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**True Blue Ambassadors**



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**The True Blue Ambassadors assist at a variety of University functions throughout the academic year.**

## New True Blue Ambassadors

Durant, Okla. – Eleven outstanding Southeastern Oklahoma State University students have been chosen for the fifth class of True Blue Ambassadors.

These student leaders will represent Southeastern at high school recruitment events, provide campus tours to prospective students, and assist with Alumni Association events.

The Ambassadors will also work with Southeastern president Larry Minks to host special guests.

Three states are represented by the new True Blue Ambassadors, with four students from Oklahoma, six from Texas, and one from Arkansas.

New Oklahoma Ambassadors are Brittney Bailey, Crowder, Biology/Chemistry major; Chelsea Connel, Madill, Biology; Danielle Julian, Valliant, Psychology; and Leslie Wesberry Jr., Tishomingo, Business.

Texas Ambassadors are Whitney Bowen, Rowlett, Psychology; Kevin Holzbog, Denison, Occupational Safety and Health; Kyle Ludwick, Fort Worth, Political Science; Kailea Marshall, Howe, Occupational Safety and Health; Helen Moore, Denison, Music Education; and Darrin Wade, Houston, Technical Theatre.

Dylan Henson, Aviation-Professional Pilot major, is from Siloam Springs, Ark.

The 2012-13 True Blue Ambassadors were nominated by Southeastern faculty and staff members and participated in an application and interview process. All Ambassadors volunteer their time to serve the University. Southeastern's Presidential Partners is providing funding for training and awards.

The new True Blue Ambassadors will join 15 returning Ambassadors.

For more information on the program, contact the Office of University Recruitment at 580-745-2060 or visit [www.SE.edu](http://www.SE.edu).

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## Austin College Again Named College That Changes Lives

SHERMAN, TEXAS-Austin College is included in the updated edition of the influential book *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*, released last week.

The College was included in the original edition of *Colleges that Change Lives*, published in 1996 and written by Loren Pope, former education editor of The New York Times and longtime education consultant.

Revised editions of the book, also including Austin College, were published by Pope in 2000 and 2006. After Pope died in 2008, his family hired Denver-based education writer Hilary Masell Oswald to compile an updated edition of the book. The writer conducted all new school tours, conducting in-depth interviews, and built on Loren Pope's original work to create a completely updated, more expansive work. There were some changes in the schools included, set at a total of 40 by design.

"We are very pleased that Austin College is included among these 40 exemplary schools," said Austin College President Marjorie Hass. "We work very hard to provide an education with challenging academics supported by expert faculty members whose first priority is their students. The residential community of our campus emphasizes an engagement beyond the classroom, providing opportunities for leadership, collaboration, faculty-directed research, and personal growth. Austin College is a place for students to see themselves and the world with new perspectives - indeed, changing lives and creating possibilities."

In writing the original book, Pope wanted to help high school students find colleges where they could develop a lifelong love of learning and build a foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond college. The colleges Pope suggested to students were not necessarily well known, but offered specific distinguishing attributes, including:

- \* Low student-to-faculty ratios that foster collaboration, engaged learning, and personal attention and classes taught by professors, not graduate students
- \* Faculty who are dedicated and passionate about teaching, advising, and mentoring undergraduate students
- \* A commitment to undergraduate education that focuses on the liberal arts and sciences, with multiple opportunities for undergraduate research
- \* A living and learning environment that is primarily residential and emphasizes the benefits of community, personal growth, participation, and involvement
- \* Smaller student enrollments that allow students to be known and recognized as individuals
- \* Out-of-classroom learning opportunities that provide students with an added perspective about themselves, their interests, and the global community. Participation in internships, study abroad, service to others, and special interest activities is common and expected.

- \* Consideration of everything about an applicant-not just numbers on an application-in making admission decisions
- \* Alumni networks that help graduates with professional and career development opportunities as well as foster lifelong friendships based on an involved and engaged undergraduate student experience

Many Austin College graduates agree that the educational experience did, in fact, provide those foundations. "At Austin College I received an excellent liberal arts education that has served me well in my legal and political careers-and helped me solidify my identity and my priorities," said Ambassador Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative since 2009 and a 1976 graduate of the College. "Learning in an environment with faculty who are dedicated and passionate about teaching was a life-changing experience for me. The things that were attractive to me about Austin College are still the same-the strong academic focus and the sense of community on campus." Kirk served two terms, 1995-2002, as mayor of Dallas, the first African-American in the role. Prior to taking that office, he served as Texas Secretary of State under Governor Ann Richards. He also has practiced law as a partner in the international law firm Vinson & Elkins and was named one of "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" by The National Law Journal in 2008. He also was named one of the nation's top government relations lawyers in The Best Lawyers in America from 2007-2009. He received the University of Texas Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001, the Woodrow Wilson Center for Public Policy's Outstanding Public Service Award in 2000, the Young Texas Exes Award in 1995, and the Austin College Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994. Kirk received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Austin College in 2006 and is a senior member of the Austin College Board of Trustees.

After the original edition of *Colleges That Change Lives* was published, the schools featured in the book joined together to form an organization by the same name <<http://www.ctcl.org/>>. That organization sponsors college fairs around the country that invite students to meet with representatives from all the participating colleges.

The revised edition, available from Penguin Books for \$17, includes details about admissions standards, the curriculum, extracurricular activities, and educational philosophies-as well as comments on the look and feel of the campus, the quality of dining hall food, the percentage of students who study abroad, average SAT/ACT scores, the percentage of students who go to graduate school, and what professors have to say about their schools. The new book also offers a chapter about how students with learning disabilities can find schools that fit their needs.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Austin College is recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies.



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## Howe's That *Recipe*

by Lana Rideout

The world needs men who cannot be bought;  
Whose word is their bond;  
Who puts character above wealth;  
Who possess opinions and a will;  
Who are larger than their vacations;  
Who do not hesitate to take chances;  
Who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;  
Who will be as honest in small things as in great things;  
Whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;  
Who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it";  
Who are true to their friends through good report and evil report,  
in adversity as well as prosperity;  
Who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning and hard  
headedness are the best qualities for winning success;  
Who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth where it is  
unpopular;  
Who can say "No" with emphasis, although all the rest of the  
world says "Yes." -- Author unknown

### Mary Ann's Delicious Party Punch

This is a great, all-around punch for birthday parties, showers and all kinds of gatherings.

1 quart cranberry juice  
1 quart pineapple juice  
1 6-ounce can frozen orange juice concentrate  
1 6-ounce can frozen lemonade concentrate  
1 quart ginger ale

Mix all ingredients together, except ginger ale. Just before serving, add the ginger ale.

Serve over ice or in a punch bowl with an ice ring. Makes just over 3 quarts..

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## Howe City Council, Regular Meeting, August 21, 2012

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 Dennis Bozeman.

Jack Leavenworth gave the invocation.

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

*CONSENT AGENDA* - Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Sam Haigis to approve the consent agenda which included financial reports for July, 2012 and the minutes of July 17, 2012 council meeting. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

### *CURRENT BUSINESS*

Motion by Dale Rideout, second by Jack Leavenworth to propose tax rate of \$.6479 per \$100 of taxable value on the agenda of the council meeting on September 18, 2012 and to set the dates of September 4, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and September 17, 2012 at 6:30 pm for required public hearing on tax increase. Motion carried 4 Yes 1 No – Sam Haigis.

