

# Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas  
75459

April 7, 2011



**April 15**

## Tea Party Invitation

You are invited to celebrate the 2-year anniversary of the 'across the nation' Tax Day Tea Party on Friday, April 15, 2011, 3-5 pm at the Grayson County (Texas) Courthouse lawn. (Address is 100 E. Houston St, Sherman, TX.)

Bring your signs, your friends, and a chair. We will have some information for you about the fair tax and talk about other issues as we try to keep our local, state, and federal representatives aware of the tax burden we are asked to sustain

We have several who have asked to speak to our group. U.S. Congressman Ralph Hall had hoped to attend. He will be working in Washington, D.C. and does not think he will be able to attend.

If you would like to bring literature or to speak, please let me know as soon as possible so I can get you on my list.

We must keep our grassroots movement going to get rid of waste in Congress, waste in the State of Texas government, etc.

In the event of pouring rain and/or severe weather storms, the event will be cancelled.

For more information, call Lana Rideout, 903-487-0525 or email [lanarideout@cablone.net](mailto:lanarideout@cablone.net)

## Texoma Patriots April 26 Town Hall Meeting

The Texoma Patriots is honored to have a very special speaker on Tuesday, April 26. You don't want to miss this event. Yuri Maltsev worked as an economist on Mikhail Gorbachev's economic reform team before defecting to the United States. He is the editor of *Requiem for Marx* and teaches economics at Carthage College in Wisconsin.

Yuri Maltsev is a sought-after speaker for the way he completely deconstructs socialism. He starts with his experiences in communist Russia and makes the comparisons to the Obama administration. You'll see why Yuri is beloved by tea partiers across the country.

**Yuri Maltsev**  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
**7 to 9 pm**

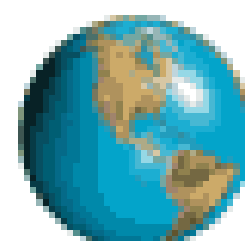
Location: Grandy's in Sherman, 3201 Texoma Parkway the meeting room is beside the dining room

Please join us and fellow North Texas patriots and welcome Yuri to our Town Hall meeting.

We will also be asking for donations to cover our speaker's travel expenses. Help us defray the cost of the room by coming early and eating before the meeting starts.

Please invite those you think will be interested. Any questions, contact Kaaren at [kaarent@verizon.net](mailto:kaarent@verizon.net).

You may have seen Yuri on the Glenn Beck TV show on FOX News. While in Russia, he was introduced to Austrian economics by reading *The Road to Serfdom* by F.A. Hayek. He was given a copy by a friend for just one night; that was extremely dangerous in Russia at that time. Hayek laid these principles down in such a clear, apodictic, and revealing way that Yuri became very interested in learning as much as he could about Hayek and the Austrian School.



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## GCC Presents Employee Awards

Encouraging student success is the common denominator between Grayson County College math professor Kathleen Elberson and Rosemary Bruce, administrative assistant to Dr. Tony Stanzo, GCC's dean of academic instruction. That commitment prompted their colleagues to nominate them for the College's top employee honors.

Elberson, who also serves as director of GCC's Quality Enhancement Program, received the GCC Professor of the Year Award. She was chosen for her outstanding teaching, innovative methods for engaging students, commitment to advancing the College's mission, and "above and beyond" attitude toward serving students in and out of the classroom.

"Seeing students gain confidence in their ability to do mathematics is what I enjoy most," Elberson said. "It's inspiring to see the positive effect this has on their educational and career aspirations."

A Frisco resident, Elberson has taught at GCC for four and a half years. She believes in the mission of the community college in general and GCC in particular.

"It is a joy to work here, and I am deeply honored and humbled given the outstanding company in which I find myself," Elberson said. "My students and colleagues make a positive difference in my life every day, and I hope I do the same for them."

Bruce was named GCC Outstanding Employee of the Year. Her self-expressed pleasure in working with faculty, staff and students is one of the hallmarks of the award that is designed to honor a College employee who provides service above and beyond the call of duty, exhibits an excellent attitude and cheerfulness while completing assigned tasks, and demonstrates an exemplary willingness to help others.

A GCC employee for nearly 18 years, the Gordonville resident has a myriad of responsibilities related to divisional budgeting, practices and procedures, dual-credit and other agreements with vendors and/or

universities, class scheduling, strategic planning, research compilation and preparation, and managing clerical support. She also organizes and hosts an annual

orientation for the College's adjunct professors.

"I enjoy watching students succeed and working with the faculty," Bruce said. "I was very surprised and honored to have my work recognized in such a way."

Donna McKinney, GCC Honors and Awards Committee chair and director of the College's Testing Center, presented award plaques to Elberson and Bruce during GCC's semi-annual staff development session. In addition their awards, service milestones were announced for GCC employees who have been with the College for one and five years as well as each five-year increment thereafter.

Those with 15 or more years of service this year are: Ed Owens, 40; Susan Morrow, 30; Joanna Barnes, Brenda Britt and Shelle Cassell, 25; Dwayne Barber, Tim Green, Carol Pace and Cynthia Taylor, 20; and April Baker, Steve Black, Ron deCento, Lori Henderson, Jean Metcalf, Lillie Smith and Raylene Vickrey, 15.

### GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE

## Free Business Start-up Boot Camp

Worried about job loss or just want to say "goodbye" to your boss? If so, you may want to take advantage of a free seminar and learn how to start your own small business. "Business Start-up Boot Camp" will be held on April 12, 2011 at Grayson County College from 2-4 pm. The class will be taught by GCC Small Business Development Center Director, Dr. Karen Stidham, who is a Certified Business Development Specialist.

Participants will learn basic legal requirements for starting a home based or other small business in North Texas. Other topics of discussion include evaluating feasibility, developing a business plan, estimating start-up costs, projecting business

income, how to identify sources of financing and how to apply for a business loan.

Participants will also learn how to locate and access many resources for entrepreneurs such as free one-on-one counseling including government contracting opportunities, how to protect intellectual property, risk management and international trade opportunities. Information on how to receive free assistance in business recordkeeping by a Certified Quickbooks Pro Advisor will also be available to those attending.

Each attendee will also receive a packet of reference and instructional materials. Seating is limited and advanced registration

is required. Registration may be completed by contacting the GCC SBDC office at 903-463-8787 during regular business hours.

The SBDC is a grant program funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration, GCC and the State of Texas. Free small business counseling is available from the SBDC on any of the GCC campuses.

gba 2007-2008.jpg Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. SBA. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact Dr. Karen Stidham, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, TX 75020, 903-463-8787.

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## HAZ-CO FIRE ACADEMY HAS 100% PASS RATE ON STATE FIRE EXAM

Haz-Co Fire Academy's Evening class took the Texas State Commission on Fire Protection State Certification examination on March 30, 2011 at the training center. All students passed the state test.

The state test consists of a written examination and a demonstration of skills.

Haz-Co is owned and operated by Bill Palya and Kevin Walton. Palya and Walton are also adjunct instructors for Texas A&M Fire School held each year at Brayton Fire Field in College Station.

Haz-Co was established in 1987 offering hazardous training to local industries and in 1994, the Haz Co Fire Training Academy was established. It was the first independently owned fire training academy in the state of Texas. Haz Co has its own smoke maze and burn field.

Haz Co offers both day and evening classes. For more information, contact Nancy Shirley at 903-564-3862 or visit the web page at [www.haz-fire.com](http://www.haz-fire.com).

