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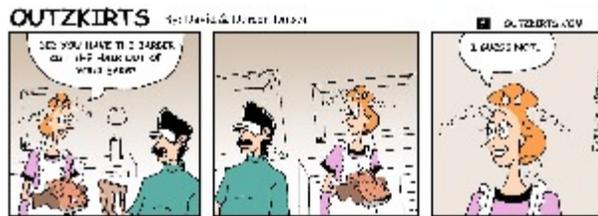
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*Tarzan Meets Jane*



GC adds new administration member



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What's Happening?

September 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Sherman Arts Fest
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Dale's Birthday					

**This calendar is new to the Texoma Enterprise. It is our intent to include National Holidays, local events, and birthdays/anniversaries. If you wish to include an event please let us know. Email [lanarideout@cablone.net](mailto:lanarideout@cablone.net) with your information.**



## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### *Proposed Constitutional Amendments*

This week's column will be the third in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 5. 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. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

#### **Amendment No. 3 (H.J.R. 133)**

*The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.*

House Joint Resolution 133 proposes to amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the governing body of a political subdivision (such as a municipality, county, or school district) to extend the date by which aircraft parts held by a business in Texas that are exempt from property taxation as "freeport goods" must be transported outside the state in order to retain tax-exempt status. Under the proposed amendment, a governing body could extend the date that such aircraft parts must be exported to not later than the 730th day (the second year) after the date the taxpayer acquired or imported the aircraft parts in this state instead of the 175th day as is currently required by law. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to provide the manner by which a governing body could extend the period of time. In addition, the proposed amendment provides that an extension would apply only to the exemption from property taxation by the political subdivision adopting the extension. The proposed amendment would apply only to a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

Supporters say the current 175-day unfairly disqualifies aircraft parts, which generally are held in inventory for longer periods of time. Aircraft parts may not be needed by a customer for many months, so an inventory does not turn over very quickly. If the parts are detained in Texas for more than 175 days, the parts do not qualify for the current exemption. This tax burden places Texas aircraft parts suppliers at a competitive disadvantage with suppliers located in other states, and may be a deterrent to business relocations to Texas or expansion of operations already in Texas.

Opponents of the constitutional amendment have raised questions about the cost to local governments, as well as costs to the state when offsetting lost tax revenue. The impact to the state and local governments cannot be predicted because the number of taxing units that would extend the freeport exemption period, and the taxable value of the parts that would become subject to the exemption is unknown.

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](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.





## Psalm 29:1-11 (BBE)

- <sup>1</sup> Give to the Lord, you sons of the gods, give to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Give to the Lord the full glory of his name; give him worship in holy robes.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is on the waters: the God of glory is thundering, the Lord is on the great waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is full of power; the voice of the Lord has a noble sound.
- <sup>5</sup> By the voice of the Lord are the cedar-trees broken, even the cedars of Lebanon are broken by the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes them go jumping about like a young ox; Lebanon and Sirion like a young mountain ox.
- <sup>7</sup> At the voice of the Lord flames of fire are seen.
- <sup>8</sup> At the voice of the Lord there is a shaking in the waste land, even a shaking in the waste land of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> At the voice of the Lord the roes give birth, the leaves are taken from the trees: in his Temple everything says, Glory.
- <sup>10</sup> The Lord had his seat as king when the waters came on the earth; the Lord is seated as king for ever.
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will give his people the blessing of peace.



## Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning at 9:00am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes of all ages at 9:30. Worship is to begin 10:30. D'Anna Lodge will be leading worship service.

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service. Also dress is casual.

Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus is a class for all the kids from ages 2-10 years old. They meet each Sunday morning during worship time. The children learn Bible stories and take a journey on Rt 66 to learn the books of the bible.

Wednesday night service begins at 6:30 with a pot-luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional service.

The Lords Supper is celebrated each Sunday during worship service. The church is part of the "One Movement".

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you.

For more information contact David Ellis @ 903-815-1333 or Mike Ball @ 903-271-1870.

## 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 9:00am and worship at 10:00am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6:00pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX..

We have radio programs each Sunday at 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn. Also there are two other programs; the North Side church of Christ is on at 8:00am, and Leonard church of Christ is on at 8:30am both on KFYN 1420 AM.

The Gospel of Christ news letter can be found at <http://www.thegospelofchrist.com/newsletter>. Their television program comes on CBS at 7:30am.

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on [www.PregnancyDecisions.org](http://www.PregnancyDecisions.org).

