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Howe, Texas
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September 27, 2012



Howe Homecoming Queen



Roy Rogers Show



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Church News

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SE Live Transfer Enrollment Day set for Oct. 16

DURANT, Okla. – SE Live Transfer Enrollment Day at Southeastern Oklahoma State University will be held Tuesday, October 16.

Prospective students transferring to Southeastern this spring 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 the day of activities.

Transfer Enrollment Day features a “Come and Go” format. Check-in will be from 9 am-4 pm in the Office of Admissions in the Southeastern Administration Building.

Prospective students may 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 workshops on Student and Residence Life.

Students wishing to be admitted on Transfer Enrollment Day should bring official transcripts from all high schools and colleges attended, current semester class enrollment and the \$20 application fee. Application fee for international students is \$55.

For more information and to reserve your spot at SE Live Transfer Enrollment Day, visit the website at www.SE.edu/SELive or call the Office of University Recruitment at 580-745-2060.



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Economics 101

This story was taken off the internet and may or may not be true, but it does illustrate a lesson.

"An economics teacher at a local school made a statement that he had never failed a single student before, but had recently failed an entire class. That class had insisted that Obama/ Biden socialism worked and that no one would be poor and no one would be rich, a great equalizer.

The teacher then said, "OK, we will have an experiment in this class on the Obama/Biden plan". All grades will be averaged and everyone will receive the same grade so no one will fail and no one will receive an A.... (substituting grades for dollars - something closer to home and more readily understood by all).

After the first test, the grades were averaged and everyone got a B. The students who studied hard were upset and the students who studied little were happy. As the second test rolled around, the students who studied little had studied even less and the ones who studied hard decided they wanted a free ride too so they studied little.

The second test average was a D! No one was happy.

When the 3rd test rolled around, the average was an F.

As the tests proceeded, the scores never increased as bickering, blame and name-calling all resulted in hard feelings and no one would study for the benefit of anyone else.

To their great surprise, ALL FAILED and the teacher told them that socialism would also ultimately fail because when the reward is great, the effort to succeed is great, but when government takes all the reward away, and gives to those who do nothing, no-one will try or want to succeed."

Here are also some truths and ramifications regarding socialism:

"1. You can not legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.

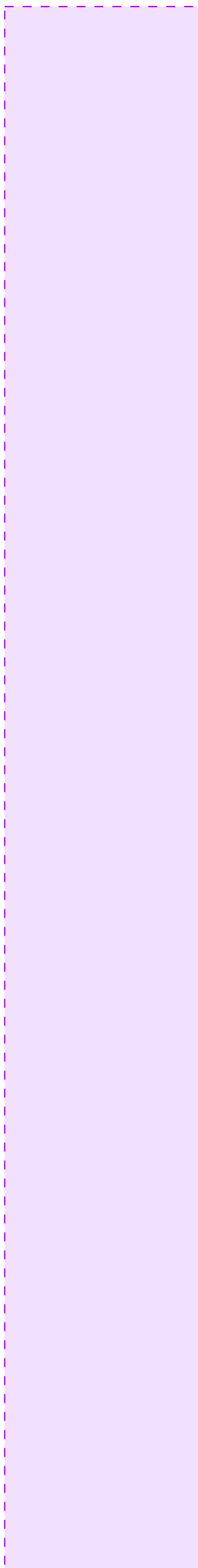
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.

3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.

4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!

5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation."

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Howe's That

by Lana Rideout

The RFD-TV network has a weekly program that is from the long ago past -- *The Roy Rogers Show*.

I grew up watching *The Roy Rogers Show* back in the 1950's. I really enjoy watching the show each week.

Last week the story was about a couple of cowboys who were doing some prospecting but having no luck. They overheard a man telling someone about the greatest treasure ever.

One of the cowboys was a nice young man while the other one was leaning toward the bad.

They got together to steal this great treasure. However, the treasure the man was talking about it the Holy Bible. A good lesson for all of us – we need to seek the Lord through the scriptures.

On a different note: Singer Andy Williams died this week at 84. He was always one of my favorites. In fact, when my husband and I were dating, Andy had a hit song out "Dear Heart." It became "our song."

Recipe

Cracker Barrel Hash Brown Casserole

- 1 bag Ore Ida potato shreds hash browns (they only make one size)
- 1 onion, chopped or diced
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 3 tablespoons margarine
- 1/2 lb colby cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Mix potatoes, onion, celery and mushroom soups, and 1/2 of the cheese. Coat a 9" x 13" baking dish with spray oil. Spread mixture into dish. Sprinkle other 1/2 of cheese evenly over top. Dot margarine evenly over the cheese.

Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until cheese starts to brown at peaks.



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Flu Shots at the Van Alstyne Senior Center

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

The Grayson County Health Department will be at the Senior Center to give shots. There is no charge for those who have Medicare or Medicaid. If you have Medicaid, you must have your card with you. Private pay is \$20.00 cash. For more information or questions, please call Sandy at

(903) 482-6341.

Army Pvt. Ana M. Oviedo has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Oviedo is the daughter of Denise Pratt of MacGregor Drive, and Javier Oviedo of West Owings Street, both of Denison.

She is a 2010 graduate of Howe High School.





Howe Elementary Top Dogs

The "TOP DOGS" at Howe Elementary from September 10th - September 21st are: Brett Burnett, Clay Barnett, Seth Key, Erin Catching, Niko Longoria, Luis Gonzales, Sabian Acevedo, Luke Hardy, Mackenzie Bryant, Janna Nitchman, caden Garner, Catelyn Armstrong, Willie Husband, Jacob Orthegea, Garren Lankford, William Fuhr, Ariel Uriostegui, and AJ Banda.



Howe 2012 Maranda Casteel poses with last year's Queen Kathryn McGinness.

