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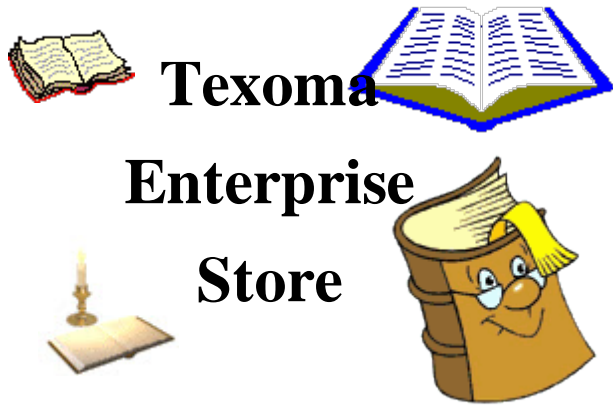
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Ring Of Fire



Is This Davy Crockett's Rifle?



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GCC offers photography class on Saturdays in October

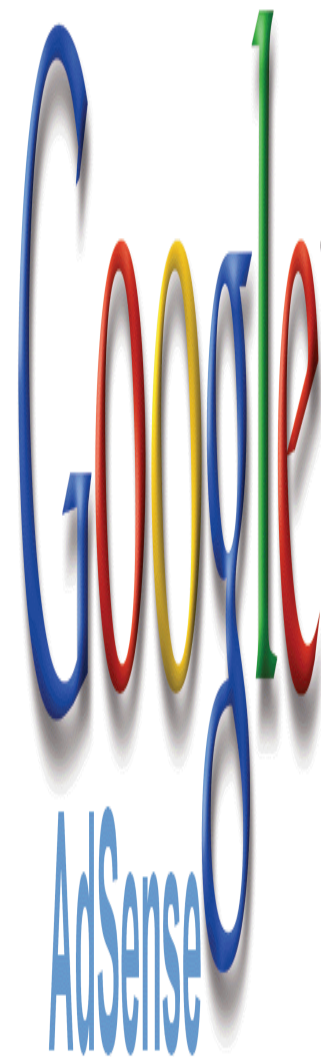
Snapping a photograph doesn't guarantee the expected image will be captured. Beginning Oct. 15, "Photography Your Way," a continuing education course at Grayson County College, provides practical information and guidance that helps anyone take better photographs.

Dale Thoreson, a retired professional photographer with a background in entertainment media, covers the basics of the camera, lighting and composition. Participants gain a better understanding of how to achieve the results they want when taking photographs.

"This is not a how-to-use-your-camera class," said Ron deCento, director of continuing education at the college. "It focuses on learning to capture the photographic image you want to take - and to have fun while you're doing it."

Offered by the GCC's Center for Workplace Learning, the class meets from 9 to 11 am on Saturdays from Oct. 15 to Nov. 12 in the center's Seminar Room A. Designed for adults and young adults, the course costs \$25 per person. Participants should bring their own camera and owner's manual.

Registration may be completed in person in the CWL on the college's Main Campus, online at www.cwlgcc.org, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.



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Howe's That

Recipe

by Lana Rideout

Back in 1977, when we bought the *Howe Enterprise* newspaper, a weekly column named "Howe's That," was part of the front page. I was a little nervous about writing the column so for first few months, my husband wrote the column. But he had a full time job at Anderson Clayton, so I started writing the column.

When we changed the name of the paper to the *Texoma Enterprise*, the column continued with the "Howe's That" name. And now it still appears in our website news. We inherited the column name and continued it.

Snakes! Due to the long dry spell, snakes have reared their ugly heads recently. We had a small copperhead inside our house (probably found a spot to wiggle through a crack or spot in the uneven ground). In fact, in the last three months we have had two of those baby copperheads in our house. Luckily we saw them and my husband killed them.

Back on my 30th birthday (several years ago), I had the privilege of killing a snake in our backyard.

My three children along with other children on the block were admiring the rabbits in cages along the side of our house. (We raised them for food.)

I knew that my 18-month-old daughter was with her brother and sister, but I decided to check on them just to make sure everything was okay. Standing in the front of yard between my house and the next door neighbor, I saw a snake's head watching the activity at the rabbit cage. My heart was beating pretty loud in my mind as I told the children to all come into the front yard. I got a hoe from the garden and carefully approached the snake.

I was scared, but I knew if I was going to kill it I needed to strike the head very hard.

Wham! Wham! Wham! went my hoe, until I thought the snake was dead. I used the hoe to carry the snake at the edge of our garden. About 5 minutes later, one of the neighbor boys (who was older than my children) came to the door and said, "Mrs. Rideout, that snake is still alive." I told him to get the hoe and hit it some more. He did that. In fact, he just about chopped it to pieces.

The lot of our house is backed up to a very big field between our home and the railroad tracks. With all that brush, I reckon there are lots of snakes who come to visit from time to time.

I know of at least four other large snakes that have been killed in our yard.

All I can say, is that one snake would have been enough for me.

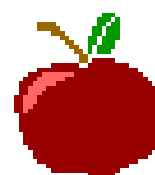
Applesauce Muffins

1-3/4 cups flour
1 Tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
2 eggs
3/4 cup applesauce
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together. Beat 1/2 cup sugar and 1/2 cup butter in a mixing bowl until creamy. Add the eggs 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the applesauce. Add the dry ingredients and stir until just moistened.

Fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes. Dip the warm muffins in 1/4 cup melted butter and then in a mixture of 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Serve warm.

1 dozen muffins



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Honey Grove 55, Howe 14

Honey Grove – Howe lost to Honey Grove, 55-14. In the first quarter Honey Grove scored two TDs for a 14-0 lead going into the second quarter.

Honey Grove scored again. Then with 8:59 on the first half, Alex Torres scored on a 52 yard pass from Ryan Haines (Dylan Woody kick), putting the score at 21-7. Then with 1:19 left, Howe scored again a Haines ran into the end zone from the 1 yard line. Woody kicked the extra point. Honey Grove got another 13 points putting the score at 27-14 at the half.

Honey Grove put another 28 points on the scoreboard to end the game with a 55-14 score.