"God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

If you need to contact me my telephone number is 903-624-2635.

## Area 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  
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  
**GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**  
Pastor Bruce Stinson  
Brooks Plaza  
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship  
[www.thegbf.com](http://www.thegbf.com)  
**VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

### Howe

**APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC**  
405 S. Collins Frwy,  
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 ; Kcvin 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**  
903/546-6620  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
903/546-6231  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
903/546-6898  
**INSPIRATION POINT COWBOY CHURCH**  
FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean  
Duane Peters,  
903-815-2278

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## How Can I?

Barry Newton recalls a phone conversation...

The phone rang. On the other end was a familiar voice just beyond recognition. Then as he launched into asking, "How do I forgive myself?" I suddenly recalled his name and history.

"How can I forgive myself when I have wasted so many decades?"

Before I could even gather my thoughts he blurted out his current crisis. Even though his speech was not slurred, a slight bit of probing revealed what I feared. Alcohol was involved.

I've heard the ache and seen in people's eyes the pain arising from decades of destructive decisions.

The same satanic mantras tend to dominate those struggling with forgiving themselves:

"There is no hope for me!"

"God doesn't want me, I've done too much."

"I can't be forgiven."

"I will never be able to forgive myself."

Can a new future exist devoid of dragging along self-recrimination for past failures? \*

Thanks be to God, the answer to that last question is "Yes!"

The Good News (the Gospel) is that although each and every person has sinned and continues to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), God still loves us. He loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Newton affirms: "As horrible and destructive as sin is, HOPE exists! Forgiveness is possible because Jesus' death can overcome sin's poison."

"In Him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins" (Ephesians 1:7). Yes, we have sinned. We all have. But the blood of Jesus is greater than our sin.

Jesus will save those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Newton declares: "Those who have relied upon Christ, must refuse to listen to how Satan would drag up the past to condemn what God has forgiven."

Won't YOU submit to the Savior so that you may have forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life?

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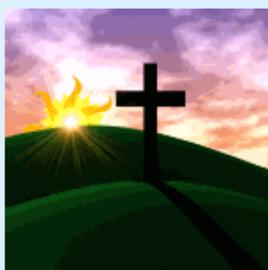
\* Barry Newton, "Forgiving Self," in Forthright Magazine --  
<http://forthright.net/2013/08/07/forgiving-self/>

Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and accessed from our website at: [www.creekwoodcc.org](http://www.creekwoodcc.org)

**PILOT GROVE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1271 Pilot Grove St.  
903/450-3708

**Sherman/Denison  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER DAY  
SAINTS**  
1900 Lamberth Rd, Sherman.  
**FRIENDSHIP UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450  
**WESTERN HEIGHTS  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
800 Baker Park Dr.,  
903/892-9635, Sun. 10  
**CHURCH OF THE  
NAZARENE,**  
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,  
Rev. Mack Rogers  
**RED RIVER  
COWBOY CHURCH**  
3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75);  
Novice Northington, 903/463-5840

**Van Alstyne  
COMMUNITY BIBLE  
CHURCH**  
Northwest corner Hwy 5 &  
County Line Rd.  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
105 Hopson,  
Shannon Jackson, minister,  
903/482-6033  
**EAST SIDE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
PO Box 141, Larry Shead,  
minister; worship 11am  
**ELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
FM 121 W, Elmont;  
Jim Poole, pastor,  
903/482-6356  
**FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH,**  
corner of Pearl & Nash,  
Pastor Kenneth L. Price,  
972/547-0243,  
**LIFE CHURCH,**  
201 W. Marshall,  
Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker  
903/433-8089  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
102 E. Marshall, 903/482-6334,  
Jimmy Tarrant, pastor  
**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
206 Waco, 903/482-5515,  
Gary Gibbs, pastor  
**FIRST PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH**  
903/482-6646,  
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**  
301 S. Preston,  
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister  
**GREYWOOD HEIGHTS  
WORSHIP CENTER**  
On Hwy. 75 just north of Dairy  
Queen, 903/482-6700;  
Chris Jones, pastor  
**HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Stephen W. Bierschenk,  
972/562-0752  
**MORNING CHAPEL  
CHRISTIAN METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL**  
103 Bowen, 902/482-5431  
**SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev.  
Arnold Baker, pastor



## Regina Organ joins GC administration

Grayson College President Jeremy McMillen introduced the newest member of the college's administration team, Regina Organ. Organ joins GC as the vice president of Student Services.

