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## ***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. Sunday will mark ten 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.

Recently 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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## Create Your Own Job Class Offered

Many individuals today, fearful of the economic situation, are creating their own job by starting small business. A free "Create Your Own Job" class will help individuals learn more about the process of starting a small business. The class will meet 1:00-3:00 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Rayburn Collegiate Center in Bonham.

Small or home-based businesses may be operated on a part-time basis to supplement current income or on a full time basis to replace a lost job. Internet-based businesses are very popular, including options for creating websites in a very short time at little expense and requiring minimal computer skills.

The class, sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Grayson County College, will help participants navigate the legal requirements for starting a small business in Texas. SBDC Executive Director Karen Stidham says the requirements are quite simple and can be relatively inexpensive with basic registrations costing less than \$20. The class and all materials are free of charge.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling the SBDC office at 903-463-8787 or by e-mailing the office at <mailto:jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu> jeffcoatsh@grayson.edu. The deadline for registering is Sept. 12. The Rayburn Collegiate Center is located at 1909 Highway 121 in Bonham.

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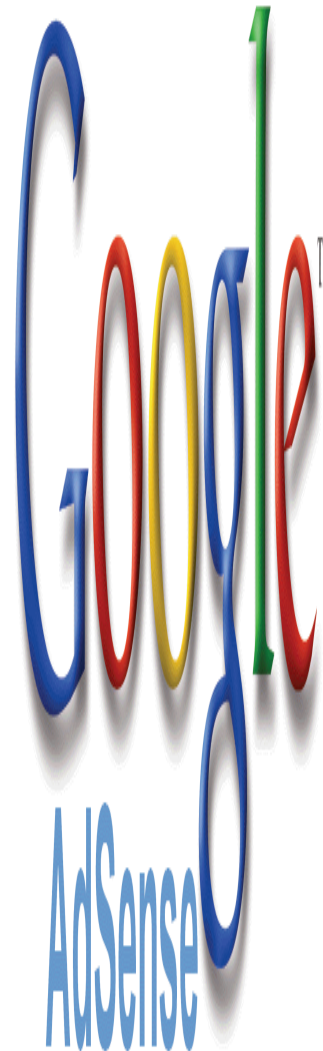
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## Howe's That

## Recipe

by Lana Rideout

### Thinking...

Our thinking vs. His thinking

It's impossible vs.

All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

I'm too tired vs.

I will give you rest (Matt. 11:20-30)

Nobody really loves me vs.

I love you (John 3:16)

Nobody really cares for me vs.

I care for you (I Peter 5:7)

I can't go on vs.

My grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9)

I can't figure things out vs.

I will direct your steps (Proverbs 20:24)

I can't do it vs.

You can do all things (Phil. 4:13)

I'm not worth it vs.

I am able ((2 Cor. 9:8)

It's not worth it vs.

It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

I can't forgive myself vs.

I forgive you (Psa. 103: 12, I John 1:9)

I can't afford to vs.

I will supply all your needs (Phil. 4:19)

### Homemade Sandwich Cookies

1 box devil's food cake mix

2 eggs

1/2 cup cooking oil

Mix cake mix, eggs and oil. Roll mixture into 1 inch balls with hands. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes. Cool. Match cookies. Spread one cookie of each match with white icing (from a can or homemade recipe using 2 cups powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, and 3 tablespoons milk). Then place each matching cookie on top of the iced cookie. Use different cake mixes and icings for other cookie combinations.

### Cornbread, Franks and Beans

1 pkg. cornbread mix

1 egg

1/2 cup milk or water

1/2 cup sliced green pepper

1/2 cup onion, sliced

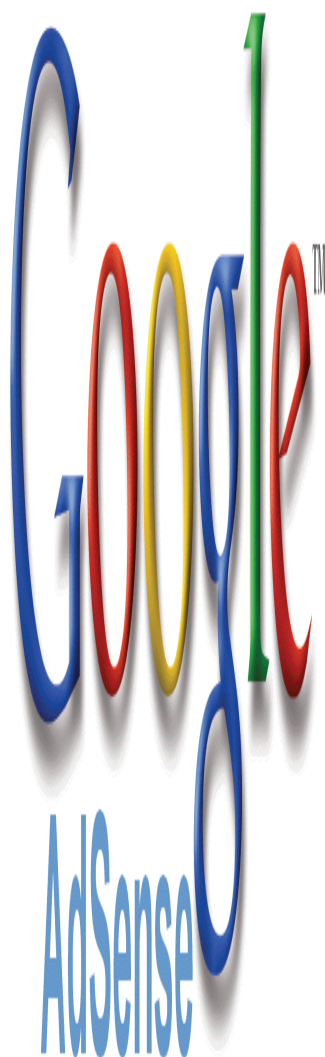
1 can beans (ranch style or pork& beans)

1 pkg. hot dogs, cut in slices

In frying pan, saute green pepper and onion, add hot dog slices and brown slightly.

In small mixing bowl, combine cornbread mix, egg, and milk or water.

Using an 8-inch square baking dish, spread out beans. Then add hot dog mixture on top evenly. Top with cornbread mixture to cover the beans-hot dog mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20-25 minutes until cornbread is done. Serve warm. Makes 4-5 servings.



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## Howe ES/MS Menus

Sept. 12-16

### Breakfast

*Monday* – Not available

*Tuesday* – Waffles w/sausage, cereal/toast, fresh apple, orange juice

*Wednesday* – Oatmeal w/toast, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, shamrock applesauce, grape juice

*Thursday* – Breakfast pizza, cereal/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

*Friday* – French toast, cereal/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, cantaloupe, orange juice

### Lunch

*Monday* – Cheeseburger or stuffed potato/ham boat, burger fixins, potato chips, ranch beans, pineapple, apricot crisp

*Tuesday* – Beef fingers or crispy chicken salad, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans, fresh apple, hot roll, gelatin jewels

*Wednesday* – Chicken sandwich or hot ham & cheese sandwich, burger fixins, steamed corn, pinto beans, shamrock applesauce, wacky cake

*Thursday* – Sausage pizza or laid back Lasagna w/toast, steamed corn, cantaloupe, frozen fruit bar

*Friday* – Soft beef tacos or chicken enchilada, garden salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, diced peaches

## Howe Homecoming

The top 5 girls for homecoming queen are Madeline Courtney, Kathryn McGuinness, Ashley Nix, Summer Patterson, and Rainea Urbina.