Statistics	Honey Grove	Howe
First downs	22	26
Rushes-yds	37-348	45-147
Passing yds	129	74
C-A-I	5-11-0	6-18-4
Punts-avg	0-0	3-38
Penalties-yds	9-85	4-30
Fumbles 1-1	0-0	

Howe Individual stats:

Rushing: Ryan Haines, 25-83; Jacob Grisolia, 8-32; Garette Griffin, 5-27; Alex Torres, 2-7; J.C. Watson, 4-5
Passing: Ryan Haines, 6-18-474
Receiving: Alex Torres, 2-65; J.C. Watson, 2-14

Howe ES/MS Menus

Oct. 3-7

Breakfast

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

Tuesday – Biscuits & sausage, cereal/toast, spiced apples, orange juice

Wednesday – Pancake on a stick, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, fresh grapes, grape juice

Thursday – Blueberry muffin, cereal/toast, orange halves, orange juice

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

Lunch

Monday – Hamburger or Frito pie, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced pear, chocolate pudding

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

Wednesday – Hot dog/chili dog or fish strip, steamed mixed vegetables, fresh grapes, mac & cheese, chocolate chip cookie

Thursday – Cheese pizza or ravioli casserole/toast, garden salad, carrots & celery, orange halves, frozen fruit bar

Friday – Chicken crispeto or fajita quesadilla, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

Howe defeats Bells 3-2

Volleyball - Morgan Bailey put down 14 kills and Madison Wilson handed out 15 assists as Howe defeated Bells, 25-13, 25-27, 25-19, 21-25, 15-11.

Jennifer Vincent collected 12 digs and Baleigh Hudman chipped in eight kills for Howe (7-19, 1-4), which plays at Whitewright on Tuesday.



Howe Elementary “Top Dogs” for the week ending September 23rd are: Karsyn Fleming, Ty Trevino, Zimry Weatherspoon, Zane Hughes, Raul Hernandez, Camryn Adams, Gage Streetman, Crista Timmons, David Rocha, Blain Nuncio, Ricky Ramirez, Zoey Moore, Korben Kemp, Ryan Hough, Alex Huerta, Zeb Montgomery, Railyn Murphy, and Kenneth York.

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.

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Howe City Council holds regular meeting

On Sept. 20, Mayor Jeff Stanley called a 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 Scotty Harris.

Rebecca Hogenson, Library Director, recognized the summer library volunteers and Mayor Stanley presented certificates to each volunteer.

Ms. Hogenson also gave the annual library report.

Chief of Police, John Cherry informed the council of an award received by Howe Police Department Officers James Doyle, Zach Sweetin and Michael Hill for 1st Place Guardian Award in the Glock Shooting Competition.

Chief Cherry also presented a plaque from the First Baptist Church received as a "Thank You" for service to the community.

Following a public hearing, an application by Buddy Baker for a zone change from C1 to M1 for the property located at 110 E. O'Connell, Block 3 Lots 9 & 10 OTP was approved. Proposed use - Automotive Repair Shop.

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Jack Leavenworth to approve Ordinance No. 706 adopting second version of proposed budget dated September 13, 2011. Motion defeated 2 Yes 3 No (Georgia Richardson, Sam Haigis, and Scotty Harris voting no.)

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Scotty Harris to approve Ordinance No. 706 adopting third version of proposed budget dated September 20, 2011, with tax rate of .619340, no increase in water rates, 5% increase in waste water and solid waste and

elimination of part-time police officer. Motion carried 3 Yes 2 No with Dale Rideout and Jack Leavenworth voting no.

Council member Jack Leavenworth left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Ordinance no. 707 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 2011/2012 Fiscal Year, A Tax of \$0.441293 on Each \$100 Valuation Of Property for The Purpose of Maintenance and Operation and a Tax of \$0.178047 on Each \$100.00 Valuation of Property for The Purpose of Interest and Sinking on Bonds and Certificates of Obligation.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Scotty Harris to approve Ordinance No. 707 adopting Ad Valorem tax rate. Motion carried.

Motion by Georgia Richardson, second by Dale Rideout to approve consent agenda with August 2011 finance statements, minutes of August 15, 2011 and August 23, 2011 council meetings and consulting agreement with Edward Peacock, CPA. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Scotty Harris, second by Sam Haigis to approve request by Howe Community Volunteers Auxiliary to close 100 block of East Haning and the 100 block of South Hughes Street on October 1, 2011 from 2 pm to 8 pm for Texoma Night Out event and for the City to provide portable restrooms and trash bins for the event. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Georgia Richardson to approve request by Howe Community Volunteers Auxiliary to close the 300 block of Beatrice, 100 and 200 blocks of West Duke, 100, 200, 300 and 400 blocks of South Denny, 100, 200 and 300 blocks of West Haning and the 100 block of South King for the Howe Christmas parade on December 10, 2011 from 9:45 am until 11:00 am. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.



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Local Girl Scout, Sarah Newman, completed her Gold Award project



Sarah Newman poses with other members of Girl Scout Troop #450 in the newly created Teen Scene



Sarah Newman is recognized at the Howe ISD School Board meeting by Assistant Superintendent Clay Wilson and Librarian Becky Hogenson

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Local Girl Scout, Sarah Newman, completed her Gold Award project at the Howe Community Library this summer.

and attached cork boards for displaying artwork.

member of Girl Scout Troop #450 under the leadership of Sondra Hash. She will be receiving recognition from Governor Perry at the State Capital building during the summer of 2012.

Miss Newman created a special reading area for middle school and high school students called the "Teen Scene." Her project involved designing the space, purchasing bean bag chairs, lapboard tables, a neon clock, and signs, and painting the walls neon green. She also used special paint to make a chalkboard across the wall

Miss Newman then created a brochure to advertise the library's new space. She presented her project to the Howe ISD School Board and to the Howe City Council.

The Friends of the Howe Library honored Miss Newman with a reception this past summer and a plaque to be displayed in the library.