Rescue unit from 9/11 to visit Howe

Rescue 4, a Fire Department (FDNY) heavy rescue vehicle that was operating at the World Trade Center Twin Towers site on the day of the terrorist attack will be in Howe, courtesy of the Howe Fire Department on Monday, Oct. 8.

The Remembrance Rescue Project, featuring Rescue is a mobile memorial for fallen firefighters designed to honor and educate and to commemorate the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. All eight firefighters who responded that day were evacuating civilians and were killed when the Twin Towers collapsed.

Uniformed personnel and civilians will assemble at 1 pm at the Howe Fire Department, 120 E. Haning Street, for the presentation, presented as part of National Fire Prevention Month. Besides viewing the rescue vehicle and learning about its history, those attending will be invited to tour the Howe Fire Station. Refreshment will be served.

Fall Festival

When: October 20, 2012

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.

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The Howe City Council held their regular meeting on September 18, 2012

Mayor Jeff Stanley called the regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Dale Rideout, Georgia Richardson, Jack Leavenworth, Sam Haigis and Dennis Bozeman.

Mayor Stanley gave the invocation.

Mayor Stanley led the pledges to the United States of America and the Texas flags.\

Public Requests -- None

PUBLIC HEARING -- ORDINANCE NO. 717
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$26,678.00, WHICH IS A 5.50%, INCREASE, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$1,888.00 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

ORDINANCE NO. 717A
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE IN THE 2012-2013 BUDGET AS A RESULT OF THE CITY RECEIVING MORE REVENUES FROM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE 2012-2013 BUDGET THAN IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 718
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS LEVYING PROPERTY TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS FOR THE 2012/2013 FISCAL YEAR, A TAX OF \$0.470141 ON EACH \$100 VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS AND A TAX OF \$0.177759 ON EACH \$100.00 VALUATION OF PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEREST AND SINKING ON BONDS AND CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

ORDINANCE NO. 719
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF ELM AND MAPLE STREETS AS A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION IN THE CITY OF HOWE, TEXAS; SETTING A PENALTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

END PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Jack Leavenworth to approve Ordinance No. 717 adopting the budget for the City of Howe, Texas for the fiscal year 2012-2013. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No – Sam Haigis.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve Ordinance No. 717A ratifying the property tax revenue increase in the 2012-2013 budget. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No – Sam Haigis.

Motion by Dale Rideout that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6479 which is effectively a 5.50 percent increase in the tax rate, second by Jack Leavenworth. Motion carried Dennis Bozeman – For; Sam Haigis – Opposed; Jack Leavenworth – For; Georgia Richardson – For; and Dale Rideout – For.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve Ordinance No. 719 designating the intersection of Elm and Maple Streets as a four-way stop. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve the Consent Agenda which included August 2012 finance statements and minutes of the August 7, 2012 and August 21, 2012 council meetings. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Current Business

Motion by Jack Leavenworth, second by Georgia Richardson to approve request by Howe Volunteer Fire Department to close the 100 block of South Hughes and the 100 block of East Haning Street on Monday, October 8, 2012 from noon to 8 pm for Remembrance Rescue Project. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve the Agreement for Fire Protection between Grayson County and the City of Howe. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Sam Haigis to approve contract with Municipal Energy Consultants, LLC to recover sales tax paid by the city on fuel purchases. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve sale of out-of-service 2005 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Howe School Board Holds Regular Meeting

On Sept. 20, 2012 a Regular Session of the Board of Trustees was held with the following members present: Board Members: Leonard Huntsman, Greg Akins, Pat Stewart, Brad Anderson, Bruce Dawsey, Scott Renfro and Mark Abner.

School Superintendent: Kevin Wilson

Others Present: Michael Smiley, Ritchie Bowling, Julie Snapp, Darla Williams, Clay Wilson, Sarah Fulton, Stacey Taylor, Daniel Huddleston, Caitlin Hittie, Jennifer Sluder and Kelli Vincent.

Board President Leonard Huntsman established a quorum and opened the meeting according to Texas Government Code Section 551 at 6 pm.

The invocation was given by Scott Renfro. The Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Clay Wilson. Public Forum: No one signed up for public forum.

Reports:

The principals introduced the new teachers and staff on their campuses. The teachers and staff were Stacey Taylor, Daniel Huddleston, Caitlin Hittie, Jennifer Sluder and Kelli Vincent.

Mr. Bowling provided the middle school report and reviewed the calendar of events and spoke about athletic events. He also mentioned benchmarking and fundraisers.

Mrs. Williams provided the elementary report and reviewed the calendar of events for the months of September and October including Fall Festival. She also included information about fundraisers.

Mr. Smiley provided the high school report and reviewed the calendar of events. He also noted Homecoming activities and the College Day program.

Kevin Wilson reviewed district attendance, the TRE results and noted the FIRST report Public Hearing on October 18, 2012. He also noted the child find program and the Policy Update information.

The Board reviewed the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 16, 2012. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Mark Abner to approve those minutes. The motion carried 7-0.

Julie Snapp reviewed the Monthly Financial Report. Mr. Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Bruce Dawsey to approve the Monthly Financial Report as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Julie Snapp provided information on the Budget Amendments and Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Clay Wilson provided information on the District Improvement Plan. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the 2012-2013 District Improvement Plan as presented. A motion was made by Pat Stewart and seconded by Mark Abner to approve the 2012-2013 District Improvement Plan as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

The principals provided information on the revisions to the Campus Improvement Plans. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the HISD Campus Improvement Plans as presented. A motion was made by Brad Anderson and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the HISD Campus Improvement Plans as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Clay Wilson provided a list of recommended SHAC members including parents and staff for the 2012-13 school year. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to approve the list as presented. A motion was made by Greg Akins and seconded by Scott Renfro to approve the 2012-13 SHAC membership as presented. The motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Wilson provided information on the potential transportation and facility expenditures. Kevin Wilson made the recommendation to authorize the purchase of a bus through an interlocal agreement not to exceed \$110,000.00. A motion was made by Bruce Dawsey and seconded by Greg Akins to authorize the purchase of a bus through an interlocal agreement not to exceed \$110,000.00. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18.



