

April 28, 2011

Howe girl golfers head to state tourney

STEPHENVILLE -- The Howe girls golf teams as well as two Melissa competitors are headed to the state tournament after qualifying at the Class 2A Region II tournament at Legends Country Club.

The Lady Bulldogs to make their second straight trip to state.

Emily Taylor's fourth-place 168 led Howe while Madison Wilson was sixth after shooting a 179. Alex Akins and Courtney Scribner had top 31 finishes.

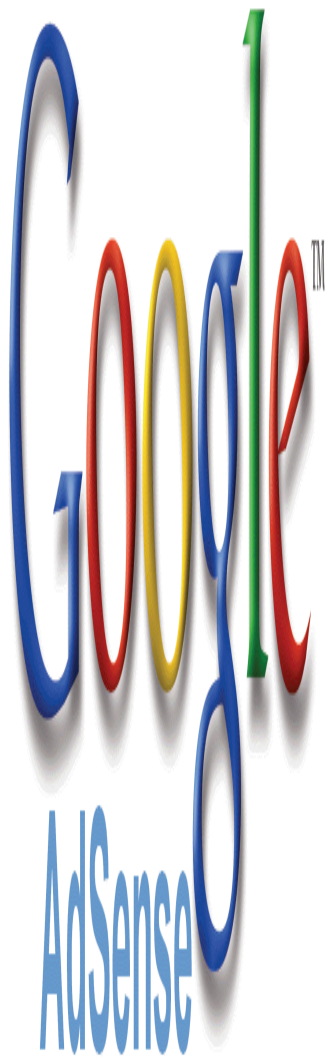
The state tournament will be held on May 9 and 10 at Roy Kizer Golf Course in Austin.

I AM AN AMERICAN

By i.-c.freeman

You are worried and feel helpless. You know something is wrong but do not know what it is. Why do we have wars, depressions, starving people, divisive religions, huge uncontrollable bureaucratic governments and countless other problems in such a rich country as America? The answer, though very simple, requires being informed of How and Why America was founded; and how America is being destroyed from within.

If you will spend a few minutes reading your weekly newspaper (on the web), this column will inform you of the reasons and the solutions that will restore America to its former position. Your personal interest in learning the facts will show you how essential your participation is in restoring your country to the most loved, respected, richest and most generous Country the world has ever known. A great Nation is a reflection of the people in it. If you like what you read, you must add your voice to Americans who are now peacefully requesting to be heard.



Austin College Names Honor Society Inductees

Sherman, Texas - Austin College's annual Honors Convocation, a formal convocation in full academic regalia, was held Thursday, April 21. The event highlights academic and leadership achievements of students and faculty. Among those recognized were students selected for induction into international and national honor societies based on academic achievement.

Austin College honor societies and related academic departments are Phi Beta Kappa, overall academic excellence; Alpha Chi, overall academic accomplishment; Alpha Psi Omega, drama; Beta Beta Beta, biological sciences; Delta Phi Alpha, German; Eta Sigma Phi, classics; Omicron Delta Epsilon, economics; Phi Alpha Theta, history; Pi Delta Phi, French; Pi Sigma Alpha, political science; Psi Chi, psychology; Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish; and Sigma Pi Sigma, physics.

Area students named to honor societies this spring and those currently holding membership are listed below by hometown, along with their parents' names, the high school from which they graduated, and the honor societies.

Bells, Texas - Chrystal Grove, Henrico High School, daughter of Mary and John Newfeld, Psi Chi, Psychology; Genny Richard, Howe High School, daughter of Bruce and Melody Armstrong of Bells, Texas, and Glenn and Dawn Richard of Colbert, Washington, Alpha Chi, Overall Academic Excellence; Phi Beta Kappa, Overall Academic Excellence;

Collinsville, Texas - Austin Light, Collinsville High School, son of Chip Light of Collinsville, Texas, and Sharon Light of Whitesboro, Texas, Alpha Chi, Overall Academic Excellence;

Gunter, Texas - Jackson Thomas, Gunter High School, son of Paul and Carmen Thomas, Phi Alpha Theta, History;

Tom Bean, Texas - Jessica Johnson, Tom Bean High School, daughter of Terry Johnson and Wendy Fallon, Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish;

Whitesboro, Texas - Austin Light, Collinsville High School, son of Sharon Light of Whitesboro, Texas, and Chip Light of Collinsville, Texas, Alpha Chi, Overall Academic Excellence;



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GCC Offers

Elder Law Boot Camp in May

Grayson County College's Center for Workplace Learning offers Elder Law Boot Camp to help participants understand legal basics pertaining to people who are 50 years of age and older. Presented from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during three sessions on May 16, 17 and 19, the course is designed to educate older persons, their families and professionals about common legal mistakes, myths and concerns related to aging.

"Legal, financial and health care options for the elderly are an absolute maze," said course instructor Richard M. Barron, an elder law attorney with Barron Law Firm. "Part of what elder law provides to clients is help negotiating that maze."

Barron believes it is never too early to prepare for the future. "All of us want to age in place, that is to stay in our own homes and be independent," he said. "The reality is some of us will need help either at home or in a care facility. It is important to know what steps to take when additional care is necessary."

The May 16 session covers 10 things senior citizens and their loved ones need to know about life care planning. Barron and a professional health care coordinator explain how the legal needs of the elderly are affected by health concerns. Participants learn how to avoid costly legal mistakes and ways to ensure high-quality care at home or in an alternate setting.

The May 17 session responds to the question: "What the heck is a living trust and why should I care?" Barron presents a concise, understandable explanation of living trusts. He also provides information about how a trust can benefit elderly people and help preserve assets.

The May 19 session clarifies some of the myths about Medicaid and Veterans benefits. Honest, legal ways to qualify for these programs is discussed. Participants learn things about government programs that are not revealed when calling the VA or the local Medicaid office.

Barron asserts that information gathered from an elder law attorney and other experts can allow seniors and their families to face whatever situations arise. "Elder Law Boot Camp is suitable for anyone seeking legal alternatives to protect assets, income, home and spouse despite high healthcare costs," he said. "They can have peace of mind because they have a plan in place."

Cost for the course is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. All sessions meet in the Center for Workplace Learning on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

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

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Melody Ranch's After Easter SLAMMIN' JAMMIN' Bluegrass Old Time Southern Gospel Week

Do you like to jam? We are making our facility available during the week of April 25-May 1 for jamming sessions. We plan to have potluck dinners Wednesday and Thursday evenings with jamming afterwards. Those coming in on Monday and Tuesday will be invited to go out to eat at a local restaurant. (dutch treat) with jamming before and afterwards. On Friday evening we have booked Circle Unbroken, Melody Ranch Ramblers and Front Porch Pickers for your listening pleasure. We will have cameo performances between some of the bluegrass bands. We have openings for solo, duets, a trio, or quartet that would like to perform onstage. Please use the contact information below if you are interested. Since we will have more performers than are listed on our flyer, we may have to start earlier to get everyone in. Doors will open at 5 on Friday evening.