The top 5 boys for homecoming king are Jonathon Bullard, Chance Copeland, Jordan Geer, Logan Holloway, and Sam Sloan.

## HISD Calendar

Sept. 9 – Varsity Volleyball vs. Gunter, 4 pm

Sept. 9 – Homecoming Football vs. Valley View, 7:30 pm.

Homecoming activities begin at 7 pm

Sept. 13 – Howe High School Meet the Teacher, 6-7 pm

Sept. 15 – Howe School Board Meeting, 6 pm, administration building

## Howe Football Schedule - 2011

Aug. 18 - Thur. S&S (Scrimmage) Home TBA

Aug. 26 -Collinsville Home 7:30

Sept. 2 - Oakridge of Arlington Home 7:30

Sept. 9 - \*\*Valley View Home 7:30

Sept. 16 - Wolfe City Away 7:30

Sept. 23 - Honey Grove Away 7:30

Sept. 30 - Open Date

Oct. 7 - Paradise Home 7:30

Oct. 14 - \*Boyd Away 7:30

Oct. 21 - \*Ponder Home 7:30

Oct. 28 - \*Pottsboro Away 7:30

Nov. 4 - #\*Callisburg Home 7:30

\*\* Denotes Homecoming

\*Denotes Dist 5 AA Div 1

#\* Denotes Senior Night

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## Betty Jo (Hinton) Julien (1925-2011)

Betty Jo Hinton Julien went home to the Lord on September 3, 2011 at Sherman, Texas.

Funeral services were held in Altus, Oklahoma on Thursday, September 8, at the First Christian Church under the direction of Lowell-Tims Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Snyder, Oklahoma at the family burial site at Fairlawn Cemetery. Betty was a lifelong member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). At an early age, she was baptized at the Altus First Christian Church, later becoming a member of the Sherman Christian Church.

Betty Jo was born October 28, 1925, at Scott and White Hospital, in Temple, Texas, to Oletha Anderson Hinton and Walter Howard Hinton. At the time of her birth, her parents were living in Lampasses, Texas. At the age of eighteen months, the family moved to Altus, Oklahoma, where she lived and attended school.

While in school she was an Honor Roll student and active in school activities. These activities included band, orchestra, drum majorette, annual staff, president and reporter for the KAY Club. She also won awards in piano competition and played marimba for many school and social events. On a part time basis she worked at Woolworth's store and also had the opportunity to baby-sit for many military families who were stationed at Altus Air Force Base.

After graduation from Altus High School in 1944, she enlisted in the Cadet Nurses Corp and was assigned to Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas for training. While in training to become a Registered Nurse, she also attended classes at S. M. U. Upon receiving her certification, Betty and six of her classmates began working at the Veterans Administration Hospital (formerly known as Ashburn General Army Hospital) in McKinney, Texas to care for Veterans from World War II. The McKinney VA Hospital was known to be one of the top ten VA hospitals in the United States. She spent nineteen years there until the facility was closed and she transferred to Dallas where she spent the next nine years. Betty then transferred to the Bonham VA where she remained until her retirements December 31, 1989.

On April 25, 1970 Betty and John Keith Julien were the first couple to be married in the new McKinney First Christian Church. They purchased a horse ranch in Howe, Texas (formerly known as the Noland Ranch) and began raising Appaloosas, Quarter Horses and some Thoroughbreds. They renamed the ranch the Rocker J Ranch. In the early years the big barn had entertainment every Saturday night including: rodeos, wrestling matches, motorcycle races, female roller skate races, and celebrities including Willie Nelson.

Travel was an important part of Betty's life as she journeyed to Mexico, the Caribbean, Hawaii, Venezuela, Canada, Alaska, most of the United States and Europe. She was a present when the Berlin Wall was being destroyed on one of her trips. She was a "people person" who loved being around friends and family. She also loved meeting new people and becoming friends with them for life. She was an inspiration to all who knew her with her spirit, of thoughtfulness and sense of humor.

Betty is survived by her niece, Holly Hinton Graves, a nephew Howard Milburn Hinton, their spouses and children and sister-in-law, Donna Hinton Belli. Other survivors are Joe Julien and family. In addition she is survived by numerous cousins and many very special friends. She was predeceased by her husband, her parents and a brother, Robert Howard Hinton.

Memorials made be made to Altus First Christian Church Memorial Fund or the charity of your choice.

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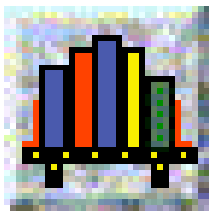
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## BOOKSHELF

By Tracy Luscombe

### DATE CHANGE FOR THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE!

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale has been changed to this upcoming weekend. It begins Thursday night, September 8 with a preview night for Friends members only. You can join at the door to get the first choice of these great bargains. The sale then runs Friday and Saturday (Sept. 9-10) 9am-5pm at the Van Alstyne Community Center. This year there is a special category of collectible books.

Come check out some of these latest additions to our collection:

*In My Time: a personal and political memoir*, Richard B. Cheney

*Legends of Shannara: Bearers of the Black Staff*, Terry Brooks

*The Vampire and the Virgin*, Kerrelyn Sparks

*The One for the Mojave Kid*, Louis L'Amour (audiobook)

*Truth Be Told*, Larry King

*Breaking Silence*, Linda Castillo

*America's God and Country: Encyclopedia of Quotations*, William J. Federer

*Thick as Thieves*, Peter Spiegelman

Are you interested in becoming more active in supporting the library? The Friends of the Van Alstyne Public Library are preparing for elections for the 2012 officers positions. If you'd like to serve with this group of community leaders come by the library and we'll let you know how to get in contact with the current president.

Hope to see you around your Van Alstyne Public Library.



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## TB School board

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular board meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011. President, Jimmy Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. James Harris led the invocation.

The board minutes of July and the financial reports were approved as presented.

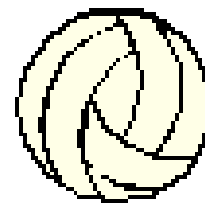
The principals gave their campus Average Yearly Progress (AYP) reports to the board and discussed positive points and negative points.

John Orozco, Curriculum Director, gave the District's AYP report to the board as well as Torrey Price, Athletic Director.

Mrs. Garrison discussed future plans for the District which may include a facility improvement bond, 2005 – present financial data and possible tax roll back election.