### “Aging Gracefully with Pets”

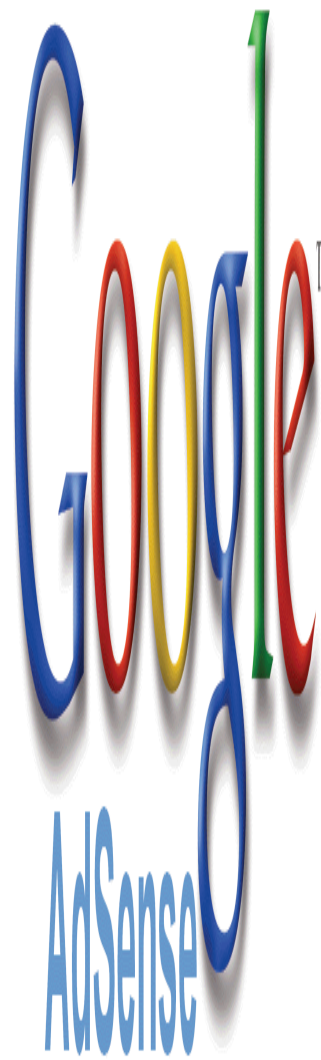
Come and join us on Tuesday, April 12 at 12:00 noon as Amy Shojai, certified animal behavior consultant, shares with us tips on “Aging Gracefully With Pets.” Ms. Shojai has authored 23 books including “Complete Care for Your Aging Cat” and “Complete Care for Your Aging Dog”. She has been featured on Animal Plant CATS 101 and DOGS 101 and is nationally known as a pet care expert. She also has a weekly column locally in the Herald Democrat. Amy lives with a senior citizen Siamese wannabe and a smart-aleck German Shepherd who prompt a few gray hairs but also keep her young.

P.I.E. (Partners in Education) programs are held each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and are free for any member of the community to attend.

This free program is Tuesday, April 12th from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm at the LIFE Center Specialty Hospital, 1111 Gallagher Road, Sherman.

Complimentary pie and coffee will be served at the seminar. The series is free and offered as a public service to anyone interested. Call Nancy Russell, from Home Hospice of Grayson County, 903-868-9315, Nora Habal from TCOG at 903-813-3506, Cheryl Brandon of Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - WNJ at 903-813-8747 or Joyce White from the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service at 903-813-4203 if you have questions.

The Area Agency on Aging, Home Hospice of Grayson County, LIFE Center Specialty Hospital, Texoma Council of Government, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital - WNJ, and the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are delighted to provide this series free to the public. This collaborative effort was designed to bring educational programs to our community free of charge. If you require transportation, remember that TAPS is only a telephone call away, but you do have to call at least the day before the program.



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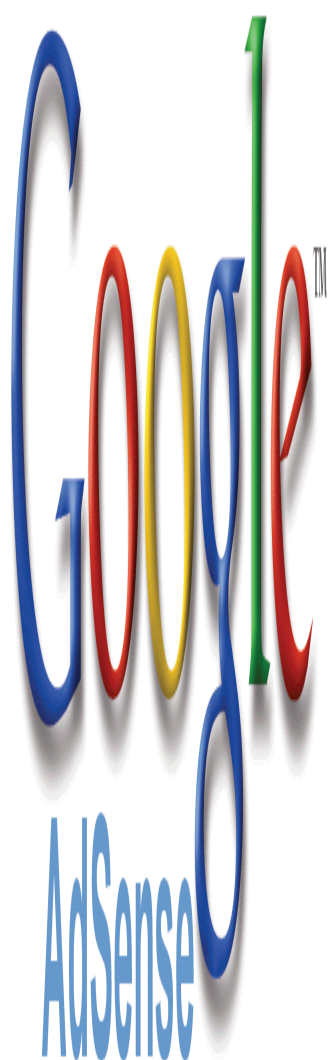


**WELCOME**



## Texas Historical Marker Dedication

The marker dedication for the Donald and Rose Marie Mayes Home in Denison will be held next Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 11 am. Of course, this event will be open to the public and please feel free to extend this invitation to anyone you know who may be interested.



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## Howe's That



## What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

My husband does a lot of genealogy searching -- his family and my family looking for our roots.

Sunday evening, we were looking at my ancestors on the Bullard family, my dad's family. My dad's dad died before I was born; so I never got to know him.

It was interesting to see the great-grandfathers and going back as far as Suffolk County, England in the 1400's.

We found that in census logs and other information through ancestry.com.

Seeing the names of the ancestors was interesting. My dad's name was John (but he went by his middle name, "Leo"). There were lots of John Bullards in that list going back to England.

We watch the NBC program, *So Who Do You Think You Are*. It is fun to watch the celebrities learn information about their family background and especially when they discover something positive that makes them feel the connection to what kind of people they came from.

## Mama's Cocoons

- 1 cup butter (no substitute)
- 5 Tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 2 Tablespoons water
- 1 cup finely chopped nuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Powdered sugar


Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and sugar well. Add flour, water, nuts and vanilla. Put in the refrigerator until cold (may leave overnight). Roll dough into small cocoon shapes and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until slightly browned. Remove from pan and roll in powdered sugar while hot.

4 dozen

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If you are a woman or Hispanic farmer and believe you were improperly denied farm loan benefits by USDA between 1981 and 2000. You may be eligible for compensation.

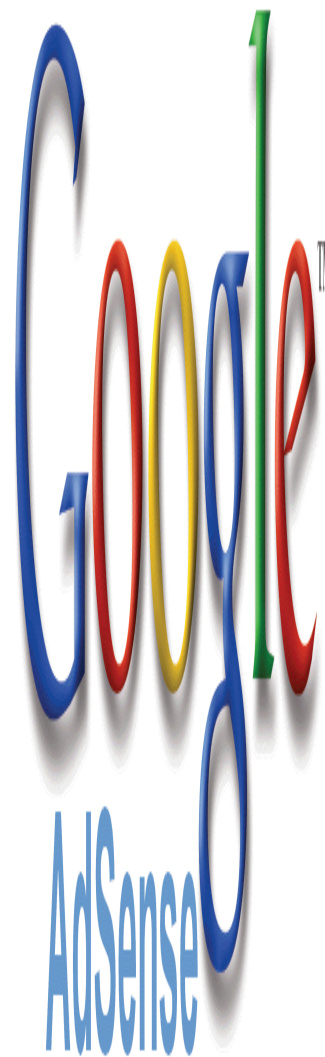
To register your name to receive a claims packet, call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit: [www.farmerclaims.gov](http://www.farmerclaims.gov)



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Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending April 1st are: Matthew Robison, Molly Wilson, Brian Timmons, Leah Butcher, Kakmryn Gardner, Tatum Hartsfield, Ruvy Enriquez, Avery Snapp, Emma Harvey, Colby Hopper, Jessica Bastida, Taylor Reynolds, Dalton Laisy, and Jordan Brunner.