Selected from a field of more than 50, Organ has worked in several facets of student services and has experience as a vice president. She comes to Grayson after serving as a vice president of New Mexico Junior College for the last 15 years. In that role, she has been responsible for all student service functions including: admissions, registrar, recruiting, financial aid, counseling, student testing center, TRIO Programs (Student Support Services and Upward Bound), student life (activities, student clubs, intramurals, residential housing), security and athletics.

In introducing Organ, President McMillen said, "I am very excited about the future of Grayson College. Dr. Organ will certainly contribute toward our success, and we all look forward to working with her."

Prior to moving to New Mexico, Organ served as the dean of students at North Central Texas College in Gainesville, TX. Prior to that time, she spent five years at Howard College in the Big Spring/San Angelo area and five years at Frank Phillips College in Borger, TX. In each of these positions, Organ was always working closely with the student services area of the college. She actually began her college career and her professional career as a work-study student at Frank Phillips College (FPC).

Organ's educational background includes an Associate of Arts degree from FPC; a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University; a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. She earned a Doctorate in Education from New Mexico State University in 2004, focusing on Community College Leadership.

On a more personal note, Organ has three sons Joe, Thad and Casey. She has two grandsons and two granddaughters and is looking forward to another granddaughter due later this year. Organ lists her hobbies as visiting her sons and family, reading, gardening, looking for that special antique and traveling. She looks forward to becoming familiar with the area communities and citizens.



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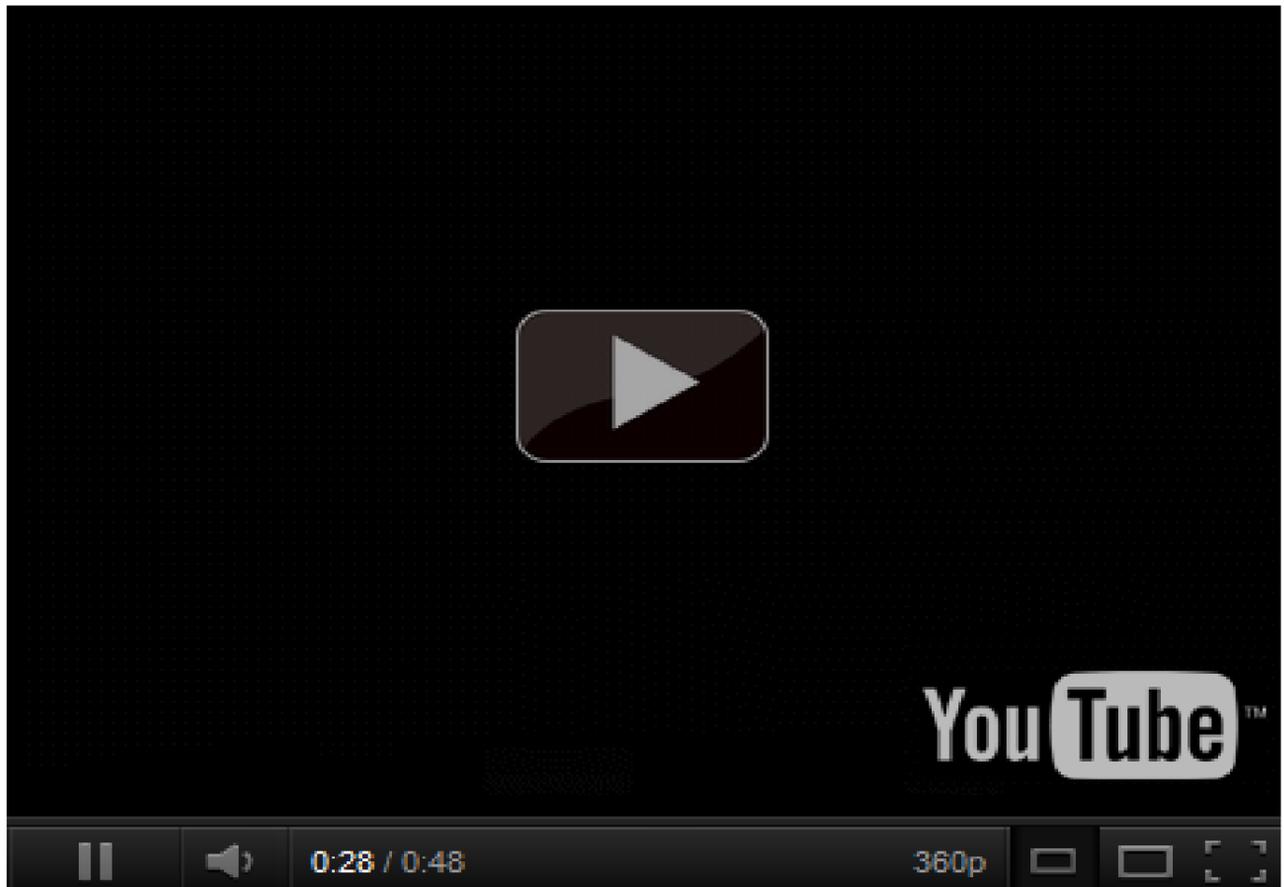
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Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our 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 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Grandkids singing at the Elves  
Christmas Tree Farm, 2007