This project required a great deal of creativity and the organization of volunteers. The newly created space is definitely a big hit with teen library patrons. Sarah is a



band members being sprayed above and right



Band council members



one very wet band

After a recent Monday night practice, Howe High School Band members were treated to the "Annual Hosing Down" by the Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

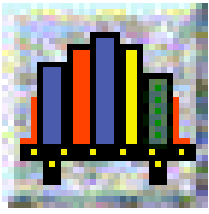
This band tradition has become a much anticipated event. Squeals echoed across the parking lot as the water came down.

Band directors Angie Cavender and Julie Cook were also pulled into the spray. Howe graduate and former band member Clint Henderson helped to man the hoses.



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BOOKSHELF

By Tracy Luscombe

Hard to believe October is almost here. The brutal summer is over and these cooler days are a welcome change. Hope you are enjoying them too.

October 1 is the Friends of the Library monthly breakfast. Join us at the Van Alstyne Community Center for eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee – all for only \$4.00.

The Teen Council Rummage Sale has been moved to the first Saturday in November. This is also the date for the Friends of the Library monthly breakfast. Come have breakfast then stop off for a few treasures. Proceeds will support our teen programs.

October 16-23 is Teen Read Week. We'll be holding a book jacket design contest. More details to follow.

Here's a book review by Teen Council member Ben George
Title: *The Last Apprentice: Curse of the Bane* Author: Joseph Delaney

This is the second journal of Tomas Ward, the seventh son of the seventh son, and apprentice to the county Spook. Ancient evil is stirring under Prieststown, and it's growing dangerously strong. The Spook fought this evil once before, and barely survived. Will he and Tom be able to stop it in time? It's a riveting ride through the seedy underbelly of the supernatural, filled with ghosts, spirits, witches, and the titular Bane. Witty dialogue and the first person narration is done very well. Old friends make reappearances and the new characters are well fleshed out. The villains in particular are excellent. The lore of the county also shines through, and we learn a lot more about some interesting, if ancient, history. Ben says he would recommend this book to fans of fantasy novels.

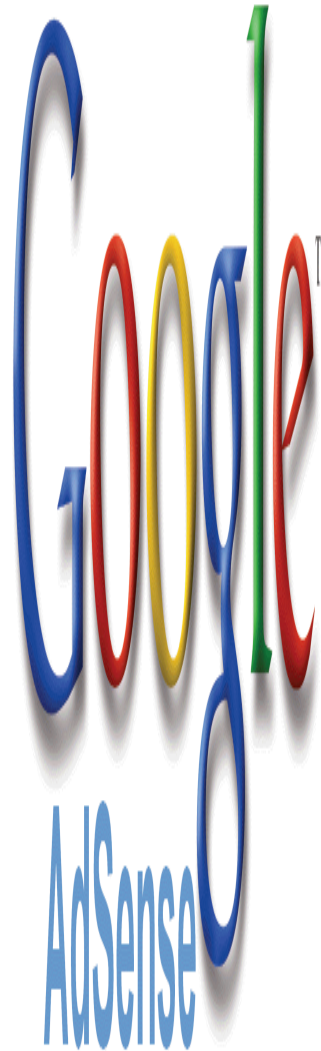
These are few new additions to our collection:

The Hidden Flame by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke

Kill me if you can by James Patterson and Marshall Karp

Mission: Organization, strategies and solutions to clear your clutter by the staff of Home and Garden Television

Hope to see you at the Van Alstyne Public Library.



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Dakota Enslow (EL)



Cheyenne Worley (MS)



Morgan Ellis (HS)

Tom Bean School Board Report

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held a Public Hearing to discuss the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System) of 2009-2010 followed by the regular board meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6 pm. The Texas legislature created the system in 2001 to communicate information and improve the management of school districts' financial resources. The system requires the Texas Education Agency to review the audited financial reports from all districts and assign financial management ratings based on how the data conform to 22 established indicators. 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.

President, Jimmy Jones called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Dakota Enslow (EL); Cheyenne Worley (MS); and Morgan Ellis (HS).

The minutes of August 15, 2011 along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented.

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance,

discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for October.

The athletic director, Torrey Price, and the Food Service Director, Flo Penrod gave a short summary concerning their respective roles.

The Board of Trustees approved the Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate for 2011-2012 as \$1.04 while the Interest and Sinking Tax Rate for the 2011-2012 school year will be \$.0960. The total tax rate for Tom Bean residents will be \$1.1360. The board also approved the budget for 2011-2012 as presented.

Because of the grading changes in the upcoming STARR assessment, the board approved local policy EIA and the deletion of EIAB. Local policy FD was tabled until the October board meeting.

The board committed \$1,250,000 to construction in the TBISD's fund balance along with the approval to pursue contracts with the Texas Cool Schools Grant for HVAC replacement if awarded.

Pat Harmen, Transportation Director, recommended that we dispose of two older school buses, due to age and condition. One bus is a 1992 - 77 passenger Bluebird with 162,059 miles. It has a 5.9 Cummins engine with a 545 Allison transmission. The second

bus is a 1994 - 77 passenger Bluebird with 118,878 miles. It has a 5.9 Cummins engine with a 545 Allison transmission. The board of trustees approved the sale of the buses.

Torrey Price, Athletic Director, presented the TBISD Concussion Management Protocol along with the COT (Concussion Oversight Team) which was approved.

The Board of Trustees took no action on the painting of the duct work in the high school gym and look at other options for improvement. In addition, the board tabled the resolution related to a joint venture with the Equity Center concerning funding of Texas public schools.

Mrs. Garrison discussed with the Board the following informational items: TBISD College Readiness letter, Addition to the transportation department, Rachel's Challenge, a Finance update on the Bond payment and possible payoff, Board training on line as well as Region 10 ESC, and the TASA/TASB travel & itinerary.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7 pm at the High School Library. The board meeting will follow the community meeting concerning Rachel's Challenge to be held at the high school cafeteria beginning at 6 pm. The community is always invited to share in the education of our students.