## Howe ISD Calendar

### April

- 7 – 4th grade field trip to Myerson
  - 7 – District golf @Gainesville
  - 8 – Area V FFA Horse judging contest @Gainesville
  - 8 – JV/V Baseball @Gunter
  - 8 – JV/V Softball @Gunter
  - 9 – Area V FFA Scholarship Interviews @Howe
  - 11 – HS Track District Prelims/Field Events @Pottsboro
  - 11 – Athletic Booster Club, 7pm
  - 12 - UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest
  - 12 – ES GT field trip to Rough Riders game
  - 12 - JV/V Baseball vs Pottsboro
  - 12 – JV/V Softball vs Pottsboro
  - 13 – Area V FFA Judging Contest @Commerce
  - 14 – HS Track District Finals @Pottsboro
  - 14 – HES Spring Class Picture Day
  - 15 – 1st grade Field Trip to Heritage Farm
  - 15 – JV/V Baseball @Callisburg
  - 15 – JV/V Softball @Callisburg
- Go to [howeisd.net](http://howeisd.net) for more school events and information



## HISD Menus

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### Breakfast

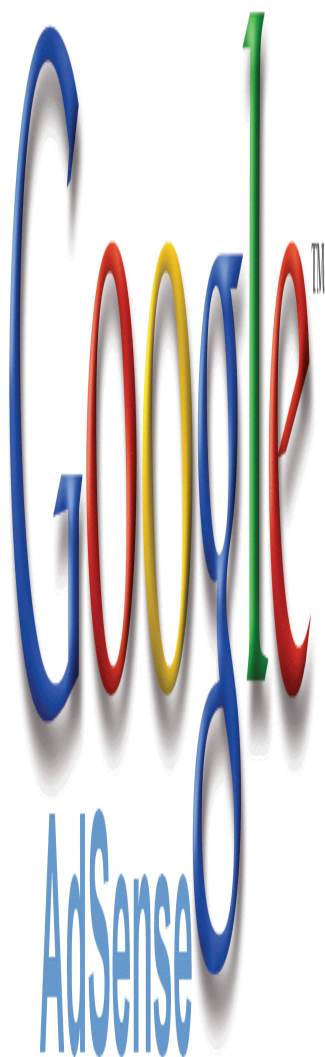
- Monday-** Cinnamon roll, cereal w/toast, pineapple, apple juice
- Tuesday-** Waffles w/sausage, toast, cereal w/toast, orange halves, orange juice
- Wednesday-** Oatmeal w/cin toast, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, rosy applesauce, grape juice
- Thursday** Breakfast pizza, cereal w/toast, diced peaches, orange juice
- Friday-** French toast, cereal w/toast, fresh grapes, orange juice

### Lunch

- MONDAY-** Cheeseburger, fish strips, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, pineapple, vanilla pudding
- TUESDAY-** Chicken rings, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, orange halves, green beans, hot roll, gelatin jewels
- WEDNESDAY-** BBQ sandwich, grilled cheese, pickle spears, carrot & celery, rosy applesauce, vegetable soup, crackers, sugar cookie
- THURSDAY-** Cheese pizza, chicken spaghetti w/toast, tossed salad, spinach, peaches, frozen fruit bar
- FRIDAY-**Chicken crispeto, small turkey salad, tossed salad, refried beans, fresh grapes, Spanish rice

Milk & juice served with all meals  
Menu subject to change according to availability

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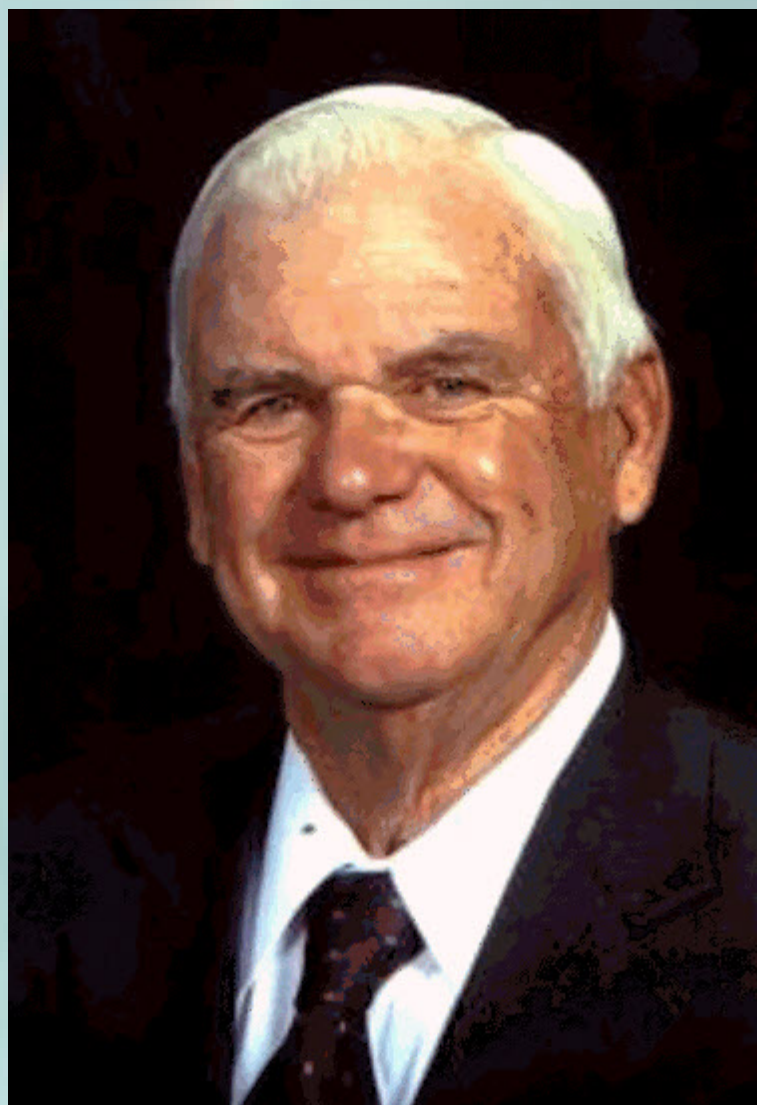
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## Wayne Cavender (1940-2011)

**HOWE - Funeral services for Alfred Wayne Cavender were held at 2 pm Friday, March 25, in the First Baptist Church of Howe. Travis Arterbury, Roger Tidwell of the First Baptist Church of Howe, and Roy Layman of the Grace Bible Church in Gunter officiated, with services under the direction of Waldo Funeral Home.**

**Burial followed at Hall Cemetery with Mark Akins, Eric Akins, Roger Luttrell, Chad Catching, Clint Catching, Robert Lacy, Murry Hatfield and Jerry Hatfield serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were David Catching, William Powell, Murry Akins Jr., Tom Catching, Greg Akins, Kent Akins, and Dick Smithwick. Mr. Cavender, 70, passed away Monday, March 21, 2011 at his home near Howe.**

**Wayne was born July 5, 1940, in Howe to the late Alfred and Ruth (Major) Cavender. He graduated from Howe schools and married Carolyn Arterbury on June 22, 1962. Wayne was a lifelong rancher with a great passion and skill for raising cattle. He loved the thrill of buying and selling cattle and the challenge of nursing a sick cow back to health. He got great satisfaction from helping other cattlemen with their herds and was always willing to give advice when requested. He was immediately recognizable by so many as he hauled cattle, driving his red pickup, pulling a gooseneck trailer.**

**Even more than his love for his cattle was his love of family, especially his grandkids. He was affectionately known as "Booger," and it was a name he wore with pride. He was a fair man of the utmost integrity who believed in supporting his local community and school. It was a community he lived in his entire life, and he died 100 feet from the place where he was born.**

**He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Howe.**

**Mr. Cavender is survived by his wife Carolyn of Howe; son, Paul Cavender and wife Kathy of Van Alstyne; daughter, Angie Cavender of Howe; sister, Bettie Hatfield and husband Leon of Dalhart; three grandchildren, Russell and Erica Wortham of Howe and Zack Cavender of Van Alstyne; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Donna Estes of Sherman, Travis and Mary Ann Arterbury of Russellville, Arkansas, and Elvis Arterbury of Beaumont; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and other family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Elbert and Ora Mae Arterbury; brother-in-law Don Estes; and nephew David Estes.**

**The online register book can be signed at [waldofuneralhome.com](http://waldofuneralhome.com). Memorials may be made to Howe First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 247, Howe, TX 75459.**







Alex Sanchez Elementary Student of the Month

## Tom Bean Elementary News

### February Student of the Month

Caden Edwards, TBE Kindergartener, was chosen as Student of the Month for February. Caden was presented to TBISD School Board by Mrs. Low at the monthly board meeting held on February 21. Caden's hobbies are playing board games with his family. He likes to go fishing and also enjoys soccer, football and baseball. Congratulations, Caden!