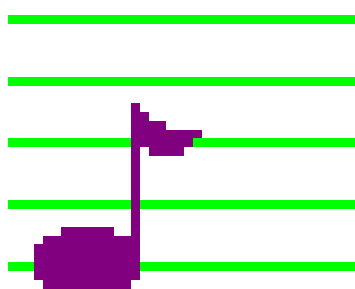
On Saturday there will be an afternoon and an evening session with Bluefield Express, Copper Canyon and Shady Grove Ramblers as our guest bands. We are working towards having some workshops on different instruments available Saturday morning.

We have an 80 spot RV park with water and electric hook-ups. A dump station is available onsite.

The Chrystal Opry house is located at 1977 White Mound Road, Sherman, Texas which is 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building. Seating is provided.

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows on Friday night and the afternoon/evening shows on Saturday.

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



TCOG Announces Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

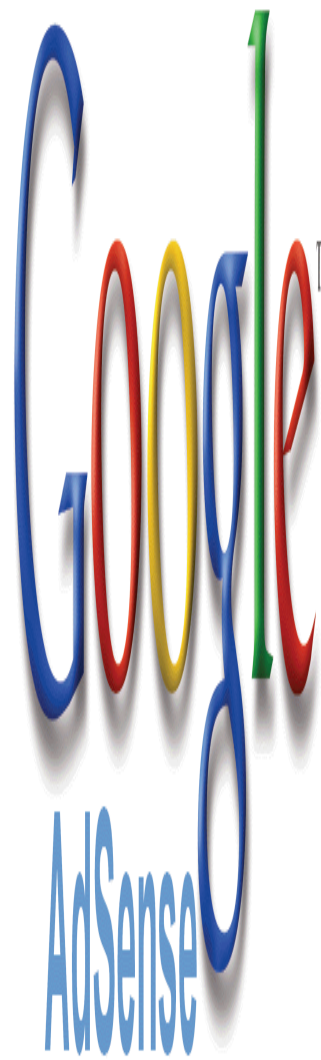
SHERMAN, April 18, 2011 – Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments, has announced the schedule for the 2011 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections in the Texoma Region. The collections will be held on April 30, 2011 in three separate locations including the Criminal Justice Center located in Gainesville, Midway Mall in Sherman, and the Precinct 4 County Warehouse on the east side of Bonham. All collections will begin at 9 am and close no later than 1 pm.

“This is an important service TCOG brings to the region. We can preach the benefits of ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ all day long, but to be effective, we have to also provide our citizens the resources they need to properly dispose of and recycle materials,” Dr. Thomas stated. “This year we have an E-waste company that will be accepting anything that runs on electricity including items such as old refrigerators, window unit air conditioners, or your old kitchen mixer.”

Waste in and around our homes that cannot be composted, put in the trash, or in a recycling bin is called “Household Hazardous Waste.” HHW around the home includes fluorescent light bulbs, cleaners, paints, batteries, televisions, and computer monitors. Other items considered HHW are tires, fuels, pool chemicals, automotive batteries, motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, pesticides, and herbicides. All of these products contain potentially hazardous ingredients that require special disposal measures. The best way of knowing if a product is a hazardous waste is to read the label. Words such as caution, warning, danger or poison indicate the product is flammable, reactive, corrosive, and/or toxic. Improper disposal of these products would include pouring them down the sink, on the ground, in a storm drain, burning, and in some cases putting them in the trash. Without proper storage and disposal of these wastes, it is possible for them to become harmful to the environment and human health. It is important that HHW are not put into landfills because they could have a chemical reaction with items around them and become explosive. The possibility of HHW leaching through the ground and contacting groundwater and surface water can create contaminated drinking water and damage aquatic habitat.

There will be some restrictions at the collection events. Paint, oil, and other liquids will be limited to 10 gallons or less. Tires are limited to 4 or less per vehicle that brings material to the events. Only car and light truck tires will be accepted. Tires with rims are not allowed. Ammunition, explosive materials, and compressed gas cylinders will not be accepted.

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, criminal justice, and transportation needs.



Music by Kevin Mc Cloud



Howe's That



What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

For several years I have subscribed online to an inspirational newsletter called "Heroic Stories."

People send in their stories of good deeds done to them by ordinary people who see a need and try to fill it. Or they tell of something they observed showing people helping people.

People all over the globe subscribe at no cost (although donations are accepted). You could probably find it by "googling" Heroic Stories.

I enjoy reading of the good deed stories. It helps us to remember that most people are kind.

The Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Galatians about the fruits of the spirit. One of those fruits is kindness.

When we see someone who is hurting or is distressed or feels unloved, we can help that person by showing kindness. What can you do to show kindness to others this week? Next week? Whenever you see a need?

Fruit Salad

- 1 can sliced peaches (undrained)
- 1 can pineapple (undrained)
- 1 box vanilla instant pudding
- 1-2 Tbsp sugar (if desired)
- Other fruits as desired (strawberries, bananas, apples, mandarin oranges, etc)

In a large bowl combined peaches and pineapple (including juice) with pudding mix. Mix well until pudding is dissolved. Stir in additional fruit. Instead of canned peaches and/or pineapple, you can use mixed fruit.

Tom Bean City-wide Garage Sale

City of Tom Bean will hold a city wide garage sale on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

The sales will run from 8 am to 5 pm. All residents, businesses, churches, and other fundraising groups are welcome.

Pick up form at City Hall to sign up.

If you wish, you may put your sale on a map for \$5.

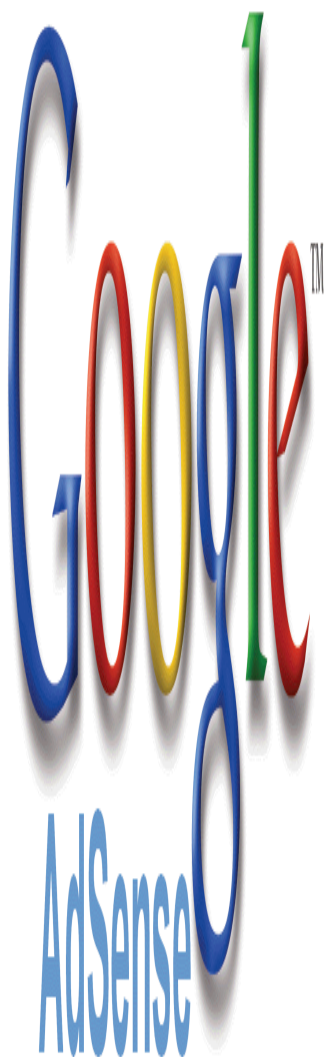
If you do not have a place, there are some sites on Garner Dr (right of way along Hwy. 11) -- 20'x20' for \$20.

Deadline for signing up is May 31 @5 pm.

June 6 the Map/Sale list will be ready and can be picked up at City Hall and KC Foods.