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FLU SHOT CLINIC OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

\$20.00 cash/check (must reside in Grayson County to write checks

Medicare Part B--Texas Children's Medicaid--adult Medicaid

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You have a fever
Have a history of "guillian-barre" syndrome
Had a reaction to flu shots previously
Have an allergy to chicken eggs
Have an allergy to Thimerosal

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

Cross Country

The MS and HS cross country teams competed in the Sherman Fun Run on Sept. 17th in the 5K. We had 22 participate, including our own Coach Matt Boykin (winning 2nd) and Mr. Orozco.

Last Saturday, Sept. 24, the CC teams competed in the Pottsboro Challenge with 7th grader, Payton Jones coming in 5th and medaling with a time of 13:47. This course was a lot more challenging than the previous courses, but the athletes competed extremely well.

7th grade volleyball

7th grade volleyball teams played S&S Monday, Sept 26, B-team won 15-12, 15-11, give them a record of 3-1.

A-team won 25-15, 25-22, giving them a record of 4-3. Both teams really served the ball well. Great job 7th grade girls.

Next game is at Callisburg Monday night.

Tom Bean Vs. S&S

Tuesday, Sept. 27, the Tom Bean Lady Cats volleyball team savored another victory in their first round of district competition. The Lady Cats defeated S&S with scores of 25-15, 25-19, 22-25, and 25-18.

Standouts for the Lady Cats were Alex Hendry and Makenzie Jones with 7 kills each, while Amber Davis chipped in 6 kills and Ashley Selman finished with 9 kills and 3 blocks on the evening. Statistically, we were not where we wanted to be tonight; however, the girls were playing with a renewed determination that was crucial in the end.

Thank you for supporting the girls and keep patting them on the back. They are working hard.

Pottsboro 53, Tom Bean 12

TOM BEAN -- Tanner Frye ran for three touchdowns and threw another as Pottsboro defeated Tom Bean.

Travis Hill caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from Cody Miller and ran for a 12-touchdown for Tom Bean (0-5). Trey Hodge led the Tomcats with 168 yards on 23 carries.

Statistics	Pottsboro	Tom Bean
First downs	21	15
Rushes-yds	34-246	41-246
Passing yds	217	67
C-A-I	14-18-0	3-9-2
Punts-avg	0-0	1-32
Penalties-yds	6-75	4-40
Fumbles 0-0	3-1	

Tom Bean Individual stats:

Rushing: Trey Hodge, 23-168; Cody Miller, 10-38; Travis Hill, 4-19; Cade Newell, 3-7; Brandon Bramer, 1-4

Passing: Cody Miller, 3-8-2 63; Cade Newell, 0-1-0 0

Receiving: Travis Hill, 3-67



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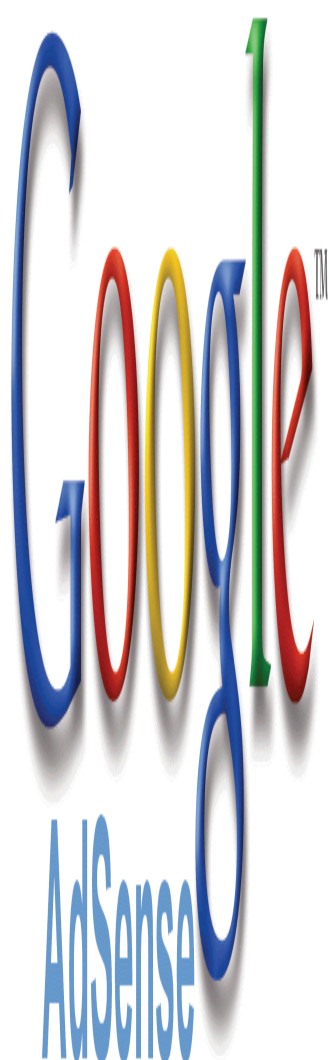
Is this Davy Crockett's Rifle?

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!



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Fruit Tree Gardening

Tuesday, October 4
6-8:30 pm

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor
Assembly Room

Do you grow or want to grow pecans, pears, plums, blackberries, apples, or peaches? If so don't miss this program where you will learn about site selection and purchasing fruit trees. The program will also discuss how to plant, prune and thin, irrigate, and fertilize a wide variety of fruit producing trees. Also on the agenda is a discussion about disease and pest control. A list of the best cultivars for North Texas will be made available.

One CEU (IPM) will be provided for Private Applicators. \$10 door charge. Enter the courthouse on the south side across from Knight Furniture. Any questions should be directed to Chuck Jones, 903-813-4202.

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

Chrystal Opry House

October is a busy month for the Chrystal Opry House.

Our first event will be the Little Roy and Lizzie Show on Tuesday, October 4, 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.

On Saturday, October 8, Canyon, a band of the late 80s and early 90s, will have a reunion performance. Some of their awards were Performance Magazine -- New Faces to Watch in 1989, Billboard Magazine's "New Vocal Group of the Year", CMT- # 1 Video--Carryin' On 1990, CMT #1 Video--"Damn These Tears", 1990

Music Row Magazine's Break-out Video of the Year--"Carryin' On", 1990. They appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and on Hee Haw. Some of the members were from the Sherman/Denison/Bells area. This is a free event, but donations will be accepted to defray expenses.

On Saturday, October 15, George Dickerson will again perform an Elvis/Ronnie McDowell tribute concert. George does a fantastic job with his renditions of favorite songs of these performers. He has the original music tracks and this past summer was able to perform with the Jordanares, which was a highlight of his summer. The show begins at 7:30 pm and admission is \$10 at the door.

On Saturday, October 22, at 7 pm, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform. Members of this band are Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, Tom Hackney, rhythm guitar, vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Mike Vaughan, drums, Jody Cofer, bass, and vocals, Judy Ziola, piano and vocals, Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors open at 6 pm for a 7 pm performance. Admission to this event is \$6 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. The concession area has brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy.

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

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

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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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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 included 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

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Centennial monuments

By Bob Bowman

In 1936, as Texas marked the centennial of its fight for independence from Mexico, hundreds of granite monuments were placed throughout the state to recognize significant events, people, buildings and communities

The centennial was so important to Texas and the nation that President Franklin D. Roosevelt spent three days in Dallas during the celebration. Speaking to 52,000 people at the Cotton Bowl, he noted that the Centennial was not just for Texans, but for people living in the other states in the O.S.