## Dot's D-A-S-H-E-S



Dot's Dashes

By Dorothy N. Fowler

My brother's mother-in-law, whose name is an old English name, is 94 years old and she has been a registered voter in Kansas, Missouri or Texas for most of those 94 years. Her driver's license expired recently and when my brother and his wife fired up their computer to get a renewal for her, they found they couldn't do so unless the woman appeared in person at the DMV with a birth certificate and a picture ID.

Now, I'm almost certain that this woman will never drive an automobile again, but she does need an ID card so that she can cash a check when she travels out of state or at the occasional local store that still requires an ID. My brother told me this morning that it has taken several weeks, but that he and his wife finally have all the necessary documents and will, sometime this week, load his mother-in-law and her wheel chair into their SUV and present her to the harried clerks at the DMV. Then and only then, so they've been told, will she get her driver's license/ID.

I can't wait for the folks in Highland Park to have to go through this with their mothers and mothers-in-law. The truth is, I can't wait until all the folks in Sherman, Howe, Denison, Van Alstyne, Anna, Gainesville, Dallas and Fort Worth have to go through this for their own driver's license/voter registration card.

The fun of it for me is that so many of those folks always vote for Republicans, the same ones who brought you a voter registration process that makes it easier for any Texan, sane or insane, to buy an assault rifle than to register to vote.

That's the same group that turned down federal money for children's insurance that would have given the state of Texas \$2 for every \$1 the state spent.

Why don't we get one of those readily available assault rifles and just shoot our own feet off!

On a lighter note, I have a new dog, Wookie Doodle, who is a rescue we found in the middle of a busy intersection in Sherman. He had been there several days, apparently waiting for his family to come back and pick him up. He wouldn't come to us or let us catch him until the very last day. By that time he had been through two major rain storms and seemed to have given up. He went into the traffic lane and lay down as if he hoped someone would run over him and end it all.

When I got him, he was covered with a kind of flea I had never seen before, a big, clear looking fleas who were running all over him. My veterinarian checked him for an identification chip and finding none, dipped him, combed him, wormed him and gave him a rabies shot.

Wookie Doodle didn't have a collar and so no tag. I called the pound, checked the neighborhood where we found him for flyers, checked the newspaper every day for weeks and decided no one was looking for this sad, skinny little fellow.

After three months at my house, he is no longer skinny. In fact, he has become a bit chunky and if he is still sad, no one can tell it. He is still without any manners, although he is learning to sit on command. But he still cannot resist rushing from the sun room, where the other two dogs and I live and work, into the house and down the hall into my bedroom, where he hides under my tall four poster until I come after him.

He loves my great grandchildren and the rest of my family and is the best thing that has happened to Booger Bear and Gucci Dog for a long time. For as long as I or my family is around, Wookie Doodle, Booger Bear and Gucci Dog have got a home. If a tornado comes, we will all be in the closet together and get blown away together and if there is a flood and they send a boat, we either all get into the boat or no one does.

I tell all three of them that every night and they sleep as if they believe me.



## Abuse of Drug Discount Program: Corrosive Crony Capitalism

By Sally C. Pipes

Federal lawmakers are constantly tinkering with the healthcare market. Often, these invasions have perverse consequences.

Indeed, one federal initiative designed to provide poor Americans with discounted drugs has morphed into an ungainly operation fattening the bottom lines of pharmacies and hospitals.

Enacted in 1992, the "340B" program requires drug companies to provide steep discounts on drugs to qualifying hospitals and clinics. The program was meant to help institutions that serve large numbers of low-income or uninsured Americans.

From the outset, however, 340B has been plagued with problems. And now, it often fails to actually help vulnerable patients.