All fees/donations will be given to the Tom Bean Police Department for their yearly "National Night Out" in October.

For more information, contact Tammy Phillips, City Wide Coordinator, at City Hall, 903-546-6321 or cell, 903-818-9641





Shellby Armstrong poses with some of the juvenile nonfiction titles provided by a grant from the Laura Bush Foundation.

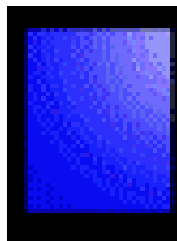
HOWE Community Library receives \$3000 Grant

The Howe Community Library was fortunate to receive a \$3000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation. This grant was used to purchase nonfiction books of different reading levels for the juvenile section.

New titles cover a broad range of topics including animals, health, earth science, weather, space, pets, plants, and alcohol/drugs.

The goal of the Laura Bush Foundation is to provide books and magazines to school libraries for the benefit of the students. Former First Lady Laura Bush has been a strong advocate for libraries. She was instrumental in starting the Texas Book Festival held each year in Austin. Later, this successful event inspired the first National Book Festival held in September 2001 which featured award-winning authors from across the nation and was attended by tens of thousands of people.

The newly acquired books are available for check-out by all residents of Grayson County. Please visit the library's Facebook page to see photographs of some of these titles.



HISD Menus

May 2-6

Breakfast

Monday- Glazed donuts, cereal w/toast, pineapple, apple juice

Tuesday- Biscuit & sausage, cereal w/toast, frozen delight, orange juice

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

Thursday Blueberry muffins/toast, cereal w/toast, orange halves, orange juice

Friday- Eggs/toast/sausage, cereal w/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY- Cheeseburger, hot ham cheese sandwich, burger fixins, potato rounds, ranch beans, pineapple, peach crisp

TUESDAY- Beef fingers, roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, frozen delight, hot roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY- Chicken sandwich, turkey club wrap, steamed corn, pinto beans, fresh grapes, wacky cake

THURSDAY- Cinco de mayo day, soft beef tacos, chicken enchiladas, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, ice cream cups

FRIDAY- Cheese pizza, laidback lasagna/toast, steamed corn, garden salad, diced peaches, orange sherbet

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability

Upcoming Events - HHS

April

28 - TAKS - Math - 9th; Science - 10th & 11th, Sr. Retakes

29 - TAKS - Social Studies - 10th, 11th, Sr. Retakes

HS Track Regionals @ Stephenville

May

2-3 - HS Track Regionals @ Stephenville

2 - FFA Booster Club Meeting

3 - Art Club to Scarborough Fair

4 - AP Calculus Test

5 - AP English Lit & Comp Test

5 - District 6 FFA Degree Check & Awards Assembly

6 - Spring Fling

7 - PALS Dodgeball Tournament

9-10 - State Golf Tournament @ Austin

9 - Athletic Booster Club Meeting

10 - EOC Algebra 1 Test @ HS Library

11 - EOC Physics Test @ HS Library

12 - Senior Group Picture - Off Campus & Church of Christ luncheon

13 - Howe FFA Banquet

13-14 - State Track Meet @ Austin

13 - Peak Music Festival @ Timber Creek HS in Keller

14 - Area V FFA Degree Check @ Ponder

16 - Band Booster Meeting

17 - NHS Induction Ceremony

18 - Senior Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 8:30am

19 - Howe ISD Bands Spring Concert, 7pm



Tom Bean School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7 pm in the new board room. President, Brian Trentman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Steve Book led the invocation.

The minutes of March 21, 2011 and April 4, 2011 along with the financial reports and quarterly investments were approved as presented.

The TBISD maintenance staff received recognition for the outstanding work they did on the new central office building. Brian Trentman presented plaques to Clinton Daniel, Terry Kosloski, and Robert Jewell (absent).

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Eli Allen (EL); Madi Gordon (MS); and Tenae Sanders (HS).

Tracy Coker, District Testing Coordinator and Counselor, gave a report concerning the impact of the new STAAR testing for 2011-2012. There will be a new accountability system beginning next year that will eventually replace the TAKS. Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events for April and May.

John Orozco, District Curriculum Director gave a presentation from Region 10 that provided the new accountability and STARR testing.

Torrey Price, new athletic director, gave a summary concerning the current athletic programs. Cade Newell, Brandon Bramer, Travis Counts, Mitch Trentman, Leonel Mendoza, Stephen Kinney, and Kyle Fallon are regional track qualifiers for the boys. Amber Davis, Tenae Sanders, Ashlyn Royal and Reagan Queirido are regional track qualifiers for the girls. Tyler Ellis will be representing Tom Bean High School as a regional golfer. The softball overall record is 20-5 while holding an 11-2 record for District. The baseball team has an overall record of 13-9 while District standing is 8-3.

The Tom Bean ISD approved to cancel the election scheduled to be held on May 14, 2011 for school board members. Steve Book, Shane Pennell, and Stan Woodruff have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected.

The Board approved an employee salary freeze for the 2011-2012 school year in an effort to retain teachers during cuts from the State of Texas. Projections from the State of Texas could be anywhere from 5% - 15%. The average cut for TBISD would be about \$500,000.

Mrs. Garrison gave a Superintendent's report which announced proposed or potential budget cuts for next year. All entities in the school district will be affected.

There will be faculty meetings held at each campus, and a District survey with questions pertaining to the potential budget cuts that will impact the District and colleagues. The survey results will help the superintendent and the board members make the tough decisions that lie ahead.



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Van Alstyne Library News

By Juanita Hazelton

Texas Library Association Conference in Austin April 12-15 was attended by more than 6000 librarians, exhibitors, and interested others. Amy Parrish and Juanita Hazelton were two among the many, attending educational sessions and social functions, networking and checking out the vendor booths. We were privileged to hear Jamie Lee Curtis and Greg Mortenson speak at the General Assemblies. We also saw Doug Valentine of Melissa ISD receive the Librarian of the Year Award. On Wednesday, more than 2000 librarians attended a rally at the state capitol to let legislators know how important their budget decisions are to the survival of libraries in Texas. We hope you are continuing to remind your legislators of that. There is still time to help Texas libraries.

New to the Collection: DVDs: *127 Hours, Avatar, A Beautiful Life, The Blind Side, The Cove, Crazy Heart, The Hurt Locker, Precious, Star Trek, The Young Victoria, and Eclipse.* CDs: *The Alexander Cipher* by Will Adam, *The American* by Martin Booth, *The Athena Project* by Brad Thor, *Susan Boyle -- the Woman I was Born to Be, Fatal Error* by J.A. Jance, *My Thoughts be Bloody* by Nora Titone, *Bad Blood* by John Sandford, *Decision Points* by George W. Bush, *In the Company of Others* by Jan Karon, and *Rescue* by Anita Shreve.