### March Student of the Month

Alex Sanchez, TBE 1st grader, was chosen as Student of the Month for March. Alex was presented to TBISD School Board by Mrs. Edmonds at the monthly board meeting held on March 21. Alex's hobbies are jumping on the trampoline and playing baseball. Congratulations, Alex!

### Project Wisdom Quotes of the Month

February: CELEBRATING AMERICA'S DIVERSITY  
Quote: Tell others what's special about them.

March: MAKING RESPONSIBLE CHOICES  
Quote: Make choices today that will help you be your best tomorrow.

Just a Reminder - Please remember that there is No Early Release after 2:30 pm due to the congestion it causes in the pick up line. If your child is sick, please park in the parking lot and come inside with your ID.

Lost and Found - Please remember to check the lost and found often; we are getting an abundance of sweaters, coats and jackets.

### Jr. TomCats--January-2010-2011

Chelsie Ball-Wright, Blayne Balthrop, Jillian Beck, Taylor Brown, Mackenzie Chastain, Marly Cox, Kameron Freeman, Caden Ford, Kenzie Foust, Kelsey Hodgdon, Colby Jones, Marisa Lankford, Claire McMeen, Kaleb Miller, Sarah Miller, Wisper Miller, Cody Rigsbay, Skylar Robinson, Maggie Rodgers, Lexi Shields, Hayden Thompson, Brayden Tumlinson, Levi Webster and Gavin Williams.

### Jr. TomCats--February-2010-2011

Erica Alexander, Chauk Bailey, Ameryss Brodgon, Taylor Brown, James Bruce, Mackenzie Chastain, Payton Clark, Madison Cureton, Macy Edwards, Patrick Fitzgerald, Buck Harris, Paysha Hightower-Cash, Kenzie Hill, Blake Hood, Sophia Langford, Isis Lewis, Austin May, Zane McNealy, Willow Miller, Cameron Pugh, Kaleb Renfro, Riley Robinson, Jacob Stratton and Morgan Stroud.



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## TOM BEAN ELEMENTARY Pre-K, Kindergarten Registration

Tom Bean Elementary will be holding a Pre-K and Kindergarten registration for the 2011-2012 school year on Saturday, April 16, from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm at the Elementary school.

**Pre-K Registration:** To qualify for enrollment in the Pre-K program, your child must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2011, must be income eligible, non-English or limited English speaking, child of an Active Military Parent, or be a special needs child. (Your child may be given a Language Proficiency Test- 4 years only),

Students that qualify for Pre-K will be placed in the Pre-K program first. Students not qualifying will be charged \$1000 and allowed to fill slots on a first come, first served basis.

Please bring the following documents with you at the time of registration: Child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, up-to-date Shot Record, Medicaid Card or Insurance Card (if applicable), Proof of Residency within the Tom Bean ISD, which must show the physical address, such as an Electric or Water bill (for the current month or month prior to registration), Annual ARD/IEP (if applicable), Income Verification - Previous one-month pay stub, TANF or Food Stamp documentation letter, or a letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often.

**Kindergarten Registration:** Student must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2011. Please bring the following documents with you at the time of registration: Child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, up-to-date Shot Record and Proof of Residency within the Tom Bean ISD, which must show the physical address, such as an Electric or Water bill (for the current month or month prior to registration).

Registration space is limited. Please bring only your Pre-K or Kindergarten child to registration. For more information, call Tom Bean Elementary at 903-546-6333.

## Tom Bean PTO Corner

*Time to Spring Clean in your DVD bin!!*

PTO is organizing a drive of used (G rated ONLY) DVD's to be donated to the cafeteria movie collection! The teachers that help with crowd control in the lunch room thought that it was time to upgrade from VHS to DVD! PTO has solicited donations for a DVD player from Best Buy and/or Sam's and hopes to have a new player soon. We just need YOU to send G rated kid movies with your children to school or drop them in the PTO DVD bin in the front office. Any extras or duplicate DVDs that PTO receives will be passed along to the Tom Bean Library located at City Hall. PLEASE SEND THEM IN BY APRIL 15th!

Thank you for your support of this effort.

ALSO - Big News!! Save time, money and headache by ordering pre-packaged school supplies for next year! Watch for a flyer to come home with your child in April that will explain this new program. This will NOT be a fundraiser, it is just designed to be a help to parents. Check it out!

Other upcoming events with which YOU can help:

Volunteers needed during the school day to staff Spring Book Fair May 3-6 (Morning shifts 8-11:30 am and Afternoon shifts 11:30-3 pm available).

Volunteers needed to help coordinate and decorate for Teacher Appreciation Week Luncheon Monday, May 9th.

Look for an announcement about one more spring PTO meeting coming up soon. At this meeting, we will hold elections for next years' officers. If you are interested in being an officer, please contact one of the current officers listed below. If you would like to help with any of the above activities, please contact one of the following PTO officers:

Alyssa Mathes - mathes2004@msn.com/  
214-364-0149; Kristi Lee; Brin Williams;  
Christy Britton

## TOM BEAN SPORTS

### Ladycat Softball

*Tom Bean vs Howe Friday 4/1/2011*

Raegan Querido, Rachel Jones, and Sarah Henderson each drove in three runs as the Lady cats run-ruled Howe in district action on Friday. Caroline Henderson and Sarah Hagan added RBI doubles, Rachel Jones struck out 11 and Ashley Walker scored three runs. The victory brought the Lady cats record to 16-5 overall and 7-2 in district. Recently the ladies were recognized in the state poll as the number 23rd ranked team in the state. The softball team was scheduled to play on Tuesday in Whitewright @ 5 pm.

### Varsity Baseball

*Tom Bean vs Howe Friday 4/1/2011*

Tucker Salsman pitched 4 innings giving up 5 hits and allowing on 3 runs as the Tomcats run ruled Howe 17-3 in 5 innings to finish the first half of district play tied for 1st. Travis Hill went 3 for 4 with a double, 2 run Homerun and 4 RBIs. Brandon Bramer went 2 for 4 to help the cause. Bramer came on in the 5th as a reliever to close out the game in the 5th. Luke Parrish went 1 for 2 with 2 walks as the leadoff batter. Tomcats are 11-7 on the season and 6-1 in district.

The team was scheduled to play Whitewright on Tuesday, JV at 4:30 and Varsity at 7:30 at Whitewright in a very important game to start out the 2nd half of the district race. Thank you for supporting your Tomcat baseball teams.

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## Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

April 4 - Van Alstyne Voices Toastmaster Dorothy Bishop opened the meeting by calling on Bob Bishop for a prayer and pledge. Chuck Bardroff and Juanita Hazelton were the speakers for the evening. Both were evaluated by Bob Bishop. Beth Wells was Table Topics Master, calling on John Foscue, Bob Bishop, and Chuck Bardroff to speak

extemporaneously on topics of her choosing. John Foscue was voted as best table topics speaker. Guests were John Foscue, Beth Wells, and Josh Holbrook.