The first major flaw is the program's eligibility requirements for healthcare providers. The existing eligibility formula does not measure obviously relevant metrics such as the percentage of uninsured patients a hospital serves or the amount of uncompensated care it provides.

A Government Accountability Office report confirmed that even some hospitals that just "provide a small amount of care to low-income individuals... could claim 340B discounts." And a study by Avalere Health found that states with fewer uninsured residents actually had higher shares of hospitals taking advantage of 340B.

Second, the program doesn't require that discounted medications be dispensed only to people who actually need them. As a result, many hospitals are selling drugs they purchased on discount at full price to patients with private insurance coverage.

Finally, the hospitals and pharmacies dispensing these drugs aren't required to pass the savings onto patients.

As a result of these gaping flaws, a drug program meant to help the uninsured has turned into an arbitrage operation that lets hospitals and retail pharmacies buy billions of dollars' worth of steeply discounted drugs, bill insurance companies and patients the full retail price, and then pocket the difference.

When Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) looked into the program, he found that the Duke University Hospital -- where only 5 percent of patients were uninsured -- was able to leverage the discount program to boost its net income by almost \$50 million last year.

"Hospitals are reaping sizable 340B discounts on drugs and then turning around and up-selling them to fully insured patients," Grassley wrote in a letter to the agency overseeing the 340B program.

340B now represents an unholy alliance between moneyed interests and public regulators. The free market has been undermined. Many low-income patients genuinely in need of help are being left out in the cold. Drug companies are being forced to sell a growing volume of products at severe discount -- leaving many with little choice but to make up for those lost revenues by raising prices on other consumers.

Congress and regulators have compounded the problem over the years by repeatedly expanding 340B. Almost one-third of hospitals nationally now participate.

The largest and most troubling expansion came in 2010, when regulators authorized hospitals to contract with an unlimited number of outside pharmacies anywhere in the country to dispense 340B discounted drugs. Previously, hospitals could only use in-house pharmacies or contract with a single pharmacy.

This particular change has led to a dramatic increase in the number of contract pharmacies benefiting from 340B. In 2010, there were just under 4,000. Today, that number has jumped to 30,000 -- a 700 percent increase.

Accordingly, the total value of 340B discounts has also exploded and is projected to grow significantly in the coming years.

These expansions are making a bad problem even worse. 340B is too often being abused to bolster hospital profits. Healthcare providers should be competing in a free and open market -- not exploiting a well-intentioned program meant to help low-income Americans.

The abuse of 340B represents corrosive crony capitalism at its worst. Lawmakers need to fix this program. *Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Taube Fellow in Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is [The Cure for Obamacare \(Encounter 2013\)](#).*



## Do The Math: Rebuilding Vehicle's Engine Saves Money

Letter to the Editor

September 2013

Dear Editor,

Math can sometimes be tricky, but when it comes to figuring out the cost benefits of rebuilding your car's engine, the answer is very simple. If your car or truck is diagnosed with major engine damage, installing a remanufactured or rebuilt engine will extend current vehicle life at a significantly lower cost than buying a new car or truck, adding up to big savings.

For the cost of an average down payment on a new car or truck, a vehicle's engine can be repowered with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine, gaining years of reliable service without monthly car payments and higher insurance rates. The Engine Rebuilders Council developed a [cost comparison chart](#) illustrating the cost difference between purchasing a new vehicle and repowering an existing vehicle with a remanufactured/rebuilt engine.

To learn more about why installing a remanufactured or rebuilt engine is the sensible economic alternative, visit [www.enginerebuilder.org](http://www.enginerebuilder.org).

Sincerely,

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Chairman  
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## Should You Prepare a Medicaid Application Yourself?

Whether you should prepare and file a Medicaid application by yourself or should hire help depends on answers to the following questions:

How old is the applicant?

How complicated is the applicant's financial situation?

Is the individual applying for community or nursing home benefits?

How much time do you have available?

How organized are you?

Medicaid is the health care program for individuals who do not have another form of insurance or whose insurance does not cover what they need, such as long-term care. Many people rely on Medicaid for assistance in paying for care at home or in nursing homes.

For people under age 65 and not in need of long-term care, eligibility is based largely on income and the application process is not very complicated. Most people can apply on their own without assistance.

Matters get a bit more complicated for applicants age 65 and above and especially for those of any age who need nursing home or other long-term care coverage. In these cases, availing yourself of the services of an attorney is practically essential.