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Tom Bean City officials recently celebrated the ribbon cutting ceremony at the newest business in Tom Bean, Norma's Sewing Shop. Norma and son Steven Meek recently opened their shop and is an alteration and garment repair business. Any cloth products that need to be sewn will be considered. This includes suits, wedding dresses, prom dresses, jeans, zipper replacement, quilt and blanket repair, coats, custom embroidery and resizing. Norma brings forty years of experience to the business. Please visit Norma's Sewing Shop for all your sewing needs. They are located at 106 N. Britton with hours of Monday-Saturday 9-6. Business number is 903-546-2000/fax number is 903-546-2001. You can also email Norma at normassewingshop@juno.com



Ribbon cutting photo include Type A Board member John Hunt III , Mayor Sherry E. Howard, Norma Meek, Steven Meek, Type A board member Diane Upchurch, John Hunt II and Type B Board Chairman David Harrison

Little Roy and Lizzy Show Oct. 8

On Monday, October 8th we welcome the Little Roy and Lizzie show back to our stage. If you missed it last year, you won't want to miss him again. It is a really high energy, fun, musical show that they perform.

Admission for the evening is \$10 for advance tickets or \$12 at the door. If advance tickets are desired, make checks payable to Chrystal Opry House, 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, TX. 75090 and the tickets will be waiting for you at the door.

Because of this special event we will not have our regular first Saturday Bluegrass event on Oct. 6th this month. We will have our acoustic jam on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 pm. We accept donations for this event to defray expenses.

The concession area will be open with brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy for the Little Roy and Lizzie Show.

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>

("Like" us on face book--chrystalopryhouse and www.melodyranchbluegrassfestival.com)

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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Texoma Patriots Host Emergency Preparedness Fair Sep 29

Most people don't have a fully stocked retreat they can escape to. Therefore, your first plan must be to survive in place. Saturday, September 29th, the Texoma Patriots are hosting an Emergency Preparedness Fair. It opens at 10 am and closes at 4 pm. Stop by 519 West Main Street – Images of Dance Studio – in Denison.

What should you do if a disaster or emergency – natural or man-made – hits our area? What if a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or pandemic happens?

- Do you have food or water for at least 30 days?
- Could you survive an emergency?
- Do you have what is necessary to protect yourself and your family?
- Do you have a plan to survive in place?

Come and learn how to put a plan into action. We will have displays and presentations plus lots of useful information about items such as water filtering, no-power ovens, dehydrators, canning ideas, emergency supplies, survival ideas, stoves, coal, dry food, seeds, firearms, radios, emergency lighting, and much more. Many businesses and organizations will be there with displays and will make presentations to include Ray Gano, author of *Survive the Coming Storm*, Internet Grocers, Thrive Food Storage, Warne Bee Farm, American Red Cross, Chimney Sweeps of Texomaland, Berkey Water, plus others.

In addition, there will be samples and prizes and a raffle. A deputy voter registrar will be available if you are not yet registered to vote; the deadline is Oct 9. The fair will help you prepare for the worst of the worst. You will learn how to survive in an emergency situation. You can then protect yourself and your family.

Admission is free. For more information, go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/texomapatriots or contact me at kaarent@verizon.net.

Presidential Election Fast Approaching

The Fannin County Clerk's office advises they have received less than one dozen military applications to vote by mail. It is easy to apply. Military personnel can go to www.fvap.gov <<http://www.fvap.gov/>> for detailed information on how to register and request a ballot by mail. The public is asked to help get out the message via social media and word of mouth to let their family, friends and neighbors who are serving know they still have time to register and request a ballot.

Dates to remember are:

2012 Election Dates:

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

Sept. 7, 2012

Last Day to Register to Vote

Oct. 9, 2012 (5 P.M.)

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail

Oct. 30, 2012

Early Voting for General Election (courthouse)

Oct.22-Nov. 2nd 8am-5pm Mon-Friday

Oct. 27 (Saturday) 7am-7pm

Election Day

Nov 6, 2012

at regular polling sites 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.

Sample ballots will be on

<http://www.co.fannin.tx.us/ips/cms/Voting/> by

October 5th.

Tammy Biggar, Fannin County Clerk, 101 E. Sam Rayburn Drive, Ste 102,

Bonham, TX 75418, Tel: 903-583-7486

Note: For information for your county, go online to find your county's list of candidates.

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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
CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761
SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound
BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison
Dennis Stewart, pastor,
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,
7pm

Dorchester
DORCHESTER BAPTIST
CHURCH Hwy. 902W,
903/476-5525

Gunter
COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
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Brooks Plaza
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Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun. 10am & 6pm
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 810 N. Denny,
903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida
IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

Luella
LUELLA FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH
3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 150 Fellowship Ln,
Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 903/546-6898
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South of Tom Bean

Proverbs 8:1-11 (KJV)

- ¹ Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice?
- ² She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.
- ³ She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.
- ⁴ Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the sons of man.
- ⁵ O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
- ⁶ Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *shall be* right things.
- ⁷ For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness *is* an abomination to my lips.
- ⁸ All the words of my mouth *are* in righteousness; *there is* nothing froward or perverse in them.
- ⁹ They *are* all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.
- ¹⁰ Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.
- ¹¹ For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

The church hosts a movie night each month. The movie for October will be on October 19, with the title of the movie to be announced later. The public is invited and everything is free including popcorn candy and drinks. Movie starts at 6:30pm.

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

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

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>.