Mr. J. Kenneth Griffin addressed the council on a sewer issue on his property on Farmington Street.

Motion by Dennis Bozeman, second by Jack Leavenworth to authorize city staff to sell surplus vehicles:

- (1) 1986 GMC pickup truck
- (2) 1977 fire truck that has been converted to a water truck
- (3) 1996 Ford 250 pickup truck

Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dale Rideout to approve Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the City of Howe. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Dennis Bozeman to approve Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement between TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool and the City of Howe. Motion carried 5 Yes 0 No.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

## Vote in the Tax Ratification Election for Howe ISD

The students and future Howe ISD students need this! Howe ISD needs to remain competitive so our children and future students have a school system that they can be proud of - a great place for teachers and administration to work. As a community we should participate in helping support our school system. We need to maintain competitive salaries, campus supplies, technology needs, transportation upgrades, and facility improvements for our district. To do this, we need to VOTE YES at the Tax Ratification Election.

The average homestead in our district is valued at \$113,634, and the proposed increase would be approximately \$11.42 a month or \$137.15 per year. Please help this Tax Ratification Election pass, our tax increase is minimal when you look at the big picture. Taxpayers over the age of 65 whose taxes have been frozen would see no increase on their homestead.

Submitted by Sharla Ross

## Howe ISD Tax Ratification Election

### Early Voting

Aug. 22- Sept. 4, 2012, 8am to 4pm, HISD Administration Office

Aug. 23, 2012, Howe Middle School Gym, 5-8 pm

Aug. 31, 2012, Howe Football Stadium, 7-9 pm

### Election Day Voting

September 8, 2012

Howe ISD Administration Office and Dorchester City Hall, 7 am to 7 pm

For additional information regarding the TRE, visit [www.howeisd.net](http://www.howeisd.net) or school district offices.

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## The Tom Bean Library Presents

Our stories ... Join us for an old-fashioned story time, the kind you might listen to sitting around a fireplace on a chilly day with no TV or radio. Who knows what you might learn about your friends or neighbors of the Gold Old Days.

Story Tellers for the First Session are:

Eddie Hamilton, Kay Bryant, A.O QUinn, and LaVerne Darwin.

Refreshment will be served.

September 8, 2012, 10 am to noon at the Tom Bean City Hall-  
Lucile Teague Library, 201 S. Britton ST, Tom Bean, TX

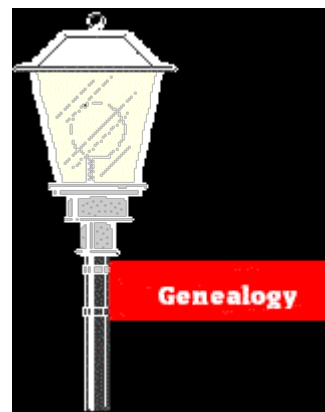
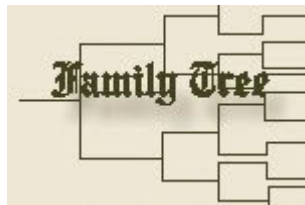


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The Van Alstyne Public Library is sponsoring a beginning Genealogy class. This class will meet on Saturday, September 15 and Saturday, September 22. Class will be from 10:30 am until noon each day. Classes are free but enrollment is limited. Please call to register in advance. Location for the class is the Van Alstyne Public Library at 151 W. Cooper St., Van Alstyne, TX 75495

903-482-5991





## ***We Must Not Forget; We Must Be Vigilant***

*By Lana Rideout*

September is the month that school kids get in the groove, busy with their school work. September is usually cooler than the summer had been, especially in Texas.

But after Tuesday, September 11, 2001, September has taken on a different meaning.

That September morning was crisp and full of promise. Folks across the United States were busy going to work, shopping, celebrating a beautiful morning.

So quickly it turned into something else. An airplane slammed into the side of one of the World Trade Center buildings in New York City. Smoke began to fill the sky.

Phone calls and emails began making the rounds telling about what appeared to be a tragic accident.

But then, another jet airplane hit a second tower of the World Trade Center.

With that second airplane, we began to realize that this was not an accident. It was an attack. And soon we saw a third airplane hit the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. and a fourth airplane crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. The passengers of the fourth plane knew what had already happened in New York City and they were determined to stop the plane they were on from crashing into another building. They took control and managed to force that plane to crash in an area where only the people in that plane would die.

Ten years have now passed since that day. Tuesday will mark eleven years since that terrible day.

Many tears have been shed over that day which has been compared to such events as Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7, 1941) and the day of the bombing of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City (April 19, 1995).

In the war of the terrorists there are no innocent people. Or maybe they are just collateral damage.

Last year the chief mastermind of the attack, Osama Bin Laden was found and killed. But others have taken his place. There will always be evil in this world, but we must never forget the evil of that day in September when the world seemed to stop.





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## Texas Truths – Assembled by Don Mathis

There is no horse that can't be rode -  
And no cowboy that can't be thrown.

If you fall out the saddle, get right back on.  
A full day of chores begins before dawn.

And dark don't mean the day has an end.  
A broke man knows who is not his friend.

'Cause everybody's your partner come payday.  
But when the money's gone, so are they.

If you're not sure, don't spur your horse yet.  
Trust your poker friends, but always cut the deck.

Don't bother with business that ain't your concern.  
Family fights are private; outsiders ain't welcome.

Never ask a rancher how big is his spread.  
When you're tired, the ground is as good as a bed.

There's no time to rest when there's work to be done.  
Forget about sleep and eat on the run.

You can always just about stand  
a little more than you think you can.

It don't matter if you are the head trail boss -  
Check over your shoulder to see if the herd got lost.

And always drink up river from the herd.  
You don't learn nothing when you're being heard.

When it comes to cussin, don't swallow your tongue.  
Just rare on back and git 'er done.

Romancing is a lot like roping.  
Takes rhythm, timing, and a lot of hoping.

Your love life is like a campfire -  
Leave it alone, and it'll expire.

Don't tell everyone when you try something new.  
Kicking gets you nowhere, less you're a mule.

Letting the cat out of the sack  
is a lot easier than putting him back.

A person who agrees with you all day long

is a fool - or else he's stringing you along.  
Horses and dogs can hear better'n you -

And they often can smell better too!  
Don't wear out your boots on a brass rail

You'll pay the devil for raising hell.  
Did you ever see a wild animal embarrassed?

They don't make saddles for a smarty sass.  
Never pass a good chance to shut up -

Or try to order around someone else's pup.  
Small hound dogs can pee on big ole' trees.

Bad wind may be underserved, but so's a good breeze.  
Get two dry logs to burn a green limb.

Only vultures will feed on their friends.  
A long walk in new cowboy boots  
will make you forget all your other blues.

If you can't swim, stay away from the sea.  
When you're with a mooch, curb your generosity.

If you have to eat your words, the sooner the better.  
If you have free time, write your Maw a letter.

Never ask the cookie if his food is fine.  
Have a fast horse when you speak your mind.



[Click Here for more Area Events](#)

## Texoma Patriots Event



Come join us for an afternoon at Waterloo Lake Park next Saturday.  
- September 8th from 1 to 5 pm  
- Waterloo Lake Pavilion in Denison, TX – 1101 Waterloo Lake Drive

The Texoma Patriots invite young conservatives to join us and others like you for an informal and informative brainstorming session on how today's generation thinks, feels, and votes. We know that your generation will be crucial in the upcoming election. The target age is 18 to 34, but everyone is welcome.