The sad part of this story is that during the ensuing 75 years, the centennial monuments have become targets of vandals and others with little respect for history.

Some of the markers have been pulled out of the ground and hauled off to who-knows-where. Some have been discovered in garages, junk shops and even in streams and rivers, where they fell from crumbling banks.

A few days ago, I drove west from Lufkin to find the monument for Marion, a town that served as the county seat for Angelina County between 1846 and 1854. The town was also known as McNeil's Landing and in 1831 consisted of more than 200 buildings.

Several years ago, the monument was moved from its original location because it was sitting on the edge of Sam Rayburn Lake and was on the verge of toppling into the water.




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By Dorothy N. Fowler

All right! I've had it. Someone came to my house this week repeating her physician's whines about the paltry pay he is receiving from Medicare. This person said the physician asked whether the person would fly to Belize to receive care, which he could provide there so much cheaper.

I came out of my chair with a roar. "Just how many physicians do you see living in poverty because their pay is so paltry?" I asked. "Don't you think it would be wonderful if you could find a physician somewhere who wanted to practice medicine because he/she cared about his/her patients and not the money? After all, certain physicians in Sherman seem to believe teachers should teach only for the love of their students; as a matter of fact, that's the attitude people have all over the country."

Now before you come out of your chair, pitying the poor physician who had to spend so much money for his/her education, stay seated a minute. Nearly everyone who goes to college these days has to borrow money to do so and many people who plan to go into service occupations that are every bit as important as medicine leave school with overwhelming debts and no promise of incomes like those physicians expect to receive.

One article on the Internet points out that medical residents make \$50,000 a year during their residency, which, admittedly is very like military boot camp. But teachers get no pay for student teaching and are fortunate if they work for a school district that will pay them \$50,000 a year after they've had 20 or 25 years of experience.

One of the reasons I so despised Governor Mark White, for whom I campaigned the first time he ran and helped defeat the next time, was that one of his chief aids told me that Texas teachers are too naïve (read stupid) to take care of their own financial best interests by understanding the political system. When I protested that the powerful and knowledgeable have an obligation to watch out for the less powerful and the ignorant, he replied, "God helps those who help themselves."

The public, urged on by President Reagan's education commission study "A Nation at Risk," and a business community avid to get its hands on the money government spends on education, has taken aim at America's teachers. They've done it by instituting billions of dollars a year testing industry that has virtually shut down insightful, creative teaching.

Real teaching, by a person with a heart for kids and who knows something to teach, has been replaced by scripted curricula written by heaven knows whom. Teachers are supposed to read the script and in some cases, click a little hand held clicker on prescribed cues. School districts all over the country have bought into this, so someone is getting rich



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The monument was in fairly good shape except for some scars caused by bullets from the guns of hunters looking for something to shoot.

Another centennial marker stands on the site of Fort Teran, the first white settlement in Tyler County. A metal Texas Historical marker, once affixed to the granite monument, was recently ripped off and tossed to the ground.

Sadly, other centennial markers have met similar fates, and some of East Texas' most historic sites have lost their identities.

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





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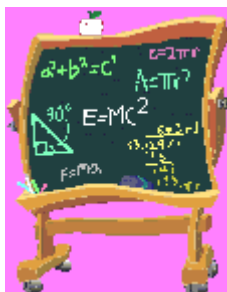
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off canned curricula as well as the testing, but the kids are not getting a rich or varied education.

Accountability, research based methods -- a dozen new education buzz words -- abound and teachers and administrators and insightful school board members admit that all this is hurting learning but hesitate to say anything because "We don't want people to think we don't want to be accountable."

Well, here is a hot flash for you folks. Teachers were accountable long before anyone was talking about accountability. Ten years ago I could have walked down the hall in any school in America and told you whether kids were learning without ever going into a classroom. I still can, and not much learning is taking place in schools where canned curricula has taken the place of individualized and exciting instruction.

What's more, teachers are now burdened with students who have somehow missed the opportunity to learn the basic rules of school civilization -- sit down, be quiet when your teacher is talking, do the assigned work, don't spit on the floor or other people, don't cuss, don't pee or poop on the floor in the restroom or the classroom, don't hit or pinch the kid standing in line beside you, don't head butt the principal.

The students who do know those rules are often terrified of the students who don't, and if you watch them, they try to make themselves very small so they will go unnoticed by the barbarians the teacher is forbidden to control. Instead of saying, "Don't do that," he or she is supposed to say, "Wouldn't you like to make a better choice?"

If I were a kid, my answer might very well be, "No, because you can't do anything to me if I don't."

The teacher who finds a child going through her or his purse or briefcase is not supposed to say, "Get out of that. It belongs to me." He or she is supposed to say, "What are you looking for?" I don't know exactly what he or she is supposed to say if the kid says, "Fifty dollars." However, under the new theory, the kid who is caught going through your briefcase or purse is not to be punished because that would "criminalize" what he was doing.

Give me a break and get off the teachers' backs. They didn't think up any of this insanity. They were too busy trying to figure out how much of their own money they could spend on supplies the school district should have supplied for their classrooms without depriving their own children of red beans and corn bread.

Capitol Watch
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



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Proposed Constitutional Amendments

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This week's column is the fourth 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. 4 The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The Texas Constitution currently allows the legislature to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the city or town and to dedicate increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area for the repayment of those bonds or notes, a mechanism referred to as tax increment financing. The proposed amendment would expand this authorization to include counties.

Supporters say counties should have the same ability as cities and towns to finance needed public improvements in areas that are deteriorating or unproductive and designated as

reinvestment zones. Without the amendment, county implementation of tax increment financing could be subject to a constitutional challenge. Property in a tax increment financing reinvestment zone would not be taxed at a higher rate because of its inclusion in a zone because the proposed amendment would not provide a basis for increasing tax rates. Instead, the proposed amendment would provide a mechanism for financing structural improvements in a defined area without a tax increase.