## Tom Bean Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 13 (Sat) Anna (Scrimmage) Away 10:30am  
Aug. 18 (Thur) Cooper (Scrimmage) Home 5 pm  
Aug. 26 - Lindsay Away 7:30pmpm  
Sept.2 - Valley View Away 7:30pm  
Sept. 9 - Sunnyvale Home 7:30pm  
Sept. 16 - Collinsville Home 7:30pm  
Sept. 23 - Pottsboro Home 7:30pm  
Sept. 30 - Open  
Oct.7 - Gunter Away 7:30pm  
Oct.14 - Whitewright Away 7:30pm  
Oct.21- S&S Homecoming Home 7:30pm  
Oct.28 - Bells Away 7:30pm  
Nov. 4 - Leonard Home (Sr. Parents Night 7:30pm)



## Volleyball Results

The Lady Cats have been busy this past week. Following is a recap of the week's action.

Tuesday vs. Anna- The Lady Cats took on the Lady Coyotes of Anna and lost with scores of 25-23, 25-18, 25-12. The Lady Cats fought hard for two games, but could not overcome some serving "bug-a-boos" that have bothered them most of the year.

Thursday & Saturday - The Lady Cats lost pool play matches to a much improved Van Alstyne squad, a powerful Whitesboro team and the eventual Challenger's Bracket Champion - Denison. The Lady Cats finally had their complete line up back on the court on Saturday for the first time in 2 1/2 weeks. The girls met 4A foe Sherman early on Saturday morning and played well pushing a 3 game set with tough serving. The Lady Cats then took on Anna again and began to put more games together, forcing another 3 game set, but it was not enough to win as the third game fell short. Tournament standouts for the Lady Cats were Ashley Selman, Raechel Van Horn and Alex Hendry. They each were tremendously stable forces in their positions both Thursday and Saturday. Each girl played well in their respective roles as they continue to improve.

Friday vs Valley View - The Lady Cats came out with a victory on Friday night against 2A competitor Valley View. The Senior class came through with leadership skills to help guide some of the younger players and begin a building process which carried on through Saturday. The Lady Cats wrapped up their preseason on Saturday at the Whitesboro tournament. The girl's had a tough preseason schedule, with all but one of their losses coming at the hands of larger schools or 2A schools that hold a current statewide ranking. The Lady Cats are off until Friday night when they travel to Callisburg to take on the district favorite Wildcats. I have no doubt the girl's will be working their hardest to achieve maximum effort on Friday night. Thank you for supporting our girls.

## JV Black Volleyball

The Tom Bean JV girls defeated a much improved Valley View team last Friday night in 2 games by scores of 25-23 and 25-16. It was a great team effort on both offense and defense. The girls' strong serving, lead by Courney Bramer with 12 points in the 2 combined games, helped ensure the victory.

The next match will be at Callisburg on Friday night following the varsity game.



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## Hagerman Refuge Visitor Center Closed Temporarily

The Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center will be closed from Monday, August 22nd through Wednesday, Sept. 7, to complete construction and exhibit installation. The public is invited to join the Refuge as they celebrate the grand opening of the new facility at 10 am on Thursday, Sept. 8.

The new building will provide approximately 3,200 square feet of administrative office space plus a 4,600 square foot visitor center that will include exhibits showcasing the important marshland and upland habitat for migrating and wintering waterfowl and native wildlife. In addition a 1,500 square foot multipurpose room will provide space for environmental-education programs and special events hosted by the refuge and Friends of Hagerman. Native plants and outdoor interpretive exhibits will also enhance the experience for all visitors. For more information, contact the Refuge at 903-786-2826.

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## Bark & Paws Saturday, Sept. 10 in Denison

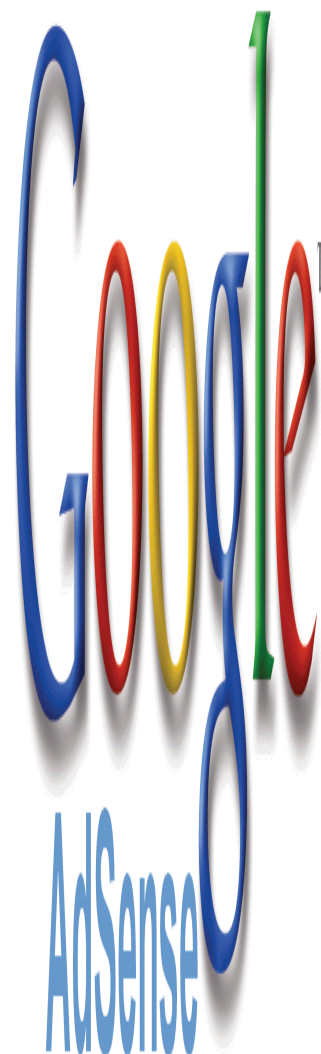
Downtown Denison will be calling out the dogs on Saturday, September 10. Pet lovers are encouraged to bring their dogs for fun and games from 10 am until 4 pm Heritage Park at Main and Burnett will be the center of activities. All dogs are required to register at this location, and the first 250 will receive an event dog tag.

The free pet parade will travel to Forest Park. Dachshund races and other events requiring dogs be let off leashes will be held at Forest Park. Vendors will set up on Burnett next to Heritage Park. Those already signed up include chair massage, dog food, veterinarians, groomers, trainers, pet adoption, and more.

The day's events will begin at 10 am with a Blessing of the Pets in Heritage Park. This will be followed by a parade to and through Forest Park and back. During parade lineup, a tail wagging contest will be held. The previous events are free. Other contests throughout the day include a style show with pet/owner look-alike, pet/owner dress-alike, and best-dressed dogs, the ugliest dog (owners must sign up for this), big dog/little dog, weenie dog races, best trick/talent, and obedience. An award will be given for the oldest dog registered and the one who traveled the farthest. Speakers and demonstrations will include obedience training and retrieving.

One special highlight of the day will be a Doghouse Auction presented by Salyer Auctions. The six custom-created palaces are currently receiving their finishing touches and will be on display throughout the day. The houses will be auctioned off at the conclusion of events with proceeds going toward purchase of pet waste stations for Downtown Denison.