It will be a fun afternoon at Waterloo Park. We will provide food and door prizes. There will be time to play volleyball and games. We plan to spend time talking about issues and then have a panel so you can ask questions. We have invited speakers to discuss topics such as jobs, education, health care, taxes, religious freedom, the election process, and other important issues. Afterwards you can talk with them one-on-one. We also want you to meet some of the candidates running for election on the November ballot.

Waterloo Park has a 52 surface acre lake – bring your kayaks, canoes, and row boats. There is a fishing area, volleyball, Frisbees, 1.5 mile nature trail around the lake, ducks to feed. No swimming. It is handicap accessible. By the way, if any of you have children, there is a playground there for them.



Please send this information to your friends and all the Millennials in your family, church, and neighborhood. Also post it on Facebook and Twitter. We look forward to sharing time with you.

Directions to lake: from Sherman US-75N – at exit 68, take ramp right for Katy Memorial Expy S toward Crawford St. Turn right onto Crawford Lane (0.2 mi). Road name changes to W Crawford St (0.7 mi). Turn right onto Waterloo Lake Dr. (0.4 mi). Arrive at the park. The last intersection is W Hull St. If you reach S Lang Ave, you have gone too far. Look for the signs. Come rain or shine. The Pavilion, Overlooking the lake

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFO? Contact Kaaren Teuber -  
kaarent@verizon.net





## Talking Trash

SHERMAN, August 30, 2012 - Dr. Susan Thomas, Executive Director of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) announced today the addition of contact resources on the TCOG website for reporting illegal dumping situations in the Texoma Region. Illegal dumping is defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code as disposing, allowing, or permitting the disposal of litter or other solid waste at a place that is not an approved solid waste site, including a place on or within 300 feet of a public highway, on a right-of-way, on other public or private property, or into inland or coastal water of the state.

The TCOG website, [www.tcog.com](http://www.tcog.com), now has an email and phone hotline on the Municipal Solid Waste webpage that can be used by regional citizens for reporting illegal dumping situations that are encountered in Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin Counties. Dr. Thomas adds, "Reports of illegal dumping will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement office for investigation and prosecution".

Illegal dumping runs the gamut from cigarette butts, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans all the way to tires and old discarded refrigerators. Each case requires someone's time to pick up and properly dispose of the debris and many times puts a burden on local government budgets for proper cleanup.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.



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## Local Churches

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903/482-6761  
SOVEREIGN GRACE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
George Seevers, 903/364-2942  
**Cherry Mound**  
BAPTIST CHURCH, 6335 FM 1753, Denison  
Dennis Stewart, pastor,  
Sun School 9:45; worship, 11, evening 6; Wednesday,  
7pm

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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300 Pecan, 903/433-3335  
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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  
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903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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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**  
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Harvey Patterson,  
903/893-2252  
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Luella  
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

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903/546-6231  
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CHURCH 903/546-6898  
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COWBOY CHURCH  
FM 2729, 2.5 miles  
South of Tom Bean

## Psalm 103:1-5 (ASV)

**<sup>1</sup> Bless Jehovah, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

**<sup>2</sup> Bless Jehovah, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits:**

**<sup>3</sup> Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases;**

**<sup>4</sup> Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;**

**<sup>5</sup> Who satisfieth thy desire with good things, *So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.***

### Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

The church host a movie night each month. The movie for September will be on September 21 and will be the movie *Dolphin Tale*. The public is invited and everything is free including popcorn candy and drinks. Movie starts at 6:30 pm.

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

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

### Tom Bean Church of Christ

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

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

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

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

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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**  
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Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.  
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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 Giibbs, pastor  
FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
903/482-6646,  
Rev. J.R. Thornhill, pastor  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH 301 S. Preston,  
Rev. Jack Wallace, minister  
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Chris Jones, pastor  
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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

## A Way vs. The Way

By Willie Sofey  
Sherman, Tx.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death,” God to Solomon 950 B.C.; Proverbs 14:12.

Jesus answered Thomas’s question “how can we know the way” (Jn. 14:5) ... “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” ... Luke in Acts 4:12.

From the time of fallen Adam to the time of Noah, mankind’s way had become and “was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence”... for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways” (Gen. 6:11-12). As a result, God flooded the earth and allowed Noah, his wife, three sons’ Shem, Ham, Japheth and their wives along with approximately 17,600 species of animals (some 45,000) to survive this universal flood in the ark that Noah had constructed (Gen. Ch. 7). Note: According to Dr. Charles Ryrie’s footnotes, the ark had a displacement of 20,000 tons and gross tonnage of 14,000 tons. Its carrying capacity equaled that of 522 standard railroad stock cars.

The civilization from Noah’s descendants to the call of Abram (Abraham) in 2090 B.C. at the age of 75’ had become paganistically corrupt. God chose Abram to separate himself from this lifestyle and He would “make you into a great nation and I will bless you” (Gen. Ch. 12).

These blessings were further promised through the hands of Jacob (Israel) to his sons and grandsons in Egypt when Joseph was the Prime Minister of Egypt after his brothers had sold him into slavery (Gen. Chs. 48 and 49, around 1850 B.C.). Some 450 years later God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of their bondage in Egypt to the “promised land” (Gen. Chs. 5 through 20).

“From the time of Moses to the present, a time of approximately 3450 years of recorded history, only 270 years (7.8% of the time) have seen no war”... (The Lessons of History, P. 81, Will and Ariel Durant).

The world today still follows “men’s way” and neglects and rejects God’s way and have not learned the way to peace... “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain” (Psalm 127:1). It seems as if the world is again experiencing “As the days of Noah were” that Jesus described in Matt. 24:36-39. Jesus described the signs of the end of the age just prior to His return to earth to set up His kingdom for a thousand years with the born again saints ruling and reigning with Him (Matt 24:4-8’ Rev. 20:4-6).

God blessed Great Britain (latter day descendants of Ephraim, the son of Joseph) and America (the latter day descendants of Manasseh), because of their obedience in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. Note: Check out the history of the Anglo Saxons beginnings. Saxons are defined as sons of Isaac’ Abraham and Sarah’s son of promise.

Manasseh’s descendants will become a people (nation), “Nevertheless his younger brother (Ephraim) will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations” (Gen. 48:17-20).

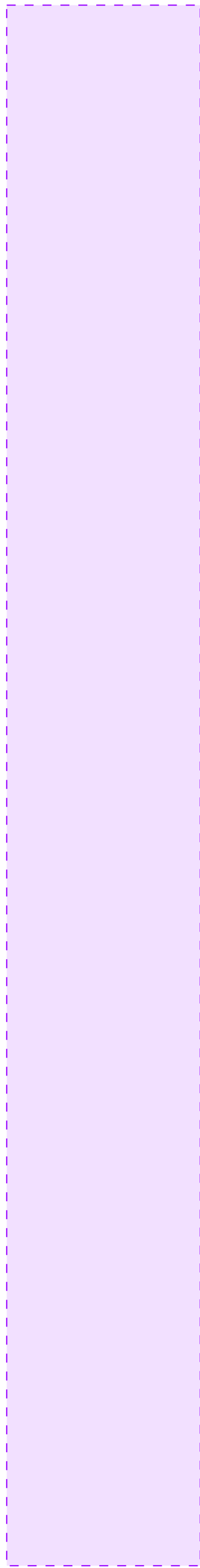
For 250 years, Great Britain (as a group of nations) controlled 25% of the land masses and a vast majority of all “sea gates” and “land gates”. America as a people (one nation) became the most powerful nation on earth after World War II, controlling many sea and land gates for commerce and military purposes (Gen. 22:17-18).