Non-fiction titles also purchased recently: Children with High-Functioning Autism, How to Start a Home Day Care, How to Start a Home Photography Business, Police Officer Exam, 4th edition, Complete Idiot's Guide to Low Cost Start-ups, Financially Stupid People are Everywhere, Cleveland Guide to Digestive Health, Cleveland Guide to Facebook, Cleveland Clinic Guide to Bladder Cancer, and Cleveland Clinic Guide to Epilepsy. New to our Spanish language collection: a set of six graphic novels in Spanish, a set of 4 bilingual stories from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Spain, and Latin America, Perfect Phrases for ESL, Everyday Business, and Spanish Among Amigos Phrasebook. New books for our Texas collection include *The Crime Buff's Guide to Outlaw Texas, Mysteries and Legends Texas, The Complete Guide to Planning Your Estate in Texas, Insider's Guide to Dallas & Fort Worth, Insider's Guide to El Paso, Quick Escapes from Dallas/Fort Worth.*

The audio-visual materials were purchased from a \$3860 grant from the Tocker Foundation. The grant also funded new CDs and DVDs for the children's department as well as \$800 of graphic novels for the YA department. The Tocker Foundation provides grants to public libraries in Texas that serve less than 25,000 population. These grants help purchase furniture, shelving, books and other collection materials, as well as provide funding for staff to attend TLA, the annual library conference. Amy Parrish, our children's assistant, was able to attend TLA in Austin this year because of the generosity of the Tocker Foundation which paid for travel costs, hotel, conference fees and TLA membership, as well as funding for a substitute to take her place at the Van Alstyne Library while she was absent. Other recipients of the Tocker travel stipend from Grayson County were Jessica Lucas of Whitesboro Public Library and Frank Kelland of Pottsboro Area Library.

Don't forget to attend Dia de Los Ninos, Dia de Los Libros at the Van Alstyne Library on Saturday April 30, 2-4 pm. This celebration of children and books will include a bilingual story time, Latino music and food, face painting for the children, information about library services, and a booth to sign up for free ESL conversation on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the library.



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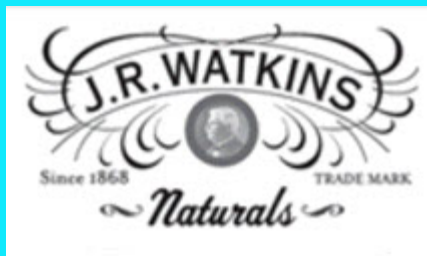
Wildlife Tax Valuation

Qualifying Land for Wildlife Management Use

Monday, May 9, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd floor Assembly Room,
Sherman, TX

Many Grayson County residents owning ten acres and more save money on their taxes by having a 1-D-1 open space agricultural appraisal designation. These people are actively managing an agricultural type business. More and more people are learning that the same tax savings can be obtained by actively managing the property to benefit wildlife. This program will discuss what is required to obtain a wildlife valuation. Question answered will be - minimum acreage required, qualifying wildlife species, prior property designation, submittal and reporting process, land management tasks, wildlife plan development, etc.

The program cost will be \$10 per attendee and begins at 6:30 pm and concludes at 8 pm. Remember to enter the courthouse from the south side. No CEUs at this event. If you have any questions, contact Chuck at 903-813-4202.



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Roger Williams spoke at Fannin County

Last week Roger Williams spoke at the Fannin County Republican Women's annual King Ranch Chicken Dinner held in Bonham.

Williams is one of many who are running for the US Senate seat currently held by Kay Bailey Hutchison (who is stepping down at the end of 2012).

He stated that he is the only candidate running for this office who owns a business, noting that many people are saying we need more businesspeople to go to Washington DC

He said the only question that needs to be answered is "How are we going to fix this economy?" Williams sees this as the most important issue for our country.

He advocates lowering corporate tax rate and cutting the payroll tax. Adding that the tax system is broken, he advocates doing away with the inheritance tax which he calls an inherently unfair tax. The children of the person who died can use the money to have jobs and create more jobs; and more money will go into the economy

Williams is also in favor of giving our military a raise; something they have not had to any degree in several years.

He said small business folks are to the ones who add jobs, adding we need to empower individuals.

Williams said, "Get government out of the healthcare system." Competition drives down the cost. Also needed is tort reform

The US is the premier #1 county in energy; the government needs to turn folks loose to develop these assets.

75% of businesses in the US are small businesses

Williams said, "Obama is pitting groups against individuals; individual freedom is needed for a free market economy.

Do we want the American scheme or the American dream?

He emphasized "Fairness, Family values, and Conservative Judges" as the basis of our country. If elected he will use as his road map – the Constitution as it is written (with the amendments) and the Bible.

On his website, Williams says, "I'm a small business owner and a limited government conservative who believes that Washington is not only broke, but broken. To turn around our economy and make government more accountable, we need to send someone who has spent 40 years in the private sector creating jobs, dealing with government regulators, negotiating health care coverage for employees, selling a product and making a profit. I'm the only candidate in this race who has run a business for 40 years. I don't just talk about conservative, free market principles -- I have lived them every day. And I will take my pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-life values to Washington to fight for you."

Former President George HW Bush has endorsed Williams who said, "I'm honored to have the support of this great Texan and I'm looking forward to winning this race bringing my message of economic growth and business leadership to Washington."



St. Mary's Tiger Trot 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run

Race set for May 7, 2011

St. Mary's Catholic School is planning their first Tiger Trot 5K and 1-mile Fun Run for May 7, 2011. This event will directly support the school. Originally founded as St. Joseph Academy in 1877 by the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, St. Mary's School has a longstanding tradition in the Grayson County community. For more than 75 years, the school existed as both an elementary and secondary school. During the last 40 years or so the school has offered primary education for its students. In 1972, a kindergarten was added, and in 1988, a preschool.

With the mission of empowering students through strong academics and Christian values, St. Mary's Catholic School provides an outstanding education for children, no matter what their religious affiliation is. Our Curriculum includes a solid concentration in the basics: religion, English, reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Spanish, French, music, art, and computer education round out a curriculum designed to educate the whole child.

Registration -Registration is open until 8:15 am race day. Packets will be available at the school office between 9 am-3 pm Friday, May 6, as well as Race Day. Early registration ends May 1. Mail registration to St. Mary's Tiger Trot, 713 South Travis, Sherman, TX 75090, or register in person at St. Mary's Catholic School.

Race Track - The Tiger Trot will begin at St. Mary's Catholic School, and parking is available at the campus.

Awards - Awards will be given to the top 3 males and females in all races, and in each age division. All participating children will receive a medal.

Check out our web site for more information, www.stmarys-sch.org.



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Here, there, everywhere

By Bob Bowman

KMOO of Mineola may have the most memorable radio station call letters in East Texas. People keep asking me if Mineola is a dairy community with a lot of cows, but I don't know. Perhaps someone from Mineola will enlighten me.

Something else I'm not sure about is how St. Jo in Montague County got its name. The town was founded in 1849 by Ithane and Prince Singletary, who came there looking for a buried treasure,

When they failed to find it, they moved to Whitesboro. But the Singletarys moved back to St. Jo, this time calling it Head of Elm, after its location on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. But the name St. Jo surfaced again around 1873, likely as a name for a pious resident, Joe Howell.