Event t-shirts and dog bandanas will be on sale throughout the day for \$15 and \$5 respectively. Dog registration will begin at 9 am. Registration is free, but those entering contests will be charged \$1 per event and will be given a chance on door prizes for each \$1 spent. Anyone can purchase \$1 tickets for door prizes. Every dog must abide by leash laws and be current on rabies vaccinations. For more information and volunteer forms, visit [www.downtowndenison.com](http://www.downtowndenison.com) and see current events or call 903-464-4452.



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## THE TEXAS TEN HORN'S NEW SHOOTER'S CLINIC

The Texas Ten Horns is a Cowboy Action shooting club located in Hunt County, Texas a few miles north of Greenville. Our old western town is located on Jacob's Plain Gun Range. We shoot single action revolvers, lever action rifles and old west style shotguns three times a month, defending our town against the outlaws who roam these Texas woodlands. We are affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society, referred to as SASS®. We are putting on a new shooter's clinic on Saturday, November 12th and we welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about this fun, family oriented shooting sport. This clinic is from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The men and women who conduct this clinic are all experienced Cowboy Action Shooters who can answer your questions about the guns we shoot, the old western clothing we wear, and how this sport is played. Whether you are a man or a woman, boy or girl 12 or older, or a senior over 75 or anywhere in between we have a category for you. Shooters in this sport can shoot with a revolver in one hand, with both hands on a revolver, or even with a gun in each hand. You can shoot modern smokeless powder or shoot the old timey black powder and enjoy the smoke, flames and roar of a double barrel coachgun blasting the steel targets down! The cost of this clinic is only \$25. This fee included some ammunition to shoot in a revolver, rifle and shotgun as you shoot one of our "stages" under the watchful eye of one of our trained range officers who will safely guide you through the stage.

Cowboy Action Shooting involves shooting lead bullets at metal targets. Each shooter is timed to see how fast they can shoot the targets. A miss adds 5 seconds to their time. The faster the shooter shoots all the targets with the fewest misses the higher he or she scores. Some of our cowpokes really enjoy seeing how fast they can shoot a stage (usually about 20 to 24 rounds). Some of our shooters just enjoy getting dressed in their hats, boots, and clothing from the 1800's and enjoying fellowship with like-minded folk. If you have been looking for a family oriented activity that you can enjoy with your spouse, children, parents, grandparents, or a friend then you should give this sport a try. We will provide the revolvers, rifles and shotguns for participants in the clinic. We will have a good variety for you to hold and see what you like the best. Firearms safety is covered and safety rules will be gone over before any shooting takes place. We will be shooting .38 Special, .357 Magnum, and .45 Colt caliber guns. Mild loads will be used. All people must wear eye and ear protection while on the firing line. Walk ups are welcome, but if you think you may attend please let us know so we can anticipate the number of shootists to expect.

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Directions to the range and a map can be found by going to the Jacob's Plain Website at [www.jacob-splain.com](http://www.jacob-splain.com).

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## A Historic County

By Bob Bowman

One of my favorite rural counties in East Texas celebrated its 140th anniversary this year.

Named for the 1836 battle which ended the Texas revolution against Mexico, San Jacinto County lies south of Livingston and is sprinkled with some of the most interesting small towns in East Texas.

Coldspring, the county seat, is actually two towns. The town's first site, often called "Old Town," was built in an area called "the gullies," where heavy rains was always washing away buildings and other improvements.

The county's first jail still stands in the gullies and housed inmates until the early 1980s when a new jail was built on a hill. The new Coldspring was also built atop the hill with a new courthouse in 1918.

On Highway 190 is Oakhurst, which was once a prosperous sawmill town named for Oakhurst, Oklahoma, home of several lumber men who moved to Texas.

Three miles north of Oakhurst is Raven Hill, the one-time home of Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinto. The hill got its name from an Indian name for Houston.

Further up Highway 190 from Oakhurst is Point Blank, which was originally named Point Blanc by a Frenchwoman who moved here from Alabama. The town was also called Point White and White Point.

About a mile south of Point Blank is Robinson Cemetery, where a large monument marks the grave of Governor George Tyler Wood, who served from 1849 to 1851. Wood's grave was unmarked for more than a half-century until the monument was built.



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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's WWII propaganda minister said that a story told often enough, loudly enough, will be believed. If one changes the wording just slightly, you get this: a lie told often enough, loudly enough will be believed.

For example, I recently asked 10 people, some of whom I know rather well, and some who are almost complete strangers this question: "Are Texas teachers represented by a union." Ten out of ten answered yes. "Do you believe the union is strong?" Same result.

Now the truth is that a few Texas teachers do belong to the American Federation of Teachers. Most of them are probably in the Austin area, with a scattering in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio. Because there are so few members, AFT in Texas is virtually powerless and certainly could not command enough strength to negotiate a contract with even a local school district, much less a statewide contract.

When I began teaching in 1959, administrators insisted that teachers join the Texas State Teachers' Association, mostly because in those days professional people joined professional organizations. Physicians joined the American Medical Association, lawyers joined the American Bar Association, dentists joined the American Dental Association, etc. Being a member of your professional organization was a positive thing to put on your resume because it marked you as someone who cared about your profession.

School districts were so enthusiastic about having teachers act as professionals that they made it possible for teachers to pay their dues by payroll deduction. No one had to join, but we all understood that it was the professional thing to do.

By no stretch of the imagination could TSTA or its alternative, Texas Classroom Teachers Association, be confused with a union. The most important thing the organizations provided from the point of view of most teachers was liability insurance for teachers who belonged. They also lobbied the legislature concerning proposals that affected students and teachers.

I always joined TSTA, just as I always paid the poll tax before it was declared unconstitutional. I do not regret having spent the money for either, although now I think I was terribly naïve to believe teaching was a profession instead of a day job.

The marks of a profession are at least these: (1) There are educational requirement to enter it. There are no alternative routes to be licensed to do the job. (2) Professionals exert considerable control over the following: the place where they do their work, the tools they use to do their work, the hours they work and their clientele.

Teaching does not exhibit a single, solitary mark of a profession. There are no longer any hard and fast educational



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At Coldspring, historical markers dot the community. Coldspring United Methodist Church is believed to be the oldest Methodist church in continuous use in Texas.

Another church, Evergreen United Methodist, was organized in 1862, several years before the county was formed.

The Trapp-McClanahan house, built around 1880, is privately owned and Council Hill, also located on private property, was the home of Vernal B. Lea, brother of Mrs. Sam Houston.


Several old cemeteries dot the county, including Laurel Hill, where General James Davis is buried.