Medicaid applicants over age 65 are limited to \$2,000 in countable assets (in most states). It's possible to transfer assets over this amount in order to become eligible, but seniors need to be careful in doing so because they may need the funds in the future and if they move to a nursing home, the transfer could make them ineligible for benefits for five years. Professional advice is also crucial because there is a confusing array of different Medicaid programs that may be of assistance in providing home care, each with its own rules.

All of that said, the application process itself is not so complicated for community benefits (care that takes place outside of an institutional setting, such as in the beneficiary's home). In short, those over 65 in many cases will need to consult with an elder law attorney for planning purposes, but they or their families may be able to prepare and submit the Medicaid application themselves.

But submitting an application for nursing home benefits without an attorney's help is not a good idea. This is because Medicaid officials subject such applications to enhanced scrutiny, requiring up to five years of financial records and documentation of every fact. Any unexplained expense may be treated as a disqualifying transfer of assets, and many planning steps -- such as trusts, transfers to family members, and family care agreements -- are viewed as suspect unless properly explained. Finally, the process generally takes several months as Medicaid keeps asking questions and demanding further documentation for the answers provided.

Many elder law attorneys offer assistance with Medicaid applications as part of their services. This has several advantages, including expert advice on how best to qualify for benefits as early as possible, experience in dealing with the more difficult eligibility questions that often arise, and a high level of service through a long, grueling process. The one drawback of using an attorney rather than a lay service is that the fee is typically substantially higher. However, given the high cost of nursing homes, if the law firm's assistance can accelerate eligibility by even one month that will generally cover the fee. In addition, the payments to the attorney are generally with funds that would otherwise be paid to the nursing home -- in other words, the funds will have to be spent in any event, whether for nursing home or for legal fees.



## Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club

Maggie Goodman of Southlake has been named September photographer of the month by Friends of Hagerman. A virtual album of 12 of her photographs taken at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will be featured throughout September at [www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery).

Goodman is a sophomore at University of Alabama, majoring in chemical engineering, and has always been interested in photography.

"I used to chase my mother's cats around the back yard with a camera, telling them to give me 'cattitude.' Now I chase birds and other wildlife, with the addition of my other pets (horses, chickens, a dog, and, yes cats)," says Goodman.

Goodman began volunteering at the refuge with her mother as part of a program at her school called Success Scholars.

"I love the natural beauty of Hagerman and the peaceful serenity it offers, be it a drive or a hike," says Goodman who uses a Nikon D5000.

Photography is one of the most popular activities at Hagerman and the Friends offer a number of photo activities. Entries for the fourth annual Hagerman NWR photo contest are being accepted through September 6. The next bimonthly meeting of the Nature Photography club will be at 12:30 pm, September 14 in the audio visual classroom at the refuge. John Mead, Blue Lion Photography, will be the speaker for the meeting, which is open to anyone interested in nature photography.

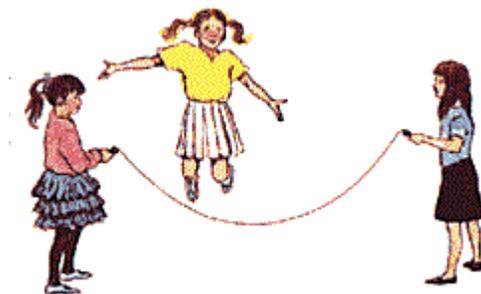
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School Night for scouting will be held Thursday, September 5 from 6pm until 8pm at the Howe Middle School cafeteria. Boy Scouts age 5th grade through High School, Cub Scouts 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Girl Scouts kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come by and sign up for these programs.



## A Good Boy!

Little Robert asked his mother for two cents. "What did you do with the money I gave you yesterday?"

"I gave it to a poor old woman," he answered.

"You're a good boy," said the mother proudly. "Here are two cents more. But why are you so interested in the old woman?"

"She is the one who sells the candy."

## Two attorneys

Two attorneys went into a diner and ordered two drinks. Then they brought out sandwiches from their briefcases and started to eat. The owner marched over and told them, "You can't eat your own sandwiches here!"

The attorneys looked at each other, shrugged their shoulders and then exchanged sandwiches.

## Duck walks into bar

A duck goes into a bar and asks the bartender, You got any fish?

The bartender says, No. This is a bar and we don't sell fish so the duck leaves.

Next day, the duck goes back to the bar and asks, You got any fish?

The bartender says, I told you yesterday. This is a bar and we don't sell fish.

There following day, the duck returns and asks? you got any fish?