Both of these great empires, as well as the rest of the world have fallen on bad times as a result of following man’s ways instead of “The Way” of the Lord.

The armies of mankind will eventually make that journey to the plains of Jezreel near Mount Megiddo (Armageddon) to battle for control of the earth (Rev. 16:16).

Before mankind completely destroys himself in this war, Christ will return and destroy these armies that actually turn on Christ (Rev. 19:15) and His army of saints (Gen. 19:11-21).

Mankind will finally follow “The Way” of God and will live on this earth for 1,000 years in peace and for all eternity on a newly created earth ruled from the new city of Jerusalem by Jesus and the saints (Rev. 20:1 – Rev. 22:17). Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:20).



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## The CCC parks

By Bob Bowman

During the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) designed and constructed dozens of state parks throughout Texas.

The design of the parks was often inspired by the landscape and history of Texas itself. By the time of its disbandment in 1942, the CCC had laid the foundations for today's parks system.

In East Texas, six original CCC parks still stand at Bonham in Fannin County, Caddo Lake in Harrison County, Daingerfield in Morris County, Huntsville in Walker County, Weches in Houston County and Tyler in Smith County.

At Bonham, the 261-acre Bonham State Park stands within the northern reaches of the Blackland Prairie, an area marked with grasslands interspersed by woodlands, near the Texas border with Oklahoma.

In developing the park, the CCC used the rocky, hilly terrain of the area for erosion control and recreational purposes, and built an earthen dam to impound a 65-acre lake. Buildings of cream-colored limestone and eastern red cedar were scattered around the park.

At Caddo Lake, one of the most scenic lakes in East Texas, the CCC converted temporary barracks and a mess hall used by CCC workers to park facilities. The area's forests and native iron ore were utilized in the park design.

Daingerfield's park design utilized the area's pine and hardwood forests. An 80-acre lake was also built, creating the focal point of the park.

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

It seems to have escaped the attention of several million Americans that Social Security, food stamps and Medicaid became law mostly to provide income for American business in general, farmers and grocery stores in particular, and physicians and hospitals that complained they were treating too many people absolutely pro bono.

During the depression of the 1930's, getting enough money into the hands of consumers so they could go to JC Penney or Woolworth to buy a dress, a shirt, a pair of shoes or into a cafe to buy a 10 cent bowl of chili was impossible because the private sector simply could not -- or would not -- produce enough jobs to put purchasing power in the hands of the people.

Using the same principle that owners of water wells used to get water out of the well, Democrats and Republicans primed the national economic pump by putting money into the hands of people over 65 years of age. Social Security didn't solve the whole problem, of course, but it did make a positive difference to business as people who previously had limited or no purchasing power, suddenly did.

During the late 1960's and early 1970's, the United States government sponsored and paid for a free food commodities program. On an appointed day, people who qualified went to a designated place, often a firehouse or a church fellowship hall, and collected whatever it was that was on the commodities list. Some of my students were bitterly resentful of this "give-away" to "bums too lazy to work" until I put them in a school bus and took them to observe and help serve the people who had come for the food.

Student attitudes, based on observation of circumstances that I certainly could never have fabricated, changed immediately. "Did you see that little old woman in house shoes? The one who was dragging the burlap bag? She isn't strong enough to come to that place and carry that stuff home on foot."

That stuff, by the way, varied from time to time. The week we went, we got permission to collect some of the food to take back to the school and we contracted with the home economics teacher to use the lab kitchen to prepare lunch -- one lunch for each class. For most of the students, it was their first experience with trying to mix powdered milk, figure out what to do with canned meat that was many grades below SPAM, several pounds of rice, canned tomato juice that came in 1/2 gallon cans, and 18 eggs as well as the miscellaneous food stuff that varied from session to session. I will say that the butter provided in the commodities food program was the best butter I have ever tasted, but without adequate refrigeration, it certainly had to be consumed rapidly.

Notably, there were no fresh vegetables, rarely any canned vegetables or potatoes, no bread and only occasionally flour.

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## **BOB BOWMAN'S EAST TEXAS, continued**

Huntsville State Park, located within the rolling hills of the Sam Houston State Forest, is a part of the East Texas Pineywoods Region that marks the western limits of the Southern pine belt.

Because of depletion of timber resources, the CCC reforested the land with plantings of pine, sweet gum, maple, oak and dogwood. The CCC also built roads, a stone bridge, restored Lake Raven, and developed campsites, shelters, trails and other amenities.

Mission Tejas, located in the pineywoods near Weches, was the first Spanish mission in the province of Texas. The discovery of a Spanish cannon barrel led to the park's development.

The CCC developed the Mission Tejas park in time for the Texas Centennial Celebration in 1936. A key structure built by the CCC was a commemorative log church, likely similar to one built by Spanish soldiers in the 1690s.

Set in the Pineywoods, Tyler State Park represents a clear break from the National Park Service's rustic style. The CCC architects displayed a familiarity with the Prairie Style made popular by architect Frank Lloyd Wright and helped to usher a modern style in the park's buildings.

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## **Dot's Dashes, continued**

Recipients of this food seemed uniformly happy to get anything to eat despite the storage problems and the virtual impossibility of making the food taste good. If they complained, no one listened because they "were bums too lazy to work." Loud complaints came from grocers who said they were losing sales they would have if people could make their own choices about what to buy and from farmers who could command higher prices from private business than they could from government for the commodities that were being given away free.

Driven by the noble sentiments of (1) individual choice about what to eat and feed your family and (2) the health benefits of letting people buy fresh vegetables, meat from the meat counter, and cereals and enriched bread, Congress enacted the Food Stamp program and grocers and farmers, as well as the people who qualified for the Food Stamps rejoiced.

Medicare and Medicaid were also driven by business concerns. Physicians and hospitals wanted to be paid for the services they provided for the desperately poor who showed up in emergency rooms every day. They certainly did not and do not get paid as much as they want to get paid by government, but they do get paid from tax money and those payments keep your insurance premiums lower than they otherwise would be. That's because someone has to pay unless we plan to let people die in the street, which some countries have let happen. When that happens, someone has to pay to pick up and dispose of the dead bodies.

The payment that isn't covered by Medicaid or Medicare comes from higher fees paid by your health insurance companies and private pay patients. Your bills for your health insurance and/or your private pay fees would be much higher if it weren't for Medicaid and Medicare.

Are any of these programs perfect? Of course they aren't, but the idea that somehow they are programs that are taking money out of our pockets and we aren't getting anything in return is absurd. Thinking the whole thing through is just a matter of knowing a little history and using a little sense.

And here is something you may not have thought of. Insurance companies who are looking at the prospect of getting a potential pool of 30 million new health insurance policy holders are not likely to be enthusiastic about the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. They are looking forward to the new income, physicians are looking forward to a new pool of patients (why else would they be building new surgical centers, specialty hospitals, etc..) not only because they are tired of turning away people whom they want to treat, but also because they will get paid for doing it.