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Strong Families

John DeFrain, Nick Stinnett, and their colleagues have done extensive research with over 24,000 families since 1974 into what makes families strong. *

This ongoing research has revealed six qualities of strong families:

Appreciation and Affection for Each Other – “Family members gave one another compliments and sincere demonstrations of approval. They tried to make others feel appreciated and good about themselves.”

Valuing Each Other and Demonstrating Commitment – “Families promoted each person’s happiness and welfare, invested time and energy in each other and made family their number one priority.”

Ability to Deal With Crises in a Positive Manner – “They were willing to take a bad situation, see something positive in it, and focus on that.”

Time Together – “In all areas of their lives – meals, work, [and] recreation – they structured their schedules to spend time together

Good Communication Patterns – “These families spent time talking with each other. They also listened well, which shows respect.”

Spiritual Well-Being – These strong families “considered themselves highly religious.”

“Spiritual Well-Being” has to do with the **FOUNDATION** of a family: their core values, code of conduct, sense of purpose, and beliefs about life. No family is stronger than its foundation. That’s why it’s so important for us to build our families upon a **SOLID** foundation.

Jesus identified the proper foundation for our lives & the lives of our families: “24Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the

rock. 26But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” – Matthew 7:24-27

Our families encounter many “storms.” But Jesus has promised that if we build our lives and our families upon the **ROCK** – which is Jesus Himself, the only sure Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)! – by hearing and doing His Word, then we will be able to withstand those storms!

Building our families on the Rock directly shapes our relationships within the family, but it primarily has to do with our relationship with the Architect of the Family: God. Sin will destroy us and our families, but God loves us so much that He sent His Only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16).

Through Jesus, we can be reconciled to our Heavenly Father and also have the “tools” that we need to build a strong family.

We build our lives on the Rock when we place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

Strong families are built on the Rock. Why not begin with yourself!

Are YOU building your life upon the Rock by hearing and doing the Word of God? Why not begin today?

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* See “The American Family Strengths Inventory” by John DeFrain and Nick Stinnett at The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension --
<http://www.ianrpubs.unl.edu/epublic/pages/publicationD.jsp?publicationId=1099>
Additional information also gleaned from www.crosswalk.com



Remembering the colonel

By Bob Bowman

Every time I pass through the tiny settlement of Kickapoo in Anderson County, I am invariably reminded of the colonel -- not the one with the chicken -- but a man who revolutionized law enforcement in Texas.

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., had one of the most recognized law enforcement careers in the U.S., culminating with his leadership of the Texas Rangers and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Born at Kickapoo, Garrison graduated from Lufkin High School and went to work for his father, who was then District Clerk of Angelina County.

He took his first job as a law officer at nineteen, when he was appointed a county deputy sheriff.

His father admonished him for taking the job, telling him: "Son, you'll never amount to anything in that dead-end job."

But 1929, Garrison became a state license and weight inspector for the Texas Highway Department and joined the Texas Highway Patrol when it was organized in 1930.

When the Department of Public Safety was founded in 1935, Garrison became the first assistant director and was appointed director in 1938.

During World War II, he was offered an appointment by General Douglas McArthur to reorganize the Japanese national police system, but declined in deference to his Texas job.

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Mama was contemptuous of women who were "too lazy to cook for themselves."

I fear she might think that is the state I am in, but it truly is not. I love to cook and I am a good cook, although not of either the Julia Childs or Raechel Ray caliber. If Mama were here, I could assure her that my affliction is not laziness about cooking; my laziness is about cleaning up after the cooking.

Mama was a faithful watcher of Julia Child's cooking show, not because she intended to take up French cooking, but because she marveled at the mess Julia made when she cooked. "She's obviously got someone to clean up after her," Mama said as Julia broke eggs and threw the empty shells almost anywhere except the trash can. When one of us made a particularly noxious mess in the kitchen, Mama said she was being a Julia Childs cook. The rule in our kitchen was "Whoever makes the mess cleans it up." Both of us liked to clean up as we went, washing bowls and pans as we were through with them. That's still a good habit, but it sometimes drives other people crazy.

Almost anyone who cooks will agree that it's more fun to cook for several people than for one.

There are several reasons for that, but the most important one to me is that I can't cook little enough to avoid leftovers. There are only a few foods that I can stand as leftovers. My solution to the leftover problem is to cook something that can be completely consumed at one meal or to throw any leftovers away immediately.

The only home-made meal I cook that can be eaten at one meal is hobo-bake. To make it, you salt and pepper a hamburger patty, put it on a big square of aluminum foil and cover it with a couple of slices of onion and green pepper and a small sliced potato. Then you close the foil tightly, put the patty in your cast iron skillet and put the skillet in the oven, heated to 350 degrees and bake it for 45 minutes.

If you have an already-read newspaper, you don't even have to use a plate when the meal comes out of the oven. Just put the foil on the folded newspaper, unwrap the aluminum foil and eat. If you happen to have a plastic fork, you won't have to wash anything except the glass you drink your iced tea from.

Mama, of course, would probably have enjoyed a hobo-bake meal, but not as a steady diet. She cooked mostly from scratch. Sunday afternoons, usually about five o'clock, she would say, "I'm going to make some cornbread." She got out the green Pyrex bowl, just the right size to mix the cornbread, a cup of corn meal and a cup of flour, an egg, some salt, the can of baking powder and the milk. While the cast iron skillet, with a heaping tablespoon of Crisco in the bottom, heated in the 400 degree oven, she mixed the ingredients in the green



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BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued

When FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover was stricken with a serious illness, President Dwight Eisenhower considered Garrison as his replacement. But Hoover recovered and Garrison stayed in Texas.

When Garrison died in 1968, the Texas Rangers and the Department of Public Safety were entrenched as one of the most efficient police organizations in America.