Carl Alsobrook of Poyner writes the shortest newspaper column in East Texas. Entitled "Poyner: Commonsense and Humor," it simply

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

An author whose name I did not hear appeared on the Diane Rehm show on NPR this morning to push his latest book. Of course, I thought he was very intelligent because he has written a book with a theme that is one I agree with.

The premise is simple: Lying undermines civilization. Or, to put it as I always put it to my students, "You can take precautions to protect your property from thieves and your life from people who threaten it, but you have no protection against liars if people believe the lies."

The crime Richard Nixon committed that was so heinous to me was not only that he lied, but also that he urged others to lie and to lie under oath. One of his co-conspirators testified to Congress that he and others had spent hours developing stories that had "plausible deniability."

Ronald Reagan, who was probably already so near clinical dementia that he may not have known he was lying, occasionally referred in speeches to events that had not, in fact, occurred. Some of them came from scenes in the movies he made during WWII. Because I was old enough to have seen some of the movies, I remembered a few of them. For the most part, I didn't mention those lapses in memory to my students, but when Reagan made a reference to an elementary student who had been punished for saying grace in his school lunch room, I asked students to find the evidence that such an event had actually occurred.

In response to the assignment, they searched every constitutional law reference that was available in the very considerable law library in the Ector County Courthouse, wrote letters to their United States Senators and members of the House of Representatives, and the President of the United States requesting a court citation on the case. They got nice form letters from the senators and representatives and absolutely nothing back from the president.

They then collected money and sent a telegram to the President of the United States at 1800 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. and still did not get a response.

When I asked them what conclusion would be reasonable to draw from this, they answered that there was probably no such case. "But it doesn't matter," they said, "because everybody lies to make a point."

When Bill Clinton said, "I did not have sex with that woman," I was appalled, not only because the encounter had occurred in the White House when he was supposed to be working, but mostly because he lied.

The web of lies told by the G.W. Bush administration to justify the attack on Iraq is beyond my frame of reference. That web has cost the lives of thousands of Americans, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis and only heaven knows how much money.

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BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

offers a one-line piece of philosophy each week, such as "Anger can erupt into what is called road rage and terrible consequences." His column appears in the Frankston newspaper.

Someone in the oil business called me about a "yellow dog." But he wasn't talking about a mutt, but a double-wicked lamp used on oilfield derricks. The lamps were so named because their two burning wicks looked like a dog's glowing eyes at night. Others say the lamp cast a dog's head shadow on the derrick floor.

Another Bigfoot sighting comes from Joe Pagitt of Palestine, who said he sighted one of the creatures carrying a deer's carcass around 4 am on a lonely highway near Tennessee Colony about 14 or 15 years ago. The creature leaped over a fence and melted into the woods.

Cowboys and cattlemen are well-known professions in Texas, but there was a time in the 1850 when they were known as "cattle keepers." The 1850 census of Angelina County listed the occupation of several men as "cattle keepers."

Founded in 1926 at Longview, the East Texas Chamber of Commerce was once one of the most influential business organizations in East Texas, but in 1988 the Chamber merged with the Texas Chamber of Commerce and a further merger in 1995 created the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce.

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Dot's Dashes, continued

While I was still teaching, a principal came to Permian High School who announced that he had "come to bring us educational success" by raising our TAKS scores (only it wasn't TAKS then. I think it was still TAAS, but these ridiculous high stakes tests have gone through several name changes.) He told the students that they would get higher scores if, in their writing for the TAKS, they would write things like,

"According to *Time Magazine* or according to *Newsweek*" or some other magazine or newspaper before stating some purported fact. When we "old" teachers said we thought that was dishonest, his reply was, "It depends on how you define 'dishonest.'"

By the end of the next year, students were routinely citing non-existent sources in their research papers and were incensed when I made them re-write them. "The principal said that would get us better scores," they protested.

When someone (probably a competitor) claimed that Procter and Gamble's corporate logo, which at that time was a man in the moon overlooking 13 stars, was a Satanic symbol, it cost the company millions to try to combat the lie and the company finally had to change the original logo, which had originated in 1851. The new logo, in my opinion, is very plain, almost to the point of ugly.

I occasionally still get letters from people who want me to contribute money and sign a petition to fight Madeline Murray O'Hare's lawsuit to get Christian broadcasting off the radio and television. That lawsuit never existed and O'Hare was murdered decades ago. I've had a dozen letters about the new coins that don't have "In God We Trust" on them. The new coins do have those words on their rims. Someone is wasting lots of time and energy on a problem that doesn't exist.

When Moses came down from the mountain with the tablets of law, one of the laws was this: "Don't tell lies about your neighbor." The reason for including that law was that lies costs both the liar and the thing and/or person about whom the lie is told. Lying is not a victimless crime.

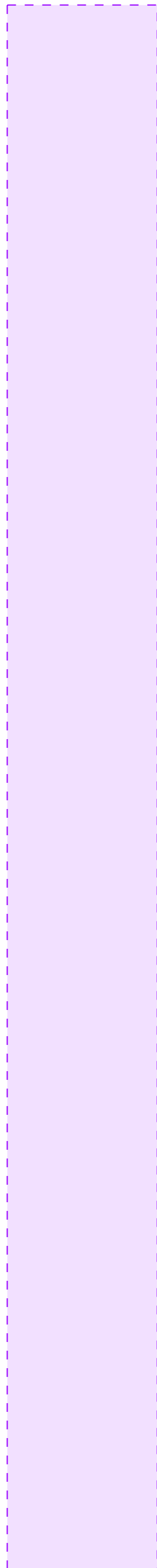
Even though you can't protect yourself against a liar, you can investigate what you hear or read before you swallow it hook line and sinker. Just doing that will slow liars and lies down, at least a little.

Put another way, follow Fowler's first law: "Use a little sense."

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Cattle Egrets



The third annual Spring Photo Safari is set at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge for Saturday, April 30. This nature photography event will begin at 8 am and end with a brown bag lunch and discussion forum at 11:30 am. It is open to photographers of all levels of experience and camera types. Small groups led by knowledgeable photographers will go out on the Refuge to shoot together and share techniques.

There is no charge for participation in the photo safari but advance registration is required as space is limited; to register, send your name, contact information and camera make and model to fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

Hagerman NWR is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, Texas, 75092. Photo programs at the Refuge are sponsored by the Refuge and the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club. For more information, see www.friendsofhagerman.com or call the Refuge, 903 786 2826.

Friends of Hagerman NWR
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www.friendsofhagerman.com
Refuge - 903-786-2826

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What Is Asset Protection Planning?

Asset protection planning is about protecting your assets from creditors -- and it is not just for the super-wealthy.