Several months ago, two young women members of the Tea Party were interviewed on KERA. Their main issue was their desire to repeal the Open Accommodations portion of the Civil Rights Acts of the 1960's. Does anyone really believe that store owners, restaurant owners, hotel and motel owners want to be forced to give up 20 percent of their potential clientele because bigots in state legislatures would like to go back to Jim Crow?

On that issue and many of the other issues that can be made to seem so simple by political one-liners and ideologues who wrap themselves in the flag and declare their righteousness, it is incumbent on everyone to just use a little sense.



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



Dale & Lana Rideout



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

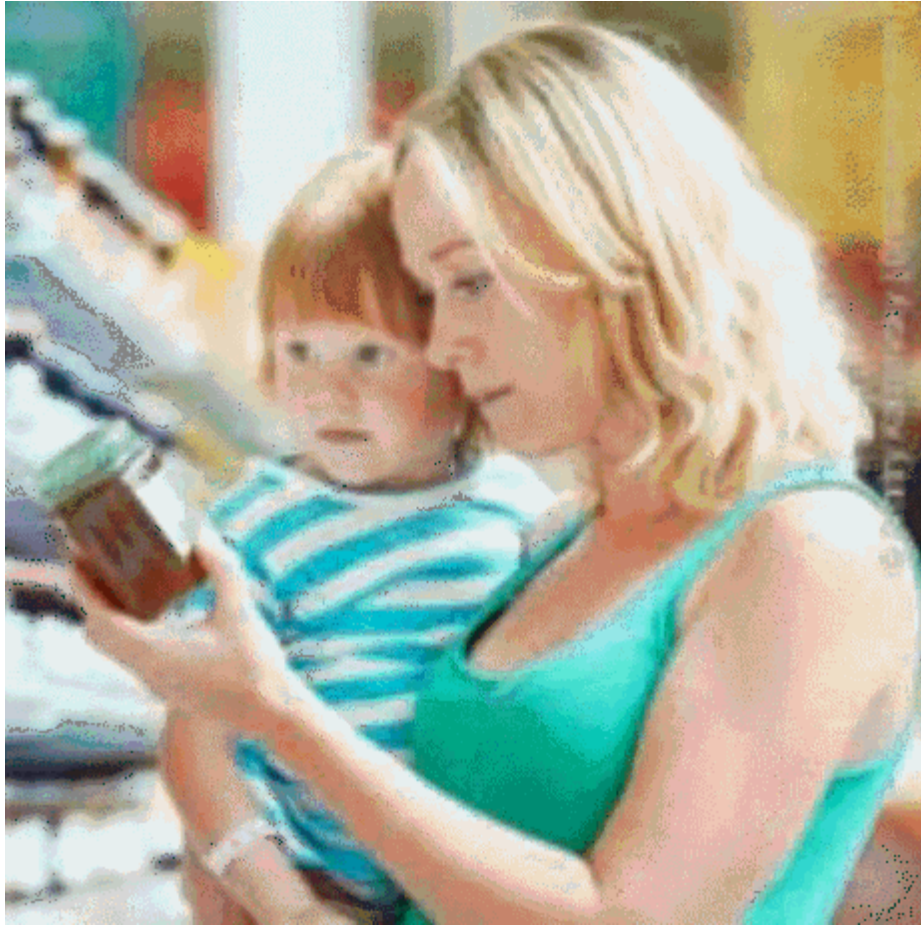


"Santa" Rideout



Grandkids singing at the Christmas Tree Farm 2007





## Move over Baby Boomers, Here come the YEMMiess

*By Amanda Hill*

The Baby Boomers have been called America's greatest generation. They've weathered decades of ups and downs and have lived to tell the tales. Marketers drool over the Baby Boomer demographic -- revered for their purchasing power by sheer volume.

But, the times, they are a changin' ... Move over, Baby Boomers. Here come the YEMMiess.

I came across the YEMMiess in this post from the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) blog, Focus on Agriculture. A YEMMiess is a Young, Educated, Millennial Mother.

The Millennial generation, born between 1982 and 2001, are quickly surpassing the Baby Boomers as the most influential demographic in America. In fact, by 2020, Baby Boomers and Millennials over age 25 will nearly equal each other in number.

YEMMiess are a different breed. They grew up with an abundance of choice, particularly when it comes to food. Thanks to the marvel of modern agriculture, YEMMiess

and other Millennials are accustomed to browsing aisle after aisle of fresh produce, meats and dairy products at a large supermarket. Exotic fruits are commonplace at specialty grocers. Just about any cut of beef they want is just a quick trip away.

As the Millennial generation ages, marketers are looking to YEMMiess as the next great purchasing giant. These young moms are shopping for their families, and their expectations are high.

They like "natural" and "organic" products. They expect shelves to be stocked with every fruit and vegetable imaginable -- regardless of what's in season. They want a bargain, but they are willing to pay more for perceived quality.

America's farmers and ranchers will meet these demands. They'll grow everything from grapes to green beans, cabbage to cauliflower, potatoes to peaches. And despite Mother Nature's unexpected blows and unpredictable markets, they'll provide these goods at a fair price.

So, the YEMMiess come with great expectations -- but America's farmers and ranchers are ready to meet that challenge, if the price is right. To the next generation they say, "Bring it on."

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## Do we trust anyone, or anything?

By Gene Hall

One of my favorite writers is Peggy Noonan, once a speechwriter for Ronald Reagan, now columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*. She recently wrote a piece called "A Nation that Believes Nothing." Part of it is too political for our purposes, so I won't link to it. The piece is notable, and sad, for the premise that we are citizens who do not trust our institutions, or each other. It's not that we don't believe "in" anything. It's that we don't believe people in authority. True, some have earned our mistrust, but we always overreact.

Our food production system is evidence of this. We've been told by some that university research is not to be trusted if a dollar from a corporation funds even a portion of that research. If anyone makes a dime from anything, their word on that subject cannot be trusted -- even if they have vast experience. Instead, some are stamped into rejecting the gift of abundant and affordable food.

Parts of the world consider the American grocery store an impossible fantasy of health, nutrition and freedom from hunger. Yet many of us cannot accept that its bounty was influenced by a corporation, advanced by university research or sanctioned by a government agency with employees who may have worked in agriculture. Farmers who profit from growing food or their organizations can't be trusted to speak for safe and proven practices. Really? Skepticism is healthy. Toxic, knee-jerk cynicism is not.

Recently, consumers who have come to believe certain things about organic food are faced with an independent study that concludes the marketing assertions of organics were not everything they were alleged to be. We've always said here that organic food was and is a worthy choice, though a higher-priced one. This study concludes that if you must shop on a budget, lower-priced conventional foods are just as safe. But, if you don't trust science, government, farmers, ranchers or, well, anyone, where do we go from here?

Our pop culture assumptions are a fickle, fleeting and elusive vapor on which to pin our hopes and trust.

Gene Hall, Public Relations Director, Texas Farm Bureau

## Cornyn on \$16 Trillion National Debt: "Another Shameful Benchmark"

WASHINGTON - Today (Sept. 4) U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), a member of the Senate Budget Committee, released the following statement as the nation's gross debt exceeded \$16 trillion:

"Today is yet another shameful benchmark in the Obama administration's fiscal record. With Senate Democrats refusing to pass a budget and our gross debt eclipsing the size of our economy, the need for a change in leadership is greater than ever."