During his lifetime, Garrison always remembered his Lufkin roots and visited here often. A brother, Pitser H. Garrison, served as Lufkin's mayor for eighteen years.

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Dot's Dashes, continued

bowl except for the milk. When the skillet was smoking hot, she put the milk in the bowl, beat the mixture and when it was the texture she wanted, she poured it all into that hot skillet and then put it back into the oven for 15 minutes. When it was ready to eat, she turned it out of the skillet, crispy bottom side up on a big round plate.

We ate it by the slice, butter or margarine piled on it, sometimes followed by Log Cabin syrup or honey and occasionally, peanut butter. And while the cornbread was still warm, we sometimes crumbled it into a glass of cold milk and ate it with a spoon.

I make cornbread for myself about once a month. There is way too much of it for one person to eat at one sitting, but it is almost as good leftover as it was fresh. You can zap it for about 15 seconds in the microwave and it is as good as new -- but not quite. 1



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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 20 year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Dale & Lana Rideout



Lana, Dominique, Rachel, Briana, Amber, "Santa" Jordan, Caleb, Chris



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

Texoma Enterprise



Farm gem among Fort Worth skyscrapers

By Amanda Hill

We talk a lot on Texas Table Top about connecting customers with farmers. There's a growing interest in meeting the men and women who grow our produce, and many people like to buy local food.

Fortunately, we live in a society that creates markets to meet customers' desires and needs. Customers want to be able to buy produce from local farmers? Farmers markets are created to connect the two groups. And the movement is growing really quickly in Texas.

Last week, I visited the Cowtown Farmers Market, located smack-dab in the middle of downtown Fort Worth. The market is open every Tuesday from 9 am to 1 pm in front of the Lanham Federal Building. All of their vendors, which include farmers and also artisans who sell homemade products, are located within 150 miles of the market. At break time and lunch, employees filter out of the downtown skyscrapers and right into the plaza, wandering from vendor to vendor buying fresh peaches, squash, tomatoes, pasta, homemade breads and more. How convenient is that?

I thought I'd share some photos from my visit to the Cowtown Farmers Market. I was very impressed with the quality of the food and really enjoyed talking with the farmers and artisans.

John and Danny have been selling at farmers markets in North Texas for more than 25 years. When I visited, they were selling peaches and cantaloupes.

Danny and John, both farmers in Montague County, were a popular spot for the lunchtime crowd in downtown Fort Worth.

Pruitt Farm, located in Teague, Texas, brought all sorts of fall produce, including pumpkins, squash and zucchini.

Nina, who works in the Federal Building, bought a few pumpkins from Pruitt Farm.

This woman was selling organic produce from her farm in Parker County. While she sold organic produce, it is not a requirement for vendors at the Cowtown Farmers Market.

And this is Gwin, selling her delicious baked goods. Gwin is the manager of the Cowtown Farmers Market and also sells fresh bread, muffins, cookies and more from her company, Artisan Baking Company. I took a few peanut butter cookies home. They were delicious!

Although I work with many farmers now, I did not grow up on a farm. But I can relate to customers who want to buy fresh fruits, vegetables and other food straight from a farmer.

If you're looking for a farmers market to frequent, there are plenty from which to choose. Central Texas has built a great community on Saturday mornings at the Waco Downtown Farmers Market. Of course, the Cowtown Farmers Market is great for those in Fort Worth, and Dallas has a world-famous market on the outskirts of their downtown. The Texas Department of Agriculture also has compiled a great list of more than 60 markets across the state.

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Committee Republicans Support ‘Stop the War on Coal Act,’ Address Flaws in EPA Science

GOP Amendments Aim to Strengthen Transparency and Independent Review of Costly Regulations

Washington, D.C. – Republican Members of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee last evening spoke on the House Floor and offered amendments in support of H.R. 3409, referred to as the “Stop the War on Coal Act.” The bill passed the House today by a vote of 233 to 175.

Committee Chairman Ralph Hall (R-TX) made the following statement:

“I rise in strong support of the rule and H.R. 3409, the Stop the War on Coal Act.

This bill takes a number of simple, common sense, and long overdue steps to rein in the Obama Administration’s out of control EPA, which is waging an all-out war on American energy, and coal is at the heart of that war.

Anyone who fails to believe such a war exists should speak to the people of Mount Pleasant, Texas in my Congressional District.

EPA’s Cross-State Air Pollution Rule threatened 500 jobs at two coal-fired power plants in Mount Pleasant. Fortunately, the courts threw out this rule in August after finding that EPA went well beyond the law in its efforts to regulate coal out of existence.

We know EPA will go back to the drawing board. H.R. 3409 adds needed protections for any future proposal, and in doing so protects

Hall Statement on President Signing Into Law a Bill to Clarify Astronaut Ownership of Apollo-Era Mementos

Washington, D.C. – The President yesterday signed into law H.R. 4158<<http://science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/BILLS-112hr4158ih.pdf>>, a bipartisan bill introduced by Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Ralph Hall (R-TX) to confirm full ownership rights to artifacts received by Apollo-era astronauts from their space missions.

“I am pleased we were able to work in a bipartisan, bicameral way to clear up any ambiguity regarding small mementos kept by our nation’s early space pioneers,” said Chairman Hall. “As I said on the House Floor, these men are heroes who took extraordinary risks to establish American preeminence in space, and by doing so helped our country become a world leader.”

jobs not only in Texas but in coal-producing and coal-using states all around the country.

The bill also blocks future efforts to attack coal through other regulations, most notably the EPA’s effort to enact economy-wide restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions. These rules are based on shaky science and would raise the cost of energy for all Americans. They should never see the light of day.

I want to mention my support for two amendments made in order under this rule that will be offered by Members of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, of which I chair. These amendments address serious problems with EPA science that the Committee highlighted during the 112th Congress.