Old Wavery, an early center of culture, is located on Highway 150 about 14 miles west of Coldspring.

The town of Shepherd, located on U.S. 59, originated near Old Drew's Landing on the Trinity River, and the Coushatta Indians inhabited an area on Coley Creek from 1835 to 1900.

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requirements to enter the "profession," a condition resulting from the assumption that anyone can teach because everyone has observed teaching. There are now "alternative" routes to certification. Anyone with a degree can apply to the regional education center, spend the requisite number of hours (not nearly as many as those spent by people who went to school planning to become teachers) in whatever activity the education center requires and emerge with a certificate.

My colleague who belonged to the John Birch Society and who was the first Libertarian I knew, would be thrilled. He believed the government, local, state, national, had no right to require any education whatsoever of anyone who wanted to practice a profession. "If a man wants to be a doctor, he should just hang out his shingle and practice medicine. The public will soon find out who is competent and who is not," he insisted.

Teachers have little to no control over where they teach within the school district where they are hired. The year I was transferred to Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, I had already hung the bulletin boards in my room at Alamo Jr. High School. Students had come in to tell me they heard I was going to Lee, but no who was supposed to know had told me and I certainly had not asked for a transfer.

Nevertheless, on Thursday afternoon, with school set to start on Monday, the personnel director called to tell me to get my materials packed and to report to Lee High School Friday morning. Of course, I wanted to go, but it would have been a tremendous help had they given me notice sooner. And I would not have had to spend all that money on the bulletin boards I left behind at Alamo Jr. High.

Teachers have little to no control over the tools they use to teach. When I started teaching, the basic tools were textbooks, chalk and a blackboard. Computers and other electronics are standard now, but individual teachers have no control over what those tools might be.

The number of minutes to be spent teaching each subject is set by law or by administrative regulation. In the elementary school, if 55 minutes is to be spent on math, heaven help the teacher who gets a class on a math roll one day and spends 75 minutes on math, thereby shortchanging science by 20 minutes. Lightning will surely strike a teacher who lets his/her class get carried away discussing the characters in a story and how the author used language to paint a picture.

The hours to be spent with students are to be at least from 7:30 am to 3 pm. In addition, every Texas teacher contract (contracts bind only the teachers, not the school district) states that teachers can be required to perform whatever other tasks administrators demand. In these difficult economic times, that may mean hours of after school meetings and some weekend meetings, all without any extra pay.

Then, there is the matter of clientele. I was a very fortunate teacher because the students who signed up for honors government were of the academically ambitious variety. They were willing to do whatever it took to pass the course and get that (H) on their transcript and if they wanted the "A" they went the miles it took to earn it.

Honors teachers got to choose their students, but I refused to do that. If a student showed up at my door wanting to be in honors government, the question they had to answer affirmatively was this: "Did you make at least 69.5 in American history. If you did you're in." To be honest, I guess I was choosing my students but my colleagues thought my standards for choosing weren't very high.

The students, though, for the first six weeks, thought they had made a terrible mistake and were scared to death. Then they got over it and when they graduated, thought they could go directly to be Supreme Court Justices or the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

That kind of student makes any teacher look good, but having a classroom full of unruly, uncouth, disinterested "I can't wait to get out of here," students can make the best teacher in the world look bad, particularly if administrators are unwilling or unable to provide needed support.

To sum up, Texas teachers don't have a union and they also don't have any marks of being professionals. What most of them have is a passion for what they are doing. What none need is the constant beating they are getting from the general public, from the media, from administrators, from school boards, and from the business community.



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Capitol Watch  
By Larry Phillips, State Representative



## Constitutional Amendments Election

### Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This week's column will be the first in a series outlining the proposed constitutional amendments on which Texas voters will decide on November 8. These amendments were joint resolutions that were passed during the recent legislative session; however, because they change the Texas Constitution, they need state-wide voter approval before they can take effect. The order that the amendments appear on the ballot has been randomly selected by the secretary of state. I will be providing information about the proposals in the order in which they will appear on the ballot. This information is taken from a report by the House Research Organization, a nonpartisan agency that provides information to the legislature.

#### *Amendment No. 1 (S.J.R. 14)*

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

The proposed amendment would provide that the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who qualified for the exemption from property taxation of all or part of the value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead when the disabled veteran died is entitled to an exemption of the same portion of the market value of the same property. This exemption would only apply if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran and the property was the residence homestead

of the surviving spouse when the disabled veteran died and remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead. The Texas Constitution currently authorizes the legislature to exempt from property taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of a disabled veteran who is certified as having a disability rating of 100 percent or totally disabled.

Supporters of the proposed amendment say it would recognize the sacrifices made by disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The surviving spouses often forgo career opportunities and reduce their work hours, affecting their income and retirement benefits and thereby their ability to pay property taxes. The proposed amendment would provide disabled veterans the peace of mind of knowing that their surviving spouses will not be taxed out of their homes.

Opponents of the amendment say that by allowing the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to receive an exemption from property taxation of the surviving spouse's residence homestead, the proposed amendment would lengthen the period that the homestead is exempt from taxation, thereby decreasing property tax revenue to local governments. The state should not provide for new property tax exemptions at a time when essential services such as public education and health care are underfunded.

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) <<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.

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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.

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

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

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

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## Christian Fellowship

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

Praise and worship is led by David Ellis and is a contemporary style service, and dress is casual. The church celebrates The Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

C R Men's Step Study Classes meet every Saturday night from 6-8 at the church. The church has home study groups throughout the week.

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

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

For more information contact Mile Ball @ 903-870-0219



## Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9 am and worship at 10 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm.

The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm.

The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX..

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

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



## Incredible Kindness

Many years ago a woman in a small German town advertised a piano recital she was going to give on a certain day. Her posters falsely identified her as a student of the famous Hungarian composer and pianist Franz Liszt. To her dismay, Liszt visited her little village at the very time of her performance. Knowing she would be found out as a liar and have her budding career ruined by the scandal, she went to the place where Liszt was staying and asked to speak with him.

Through tears of embarrassment and humiliation she made her confession to the great man. Liszt responded to her penitence and tears in an unanticipated manner. "You have certainly done a terribly wrong thing," he said, "but we all make mistakes. The only thing to do now is to be sorry, and I think you are truly sorry. Now will you let me hear you play?"