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

## Letter to Editor

Regarding the AP article "SEAL book raises questions about bin Laden's death", August 29, 2012:

The U.S. has offered no evidence whatsoever to show that Osama Bin Laden made even the slightest movement to resist the Navy Seal attack. No matter what one thinks of the Al Qaeda leader, this was a cold blooded American plot sanctioned by President Obama to assassination Bin Laden and secretly remove and bury his body. This is not justice or democracy in action but the stuff made from movies.

In the classic film "Apocalypse Now", the character Willard, played by Martin Sheen, is also given a military "mission to

proceed up the Nung river in a Navy patrol boat. Pick up colonel Kurtz' path at Nu Mung Ba, follow it, learn what you can along the way. When you find colonel infiltrate his team by whatever means available and terminate the colone's command...Terminate with extreme prejudice."

While the U.S. government plays in "real time" with the facts of "operation bin Laden" the movie picks up on the real moral: Kurtz says to Willard "and they call me an assassin. What do you call it when the assassins accuse the assassin? They lie. They lie and we have to be merciful... those nabobs." In the end, violence begets only violence.

Paul Kokoski.



## A Better Way to Feed the World

By Ken Wilson

This September, South Korea will host hundreds of world leaders for the globe's largest and most important conservation event -- the World Conservation Congress. Although the gathering is taking place an ocean away, one of its goals -- determining how to more sustainably meet the globe's growing need for good food -- is highly relevant here in the United States, particularly in light of this summer's debilitating drought.

Worldwide, a billion people go hungry. A similar number over-eat the wrong foods. And yet one-third of food produced for human consumption is wasted.

Industrialized food production promised liberation from the constraints of Earth's natural cycles. And unfettered trade seemed to enable culinary abundance wherever there was money to buy it. But the over-use of fossil fuels, chemical fertilizers, and precious groundwater supplies has levied significant costs on our planet. We are now overshooting Earth's bio-capacity by 40 percent.

There's a better way. It's called agroecology, and it integrates scientific understanding about how particular places work -- their ecology -- with farmers' knowledge of how to make their local landscapes useful to humans. Only by re-orienting our approach to food production in this way can we begin to solve the food, energy, and development crises afflicting our planet.

Industrial food production is destabilizing Earth's life-support systems. Every calorie it provides requires so much oil and gas to produce that our agricultural system generates nearly a third of the globe's greenhouse gases. And through massive use of fertilizer, we have disruptively tripled the nitrates in Earth's natural nitrogen cycle.

Soils have been treated as inert -- and are consequently dying. The productivity of nearly half of all soil worldwide is decreasing. Another 15 percent can no longer be used for farming because its biology has been so depleted.

Biodiversity is fading, too. Eighty percent of the world's arable land is dominated by genetically homogeneous monocultures -- that is, single crops grown over wide areas. Only weeds and pests can thrive in such environments.

The time for this rapacious approach has run out.

Agroecology, by contrast, celebrates the value of diverse and complex methods of land stewardship. The approach re-integrates livestock, crops, pollinators, trees, and water in ways that work resiliently with the landscape.

Agroecological techniques replace the "vicious cycles" bringing down our planetary support systems with "virtuous circles" that mimic nature's own systems.

For instance, agroecology can restore soil fertility and sequester carbon naturally rather than spewing it dangerously into the atmosphere or as acid into the ocean. Its nutrient cycling approach -- whereby nitrogen passes again and again through food systems, roots, and soils -- can turn waste into raw materials rather than pollutants.

In essence, agroecology seeks out nature-based solutions by empowering farmers to do what they know works best on their own lands -- and then to spread those lessons far and wide.

And agroecology is now set to rise beyond the fields of marginalized small landholders -- and onto the global stage.

We can learn from examples like those set by farmers in Kenya, who have created a "push-pull" system to control parasitic weeds and insects without chemical insecticides. The system "pushes" pests away by planting insect-repellant species among corn crops while "pulling" pests to plots of napier grass, which excretes a sticky gum that attracts and traps insects.

The results have been remarkable. "Push-pull" doubled yields of maize and milk and is now used on over 10,000 farms in East Africa.

Such results can scale up. One study examined 286 agroecological projects covering 37 million hectares in 57 poor countries. Researchers found that these interventions increased crop yields by a stunning 79 percent.

The Foresight Global Food and Farming Futures project reviewed 40 agroecological projects in 20 African countries. Between 2000 and 2010, these initiatives doubled crop yields, resulting in nearly 5.8 million extra tons of food.

But agroecology doesn't just increase the output of farms. It also values farmers' relationships with and knowledge of their lands -- and does not treat them as passive recipients of aid or external inputs. As such, it is a powerful, cost-effective, and sustainable model for development.

The industrial agriculture experiment of the 20th century has failed. With agroecology, we now have an approach that can endure. Its small farmers can feed and cool the planet -- and follow ways of life they value. Our leaders must support such food systems that truly nourish people and planet.

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## Five Things to Discuss With Your Spouse Before You Retire

You may have a vision for your retirement, but does your spouse share that vision? Spouses often disagree about many key retirement details. It is important to work together to come up with a plan you both can accept.

A 2011 study by Fidelity Investments found that many husbands and wives are not in accord about retirement. For example, the study found that one-third of couples disagreed or don't know where they were going to live in retirement and 62 percent didn't agree on their expected retirement ages.

Here are some important things to discuss with your spouse as you get ready to retire:

**Timing of retirement.** There are many factors that can go into a decision about when to retire, including job enjoyment and financial needs. But couples also need to think about how best to maximize their Social Security benefits. Because Social Security doesn't just pay benefits to a worker but also pays benefits to the worker's spouse, couples need to work together to figure out how to get the most out of their Social Security benefits. For example, a husband can wait until his full retirement age to take benefits on his wife's record. When he does, he can get half of her full benefit. The husband can then wait until age 70 to file on his own work record. At that point, the wife can file a spousal benefit on his record. Each circumstance is different and couples should talk to a financial planner about the best strategy for them. For more on Social Security's spousal benefits, [click here](#).

**Finances.** The first hurdle is that both spouses need to understand their financial situation. The Fidelity survey found that wives were much less involved in retirement finances than their husbands. Both spouses need a clear understanding of their finances and whether they are working in sync.

**Type of lifestyle.** What do you expect to get out of retirement? Do you want to travel? Do you want to volunteer? Or do you want to relax on a beach somewhere? It is important to have a conversation about your hopes and dreams for retirement. You can start the process by creating individual wish lists and then comparing them.

**Health care.** Make sure you and your spouse have adequate health care coverage either from Medicare or an employer-based plan. You also need to understand the rules regarding Medicare coverage. For more information about Medicare, [click here](#). For more information about when to sign up for Medicare, [click here](#).

**Long-term care.** Unfortunately, most couples are going to need some type of long-term care for either one spouse or both spouses at some point. There are things you can do to make it easier on yourselves if this need arises. Talk to your elder law attorney about putting a plan together. Doing it early will save lots of headaches and expense later.





## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Legislative Budget Board

This month, in preparation for the upcoming legislative session, state agencies are preparing their budget requests. These requests, known as Legislative Appropriations Requests (LAR's) are submitted to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). The LBB will use each agency's LAR to form the first draft of the budget for the 2014-2015 biennium. This week I will discuss the Legislative Budget Board, and the role it plays in developing the state budget.

Before 1949, Texas did not have an effective system of budgeting. State agencies were funded by individual appropriation bills, and the process was disorganized and confusing. Budgeting was assigned to the Board of Control, the state's purchasing agent and general housekeeping agency. The Board of Control had no authority to refuse requests, or to make periodic adjustments in budgetary expenditures for state agencies.

The Legislative Budget Board (LBB) was created in 1949 in order to better manage the state's budget process. Today, the LBB is statutorily required to adopt a constitutional spending limit; prepare a General Appropriations Bill draft; prepare a budget estimates document; prepare a performance report; guide, review, and finalize agency strategic plans; and take necessary budget execution actions.

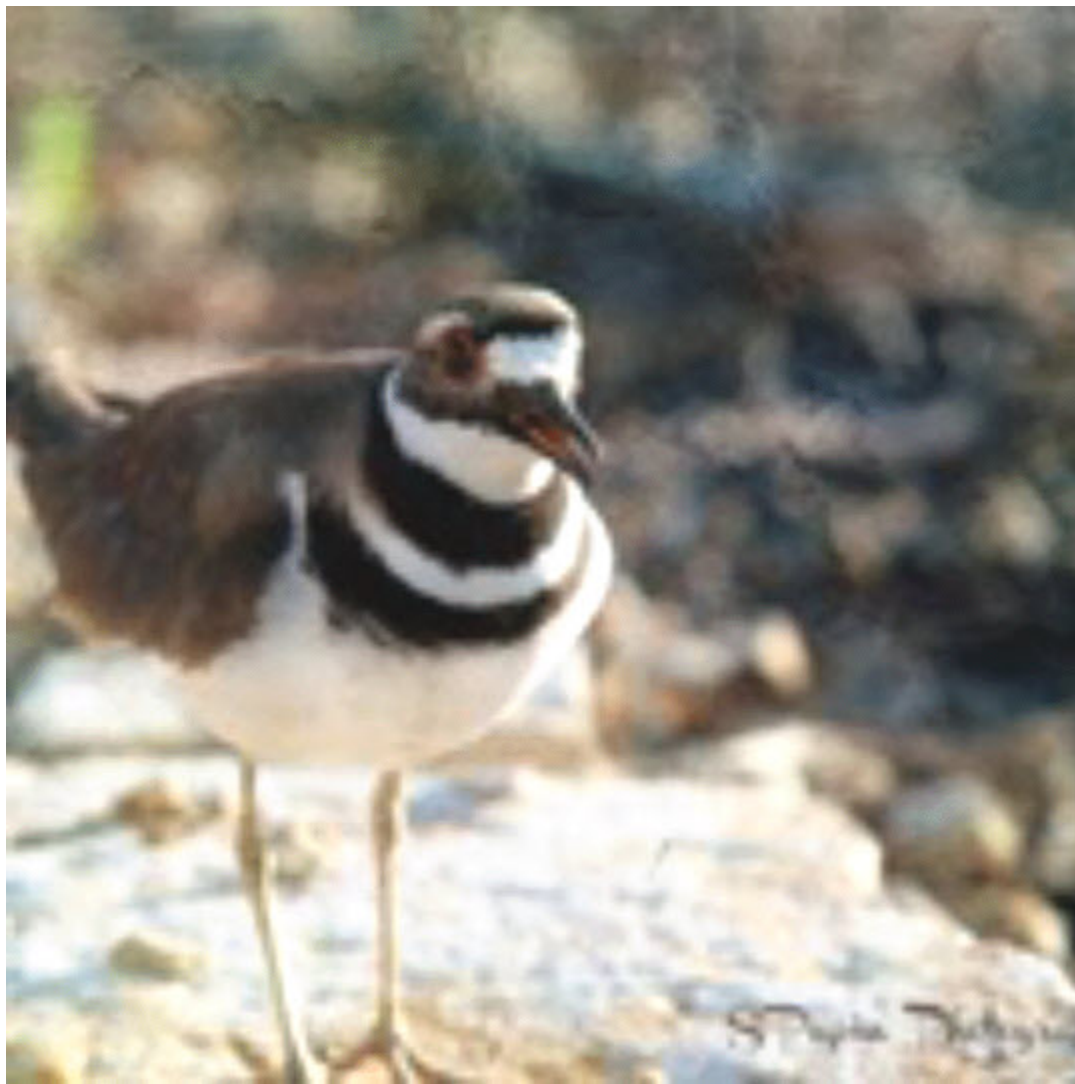
The state constitution contains two major provisions that limit total state appropriations for each biennium. The state Comptroller must submit to the Governor and the Legislature an itemized estimate of revenue that will be available during the upcoming biennium. Appropriations in excess of anticipated revenue may not be made except by a four-fifths vote of each house. This provision is known as the "pay-as-you-go" spending limitation. Additionally, the Texas Constitution limits the growth of appropriations from certain revenues to the estimated rate of growth of the state's economy. Within these confines, the LBB responsible for establishing the constitutional limit on appropriations each biennium.

Each state agency submits a budget request to the LBB before the legislative session for review. The Board evaluates these requests and makes recommendations to the legislature. These budgets form the base for the LBB's budget draft. As the appropriations bill works its way through the legislative process it is changed many times from its original form, but the draft provided by the LBB remains the core of the bill.

The LBB also issues fiscal notes on bills that authorize or require the expenditure of state funds for any purpose other than the appropriations bill. Fiscal notes are also required on bills that have statewide fiscal impact on units of local government. Fiscal notes are an important part of the legislative process, and can affect whether or not a bill passes.

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## Hagerman Photographer of the Month

Durant resident Sally Papin has been named the “Photographer of the Month” for September by the Friends of Hagerman. A dozen of her Hagerman photographs will be exhibited on the Friends website. [www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com/gallery) throughout the month, as well as on the USFWS National Wildlife System Face page.

Papin says she started out photographing sports shots of animals and dogs, and moved to an artistic approach as she studied the work of other photographers. Today her goal is to get each image to tell its own story and reflects her and her love of nature and composition.

Papin said, “I use a Canon Rebel Xti, with a dedicated Macro lens a Signa 150 mm, and a Sigma zoom 100-300. I have a great street lens, a Tamron 28-75.

Once she downloads her images onto her computer, Papin, says she uses Lightroom, processing and deleting images before she moves on to Photoshop Elements 10 and the artistic work. Call her work “chinecolle,” Papin says it is a takeoff on a printmaking technique. She provides a background color behind the image that is different from the surrounding background, and uses digital pasting, papers and ephemera.

The Friends of Hagerman Nature Photography Club meets bimonthly at the refuge, located as 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman.

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



## Punishment for Missing Church

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish -- make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

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We believe that your local news provided should provide you with news, information, facts, and sources to further study that information. Here are some websites that are providing those facts, at least at the time of their listing on our page. If you know of others that our readers would enjoy send them to us. Or if some of these are no longer working let us know.