Specifically, Congressman Dan Benishek’s amendment will require that an analysis of the cost of regulations explicitly evaluate the potential negative health effects of regulations.

[Video of Rep. Benishek (R-MI) statement
HERE<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFW3diyMGN4&feature=youtu.be>>]

Energy and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Andy Harris’ amendment would require that the scientific data EPA uses to justify its regulations is peer reviewed and made publicly available.

[Video of Rep. Harris (R-MD) statement
HERE<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awESjZDCL7I&feature=youtu.be>>]

These amendments reinforce and strengthen the transparency and openness provisions in H.R. 3409. I urge Members to support these amendments, this rule, and the underlying bill as well.

Throughout the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo programs, NASA managers routinely allowed astronauts, at the conclusion of a mission, to keep mementos, pieces of hardware, and personal equipment from the spacecraft. However, beginning in the mid-2000s, NASA began to challenge the ownership of these artifacts.

The House unanimously approved<<http://science.house.gov/press-release/house-passes-bill-clarify-astronaut-ownership-mementos-apollo-era-space-missions>> the measure on September 19, and the Senate approved by unanimous consent on September 22.

Read more HERE<<http://science.house.gov/press-release/house-passes-bill-clarify-astronaut-ownership-mementos-apollo-era-space-missions>>.



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Paris District Drivers to See New Left-Turn Signal New signals reduce confusion, traffic crashes

Drivers traveling the Paris District highways are seeing a new type of left-turn signal with the introduction of a flashing yellow arrow that traffic experts say will reduce confusion, improve safety and move more vehicles through an intersection.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is installing Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) signals at locations already equipped with "permissive" left-turn lanes and signals. A permissive left-turn operation is one where vehicles do not have a protected left turn and must yield to oncoming traffic. These FYA signals will eventually replace the traditional circular green signal at some left turns commonly used throughout the state.

Research shows that the new FYA signal is safer, more efficient and presents a more consistent approach to signalization for left-turn lanes. TxDOT recently changed its traffic control device standards to reflect national changes, including the use of the FYA signal system.

"Based on recent safety studies, the flashing arrow left-turn signal reduces traffic crashes for those vehicles turning left at busy intersections," said Darius Samuels, Transportation Engineer for the Paris District Traffic Office "Sometimes motorists are confused about when to turn with the standard green circular traffic signal. The new FYA signal is easier for drivers to understand."

FYA signals will be placed at certain left-turn lanes in signalized intersections and contain a flashing yellow arrow as well as a steady green, yellow and red arrow.

Currently in the Paris District there are two FYA signal systems installed:

Intersection of SH 56 and SH 121 in Fannin County
Intersection of SH 11 and FM 2297 in Hopkins County

These new displays are similar to standard traffic signals. A steady green arrow allows the driver to make a protected left turn.

A flashing yellow arrow allows the driver to turn left, but alerts the driver to yield to oncoming traffic.

A steady yellow arrow alerts the driver that the signal is about to turn red and they should prepare to stop or safely complete the turn.

A steady red arrow requires the driver to stop.

The FYA system will be gradually introduced across the state and the nation as new signals are installed and existing signals are replaced.

Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal

Steady red arrow = Stop. No left turns allowed.

Steady yellow arrow = Prepare to stop.

Flashing yellow arrow = Left turns allowed, but must yield to oncoming traffic.

Steady green arrow = Left turns allowed and protected.

Watch how to video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xC2xDu6Jrg>

Visit <http://www.txdot.gov/safety/tips/yellow.htm> for more information on the FYA signal system.

For more information, call TxDOT Paris District PIO Tray Turner at (903) 737-9213.

Hall, Boren Introduce Legislation to Strengthen Drought Preparedness and Mitigation

Washington, D.C. –Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman Ralph Hall (R-TX) and Representative Dan Boren (D-OK) today introduced legislation to improve Federal efforts to prepare for and respond to drought. The bill, H.R. 6489<<http://science.house.gov/bill/hr-6489-reauthorize-national-integrated-drought-information-system>>, would reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), which brings together information from across the Federal government, consolidates and disseminates drought-related data on an ongoing basis.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, almost 80 percent of the U.S. is experiencing some level of drought conditions, and more than one-fifth of the country is suffering from extreme to exceptional drought conditions. This year's drought is considered the most severe and extensive in at least 25 years. Agriculture is the most significantly impacted sector with approximately 80 percent of agricultural land experiencing drought and more than 2,000 U.S. counties already designated as disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Originally established in 2006 legislation authored by Chairman Hall (Public Law 109-430<<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-109hr5136enr/pdf/BILLS-109hr5136enr.pdf>>), NIDIS acts as a data clearinghouse, and also works to develop and actively support a collaborative framework between researchers and managers. NIDIS developed and operates the U.S. Drought portal, a website that features a range of services related to drought, including historical data on past droughts, decision support services for managing current droughts, and a forum for stakeholders to discuss drought-related issues. The NIDIS Program has also developed and operates four regional drought early warning system pilot projects.

H.R. 6489 extends authorization of NIDIS through 2017 and ensures that vital drought research and coordinating activities continue. The bill encourages further development of regional drought early warning systems, requires an analysis of the implementation of NIDIS to date, and calls for planning to describe future milestones and identify research, monitoring, and forecasting needs to enhance the predictive capability of drought early warnings, the length and severity of droughts, and the contribution of weather events to reducing or ending drought conditions.

On July 25th, 2012,<<http://science.house.gov/hearing/full-committee-hearing-drought-forecasting-monitoring-and-decision-making-review-national>> the Science, Space and Technology Committee held a hearing<<http://science.house.gov/hearing/full-committee-hearing-drought-forecasting-monitoring-and-decision-making-review-national>> to examine a discussion draft of the bill, receiving testimony on drought impacts and mitigation priorities from scientists and State and local government leaders.