Opponents counter that authorizing counties to implement tax increment financing to fund transportation or other projects in a reinvestment zone could create an incentive to appraise property in the zone at a higher value. Even if the tax rate were to remain the same, a higher appraised value would result in a greater tax burden on owners of property in the area. Furthermore, dedicating tax revenue generated in a reinvestment zone to pay the costs of transportation or other projects in the zone could have a negative effect on other pressing local needs.

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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[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.

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Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a family oriented church home, you found it, with each Sunday morning beginning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classed for all ages at 9:30. Worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Denis Gray.

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.

he 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 7:30 am 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?"



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The Imaginer

By Willie Sofey

“imaginer un monde solaire
ou se dissoudrait nos vieilles guerres
imaginer un monde sans faim
ou le ciel d'un seul dieu
eteindrait tous les feux”

English translation: “Imagine a world solar or would our old wars imagine a world without hunger or the sky of one God would extinguish all lights.”

These are the chorus lyrics of the song title “Imaginer” sung by artist Jackie Evancho from her album “Dream With Me” (2011). Jackie recorded this album at the age of 11; after she stunned the audience at age 10 in “America’s Got Talent” competitions with her angelic voice. This song and the title inspired my writing of this article.

My first thoughts from the Holy Scriptures raced to 1 Cor. 2:9. “No eye has seen, nor ear has heard, no mind has conceived (imagined), what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

The learned Apostle Paul was pulling from his knowledge of the prophet Isaiah’s (740-680 B.C.) writings in Isa. 64:4 when he was addressing the Corinthians in 55A.D. However, Paul continues in 1 Cor. 2:10-16 about the things long hidden, are now revealed by the Holy Spirit, “we have received the Spirit who is from God that we may understand what God has freely given us”, v.12. “For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (1 Cor. 2:16).

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The Imaginer continued

Jesus said, "You (Lord) have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants" Matt. 11:25). "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven," Matt. 13:11.

Paul to the Galatians (Gal. 1:2) "I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ". Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 1:17) "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him".

There are many other scriptures in the Old and New Testament such as: Jer. 29:13, Dan. 2:28, Det. 29:29, Isa 53:5, 2 Tim 3:16, and 2 Pet. 1:20-21, that refer to this Godly wisdom and knowledge that is available to today's saints.

I'm addressing the song lyrics about how man depended on wars throughout history to solve basically its fleshly economic problems, "old wars imagine a world without hunger or the sky of one God", I will refer to the prophets Micah and Isaiah. "Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isa. 2:4 and Micah 4:3). "He (Jesus) will judge, and will settle disputes for

strong nations" (Isa. 2:4 and Mic. 4:3). This is a description of the millennial Kingdom wherein Gentiles (nations) and Jews (peoples) will do the will of God administered by King Jesus.

The closing lyrics, "ou le ciel d'un seul dieu eteindrait tous les feux", "the sky of one God would extinguish all lights." After the millennial (1000 year) reign of Christ on Planet Earth, the earth will be destroyed and re-created with the newly constructed city of Jerusalem being the city of God's people for eternity.

"The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the lamp of light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light" (Rev. 22:3-5).

I believe the French author of the lyrics of "Imaginer" had a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, for in fact, God would extinguish all lights by His presence and is the Light of the World (universe).

My personal imagination, is that I couldn't imagine a life without



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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.

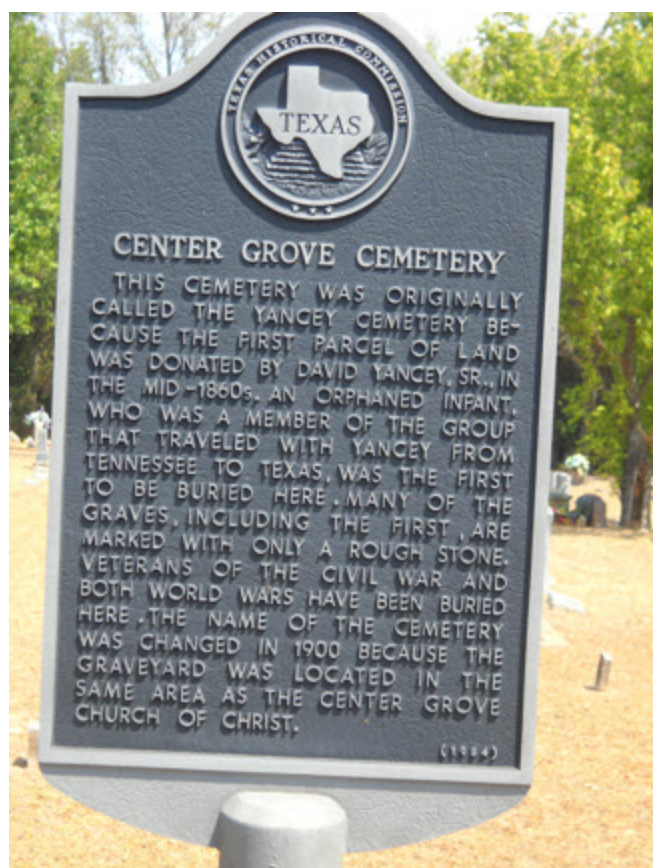
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members.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

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Hall Votes For Train Act; Deregulation A Step Towards Job Creation

WASHINGTON, DC . . . Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) joined a House Majority last week in passing H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts to the Nation (TRAIN) Act, a bill that will require an interagency committee to examine the economic impacts of regulations imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“This vote seeks to curb this Administration’s over-reaching regulatory policies that are crippling our economy and costing American jobs,” Hall said. “The President keeps talking about creating jobs – but the single most important action he could take would be to stop the Environmental Protection Agency’s regulatory assault.”

The TRAIN Act calls for experts from the Departments of Commerce and Treasury, and the U.S. International Trade Commission, to analyze major rules issued or proposed by the EPA and determine what impact these could have on American manufacturing, global competitiveness, energy prices, and jobs.