Anyone can get sued. Lawsuits can stem from car accidents, credit card debt, bank foreclosures, or unhappy customers, among many other things. If someone wins a monetary judgment against you, your family could become bankrupt trying to pay it off. To keep your assets away from creditors, you need to move them somewhere where creditors can't reach them. Asset protection techniques include maximizing contributions to IRAs, moving funds to an irrevocable trust, retitling various assets, or using limited

liability companies or family limited partnerships.

To develop an asset protection plan, you need to talk to your attorney. Your attorney can discuss your short- and long-term financial goals and help you create a plan that will work for you.

It is important to note that asset protection planning only works if you act before you are sued. Under the law, you may not defraud current creditors. If you are already being sued or if you know you are going to be sued and you transfer assets so that creditors can't reach them, the court will reverse the transfer. That is why it is a good idea to put a plan into place now -- before it is too late.



Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interstate Healthcare Compact Legislation Passes the House

This week, the Texas House passed House Bill 5, which establishes the legal framework for Texas to join other states in an Interstate Healthcare Compact. Interstate compacts are agreements between states and are allowed under federal law. Compacts are most often used to regulate interstate activities such as transportation and water usage. Several other states are considering passing similar legislation; Georgia has already passed its version of an Interstate Healthcare Compact.

Texas and other states are finding it increasingly difficult to pay and administer the Medicaid program and other state health care priorities. While the economic downturn and the resulting budget shortfall have made it difficult to meet the healthcare funding requirements of the federal government, the rapid growth of the Medicaid program is the main driver for states seeking more flexibility in administering healthcare. Spending on the Medicaid program alone has grown 170% over the last decade in Texas, far outpacing the rate of inflation. For this biennium, Texas will spend over 35% of its budget on health and human services.

House Bill 5 would establish that the state legislature has the primary responsibility to regulate health care within its borders. Federal funding for healthcare programs would essentially be provided to the state as block grant programs, giving the state far more flexibility in how it chooses to allocate those funds. The compact would also allow a member state to suspend by legislation the operation of all federal laws, rules, regulations, and orders regarding health care that are inconsistent with the laws and regulations adopted by the member states under the compact. The state would receive the same amount of money from the federal government as it received in 2010, adjusted for inflation and population changes. Proponents of the bill think this flexibility will allow the state best serve its citizens; opponents worry that the compact will result in fewer people receiving services.

House Bill 5 now moves to the Senate for consideration, and if passed, on to the governor.

For more information on this bill or any other legislative matter, please contact my office by writing to P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or by emailing me at larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us. My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



EPA's dust control efforts need to blow away Not trying to be rash, but why did God create poison ivy?

By Mike Barnett

If poison ivy was a cash crop, I'd be a rich man.

Too bad there's no market for it. Poison ivy is a marvelously tough plant. It's self-seeding. It needs no fertilizer. It's insect and disease resistant. It apparently doesn't need water to grow. It would be a bear to harvest, though.

Canyon Drive is poison ivy Central for Waco, Texas. My backyard -- as all the yards up and down my street -- is full of it. I have every variety known to man. I have the woody, shrub poison ivy. I have thin, trailing vines running across the ground. I have aerial-rooted poison ivy growing on shrubs. I have vines as thick as three fingers running in my trees.

I get the itches just thinking about it. And I can't get rid of it.

Half of my yard is an old ravine. It's steep, brushy, hard to get to and apparently the perfect micro-climate for poison ivy. I've tried every control measure known to man. I hand-pulled it... one time. Even with proper protection, it still got me. Same result with a weed eater.

My poison ivy laughs at Roundup -- even the Roundup labeled for poison ivy. I've tried Brush Be Gone and it does work. Only problem, my poison ivy is mixed in my English ivy, and Brush Be Gone is not selective. I've tried every kind of nozzle on my sprayers, applications with a paint brush; I've even gone as far as individually cutting the top of the plant off, and applying a healthy dose of herbicide with a syringe... which was a great idea, but really more patience testing and labor intensive than I want. Do goats eat poison ivy?

Plain and simple, poison ivy's got the better of me. And it gets thicker and thicker every year.

God must have been having a really bad day when he created this noxious plant.

Leafs of three, let them be. No truer advice was ever given.

I'm leaving poison ivy alone right now. Still, I'd really love to get rid of it without nuking my entire yard.

Any suggestions? I want to hear... and try them!

Estes Responds to Wildfire Emergency

Austin - State Senator Craig Estes (R - Wichita Falls) spoke out on the wildfires ravaging parts of North Texas, a large percentage of which are located in his Senate District 30.

“Our state is grateful that we have courageous men and women across Texas who are fighting these fires and offering assistance and support to wildfire victims. The safety of those affected by these fires is of utmost priority,” said Estes. “We are also working with local districts and the Governor’s Division of Emergency Management to make sure eligible counties will be able to recoup their costs with FEMA funds”.

Currently there are approximately 1,815 first responders being managed by the Texas Forest Service from 36 states assigned to Texas fires. This figure does not include Volunteer Fire Department responders.

At this time, fires range from 10% containment to 95% containment. There are presently 203 counties with burn bans.

“Representative Hardcastle and I have asked the Texas Forest Service to set up a fund to collect private donations for volunteer fire departments. We will be sending more information out when that is complete” said Estes. “I encourage citizens to donate to the Texas Agriculture Relief Fund (STAR Fund). You can make donations on the Department of Agriculture’s website. The fund assists farmers and ranchers in responding to and recovering from an emergency and may be used to rebuild fences, restore operations, and to pay for other agricultural disaster relief”.

Additional resources for responding to the extreme fire danger include:

Assistance and Relief

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
800 North Loop 288, Denton, TX 76209 (800) 621-FEMA
Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) - assistance for lost work time due to disaster; Temporary Housing Assistance (housing assistance for unlivable residences due to disaster); Individual and Family Grants (serious need grants for inability to pay necessary living expenses); Mortgage and Rental Assistance - delinquent payment assistance due to disaster

USDA - Farm Service Agency (FSA)

P.O. Box 2900, College Station, TX (979) 680-5150
Fence restoration, debris removal, land grading, structure restoration, water conservation measures, Emergency Loan Assistance (low interest loans for production and physical loss), Disaster Debt Set-Aside Program - FSA loan payments deferred due to disaster

USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
101 S. Main Street, Temple, TX (254) 742-9800
Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) - emergency measures for runoff retardation, soil erosion and debris, which has impaired a watershed

TDA’s Interest Rate Reduction Program
Disaster relief low interest loans to refinance existing agricultural debt

Small Business Administration (SBA)
4400 Amon Carter Blvd, Suite 102, Fort Worth, TX 76155
(800)-366-6303
Disaster Loan Program - financial assistance to rebuild homes and businesses due to disaster.

Texas Agriculture Relief Fund (STAR Fund)
www.texasagriculture.gov<<http://www.texasagriculture.gov>>
The fund assists farmers and ranchers in responding to and recovering from an emergency and may be used to rebuild fences, restore operations, and to pay for other agricultural disaster relief.