Juanita and Merrill Hazelton competed in the Toastmasters Area 21 International Speech & Evaluation Contest on April 2. Merrill was a contestant in the International Speech Contest. Juanita placed second in the Evaluation Contest. She will compete in the District contest on April 30 if the first place winner; Mary Ellis is unable to compete.

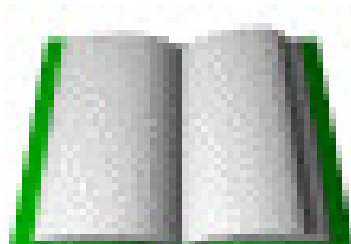
Toastmasters International is a not-for-profit educational organization whose mission is to help people develop their communication skills. Toastmasters can help people build their self-confidence and develop speaking skills in a friendly, positive environment. Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters meets each Monday evening at 7 pm in Room 111 at Grayson County Community College South Campus in Van Alstyne. Visitors are welcome. Call Public Relations Officer Juanita Hazelton at 903-482-5991 for more information.



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## BookShelf

### *Van Alstyne Library*

By *Juanita Hazelton*

The Van Alstyne Library's services, and those of all libraries in the state, will be deeply affected by decisions made in the Texas Legislature's budgeting process. We are grateful to all who have contacted senators and representatives in support of libraries. We ask you to continue these efforts. The following is a state budget update from Gloria Meraz, Director of Communications of the Texas Library Association:

"The House met Friday and Sunday to consider the proposed House version of the state's budget (HB 1). After many hours of debate and hundreds of amendments, House members shifted some funds in a few areas of the budget. Representatives Raphael Anchía (Dallas), Roland Gutierrez (San Antonio), and David Simpson (Longview) put forward amendments to try and restore funding to libraries. As a result of these efforts, contingency language for Loan Star Libraries (a restoration of \$3 million/biennium) and \$250,000 for the K-12 databases were placed in Article XI of the budget. This action does not denote funding; rather, Article XI is considered a sort of "wish list" so that, if additional funding does become available, programs in Article XI are prioritized.

This action keeps these library programs opened for continued consideration. TLA is extremely grateful to Reps. Gutierrez, Anchía, and Simpson for their leadership and persistent commitment throughout the budget debate to put forward amendments despite the many procedural hurdles involved. We ask the library community to please contact the offices of these legislators and thank them for their hard work on behalf of libraries.... As we continue our communications with all state legislators throughout this process, it is important to maintain a productive and reasoned tone. The budget passed the House late Sunday night.

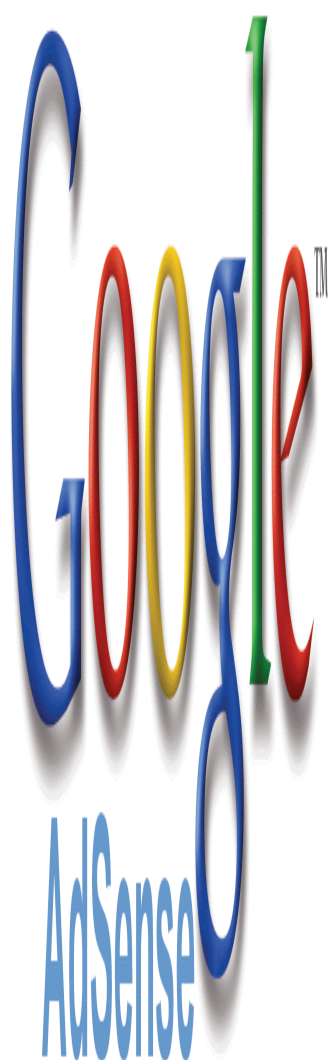
The full Senate will soon consider the Finance Committee's proposed version of the budget. Once the Senate finalizes its draft, a conference committee will be named (with key members from both chambers) to finalize the budget.

**KEEP CONTACTING LEGISLATORS!** The budget process is far from over, and library supporters are urged to continue contacting elected officials (in both the House and Senate) about the need to restore library funding. We must keep contacting elected officials throughout the session. Go to **TAKE ACTION!** to send an email." (<http://www.txla.org/take-action>)

**Van Alstyne Library Activities:** The library continues to offer two story times each week. On Tuesdays at 4 pm, Amy Parrish provides a bilingual story time experience. While this activity is going on, mothers of Latino children meet with volunteer Laura Hornbeck to practice English. On Wednesdays at 10:15 am, Amy Parrish provides a pre-school story time. Laura Hornbeck also meets with Latino mothers on Thursdays at 4 pm for ESL practice. On May 30, the library will celebrate the 15th anniversary of Dia de los Ninos, Dia de los Libros. Watch for more information in this column.

Basic computer classes are offered on Mondays at 1:30 pm for Spanish speakers and on Thursdays at 6 pm for others. Classes are free and paced slowly for beginners. Instruction includes basics of using Microsoft Word, how to search the Internet, and how to use e-mail.

The library's Teen Council meets every Wednesday at 4 pm. This group is open to all teens age 13-19. Teen Council members help plan activities of interest to teens, shelve books, write book reviews, and suggest books to purchase for the collection. The next activity planned is the Teen Art Contest on May 5 with an Anime Convention on May 21. Don't miss these activities! Pick up a copy of the activity calendar at the library!



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## **Children's Activities Earth Day Texoma**

Environmental and educational agencies will encourage and involve kids to be "Thinking Green and Living Green" at Earth Day Texoma, April 16.

Children can decorate their own 'Clutter Bug' with Visual Arts Students from Grayson County College. The Art Department will help kids decorate and assemble 'Clutter Bugs' and 'Clutter Creatures.' Crayons, recycled magazines and glue sticks will be provided. Kids can also make beads from recycled materials.

Friends of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will have an area where youngsters can make bird feeders using pine cones and peanut butter. Friends will also provide materials and help little people create 'Acorn People.'

How much of our trash is really meant for the landfill? Belden Street Montessori School will share a Trash Audit with children and their parents. Young and old can learn ways to reduce the amount of waste each family generates with an actual trash audit.

Fabric scraps have been collected by the Children's Advocacy Center of Grayson County. On Earth Day the Center will have fun with children and make coasters and place mats. Information about the Advocacy Center will be available as well.

Art from the Heart will sponsor a Children's Art Show from 10 am to 5 pm April 16 in the Sherman Municipal Building Ballroom. Registration can still be made until April 9 for the theme of 'Earth Day.'

Barbara Powell, director of Art from the Heart, said Grayson, Fannin and Brian county children from kindergarten to sixth grade are eligible to enter. Schools that participate in the art show may make arrangements for pickup of all entries from that school after the show.

Judging is done the day prior to the show and awards for First, Second and Third place for each grade level will be displayed during the 2011 Earth Day Festival. All entries will be honored with participation ribbons. Registration and other requirements can be found on the Earth Day website.

Earth Day will be celebrated April 16 on the Sherman Municipal Grounds from 8:30 am to 5 pm. There will be entertainment, environmental workshops, vendors, arts, food, and fun for the whole family. See [www.EarthDayTexoma.org/](http://www.EarthDayTexoma.org/) for more.

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## SCP Opens “Arsenic And Old Lace”

On Friday evening, April 8, the Sherman Community Players will be opening the fourth show in the theatre’s 2010-11 season with the classic 1940’s screwball comedy “Arsenic And Old Lace” by Joseph Kesselring.

