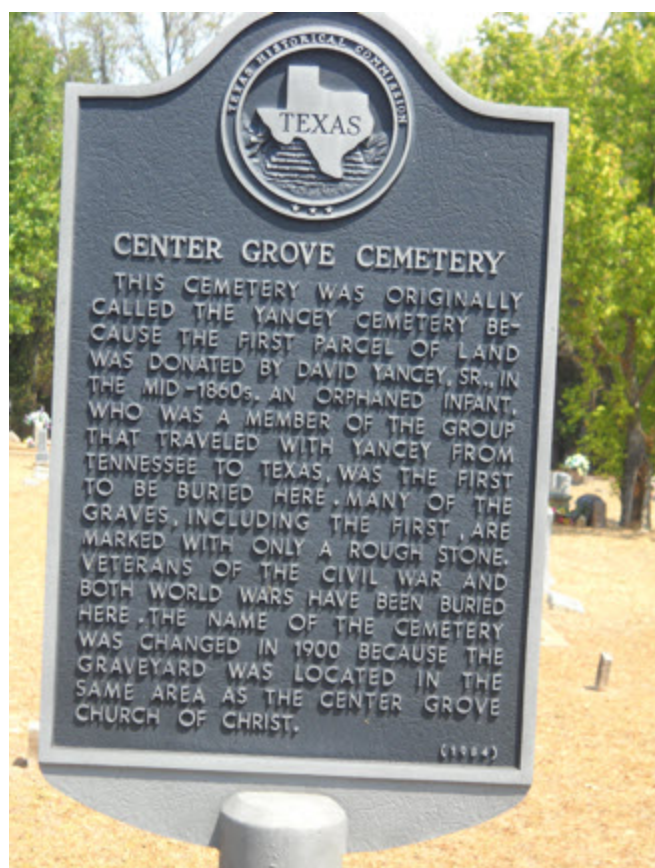
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members. 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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How Will the Debt-Limit Deal Affect Seniors?

Congress has agreed to allow the President to raise the debt ceiling in exchange for \$2.4 trillion in budget cuts over 10 years. How this deal will affect the three major programs crucial to the elderly -- Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security -- may not be known until almost year's end, but the impact could be significant.

The agreement calls for two stages of spending reductions. In the first stage, which will pare \$917 billion from the budget, "entitlement" programs like Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid are spared. Instead, the cuts are evenly divided between defense and non-defense "discretionary" programs. Some aging and poverty programs that the elderly rely on, such as heating assistance, could be hit with budget reductions, but so will defense programs.

In the second stage, a 12-member Congressional committee - six members from each party -- must agree on an additional \$1.5 trillion in cuts by Thanksgiving, and Congress must vote on their proposal (with no modifications) by December 23. Here, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security will all be back on the table. In the case of Medicare, the powerful panel will be looking at changes like raising the eligibility age, increasing premiums for wealthy recipients, hiking deductibles and co-pays, and slashing payments to providers and drug companies.

To cut Medicaid, this joint committee will consider giving states more flexibility to reduce eligibility and benefits, meaning that it might become even tougher for elderly nursing home residents to qualify for Medicaid. The committee will also be looking at cutting payments to nursing homes, which just got hit with a more than 11 percent reduction. Nursing home residents could feel the impact in the form of reduced services and compromised care.

For Social Security, one thing the panel will undoubtedly consider changing is how the program's cost of living increase

is calculated, which will result in lower benefits. Pushing back the eligibility age for future retirees could also be on the table.

Although President Obama will be pressing the joint committee to not just cut programs but to increase revenues by raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations, it is anybody's guess whether the panel's Republican members will agree to this.

"The future of the programs really hangs in the balance," said Joe Baker, president of the Medicare Rights Center, an advocacy group. "It could lead to deep cuts and irreversible changes to Medicare and Medicaid that shift costs to beneficiaries."

If the 12-member panel can't agree on a plan to pare at least \$1.2 trillion from the budget -- or Congress votes down its proposal or President Obama vetoes it -- automatic spending cuts totaling that amount would kick in beginning in 2013.

Medicaid, Social Security and veterans programs are among the programs that will be exempt from these mandatory cuts, but Medicare is not exempt. There would be a 2 percent cut to Medicare, although the savings would have to come from payments to providers like doctors and hospitals, not from beneficiaries. Such a reduction to providers would be on top of a 6 percent drop in provider payments already enacted to help finance health care reform. Doctors and hospitals would feel the impact initially, but Medicare beneficiaries would experience it soon enough as more providers refuse to treat Medicare patients, reduce services or go out of business.

There is, however, a strong incentive for the joint committee to avoid these automatic cuts and instead agree on a plan that Congress can pass and the President can sign: Along with the 2 percent automatic Medicare cut would be an automatic 8 percent reduction in defense spending, or nearly \$500 billion. The thinking is that both Democrats and Republicans would view defense cuts of this magnitude as too damaging to their parties to contemplate.