“In keeping with this thrust, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology – which I chair – has been holding hearings to review the scientific, procedural, and technical basis for these rules. Last week we examined the EPA’s Cross-State Air Pollution Rule that is another example of putting bad politics ahead of good science without regard to economics,” Hall said.

“Issuing a rule forcing major installation of pollution control equipment and expecting States to comply with it five months later is unheard of, even by EPA’s previous track record,” Hall noted. “This ruling has resulted in the announcement that Luminant would close its Monticello power plant in Mt. Pleasant, resulting in the loss of 500 jobs. Other consequences could be rotating power outages and double-digit increases in electricity prices. And this is happening all across the country.”

“I will continue to hold oversight hearings to highlight the EPA’s flawed policies and demand the release of data and processes that were used in the EPA’s rule-makings,” Hall said. “In these difficult economic times, Washington’s focus must be on growing the economy and creating jobs. If Congress can alleviate some of the regulatory burdens imposed by the EPA, American businesses and consumers can be allowed the freedom to once again maximize their potential.”

Herman Cain’s Response to Obama’s Plan to Raise Taxes

Last week, the Obama Administration’s assault on the private sector continued. In yet another speech, he called for America’s job creators to shoulder an even heavier burden than they must already. President Obama promised that his efforts were not “class warfare,” but instead “math.”

Perhaps he could learn a lesson or two on math from me. I have a degree in mathematics and spent the earlier days of my career as a supervisory mathematician for the Department of the Navy. Then, I worked for 40 years as an executive in the private sector where I balanced budgets, saved failing companies and created jobs. Both obviously demanded a command of advanced mathematics.

Here’s what I can tell him about math: raising taxes on anyone, no matter their income level, will do nothing to stimulate our economy, create jobs or balance our federal budget. Increasing taxes on the private sector will destroy jobs, further damaging our economy and sending even less revenue to the federal government.

His eagerness to punish the private sector indicates he doesn’t understand the most important truth of basic economics: the private sector creates jobs. These are the jobs that pay for the food for our families, the roofs over our heads, the heat for our homes, the clothes on our backs, the schools for our kids and the plans for our retirement.

Perhaps his ignorance of basic economics is due to the fact that both he and more than 90 percent of his Administration have no private sector experience at all. Thus, they are all too willing to continually punish America’s job creators, all in the name of “fairness.”

President Obama’s once said, “You can put lipstick on a pig, but it’s still a pig.” I agree. It doesn’t matter that he calls it “paying your fair share.” It’s still class warfare.

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Patterson welcomes VA settlement in Houston

Veterans fight -- and win-- for right to pray without harassment

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson this week welcomed news that Texas veterans and their families will once again be free to worship as they choose at the Houston National Cemetery. According to reports, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has agreed to settle a lawsuit over allegations of religious censorship at Houston National Cemetery.

“This is the right decision,” Patterson said. “Once again, it was veterans who stood up to fight for the Constitutional liberties we all enjoy, this time it was in court and not on the battlefield.”

During the summer, local veterans groups had accused VA officials of prohibiting religious speech on the cemetery grounds during services. Under the settlement, the VA will take steps to avoid any such prohibition.

Patterson was one of several state and national leaders who voiced their opposition to the Houston National Cemetery’s restrictions. Patterson stated his opposition in July in an op-ed that can be found here: http://www.glo.texas.gov/glo_news/editorials/2011/oath%20op-ed.html. Both Patterson’s father and grandfather are buried at the Houston National Cemetery.

As chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, Patterson oversees three -- and soon, four -- Texas State Veterans Cemeteries. Work on the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery north of Corpus Christi is expected to be completed in December.

“Any soldier, sailor, airman or Marine who signs up swears an oath before God,” Patterson said. “I am glad to hear that oath would now pass muster at the Houston National Cemetery.”

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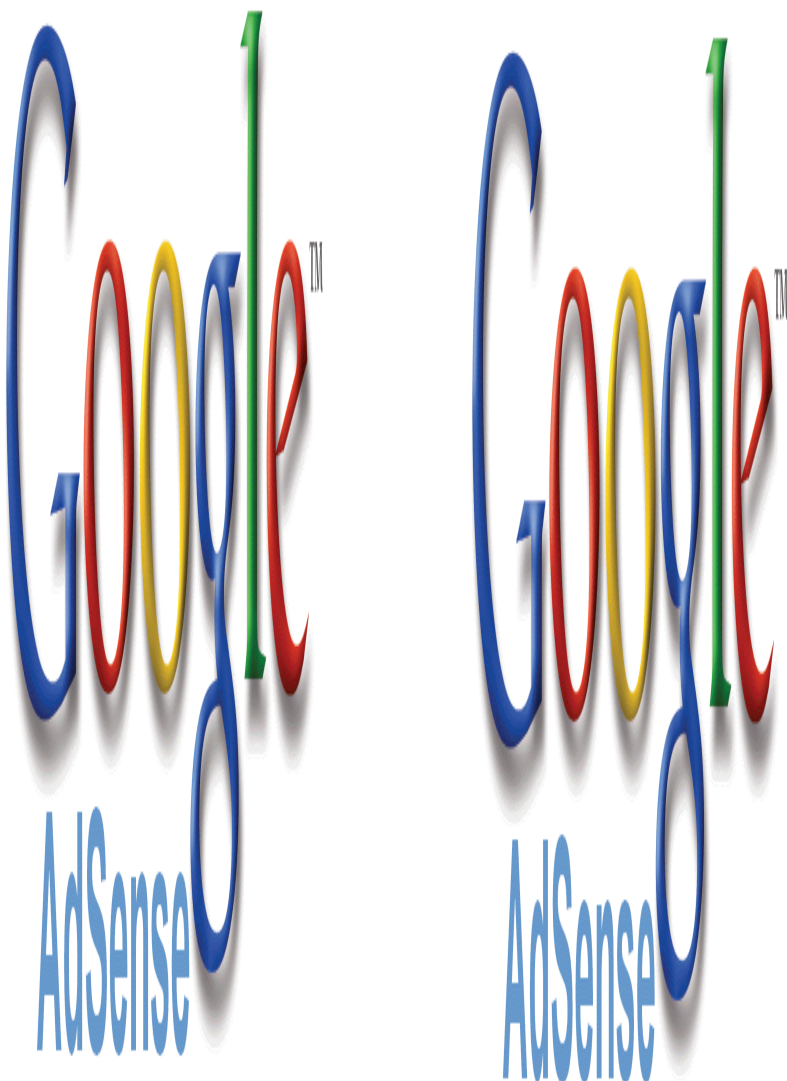
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TELLING OUR STORIES:



Dorothy Whitehead of Ector is a member of TOS, and she published a story in "20 Years of Telling Our Stories," Volume 10 in the series of books.