The wacky black comedy revolves around Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic, who must deal with his crazy homicidal family and local police in Brooklyn, New York. His family includes two sweet spinster aunts who have taken to murdering lonely old men by poisoning them with a glass of their famous elderberry wine, laced with arsenic, strychnine and “just a pinch” of cyanide. Brother Teddy believes he is Teddy Roosevelt and digs locks for the Panama Canal in the cellar of the Brewster home which serves as graves for the aunts’ victims. Things really get interesting when another brother, Jonathan, arrives home to hide from the police with his sidekick, a plastic surgeon named Dr. Einstein!

Playwright Kesselring was inspired by actual event in Connecticut where a woman took in boarders and allegedly poisoned them for their pensions. He originally conceived the play as a heavy drama, but a friend, upon reading the half-

finished play, convinced him it would be much more effective as a comedy. Since its premier in 1941, it has been delighting audiences for years. The popular movie starring Cary Grant still remains a favorite.

Heading a 14-member cast are veteran SCP performers as the two sisters are Karen Schuth and Carolyn Montgomery. SCP staff member John Lonnevik takes on the coveted role of nephew Teddy. Travis Lyons is cast in the Cary Grant role, and his wife Charlene Lyons plays his love interest. Paul Jordan plays Jonathan and Johnny Flowers is Einstein.

Rounding out the cast as a preacher, police officers and potential poison victims are Rim Nall, Ed Richardson, Billy Keene, Larry Winters, John Markl, Mark Beardsley and Bob Entrekin.

“Arsenic & Old Lace” opens April 8 and runs through April 23 with performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2 pm. The box office number is 903-892-8818. Performances will be held in the Finley Theatre, 500 North Elm, in Sherman.



Music by Kevin McCloud

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## George Dickerson Live In Concert

On April 9 at 7:30 pm, the Chrystal Opry House will host Elvis tribute artist, George Dickerson, who started his singing career at the age of 5. For the last two years George has been singing with country sensation Ronnie McDowell. George is a tribute artist singing the songs of his two favorite entertainers, Elvis Presley and Ronnie McDowell. Recent shows include: Red Boiling Springs, TN (Donoho), Loretta Lynn's in Hurricane Mills, TN, and Garland Plaza Theatre with Curb recording star Ronnie McDowell. Don't miss the magic as George takes you back in time to the 50's, 60's, and the 70's, singing the songs that made Elvis Presley the King of Rock and Roll.

Admission is \$10 each at the door. A snack bar will be available.

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

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

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Haz Co offers both day and evening classes. For more information, contact Nancy Shirley at 903-564-3862 or visit the web page at [www.haz-fire.com](http://www.haz-fire.com).



### Texas Historical Marker Dedication

The marker dedication for the Donald and Rose Marie Mayes Home in Denison will be held next Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 11 am. This even will be open to the public and please feel free to extend this invitation to anyone you know who may be interested.

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## The gift of Hannah

By Bob Bowman

Any motorist who drove through Cherokee County during the last dozen or so months will remember roadside signs with a simple message, "Pray for Hannah."

Hannah was Hannah Collie of Alto, a brave little girl who touched the hearts of thousands of people while her own heart struggled to keep her alive.

Her laughing eyes and quick smile left a remarkable legacy, not only in Cherokee County, but in East Texas and Dallas.

Regrettably, Hannah lost her battle and passed away in September of 2009

But each December, on the eighth floor of the Children's Medical Center in Dallas, where Hannah was a cardiac patient, thousands of children's toys swamp the floor as people respond to a request by

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### Dot's

### D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

The dumbest thing I've heard during the discussions over the fate of public education in Texas over the period of the last few weeks went something like this: "I don't know why teachers are so upset. Teachers aren't interested in money."

So, teachers don't have to make house payments, car payments, put braces on their children's teeth, and pay health care costs, ad infinitum. Maybe the woman who wrote an article several years ago saying that the only way for the public to be satisfied with teachers was to go back to the old notions that all elementary teachers should be unmarried females or that they should be Roman Catholic nuns was right.

It certainly seems that the legislature -- the Republican legislature and the Republican governor -- have no idea what firing 85,000 to 100,000 of the best educated and most reliably paid people in the state will do the larger economy. Foreclosures, bankruptcies, and other defaults are bound to follow in massive numbers. Somehow the power brokers have forgotten that what they are doing has a real effect on real people and that real effect will trickle down to everyone.

All this is occurring at the same time that there is a massive campaign to encourage students to "choose teaching." Go figure.

The next dumbest thing I've heard is this old saw: "Teachers get three months off in the summer that they get paid for." Come on, Folks. Teachers defer receiving the money they have already earned and receive that money during the summer for the benefit of the public. Put in terms that most people can understand if they want to, teachers as a group give the school districts for which they work, an interest free loan so that school districts can leave money in the bank and draw interest on it.

What's more, most teachers spend a good portion of their summers preparing for the next school year. I can't remember more than six summers during the 37 years I taught that I was not either in school taking graduate courses, preparing to make in-service presentations for the next year, taking students on school sponsored trips, or working on curriculum materials. The other six summers I was at SMU studying for the ministry.

Many of my male colleagues spent their summers working in construction jobs. Several were skilled roofers and another was a licensed plumber. My female colleagues worked in retail at Sears or at other department stores. They took those jobs to support their families and their own teaching habit.

There is another dumb thing that I've heard during this debate, and that is that teachers don't work very hard.

Here is a fact: research indicates that teaching is the second most stressful job in the United States. The one that is higher

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## Dot's Dashes, continued

stress is air traffic controller. The stress is caused by lots of factors, not listed in any particular order.

(1) Teachers have to make hundreds of split second decisions every hour of every day in an attempt to do what is best for an individual student in the context of anywhere from 21 to 44 other students in the same classroom. And yes, some high school classes have as many as 44 students in them. I often had as many as 45 high school seniors in one class and had to bring cafeteria tables into my class room in order to have places for the students to sit.

(2) Since the early 1980's, public school teachers have been under assault by forces determined to prove that teachers are incompetent, that they are illiterate, immoral, and uncaring (the same ones who are so dedicated they don't care about money).

(3) There has been a constant drumbeat from articles in the so-called women's magazines chronicling how some teacher has abused a child and how the parent had to battle the school to save the child. The result has been that parents are set on a hair trigger and protest if a teacher tells a child to sit down and pay attention.

(4) Instead of having the authority to tell a student what behaviors are expected and required and to impose negative consequences when those expectations are not met, teachers are required to be "positive." I am reminded of the years when we at Permian High school attempted to use what was called "assertive discipline."

It went this way. Teacher sees a boy and a girl French kissing in the hall before 8 am. Teacher (following the assertive discipline formula) asks, "What are you doing?" Boy replies, "Kissing my girl." Teacher (still following the script) "Do you think that's appropriate at this time of day?" Boy (who has not read the assertive discipline script) "Yes, I work at night."

Teacher, defeated because the script does not cover this, steps across the hall into the teacher workroom, relates story, and department chairperson, who doesn't give a fat rat's rump about the assertive discipline script, goes into the hall and says, "You two break it up and get to class right now. Don't say a word and don't slow down on your way." Students, in the face of wrathful teacher, go to class.

Students now are being asked, when they misbehave, "Wouldn't you like to make a better choice?" A sizable number of students answer, "No."

No negative consequences are permitted.