Texas Department of Public Safety Public Assistance Grant Program
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/pages/disasterrecovery.htm>
Provides assistance to State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

Senator Estes represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.



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LETTER TO EDITOR
Dad of 3 kids killed
in NY river: Don't blame me

I read that the father of three children who died when their mother drove into the Hudson River said he is not directly responsible for the tragedy. Good for him for speaking out.

If anything good comes out of this tragedy, I hope one is to stop 'blaming the man' when a mother kills her kids.

There is something else I hope is generated from this event. People need to realize that women must be held responsible for the crimes they commit.

The Associate Press ran the headline, "Moms killing kids not nearly as rare as we think?" Mothers kill their children a hundred times a year. Yet we excuse these murders as postpartum depression, Munchausen syndrome by proxy or other forms of mental illness. The media lays out a pity party for these 'poor lonely women,' these unfortunate females who 'lack emotional support.'

And when society succumbs to such prejudicial thoughts - to issue a sentencing discount to women - we hinder our ability to recognize warning signs, to intervene and to prevent more tragedies.

Our society deserves better. Our children deserve better.

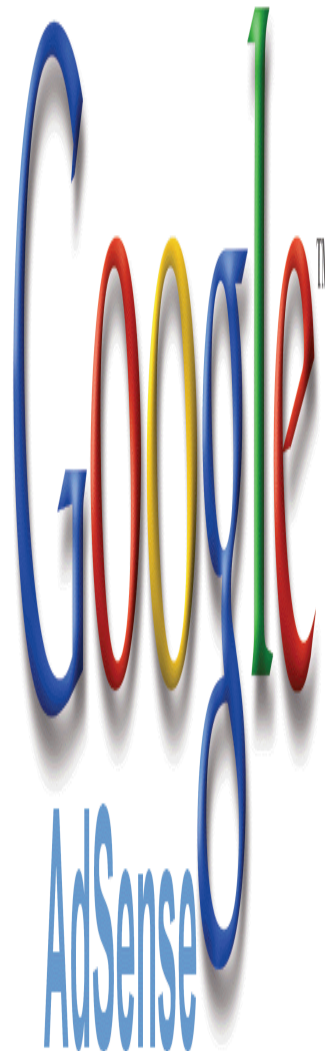
Don Mathis, Sherman

Political Correctness

An annual contest is held each year at Texas A&M University calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term.

This year's term was: "Political Correctness."

The winner and a great definition by a student who wrote: "Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of crap by the clean end."



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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.

Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a homelike place to worship then come join them at A Christian Fellowship. Each Sunday morning begins with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30 am. Worship service begins at 10:30, this week morning worship service will be led by a special speaker, Dan Kemp, so come on out and join them for a very inspirational service. The church celebrates the Lord's Supper each Sunday morning during worship service.

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

The youth group will be holding a garage sale at the church with the date to be announced at a later time.

The church holds study groups throughout the week. Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner beginning at 6:30pm, followed by praise and worship and a devotion.

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 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 7:30 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>.



Closer Than a Brother

B.H. McDaniel was a very successful orthodontist with a thriving practice. He also loved to fly his plane for a hobby. One day, he was flying from El Paso, TX to Lufkin, TX, when the engine stalled, and he couldn't start it again. He was over the Davy Crockett National Forest, so an emergency landing was going to be almost impossible. But God was with him every step of the way. He looked down and saw an opening among the trees. He tried to set the plane down in the little spot, but it was too short for landing. His plane hit hard, skidded into the trees on the other side of the field and broke into flames. B.H. broke his back in the crash and lay helpless as the fire began to burn.

By the providence of the Lord, a farmer saw the plane go down and hurried to the wreckage. He pulled the Doctor to safety just in time, as the aircraft was engulfed in flames.

B.H. was taken to a local hospital. That started the long journey of healing, then therapy. It was going to take over two years to get even limited use of his legs back. Naturally that was to wreak havoc on his orthodontic practice.

Enter Dr. Stephen Kerr. Stephen had attended dental college in the early days with B.H. and they had become fast friends. One school day without really thinking about it, the two men made a "friendship pact" (much like David and Jonathan in the Bible) that they would take care of the other's family in case something happened. Then they went on without ever really thinking about it.

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Cannon
CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761

SOVEREIGN GRACE
BAPTIST CHURCH
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

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

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

Gunter
COLLEGE HILL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
304 E. College, 903/433-4835
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Pecan, 903/433-3335
GRACE BIBLE
FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Bruce Stinson
Brooks Plaza
Sundays - 9:30 AM Worship
www.thegbf.com
VALLEY

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Howe
APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166; Sun. 10am & 6pm
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912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd, Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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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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3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 150 Fellowship Ln,
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Mike Ball, 903/870-0219
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH 903/546-6898
INSPIRATION POINT
COWBOY CHURCH
FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
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Closer Than a Brother, continued

Now something had happened! There was B.H. lying paralyzed in a hospital bed. He opened his eyes to see Stephen standing in the room. It was good of him to come to B.H. and give support in his darkest hour. But he did more than that. Stephen was there to stay. He was an orthodontist also. He immediately went home to Houston and shut down his own practice. He sold his home; then, he and the entire Kerr family moved to El Paso to run the clinic for B.H. He purchased a portion of B.H.'s practice (to give him cash) and then shared the profits with him to give B.H. an income.

That kindness lasted 12 years! That's right! He did the work and shared the income with B.H. until the injured man could get around -- first on crutches, then canes, and when he could sit to do his work. Only then did Stephen sell his interest in the business back to B.H. and go home.

"How do you thank a friend like that?" Asked B.H. "You couldn't if you tried 100 years" *

"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." -- Proverbs 18:24

Because of our sin, you and I were facing the "plane wreck" of eternal destruction (cf. Matthew 7:13-14), but Jesus came to us (see John 1:14). But He did more than that. He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins (Ephesians 1:7) so that we might live eternally with Him in heaven.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." -- John 15:13. Jesus demonstrated this kind of love for us. He is a Friend that sticks closer than a brother.

How do you thank a friend like that? You can't, even if you tried 1,000 years! But you CAN be grateful, and you CAN accept His offer of salvation by placing your faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38).

Won't YOU?

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* David Lusk (slightly adapted)



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METHODIST CHURCH
RFD 2 off Hwy. 56; 903/892-8450
WESTERN HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
800 Baker Park Dr.,
903/892-9635, Sun. 10
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,
Rev. Mack Rogers
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Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
105 Hopson,
Shannon Jackson, minister,
903/482-6033
EAST SIDE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 141, Larry Shead,
minister; worship 11am
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CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Stephen W. Bierschen, 972/562-0752
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702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev. Arnold Baker, pastor

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Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting more Information

by Dale Rideout

In our first article I showed you how to fill out two of the basic information sheets that are used in recording your ancestry. I hope you filled out pages for everyone that you have information on because that is the best way to start. Later we will talk about putting that information on a computer program.