RAISING CHICKENS

By Dorothy Whitehead

Years ago I tried my hand at raising chickens. At the time my father-in-law John Whitehead lived with us, and my daughter Deborah was about three years old.

We had a large backyard with an old shed that had once been a washhouse. There was a pen in front of it for two greyhounds that belonged to John. Out behind that was a larger pen and small shed that was for my chickens. We also had an outhouse because as yet there was no sewer system in Ector.

One afternoon I was gone for a while, and when I returned home the greyhounds had gotten out and were in the chicken pen, chasing and killing my young fryers. They had killed or maimed around a dozen.

As tired as I was, I had to finish killing the hurt ones and then clean and dress a dozen. We were lucky that I had a freezer and could save that meat.

We also had a large red rooster that was a fighter. When I went out the back door and saw him first, that was okay, for I could kick as hard as he could. But if I didn't see him, he would make a sneak attack on me.

One day while I was gone and Deborah was there with her grandpa, she was in the backyard and Grandpa John was in the outhouse. The rooster attacked Deborah and she let out a loud scream. He had flogged her, knocking her down and then spurred her in the earlobe.

Her grandpa came out of that outhouse pulling up his overalls. He knocked that rooster off of her and then kicked it over the old wash house. He proceeded into the house, got the shotgun and killed that rooster. When I got home I found the carcass lying on the back porch, but Deborah was still afraid of it.

Once again I had to clean and dress a chicken, but this time we had chicken and dumplings out of that rooster. Even after all the feathers were off, Deborah was still terrified of it.

However, the dumplings turned out good, and after eating some my daughter was not afraid of that rooster any more. Not long after that I went out of the chicken business for good.

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Top 10 Reasons God Created Eve

10. God worried that Adam would always be lost in the garden because men hate to ask for directions.
9. God knew that Adam would one day need someone to hand him the TV remote.
8. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when his seat wore out and would therefore need Eve to get one for him.
7. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
6. God knew that Adam would never remember which night was garbage night.
5. God knew that if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle childbearing.
4. As "Keeper of the Garden," Adam would never remember where he put his tools.
3. The scripture account of creation indicates Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"
1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that."

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OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

¿ Que es ¿

I have been very busy the past few weeks. Old Man is now volunteering three days a week at an elementary school. He works with 5 kindergarten classes.

Several days ago, old man was teaching Spanish to his hispanic kids. Yep, that's right. He has not yet learned Spanish and these kids all speak Spanish, but that's what he was doing. The kids are now into their fifth week and beginning to write. While Old Man has learned a lot of Spanish in the past year he still struggles. But in writing, the teacher gives them three words and then asks them to select a fourth to complete their sentence. For example they might have to write, "Yo soy un_____." Then they can fill in the blank with, "gato, perro, nino, or mono." This makes it simple for Old Man because he knows all these word.

Something else Old Man is learning in the Spanish is that rules for capitalization are different. Of course you capitalize a persons name, but you do not capitalize their title. For example in English we would capitalize Mister Smith. In Spanish it is mister Smith. Unless you choose to abbreviate to Mr., then in Spanish you would capitalize - not because of the name but because of the abbreviation. Same goes for the days of the week and the names of the months.

While you try to remember all that, you must remember that there is a different vocabulary and even punctuation. The period and comma remain the same. But if you use an exclamation or question mark, you turn it upside down and place it both at the beginning and the end of the sentence. Confused yet? Well, we do have fun. Will visit you again in a few days.

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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.



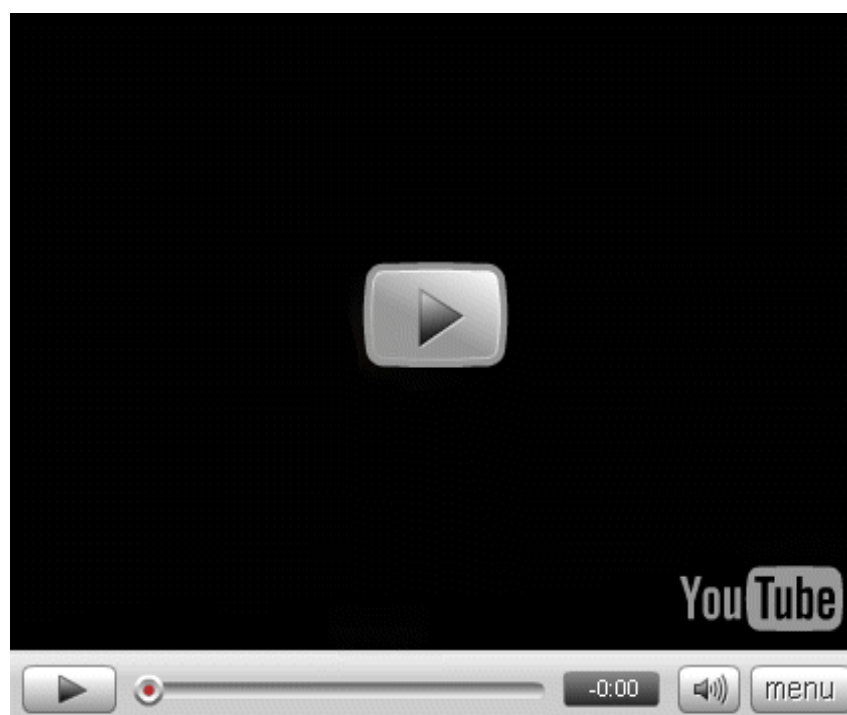
Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007

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