(5) In the face of this, teachers' careers are in the hands of students as young as five years-old. The principal comes in for what is called "the formal evaluation," bearing in his or her hands what is called "the evaluation instrument," which is a list of behaviors the teacher is supposed to exhibit and elicit from students during the evaluation. Students can and do refuse to cooperate.

(6) Evaluators often don't know split beans from coffee. One of the women in my department at PHS was an expert on the American west. She mentioned Appaloosa horses during her evaluation lesson. The evaluator "denied credit" on the grounds that no such horse existed. Department chairperson goes with teacher to protest. Evaluator demands proof. Department chair finds Appaloosa in dictionary. Evaluator demands picture. Department chairperson finds picture. After several days, evaluator changes evaluation.

Are you getting the picture, gentle reader? Before you jump on teachers, follow Fowler's first rule:

Hannah's parents, Jason and Amanda Collie, who started the "Hannah's Heart Toy Drive."

This year, the Collie family drove more than \$2,200 worth of toys donated by people during one of the worst economic recessions in recent history.

The gifts were piled so high in the Collie's SUV that they could barely see out of the back window.

For one family, that of Terrie Gonzalez, a writer for the *Rusk Cherokeean-Herald*, Hannah's heart troubles brought back personal memories. Her own child Chris underwent a six-hour surgery at Children's Medical Center to repair a thoracic birth defect. Two days before Chris' surgery, he was taken to a toy room next to the recovery room and asked to pick out a special toy which would be waiting for him after he awoke from surgery.

Chris picked out a toy car and asked for it as soon as he awoke from his surgery.

Today, little Red Wagons are used to deliver toys donated in Hannah's memory throughout the hospital. They are also used to transmit children to treatment rooms. Kids would much rather ride in a red wagon than a wheel chair.

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

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***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](mailto: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](http://www.friendsofhagerman.com) or call the Refuge, 903 786 2826.

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## Free Medicare Preventive Care Has Kicked In

One of the benefits of the health reform law took effect January 1, 2011: free preventive services for Medicare recipients. Under the law, people with regular Medicare will no longer have to pay a co-pay, coinsurance or deductible to receive preventive services that are highly recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force -- services that include screenings for breast cancer, colon cancer, diabetes and heart disease, as well as smoking cessation counseling. Private Medicare plans (also known as Medicare Advantage plans) may still charge for these services, but many do not.

Also under the health reform law, Medicare Part B beneficiaries will now receive an annual wellness visit free of charge. During this yearly visit, your doctor or other health practitioner recognized by Medicare (such as a nurse practitioner) will update your medical history and current prescriptions; measure your height, weight, blood pressure and body mass index; create a screening schedule for

the next 5 to 10 years and screen for cognitive issues. And Medicare now pays in full, without patient co-pays or deductibles, for the initial "Welcome to Medicare" that Medicare has offered since 2005 to beneficiaries within 12 months of their becoming covered under Medicare Part B.

"Preventing diseases that can be prevented, and detecting others at earlier, more treatable stages, are among the keystones for transforming Medicare," said Jonathan Blum, deputy administrator and director of the Center for Medicare at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

"By eliminating the beneficiary's out-of-pocket costs for most preventive services, we are removing a barrier to access and paving the way for improved health for seniors and people with disabilities who rely on Medicare for their health coverage."



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## Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



### Bills

Last session, the legislature passed 81 (R) HB 339, known as the “Less Tears, More Years” Act. HB 339 made many changes to the graduated driver’s license program aimed at increasing the safety of our young drivers. HB 339 also required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to report students that were no longer enrolled in school to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Due to restrictions at the federal level in providing student information to agencies outside of TEA, this section was unable to be implemented.

Additionally, since the bill has been enacted, it has become evident that some clarification in the language regarding the use of a wireless communication device for drivers under the age of 18 is needed.

This session, I have authored HB 2466, which provides clarifying language that a driver under the age of 18 may not use a wireless communications device while driving and also revises the circumstances under which a school, law enforcement officer, or the student’s parent/legal guardian can report the student’s absence from school to DPS for the revocation of the student’s license.

Motorcycle safety awareness for both riders and drivers is an important tool in preventing motorcycle accidents. To this end, Mike Grove of Bells, Texas, has worked to educate motorists regarding the importance of watching for motorcyclists through the Motorcycle Fatality Awareness program. This program places red crosses on the roadside where a fatal motorcycle accident has occurred. I have authored HB 2469, which places the “red cross memorial sign program” into statute, and designates that the law be known as the Mike Grove Motorcycle Fatality Awareness Act.

Sport bikes are high-powered motorcycles that are increasingly popular. These bikes can reach very high speeds, and when used improperly, can be dangerous. This session, I have authored HB 2470, which defines “sport bike” as a class of motorcycle that is optimized for speed, acceleration, braking, and maneuverability on paved roads, has a light-weight frame, and is not a touring, cruiser, standard, or dual-sport motorcycle. In addition to the requirements related to all motorcycles, HB 2470 provides that the operator of a sport bike may not carry another person on the sport bike unless the operator is 18 and has held a motorcycle license for at specified period of time. The bill provides that if a bike is designed to carry a passenger, it must be equipped with foot pegs and handholds for the passenger. HB 2470 is called “Malorie’s Law” in remembrance of Malorie Bullock of Sherman, who was a passenger on a sport bike when she died last year. Malorie’s family made the trip to Austin to testify on the bill in committee, and I thank them for their moving testimony on behalf of the bill.

For more information on these bills 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.

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### Homeland Security Secretary in denial

*Our southern border is a dangerous place*

By Gene Hall

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is in deep denial. Her recent statements that “the border is safer than ever” have astonished residents of the Texas Rio Grande Valley, where incidents of confrontations with increasingly brazen Mexican drug gangs have terrified local citizens. Is there anyone out there who believes our southern border is “safer than ever?” Please, let us hear from you.

Farmers and ranchers in the valley have been unwillingly pushed into this undeclared war, which has at least as much to do with U.S. interests as the military action in Libya. Farmers who grow crops near the river have looked into the business end of military weapons and have been ordered off their own property, as detailed in this story by Matt Felder in our Texas Farm Bureau publications.

Some of the crops grown in the valley, like sugar cane, make excellent hiding places for things criminals don’t want others to see. Farmers have been ordered to leave their land by the gangs until their “business” was completed.

Of course, the flood of illegal aliens continues, perhaps stemmed somewhat by increased numbers of agents on the border, but still at unacceptable levels. The agents are working hard and doing their job, but they are outnumbered and in the case of the drug dealers, sometimes outgunned.

All this makes one wonder, “What else and who else, is sneaking across the Rio Grande?” According to State Sen. Tommy Williams, approximately 287 plus “special interest aliens” have been apprehended along the Texas-Mexico border in the past year. “Special interest” aliens are those coming from countries known to harbor terrorists groups such as Afghanistan, Pakistan and other countries known to harbor Islamic extremists. Williams chairs the Transportation and Homeland Security Committee of the Texas Senate. He charges that the State of Texas is spending “billions” to compensate for the federal government’s failure to secure the southern border.

In a perfect world, our two political parties could reach a compromise on a sane immigration policy that includes a guest worker program for the labor we need, while controlling illegal entry and drug related violence. I’m not holding my breath on that one. However, when Texas farmers and ranchers cannot enter their fields out of fear for their lives, a line has been crossed. Pretending “the border is safer than ever” ignores the obvious.