Now I will give you some ideas about finding more information. Look over the sheets you already have, and notice the areas that are missing information. Now look and see who on those sheets will know that information that you are missing. Think about it. We are talking about your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and others who are still living and may be able to answer your questions.

Make plans to visit these folks. I suggest you take a tape recorder and plenty of note paper. Also be prepared with the questions you need answered.

There are two types of questions you want to ask. First is the specific question that you needed answered. "When was Aunt Judy Born? Where was Aunt Judy Born? What was Aunt Judy's maiden name?" You may have a lot of these so be ready to get the answers. These questions usually have very short answers.

Next you will want to ask a lot of open ended questions. These are questions that may have very long answers. This is where you will want to have your tape recorder going. Once your "Grandma" starts on the answer, do not stop her. Let her keep going with her story. You will often get a lot of information that you never expected. This is the time that you will want to carefully listen to what she says and not be distracted by writing it all down. You will hear things that give you other questions to ask. These interviews are priceless and someday day you will be glad you have them recorded.

Here are some of the open ended questions that will start such a conversation:

- Where did you grow up?
- What were your parents like? Your siblings?
- What do you remember about your grandparents?
- Who were your friends?
- What was school like for you?

- What did you do for fun when you were a child? when you were a teenager?
- What movies and songs did you like when you were young?
- How did you meet your spouse?
- What important lessons have you learned in your life?
- When and where were you born?
- How did you get your name?
- What did you look like as a baby?
- What color are your eyes?
- What color is your hair?
- What are your earliest memories?
- Who is your mother?
- Describe her appearance and personality.
- Did your mother work outside the home?
- What did she do?
- Who is your father? Describe him and his personality.
- Did your father do home repairs?
- What were his hobbies?
- What was your father's occupation?
- How many siblings do you have?
- What are their names?
- Where do you fit in the family?
- What family rules did you have?
- What did your parents value?
- Did you have assignments or chores when you were a child?
- Did you get along well with your siblings when you were children?
- Do you get along well with your siblings now?
- Did you know your grandparents?
- What were they like?
- Did you know any of your great-grandparents? Tell about them.
- Who were your earliest friends?
- Where did you play?
- What kinds of games did you play?"

Well you can see that these I much information to be gathered by these interviews. I have a six page list that I give to my classes when I teach beginning genealogy. I am sending that list to your newspaper and if you want a copy, contact them. Or you could send me an e-mail and I will send the list back to you: dalerideout@cableone.net. Everywhere you go and everything you do gives you the opportunity to ask more questions. Keep records of all the information you gather and where it came from. You are on your way to becoming a real researcher. More next month.



Prices mean nothing to farmers if it doesn't rain Texas wildfires turn hopes and dreams into ashes

By Mike Barnett

N.L. Winter has lived over a century, but he has never seen anything like the Texas wildfires that rolled over his ranch north of Abilene last week. Known as "Boss," Mr. Winter lost the home he was born in, the two-room house his father built in 1910, and the house where he and his late wife, Leta, raised their three children. Much of his 1,400 acre ranch is charred.

"It's the worst fire I've ever seen," the 106-year-old cowboy told the *Abilene Reporter-News*.

Mr. Winter is just one of many whose dreams, hopes and livelihoods have turned to ashes this spring. Texas is burning. Wildfires have ravaged over 1.5 million acres since the first of the year. That's equivalent to 2,000 square miles.

It's not supposed to be this way. The calendar puts us on the back side of April. March rains should have replenished the soil. March rains should have nourished life. But they didn't fall. The only clouds this spring are billows of dense smoke.

Agriculture has been hit hard by drought, as my blogging partner Gene Hall documented last week. March was the driest month on record. Most of the state is officially classified in drought. Some of it is extreme. Much of it is severe. Crops wither in the field, if they've been planted at all. Pastures provide little grazing.

Mother Nature adds insult to injury, sucker-punching many who have been stretched thin by the dry weather. It may be the final bout for some. Plentiful rains last year built an understory of brush and grasses. A hard winter set the stage. Lack of rain prevented

green-up. High winds and low humidity have been prevalent. The result is wildfire.

The numbers are startling. No corner of the state is left untouched. 252 Texas counties out of 254 have been affected. As of today (April 18), 244 homes have been destroyed. 8,514 homes have been threatened. 7,807 fires have been fought by a brave, thin line of volunteer firefighters, Texas Forest Service crews and teams from the National Forest Service.

As I look out my window while writing this post, I see high winds once again shaking the trees. It's hot outside. I wonder whose land is burning today. I wonder who will lose their homes. One more is too many. But the forecast calls for many more.

There are ways you can help. Make a donation to your local volunteer fire department. They are the front line troops in this vast effort. They need your support, both financial and spiritual.

There are many relief efforts, both local and statewide. Support locally when you can. But don't forget worthy relief efforts such as Texas CattleWomen for feed and fencing and the Texas Department of Agriculture's State of Texas Agriculture Relief (STAR) fund to restore operations and rebuild fencing.

Also, if you can help out and have land where cattle can be relocated, please let us know!

Texas agriculture is built upon the backs of survivors like Mr. Winter. Mother Nature may take away the grass and the home and the fences. Farmers and ranchers may need a little help. But Mother Nature can't take away their spirit.

Spirit -- and faith -- those are traits which keep agriculture strong -- for Mr. Winter's generation and for generations to come.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at www.txfb.org.



Alaska

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska .

Amazon

The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20% of the world's oxygen supply.

The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that, more than one hundred miles at sea off the mouth of the river, one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon river is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States ..

Antarctica

Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country.. Ninety percent of the world's ice covers Antarctica .. This ice also represents seventy percent of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, however, Antarctica is essentially a desert; the average yearly total precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4% of it, ice.), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

Brazil

Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Canada

Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. Canada is an Indian word meaning ' Big Village '.

Chicago

Next to Warsaw , Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

Detroit

Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, so named because it was the first paved road anywhere.

Damascus , Syria

Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul , Turkey

Istanbul, Turkey, is the only city in the world located on two continents.

Los Angeles

Los Angeles' full name is: El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula -- and can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size: L.A.

New York City

The term 'The Big Apple' was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression 'apple' for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple.

There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin , Ireland ; more Italians in New York City than in Rome , Italy ; and more Jews in New York City than in Tel Aviv , Israel .

Ohio

There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio , every one is manmade.

Pitcairn Island

The smallest island with country status is Pitcairn in Polynesia , at just 1.75 sq. miles/4,53 sq. km.

Rome

The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome , Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Siberia

Siberia contains more than 25% of the world's forests.

S.M.O.M.

The actual smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (S.M.O.M). It is located in the city of Rome , Italy , has an area of two tennis courts and, as of 2001, has a population of 80 -- 20 less people than the Vatican .. It is a sovereign entity under international law, just as the Vatican is.

Sahara Desert

In the Sahara Desert , there is a town named Tidikelt , Algeria , which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years.

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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

These Grandkids always have fun at the Christmas Tree Farm, and they really can sing - but my may not know it from this little video from 2009.



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