As surprised as she was embarrassed at that point, the girl began to play the piano, making several errors at first. She played better as she gained more confidence. Liszt corrected her at certain points and made suggestions at others.

When she had finished, the famous musician said, "My dear, you are NOW a pupil of Franz Liszt. I have given you instruction this afternoon. Tomorrow you may go on with your concert as advertised. And the last number on the program will be played not by the pupil, but by the TEACHER." \*

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## Incredible Kindness continued

It was a kindness that was certainly undeserved. The aspiring performer had misused the name of the masterful and prominent pianist. Yet Liszt was gracious enough to forgive, save a woman from humiliation, and help advance her career.

Due to our sins, we have treated the Master (God) similarly. We have dishonored His name by disobeying His will. As a result, we deserve the humiliation and the punishment that comes from our rebellion.

Yet in His loving kindness, the Master – the heavenly Father – offers salvation from sin and eternal life in heaven. God gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so

“that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6-7).

We can accept His gracious offer by: placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38).

We have ALL “done terribly wrong things.” “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But due to His INCREDIBLE KINDNESS and

love, the heavenly Father offers AMAZING GRACE through His Son.

David A. Sargent, Minister  
Church of Christ at Creekwood  
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\* As quoted. By Rich Bersett  
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## Neighborhood Genealogist - In The Cemeteries

By Dale Rideout

In an earlier article I suggested that you should always be ready to do research. This means to have your list of names, places, etc. always with you in some form. You never know when the perfect opportunity will arise to do research.

This past weekend my wife and I took a short vacation. We stayed in a motel in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Our visit was not primarily to Mt. Pleasant, but that was just where we stopped. One morning we were "sight seeing" and stopped in the Mt. Pleasant library. They had an historical museum in their basement along with genealogy books.

As we finished looking through the museum, I sat down at a table with an open book on it. This book was an index to the cemeteries of Titus County, Texas. My wife's great-grandparents had lived in Titus county, so we took time to research the book.

We found the family name and began to take notes on various family members and the cemeteries they were buried in. This is where we were not totally prepared. My wife's grandmother had many brothers and sisters. Of course the brothers last names were the same as the great-grand parents, but we could not remember the married names of all the sisters. Because of that we were limited in our research.

After making notes of all the "Landrums", we looked at the individual cemeteries for each name we found.

Now, let me explain something. These books were one of a kind. They were hand made and likely there was only one copy available anywhere. Books like this are difficult to find. Sometimes there will be handmade copies of these book in other libraries but there will not be hundreds of copies available in many different location. The main index told us the name of the individual, and the cemetery he was buried in. The second group of books gave an index by cemetery of the individual buried there, along with the birth and death dates from their marker, and name of spouse if both were buried in the same cemetery.

As I said, when we finished in the first book, we looked up all the other cemeteries to get the birth and death dates and spouse names and dates. This filled in a lot of information we did not have for those family members.

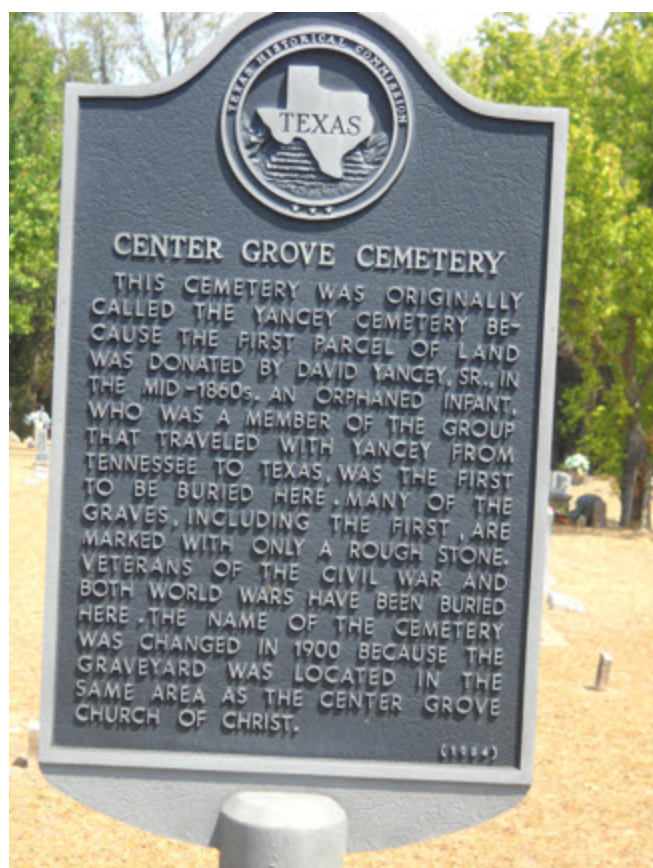
Now came the fun part. We chose the closest cemetery with the most family members buried there and visited that cemetery. The temperature was about 104 degrees. My wife took her umbrella for shade, and we began walking that cemetery looking for the markers, and photographing those of her family members. This gave us a good record of information necessary in completing your genealogy.

We had three extra surprises that we enjoyed. First, as we were walking, my wife saw a familiar name. It was the married name of the youngest sister. So we now had her information along with her husbands information, and a photo of the tombstone.

While back in the library reading about the cemeteries, I had read the name of the man who gave the land for a cemetery and church. Our second pleasant surprise was to find his family plot in this cemetery. We photographed that as well to add to our records.

Our third surprise was the church building we found. My wife's family history shows that many of her family were members of the Church of Christ. The cemetery was the Centergrove Cemetery. Across the street from the cemetery was the Centergrove Church of Christ. This was an old building with only the church name on it. There were no other signs. It was difficult to tell whether it was still in use. It was new enough to have air conditioning, and the yard area was mowed. The front door was locked with a chain and pad lock which is unusual for a building that is being used. The electric power lines were still connected, but we could not tell whether they were being used.

We feel that we found a real treasure of information. We also probably missed a lot because we did not know the married names of some of the women. We will have to make a trip back sometime after preparing better with a complete list of family names to look for.



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### LEGAL TIPS:

Estate Planning & Resolutions

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Many people resolve to improve themselves for each New Year. For example, they promise to change their diet, lose weight, and avoid voting for liberal politicians. Shouldn't estate planning be on your list of resolutions?