The bartender loses it, grabs the duck by the neck, and screams, I TOLD YOU TWICE. THIS IS A BAR. WE DON'T SELL FISH IF YOU ASK AGAIN, I'M GOING TO NAIL YOUR \*@#& WEBBED FEET TO THE FLOOR!

The next day, the duck goes in the bar and asks, Got any nails?

The bartender sighs and says, No, we don't have any nails?

The duck says? Good. Got any fish?

## An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman

One day, an Englishman, a Scotsman, and an Irishman walked into a pub together. They proceeded to each buy a pint of Guinness. Just as they were about to enjoy their creamy beverage, three flies landed, one in each of their pints and got stuck in the thick head.

The Englishman pushed his beer away from him in disgust.

The Scotsman fished the offending fly out of his beer and continued drinking it as if nothing had happened.

The Irishman, too, picked the fly out of his drink, held it out over the beer and then started yelling: AH BEGORRAH! SPIT IT OUT, SPIT IT OUT!

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## LET'S REMINISCE: CLONED HORSES AND HYBRID CATS

By Jerry Lincecum

Recently a federal jury in Texas found the American Quarter Horse Association had been violating federal and state antitrust laws by barring cloned animals from its influential list of registered horses.

The decision could force the group to admit cloned horses—and lead to similar lawsuits against other animal-breeder organizations that have excluded cloned animals. The case is still subject to appeal, so let's watch and wait.

A rancher and a veterinarian sued the Quarter Horse Association, arguing it was a monopoly, effectively barring cloned horses from participating in competitions and shows. Not being able to register the horses had lowered their value greatly and reduced the number of potential buyers.

The plaintiffs have about 20 animals they want to register, but there will be many more in line if the registry opens to cloned animals. The Quarter Horse Assn. has registered more than five million horses since its creation in 1940.

The case could have far-reaching implications in the animal-breeding industry, but there are some cat people who will probably take no interest in this affair. They are crossbreeding alley cats with wild exotics in order to produce "living room tigers and leopards."

These breeders have learned there is a market for cats who look like they just walked out of the jungle. Members of the International Bengal Society produce kitties that look like little leopards, and their behavior is not what I would consider domesticated. Another wildcat hybrid known as Savannahs is also favored.

Exotic cats have become a status symbol, and some people will pay as much as thirty thousand dollars to possess a hybrid that looks like a miniature tiger. Naturally there are risks associated with owning a part wildcat, just as dog-wolf hybrids have proved to be dangerous.

In New York state, Savannahs are prohibited unless they are at least five generations away from the wildcat progenitor. That's like me saying I am five generations removed from my first Texas ancestor, Dr. Gideon Lincecum, a self-proclaimed infidel, considered a dangerous radical by some of his neighbors. So I am no more dangerous than a Savannah cat that is five generations removed from her wildcat ancestor.

Back in the 1950s I heard about some young men who came in possession of a half-grown bobcat. They next took a nice-looking suitcase and placed the cat in it. Then the suitcase was deposited by the side of US Highway 79 between the towns of Jewett and Marquez.

The men watched from a distance as a car with several people in it stopped and someone hurriedly picked up the bag. Then as the car sped away, someone must have "let the cat out of the bag," because the vehicle's path became erratic and passengers jumped out. The kitten also emerged and headed for the woods.

The perpetrators of this incident boasted that it was very amusing to watch, but I'm inclined to think of it as malicious mischief.

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A retired English professor, Dr. Jerry Lincecum teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any topic: [jlincecum@me.com](mailto:jlincecum@me.com)



***Keatyn Eitelman of Pottsboro caught this 16.5-inch white bass from Lake Texoma on December 2, 2012, the second fish of five he needed to achieve Elite Angler status.***

## ***Eleven-year-old Is State's Youngest Elite Angler***

ATHENS--Keatyn Eitelman of Pottsboro became Texas' 25<sup>th</sup> Elite Freshwater Angler—and the state's youngest—on August 2, 2013, less than two weeks before his eleventh birthday. He finished this task when he caught a 21.25-inch, 5.5-pound largemouth bass from Lake Texoma on July 23 and submitted it for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Big Fish Award.

An Elite Angler is a one-time achievement award for an angler who catches trophy-class fish of five different species. There are freshwater and saltwater categories. To be eligible, an angler must earn five freshwater or five saltwater Big Fish Awards. A Big Fish Award is given for a fish meeting or exceeding a minimum length for each species.