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TEXAS NEWS SERVICE

Separating Fact from Fiction: Who Doesn't Pay Taxes?

By Peter Malof

AUSTIN, Texas - The question of who actually pays taxes - and who does not - has emerged as an election-season talking point. A new report from a nonpartisan think-tank aims to separate fact from fiction.

Chuck Marr, director of federal tax policy for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), co-authored the report, released last week. He says one of the biggest misconceptions is that about half of Americans, 47 percent, do not pay taxes.

“We’re talking here about federal income taxes. Working-class and middle-class people do pay federal payroll taxes for Social Security and Medicare. In fact, most people pay more in payroll taxes than in income taxes.”

Local taxes and sales taxes are also part of the equation. While Texas is one of just seven states with no income tax, low- and moderate-income families bear a disproportionate share of the overall tax burden, according to analysis by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP), which ranks Texas as fifth-least fair nationally. The analysis concludes that recent property-tax reductions will likely lead to further redistribution of wealth upward, as less-fair taxes, such as sales and gas taxes, take up the slack.

Marr rejects the notion that 47 percent of Americans are not doing their fair share.

“They get up every day, they go to work, they work hard. They work in nursing homes and take care of elderly people; they are school aides; they work in all of our stores. They’re working hard and are very much contributing to society.”

According to the CBPP report, when considering all forms of taxes, the bottom 20 percent of American households pay an average of 16 to 17 percent of their income in taxes. The people who do not pay federal income tax or payroll tax generally are low-income seniors, people with serious disabilities, or students - most of whom become future taxpayers. In the case of seniors, they likely paid federal income taxes during their working years.

The CBPP report, “Misconceptions and Realities about Who Pays Taxes,” is available at www.cbpp.org. The CPPP analysis is at <http://bit.ly/MmOWLq>.





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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.



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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Texas Red Tape Challenge

A few months ago I wrote about the Texas Red Tape Challenge, a unique web-based project designed to enhance public participation in the policy-making process. The website was launched by the House Committee on Government Efficiency and Reform in order to gather public input on how to reduce the burden of state laws and regulations, or provide recommendations on how to make government work better.

This month, the website is soliciting input on several environmental regulations affecting manufacturing activity. The regulations posted include some of the state's clean air act requirements, as well as regulatory procedures required for other types of environmental permits. Each regulation posted on the Texas Red Tape Challenge includes a brief description of the policy, as well as links to the specific state laws authorizing the regulation.

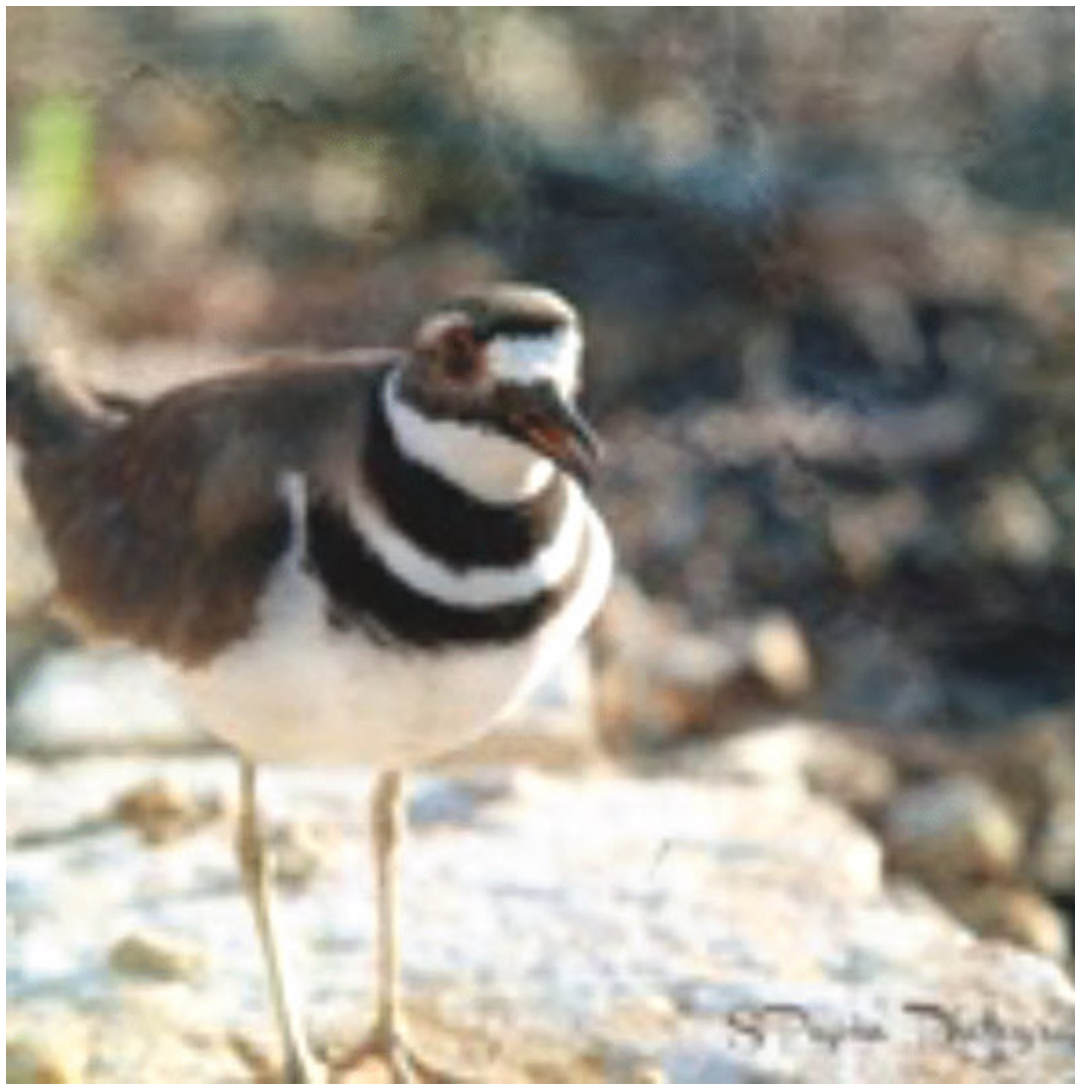
Other regulations recently posted to the Challenge site relate to occupational licensing. These regulations include the licensure requirements for code enforcement officers, sanitarians, pawnshop employees, and barbering and cosmetology students.