First, what would happen to your kids if something happened to you? Have you taken the time to have your estate planning documents properly prepared and executed? Some of the most important documents to consider are a Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, Medical Power of Attorney, HIPAA Release, and a Declaration of Guardian. Each document plays an important part in the overall plan. The Will can be used to dispose of your property upon your death. Within it, you can also establish trusts and appoint guardians for your kids. A Durable Power of Attorney will authorize someone to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so. The Directive to Physicians is also known as a Living Will and is your opportunity to state in writing how you want to be treated in an end-of-life situation. The Medical Power of Attorney will allow someone to make most medical decisions for you if you can't. The HIPAA Release will allow your representative to obtain your medical information. The Declaration of Guardian can be used to appoint or prevent someone from being appointed as your guardian and it can be used to appoint a guardian for your children. Second, when was the last time you reviewed the title to your assets or the beneficiary designations of assets you own? These can be extremely important issues in the event of a person's death. Assets that have properly filled out beneficiary designations will be paid to the beneficiary regardless of what is stated in the owner's Will. Such assets include life insurance, IRAs, and 401(k)s to name a few. Third, what would happen to your pets if you died or became disabled and weren't able to care for them? Pets are extremely important to many people and should be considered when preparing an estate plan.

While estate planning may not be the most fun or exciting undertaking, it can be extremely important and beneficial for your family.

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## Cornyn: After Dismal Jobs Report, President Should Halt All New Regulations

*'Smog Standards Are Just the Tip of the Regulatory Iceberg'*

WASHINGTON-U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) responded last week to President Obama's decision to ask the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw new proposed smog standards:

"The President's decision is welcome news and a step in the right direction, but in reality smog standards are just the tip of the regulatory iceberg from this Administration.

"As Americans read yet another dismal unemployment report, the President should take this a step further and place a moratorium on all new regulations until the nation's unemployed are put back to work."

Sen. Cornyn is an original cosponsor of S. 1438, the Regulation Moratorium and Job Preservation Act. The bill calls for a moratorium on burdensome federal regulations until the national unemployment rate falls to 7.7 percent - below where it was when President Obama was sworn into office.

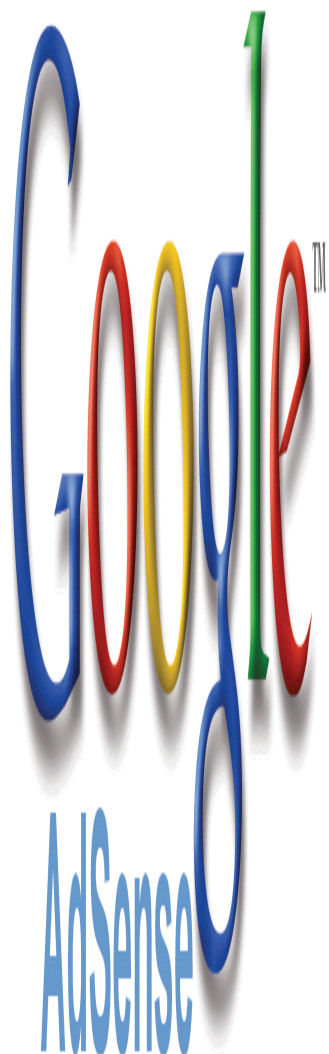
*Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District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

## Chairman Hall Statement on President's Announcement Withdrawing EPA's Ozone Regulation

Washington D.C. - Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX), Chairman of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, released the following statement in response to President Obama's announcement that he will be withdrawing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed ozone standards:

"I am pleased that the President has heeded the calls of Americans and stopped his Administration's unnecessary and burdensome actions to tighten EPA ozone regulations. The rule would have been one of the most costly in U.S. history, and the underlying science and process defied common sense. This is a step in the right direction, but the President needs to do more to halt EPA's job-killing assault on the economy and ensure Americans access to affordable and reliable energy supplies.

"Recently, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) released a report showing that the implementation of EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule would result in the loss of thousands of megawatts of capacity, and cause outages for Texas power users. This is one of a series of EPA rules and actions based on shaky science and even shakier economics. In light of the President's announcement, our Committee will postpone our September 9th hearing examining the science behind the proposed ozone rule. However, in the coming weeks, we will continue to closely monitor attempts by the EPA, such as the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, to increase onerous regulations. We must continue to rely on sound scientific means of protecting our environment, and yet be sensible enough not to wreck our economy."



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## Major Snake Infestation Expected in Texas

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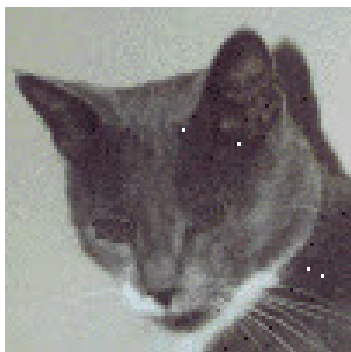
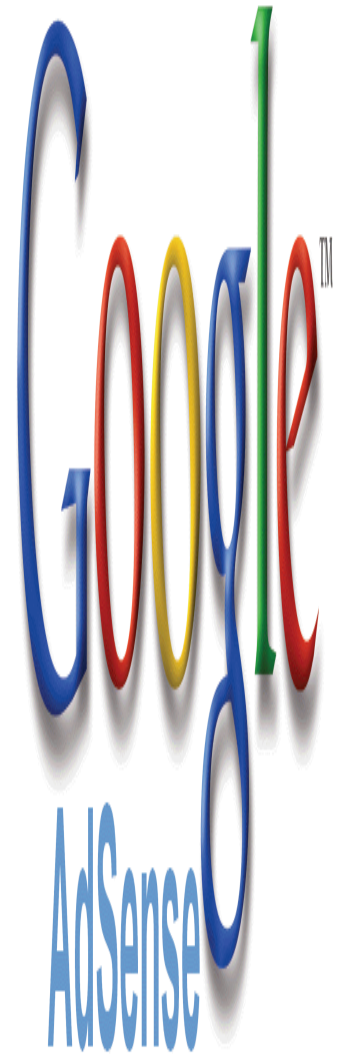
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## A Sweet Love Story

An old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink.

He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife.

He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them . As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering.

Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.'

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink.

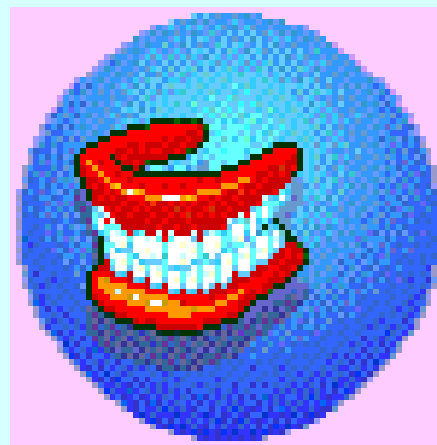
Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them.