Keatyn began his quest on November 28, 2012, when he caught a blue catfish measuring 39.25 inches from Lake Texoma. Encouraged by his father, Nailen, Keatyn proceeded to collect Big Fish Awards from Lake Texoma for white bass (16.5 inches, December 2, 2012), smallmouth bass (18.5 inches, December 11, 2012), and his largemouth bass. He also caught a white crappie (18.25 inches) from Lake Fork on March 10, 2013.

TPWD offers many ways to be recognized as an angler: state and water body records by weight, catch and release records by length, First Fish Awards, Outstanding Angler, Big Fish Awards, and Elite Angler. Visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishrecords> for all the listings and an application. If you catch a fish you think qualifies, remember to take good pictures of the fish to aid in identification. If the award is based on length, one of the pictures must show the fish on a ruler. Don't forget to take pictures of yourself holding the fish, too.

Your local TPWD fisheries biologist will be happy to help you obtain forms, identify your catch and weigh it on a certified scale. Search for the biologist nearest you at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/management/biologist/>.

Some grocery stores will weigh fish for you, and bait shops or feed stores may have certified scales. Locations of certified scales can be found at <https://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/fish/programs/fishrecords/scales.phtml>.

Official Toyota ShareLunker Program Weigh and Holding Stations also have certified scales; locations are listed at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/visitorcenters/tffc/sharelunker/holding/>. The fish must be weighed within 3 days of the catch. However, weigh the fish as soon as possible to prevent any weight loss due to regurgitation or dehydration.



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## Tarzan Meets Jane

Think back to when you were first introduced to Edgar Rice Burrough's story, Tarzan of the Apes. Whether it be as the original story published in the pulp magazine, The All-Story in 1912, or as one of the various adaptations in movies, be it a silent movie shot in Louisiana or a later colorized version shot in Africa. Maybe it was on the radio, or television, or on Broadway as a play, but the memories are vivid of Tarzan swinging through the jungle on vines calling to all of the jungle inhabitants with his powerful Tarzan yell.

Now do you remember? Maybe you were only first introduced to Tarzan through the animated Disney movie that brought us the Oscar-winning song "You'll be in my Heart" by Phil Collins. Well, now you can relive all of those fond memories in Theatricks musical production, TARZAN on the Honey McGee Playhouse stage this weekend and next complete with aerial flying effects by ZFX.

Don't wait on deciding to come see what all of the high-flying action is about with Theatricks, because young or old the story touches all who experience it and may even produce an occasional tear. Tickets are going fast, so call the SCP box office today at (903)892-8818 during the box office hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Tickets are \$12 adults and \$10 students, or become a Theatricks season member and also enjoy the plays THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE, and WINNIE THE POOH in 2014.

I am sure that like Jane Porter, Tarzan's new love, you will want to stay in the jungle to experience the wonders and beauty that will all unfold this September on the Honey McGee Playhouse stage. TARZAN is made possible through the sponsorship of Texoma Medical Center as well as Markl and Sons heating and cooling. The flying effects are brought to Theatricks by the generous sponsorship and collaboration with Independent Bank, Nautilus Fitness Centers, Brian and Jessica Adams, Hampton Inn and Suites, and the Captain HT Hastings Foundation.





## Lucy William - Tom Bean's Finest

Lucy Williams was a pillar of the Tom Bean community & always stood up for what she thought was right. She was indeed Tom Bean's finest!

Private donations were collected this year to purchase TxDOT signs designating Hwy 11 from city limit to city limit as "Lucy Williams Memorial Highway". The Dedication Ceremony for the unveiling of the signs and donor plaque was held Saturday night,

August 24th at 6:00 in the Edwards Community Room at the 1st National Bank of Tom Bean.

First on the agenda was beautiful music by the Red River Valley Chorus group followed by a presentation of a bouquet of red roses to the chorus by great-granddaughter Alexis Paige Williams. Mayor Sherry E. Howard read the letter that she had received from Alexis back in May 2010 to name a freeway after Ms. Lucy.

On hand to help with the celebration was State Representative Larry Phillips and Robin McCoy, Regional Coordinator for Senator Craig Estes.

Catering was done by her sons and daughter-in-laws Ralph and Marion Williams and Joe and Kathy Williams. Refreshments were served by the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Ms. Lucy at the event. David Ellis and David Harrison were both instrumental in helping the Mayor spearhead this project.

Testimonials from several people in attendance told of the awesome lady that Ms. Lucy was and how she impacted many people in the community throughout the many years. What a great honor it was to have the privilege of honoring a person in such a way as dedicating a highway in their name!!