Global hunger. Who cares?

By Mike Barnett

Nobody cares that the American farmer puts a huge dent in global hunger.

Well, “nobody” isn’t exactly correct. But 40 percent of those surveyed in a recent analysis of consumer trust by the Center for Food Integrity said they strongly disagree that it’s the United States’ responsibility to feed a hungry world.

That’s disturbing in light of the drought and famine in Africa that’s affecting millions.

Has the American consumer turned callous?

I hate to say yes, but it’s easy to think in that direction.

It’s been generations since we’ve had true hunger in America. I’m talking distended belly hunger, people dying because they don’t have enough to eat.

Our food in America comes from the grocery store. Or so consumers think. Shelves are nearly always stocked and we get angry when the item we want is unavailable. There’s a fast food restaurant on every corner serving huge portions for the asking. When you consider the cost of homes and cars and fuel and all those other “necessities” of American life, food is cheap.

Obesity runs rampant in our society. The only distended bellies in America are those who let another notch out of their belt because they eat too much.

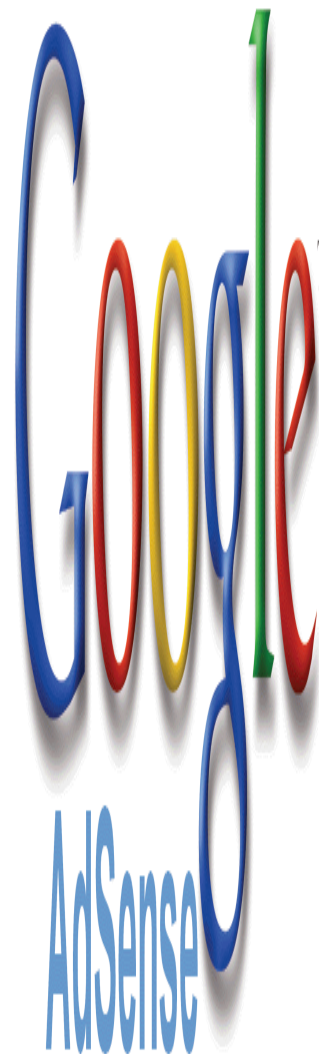
How can we recognize the suffering of true global hunger when we can’t relate?

It troubles me because one of the main messages agriculture has used for decades is our ability to feed a hungry globe. Take away that argument and it gives strong support to those who want to do away with modern agriculture techniques. Take away those modern tools and we’ll see true global hunger.

Guess it’s time for a new message. In the meantime, American farmers will continue to be the most productive in the world. They will continue to produce abundant, affordable food. And they’ll continue to feed the world.

To heck with what the survey says.

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



FFA, 4-H launch

Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture website

A website that tells the credible, proven and honorable story of Texas agriculture has been launched as a joint effort between Texas 4-H, Texas FFA and several Texas farm organizations.

The website is part of an initiative called Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture, where the youth of Texas will unite with a common voice to promote the positive story of agriculture across the Lone Star State.

“Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture is an exciting joint venture of great youth organizations with proven leadership,” said Chase Vineyard of Stephenville, president of the Texas 4-H Council. “Our goal is to promote trust and encourage understanding of an industry essential in maintaining food security for millions of Americans.”

The website is a hub of information for 4-H and FFA youth and includes a “how-to” toolbox for communicating agriculture’s story, messages for agricultural promotion and an activity page where youth can share their experiences.

“Texas Proud youth will tell positive stories of agriculture,” said Dakota Fleming of Troy, a member of the Bell County Farm Bureau, Beef Ambassadors and a student at Texas A&M University. “We will connect consumers with the food they eat.”

The initiative carries three main messages:

*Agriculture is critical to the life of every Texas. Without it, we would not survive.

*Agriculture is more than food and clothing. It contributes to your home, health, lifestyle and economy.

*America’s farming and ranching families care about their animals and their land.

“Our generation will blaze new trails in dispelling the myths about Texas agriculture and telling the truth about the rural way of life that we love,” said former Texas FFA State President Mason Parrish, a student at Texas A&M University.

The Texas Proud of Texas Agriculture website may be found at www.texasproudoftexasag.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



Telling Our Stories

Apron Strings: Ties to the Past

By Eleanor Monroe

How long has it been since you have seen someone wearing an apron? I don't wear them; my daughters don't wear them and my grandchildren barely know what they are.

I had a drawer full of them that I couldn't even *give* away. Most of them were hand-made hand-me-downs from my mother. One was made out of pink checked gingham, cut on the bias and smocked with a cross stitch to give it a flirty flare. It was definitely just for looks.

The utility aprons were longer, starched at attention and had bibs to amply protect the "housewife's house dress" from stains while canning jams and jellies (I now rely on Knott's Berry Farm for mine); from flour while making biscuits (I use the frozen kind that are just 20 minutes from freezer to table); or from grease splatters when frying chicken (Colonel Sanders is much quicker and safer). Moreover, if I happen to get a spot on my wash-and-wear blouse while unloading the ready-to-eat groceries, I can wash the blouse as easily as I could wash an apron – and I don't have to iron it.