## This Page is a Work in Progress

**Howe Public Schools**

**Howe Public Library**

Library information, Language courses, Student events

**Van Alstyne Public Library**

Library information, Library Catalog, Library Calendar, Online information, Research tools, Resume Maker

**Search Engines-**

**Yahoo**

**Alta Vista**

**Google**

**Ask Jeeves**

**Class Tools - for classroom use - games, tests, timer, tools.**

**Quotations Page**

**Royalty Free Music**

**Spanish Dictionary**

## Selected Sites

[Texas Records and Information Locator \(TRAIL\)](#) searches and locates information from over 180 Texas state agency web services.

[The Handbook of Texas Online](#) is a multidisciplinary encyclopedia of Texas history, geography, and culture sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association and the General Libraries at UT Austin.

[Texas Online](#): The official website for the Great State of Texas and provides instant access to almost 800 state and local government services.

[Library of Texas](#): Immediately start searching multiple Texas library catalogs and other knowledge collections in one sitting.



## LET'S REMINISCE:

### Making Ice Cream The Old-Fashioned Way

*By Jerry Lincecum*

One of my readers sent in a good story about making home-made ice cream. All the ladies chipped in to stir up the ice cream. Then the men packed the metal can in layers of ice and salt and took turns turning the crank. Norma and her sister took turns sitting on the container (covered by an old rug), because it would walk across the front porch.

As I remember it, the flavors of ice cream varied, but everybody's favorite was made with extra-strong vanilla extract flavoring purchased from the Watkins or McNess salesman. He came by our farm now and then, and offered to accept fresh eggs or even a chicken in trade for his goods.

However, it wasn't just the tasty ice cream that folks remember. There was an atmosphere of storytelling and shared experience. The men and women sometimes had their separate groups, with men telling their fishing tales while the ladies exchanged stories about their children. We children could move back and forth or choose which group we listened in on.

To illustrate this gender divide, when we had a community-wide gathering to celebrate my Grandfather Jones' 80th birthday, two group photos were made. All the women are shown in one and all the men in another. My brother and I, along with a cousin, appear in both photos.

In a variation on the ice cream story, one of my writers recalled that she and her husband prided themselves on still using the electric freezer they had secured with green stamps many years ago. It still turned out great ice cream, except that one time, it took a long, long time to get the ice cream frozen.

When time to eat it arrived, the frozen dessert looked so good as it was dipped into bowls, but the first taste told the story: The ice cream was too salty to be eaten! Examination showed that the freezer can had rusted through at the seam, letting the salt water into the custard as it froze. This had also made the freezing process very long.

The very salty ice cream had to be thrown out, but do you think this incident prompted the purchase of a new ice cream freezer? No, indeed. These folks had grown up during the depression and still practiced "Use it up; wear it out; make it do, or do without."

A little soldering repaired the leaking seam so the old "green stamp" freezer could turn out great ice cream for several more years. Some people still make ice cream the old-fashioned way, but I think a certain little creamery down in Brenham has cornered the market for "Home-made Vanilla."

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



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## Lynda Maxine (Haizlip) Hartwig (1920-2012)

SHERMAN - Lynda Maxine Haizlip Hartwig, "Oma" 92, of Sherman, Texas, passed away Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital-WNJ. Funeral services were held at Dannel Funeral Home on Friday, August 31, 2012 at 11 am with Dr. Jamie Knapp officiating. Interment followed at Akers Cemetery in Sherman. Pallbearers were: Gary Anderson, Gary Ball, John Ball, Jerry Caylor, Larry Lehaie, Jr. and Ronald Simmons.

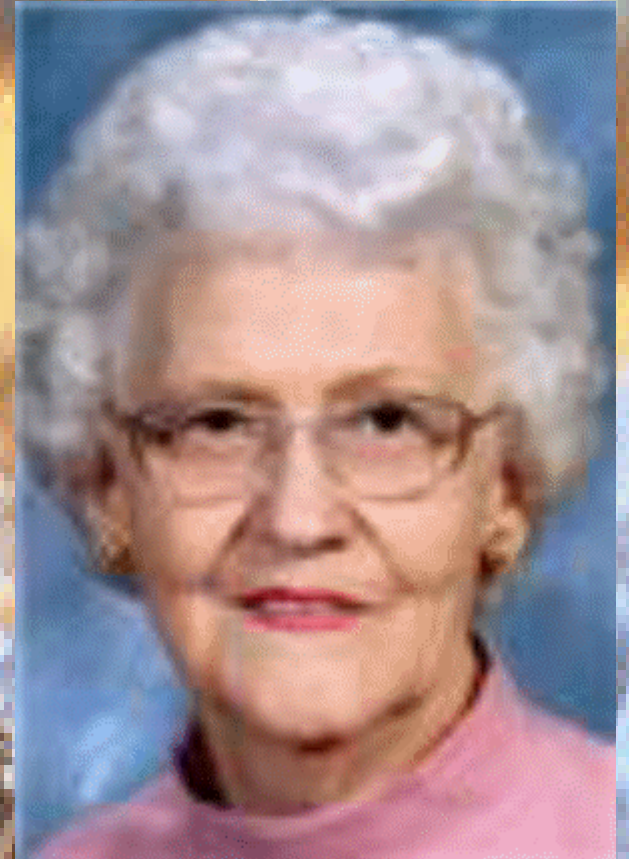
The family received visitors on Thursday, August 30 at Dannel Funeral Home.

Maxine was born in the Celtic community near Howe, Texas on Feb. 12, 1920, to Vincent H. and Estelle (Rankin) Haizlip. She was educated in the public schools, graduating from Howe High School. She worked for Sears Roebuck and Co. for 34 years before retiring from their credit department. A long-time member of the Church of Christ, she had been active in the Walnut Street, Travis Street, and Western Heights Church of Christ congregations. Maxine served on the Grayson Co. Sesquicentennial Committee and the Millenium Committee along with Judge R.C. Vaughan. She enjoyed weekly games of 84 with good friends.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, four sisters, and one granddaughter, Lynda.

Survivors include two daughters, Dolores Ann Allen of Sherman and Joyce Lou Murter of Sherman; two grandchildren, Lisa Oyen and Lora Isherwood and husband James; 10 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren, a sister, Mary Lahaie of Kilgore, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 8900 John Carpenter Frwy, Dallas, TX 75247.



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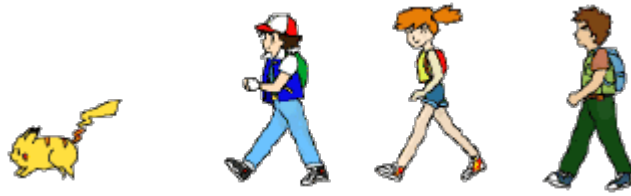
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:00 a.m. Hagerman Walk See notes section for details
2	3 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	4	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	8
9 1:00 p.m. Waterloo Lake	10 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	11	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	15 Sherman Arts Festival Fun Run Details TBA <small>Email update will be sent</small>
16	17 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	18	19	20	21 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	22 9:00 a.m. Pickens Lake at Herman Baker
23	24 7:00 p.m. Waterloo Park (Denison)	25	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Pecan Grove West (Sherman)	29 9:00 a.m. Waterloo Lake
30	NOTES: The Hagerman walk on 09/01 will encompass the Meadow Pond trail. Sign in will be available at the trail head from 9:45 to 10:15. Stop by the Visitor Center before you hike for a trail map. By signing in, you will receive credit for walking the entire length of the trail. so be sure to let us know if you turn back early. thanks!					