This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.'

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?'

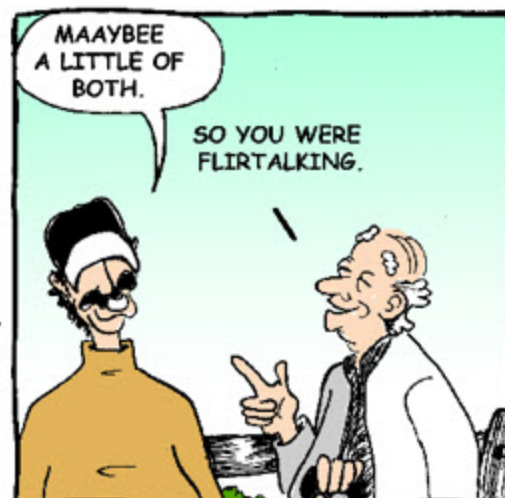
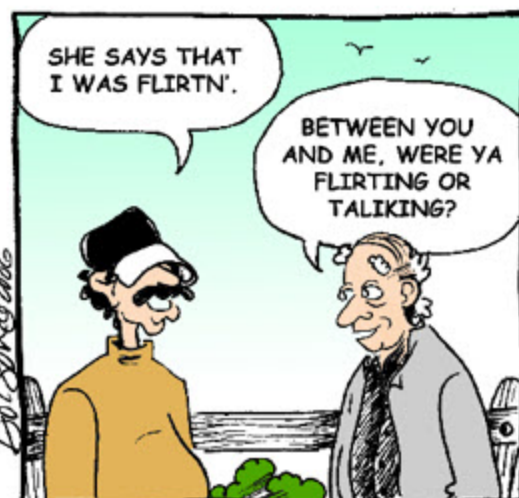
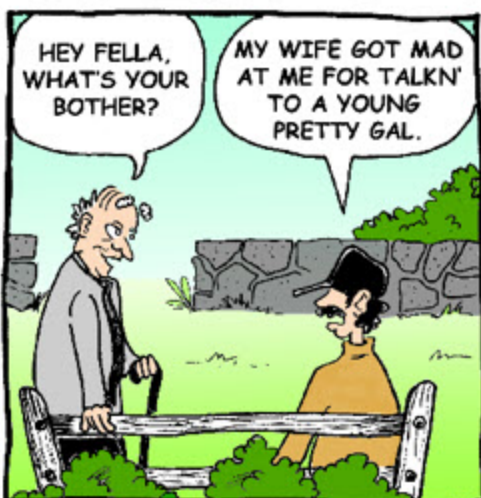
She answered --

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## Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

### Getting out more -

Welcome back to my little epistle. Just wanted you to know that the Old Man is doing much better. He has been getting out and going places and doing things. It has been a dull Summer for me because I usually go with him, but since most of his Summer he has not gone anywhere neither have I.

Let's see...we went to a 4-H banquet a few nights ago. Old Man got to visit with several friends he has not seen in quite a while. One of the young men he visited used to sing with Old Man in the barbershop chorus. The young man had a beautiful tenor voice. He is now doing graduate work in college. How the time flies.

Another family at the banquet has three daughter. They have all taken part in 4-H activities. Over the years it was the two oldest girls who were always winning awards for their work and the youngest was just there to help honour her older sisters. Well, this time the oldest girl was not at the banquet. The middle girl was there to honour her youngest sister, and the baby we have watched won many awards. It is now her time to star in the show.

Now to change the subject a little. I just noticed something. The software we use to write and edit these pages is from England. We like it because it is very economical (about 1/10 what the same would cost from the US.) and does a very good job. I just found a little problem and will let you watch to see if you can catch when it happens. I just ran a "spell check" on something I have written. It came back with a correction. It changed the spelling from American English to British English. As an example, in American English the word "neighbor" is spelled without the extra "u" while in British English it is spelled "neighbour." So now, without telling you, see if you can find where I accepted the British spelling over the American. Now prizes, just fun.

See you next time. Bye for now.



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



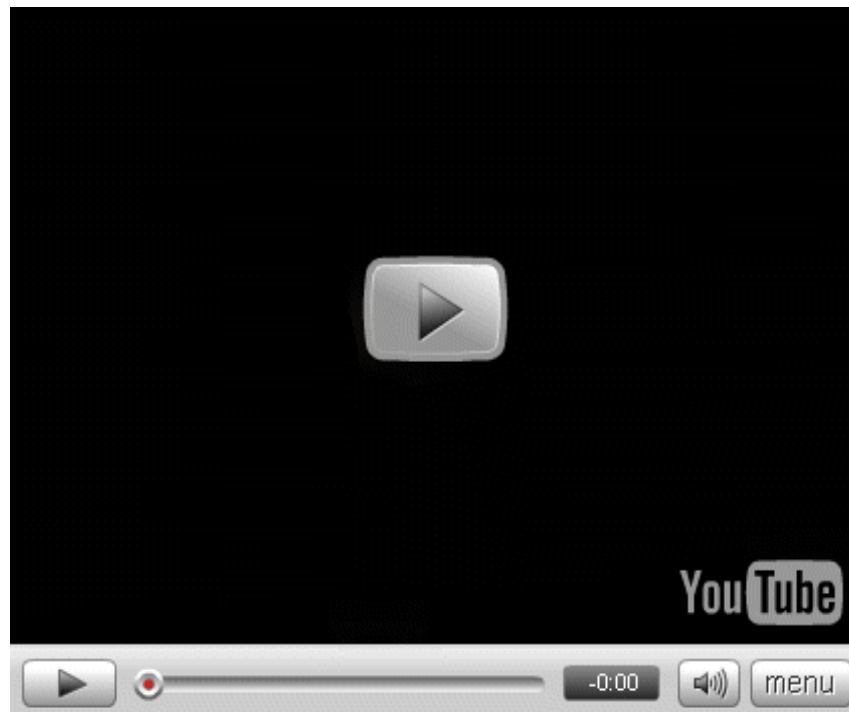
Dale & Lana Rideout



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



"Santa" Rideout



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