So after selecting a couple of aprons to keep for sentimental reasons, I stuffed the rest into a plastic sack and threw them in the pile for Fall Cleanup Trash Collection.

The next weekend, my daughter, Kathie, came to visit. "What's in the sack?" she asked.

"Just a bunch of aprons I'm throwing away. Nobody wears them any more, and there is no use wasting drawer space on them."

She grabbed the bag and started pulling them out. "Don't you know that old aprons are collector items now? My friends go to flea markets and secondhand stores just to buy aprons made by strangers. And you were going to get rid of *My Grandmother's Aprons that she made herself?*"

She took all of them: a Christmas apron outlined in lace with Santa's face on the front; aprons with matching hot pad mittens; an organdy one that wouldn't protect anything, but was politely offered to a guest who stayed to help clean up the mess; several everyday, checked gingham ones with smocking; and, of course the picture-perfect pink one. Just as I was beginning to think that aprons were relics of the past, they are in demand again. They have a certain nostalgic appeal. They are symbols of the American home, as we would like to remember it: a house that smelled of home baked bread and pan-fried chicken, a place where time was not in a hurry, and patience and pride turned the making of a simple apron into an art form.

Aprons trigger some childhood memories of my own: moments from the past, remembered for no particular reason. Once, while visiting my grandmother, I tagged along when she went to the garden. She wore an apron over her house dress and a sunbonnet to shade her face from the fierce Kansas sun. When she got to the tomato patch, she caught up the bottom edges of her apron to form a makeshift sack and began gathering the large, smooth, bright red tomatoes. She gave me one, and she ate one, too. The skin was so thin my teeth sank into the warm, succulent fruit. As juice ran down our chins, we both began to giggle and laugh.

Grandma's apron was her weapon of defense. On hot, sticky days, when flies gathered on cue at the supper table, she would flap her apron and shoo them toward the door, and I would hold the screen open to let them out. She used it to shoo the children out of the garden and the cats away from the dog's food. It was handy because she always had one on, like wearing a gun on your hip.

I remember, too, how my brother teased our mother when we were children. When she washed dishes, he would slip up behind her and untie her apron string, allowing it to drop to the floor. She would wheel around and act as if she were going to grab him; and he would run away, squealing with delight. The game extended long into adulthood – but with a different ending. When she wheeled around, he would hold our petite mother at arms length and say, "Get up off your knees, shortie, if you want to fight." And we would all laugh.

Kathie's rescue of Mama's aprons from the trash and the admiration she had for them made me stop and recall things I hadn't thought about for years; Made me cherish the sweet memories of the past that are "tied to mama's apron strings."

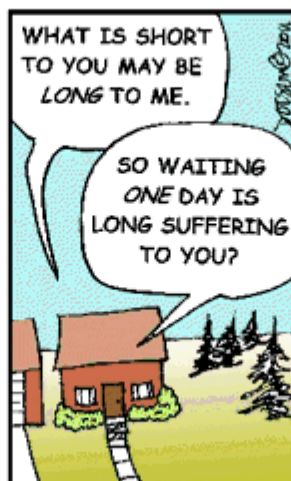


The Top 31 Things You Will Never Hear A Southern Boy Say:

31. When I retire, I'm movin' north.
 30. Oh I just couldn't, she's only sixteen.
 29. I'll take Shakespeare for 1000, Alex.
 28. Duct tape won't fix that.
 27. Come to think of it, I'll have a Heineken
 26. We don't keep firearms in this house.
 25. You can't feed that to the dog.
 24. No kids in the back of the pickup, it's just not safe.
 23. Wrestling is fake.
 22. We're vegetarians.
 21. Do you think my gut is too big?
 20. I'll have grapefruit and grapes instead of biscuits and gravy.
 19. Honey, we don't need another dog.
 18. Who gives a damn who won the Civil War?
 17. Give me the small bag of pork rinds.
 16. Too many deer heads detract from the decor.
 15. I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-Mart today.
 14. Trim the fat off that steak.
 13. Cappuccino tastes better than espresso.
 12. The tires on that truck are too big.
 11. I've got it all on the C: DRIVE.
 10. Unsweetened tea tastes better.
 9. My fiance, Bobbie Jo, is registered at Tiffany's.
 8. I've got two cases of Zima for the Super Bowl.
 7. Checkmate
 6. She's too young to be wearing a bikini.
 5. Hey, here's an episode of "Hee Haw" that we haven't seen.
 4. I don't have a favorite college team.
 3. You Guys.
 2. Those shorts ought to be a little longer, Betty Mae.
- And the number one thing that you will never hear a southern boy say:
1. Nope, no more beer for me. I'm driving a whole bus load of us down to re-elect OBAMA!

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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