Lastly, the Challenge is also asking for public comment on a variety of public education issues, including accountability, school start dates, curriculum, and testing. I encourage anyone interested in these issues to participate by visiting the website at www.texasredtapechallenge.com<<http://www.texasredtapechallenge.com>>.

The Texas Red Tape Challenge is scheduled to close on October 31st. In November, the House Committee on Government Efficiency and Reform will meet to consider recommendations relating to the Challenge's central focus areas. Those ideas that the Committee adopts will be included in its report to the 83rd Texas Legislature which begins in January 2013.

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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.

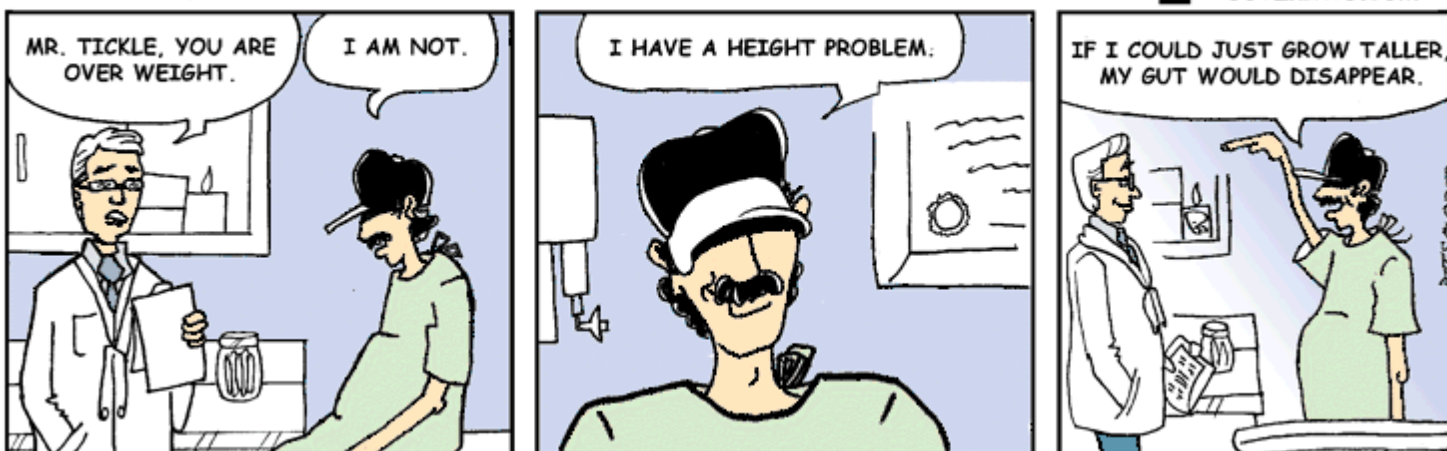
The next meeting is set for Sept. 8 at 12:30 pm. Visitors are welcome to join; memberships are available at a nominal cost. For more information send an email to fohphotoclub@gmail.com



A man was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth..'"

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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LET'S REMINISCE:

Saving Seed

By Jerry Lincecum

In my grandfather's time, saving seed for next year's crop was a necessity. Nowadays, it may be against the law. How in the world did agriculture change so much and so fast? I have been reading a good book that explains what happened.

It started with hybrids in the 1920s. The first hybrid seeds were two varieties of corn, and their yields far exceeded those of the old standbys like Yellow Dent. However, you could not save seed from a hybrid because its genes were a mixture of ancestral strains. That meant it would not "breed true."

In the midst of the Depression farmers began to abandon the old standard varieties and plant nothing but the new hybrids. One reason was they were not subject to diseases like bacterial wilt that had caused crop failure.

By the time my generation was growing up, after WWII, hardly any farmers were planting heirloom varieties of corn, cotton, and other cash crops. Even home gardens were filled with hybrid tomatoes, sweet corn, and beans. No one cared that a huge number of heirloom varieties became extinct.

Seed and chemical companies joined forces (call them Big Ag) to find new ways to speed up hybridizing in order to develop new varieties of corn and cotton that matured faster. Of course farmers needed to use large amounts of nitrogen fertilizer and also chemical sprays to control weeds and bugs.

The real game-changer came in the 1980s and 90s, as it became possible to use recombinant DNA in the lab to produce genetically modified (GM) corn and other seeds. The best part was that this Bt corn (as it became known) was not bothered if you sprayed the plants with a strong weedkiller.

Cotton was modified to produce a bacteria that would kill insects like bollworms. No need to spray it at all.

These Bt varieties would breed true, meaning you could save seed for next year's crop. That's when Big Ag decided they needed legal protection against farmers saving seed, even if you weren't planting their brand.

Their reasoning was that your corn might have been pollinated by someone else's who had planted theirs. I remember being told that my grandfather once gave cottonseed to a neighbor whose barn had burned. What would he think about being sued for saving seed?

Organizations like Seed Savers Exchange are promoting the preservation of biodiversity by encouraging folks to save and plant heirloom varieties of all kinds of crops. I raise a few tomatoes every year and seek out heirlooms like Arkansas Traveler rather than hybrids. What do you remember about the tradition of saving seed?

-30- 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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