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Fannin County

## Officials Attend Preparedness Workshop



*Darrell Brewer, Fannin County Emergency Management Coordinator arranged for the Texas Division of Emergency Management to present a workshop for public officials and civil servants.*

*Sherri Copeland, Regional Liaison Officer for region Sub IC-A used a PowerPoint presentation and lecture on the governmental chain of command for local responsibilities during the four phases of emergency management – mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, and the emergency management program activities, such as planning, training, and exercising.*



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## Federal court upholds Texas open meetings law

By Ed Sterling

Judge Robert Junell of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas on March 25 ruled in favor of the Texas Attorney General and the State of Texas, defendants in a First Amendment lawsuit brought by a group of 15 city council members.

In his 37-page ruling, Diana Asgeirsson et al., Junell wrote, "Public officials are allowed to talk about any topic they please; they are only required to disclose what occurred at closed meetings at subsequent open meetings."

The lawsuit, tried in Austin on Nov. 23, 2010, stems from a 2005 Brewster County grand jury indictment of certain Alpine city council members who exchanged -- outside of the venue of an open meeting -- email messages about matters of public business. It is a criminal offense, subject to a fine of up to \$500 and up to six months in jail, to violate the open meetings law.

The district attorney dismissed the indictment, but two members of the city council sued Attorney General Greg Abbott and the State of Texas, claiming the Texas Open Meetings Act, which prohibits the officers of governmental bodies from meeting in groups of less than a quorum to discuss public business, chilled their First Amendment right to free speech.

In 2006, Junell's court concluded that the state's open meetings law did not violate the plaintiffs' right of free speech. The plaintiffs appealed to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. That court eventually ruled the case moot and later dismissed it altogether.

In late 2009, a group of 15 city council members joined in a new suit to have the open meetings law ruled unconstitutional on similar grounds to the earlier suits. Their lawsuit culminated in Junell's March 25 ruling.

Abbott called the ruling "a great victory for democracy and the First Amendment. Openness in government is a First Amendment virtue, not a First Amendment violation. This guarantees the public will continue to have access to information about how their government works."

Now, the plaintiffs' attorney, Dick DeGuerin, reportedly is planning to file an appeal.

*Sterling is the Texas Press Association Member Services Director.*

## Cornyn, Senate Republicans Unveil Balanced Budget Amendment

*Constitution Proposal Based Largely on Original Cornyn Amendment Introduced in January*

WASHINGTON – Last week U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) joined Senate Republicans in introducing a consensus Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution to bring much-needed fiscal discipline back to Washington and reverse the course of running unsustainable deficits. The consensus amendment relies heavily on a proposal introduced earlier this year by Sen. Cornyn, who made this statement following today's news conference announcing the amendment:

"Just as Texans must make tough choices and balance their checkbooks every year, there is no reason the federal government shouldn't do the same. We are facing a fiscal crisis, and everyone agrees that our nation is on an unsustainable path. Unfortunately Washington has a track record of failing to get its own books in order. We must set effective limits on spending, taxes, and require a balanced budget. It is my hope that the Majority will join us and make this a top priority for the 112th Congress."

### BACKGROUND

\*Presidential Requirement to Submit a Balanced Budget. Prior to each fiscal year, the President must transmit to Congress a balanced budget that limits outlays to 18 percent of GDP.

\*Requirement to Pass a Balanced Budget. With the following limited exceptions, Congress must pass a balanced budget.

\*18 Percent Spending Cap. With the following limited exceptions, Congress must limit outlays to 18 percent of GDP.

\*Supermajority for Tax Increases. Establishes a new supermajority requirement for net tax and rate increases.

\*Supermajority to Raise the Debt Limit. Establishes new supermajority requirement for an increase in the debt limit.

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.

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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.

[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 us 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's service will be led by David Ellis. 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 later time. The youth group will also be helping with the garage sale that the Red Cross will be holding on April 16 at the old J.C .Penney building at the Midway Mall. Come on out and help out the Red Cross.

The church holds study groups throughout the week.

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

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. 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.

Everyone is invited to our Spring Meeting April 10 - 15 at 7:30 pm each night. The theme this year is "True Worship of Christ." Each night a different speaker will teach - why, where and how - to worship Christ as instructed by God's Holy Word. Come and bring a friend.

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

## Unwavering Trust

Genesis 22 1:14 tells us the story of Abraham and God's request that he sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abraham, even though Isaac was the promise he had waited 25 years for, he was willing to give him up out of obedience to God. That is because of Abraham's unwavering trust in God. My Pastor said this Sunday morning that, "Unwavering trust is ruthless because it requires letting go of what we fear losing the most."

Abraham was willing to let go of and sacrifice his dream for the future knowing that God would provide another way. Once He saw Abraham's demonstration of this unwavering faith and trust, God provided a ram for the sacrifice instead of Isaac.

What is that you fear losing the most? Is it a ministry calling? Is it your career? Is it child? Is a spouse or maybe the person you dream of spending the rest of your life with? Whatever the dream is that God has placed in your heart, or the precious gift He has given you, if it is the thing you fear losing the most, then you must let go of it and give it back to God. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Let this letting go be your demonstration of unwavering trust and faith in God. When you do, be expectantly awaiting God to show up on the scene with your miracle. Like He did with Abraham, you may see Him not only give you back the thing you gave back to Him, but He just might also provide you with an alternative sacrifice as well.

The greatest test of Abraham's faith came when God told him to sacrifice his only son on Mt. Moriah. The Old Testament story is a picture of God

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FELLOWSHIP  
Pastor Bruce Stinson  
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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

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903/815-1472 ; Kevin Bouse  
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Tom Medley, minister

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10 am, Worship 11 am

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3162 St. Hwy. 11,  
Harvey Patterson,  
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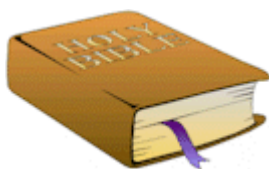
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## Unwavering Trust, continued

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## First Baptist Church, Melissa

First Baptist Church Melissa offers three identical worship services led by Pastor Trey Graham every Sunday morning at 9, 10:15, and 11:30 am. Pastor Trey’s current message series is an in-depth study of Genesis titled “From the Start.”

Small group Bible studies, known as Communities, meet Sunday mornings at 8, 9, 10:15, and 11:30 am, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, and many other times during the week. Contact Matt Ward at matt@firstmelissa.com for information on Communities.

Students in grades 7-12 gather at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in the brand-new Strive Student Theater for the AMP’D worship service led by Matt Ward and the student ministry band.

“Ignite Kids” (birth-6th grade) have a number of worship and Bible study opportunities on Wednesdays. Our mid-week ministry for children is titled “High Voltage.” Fusion (grades 5-6) meets in their new home, room A300 in Building A. Preschoolers have moved into their beautiful new facility in Building B and children in grades K-4 meet in our main worship center to enjoy the exciting ministry led by Kevin Blevins and his team. For more information, email Kevin Blevins at kblevins@firstmelissa.com.

The women of First Melissa are studying the Beth Moore video study, called “Believing God”, led by Bretta Graham. They meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in the newly renovated Catalyst hallway in Building A.

Pastor Tim Cypert will continue teaching a mid-week series on the New Testament book of James this Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in Annex 1.

First Melissa will offer four identical worship services on Easter Sunday, April 24. Join us at 7:45, 9:00, 10:15, or 11:30 am to worship the Risen Savior.

“Faith Walk with Trey Graham,” a daily Bible teaching radio program, is heard Monday-Friday at 10:00 am on The Word 100.7 FM. For more information, visit www.treygraham.com.

“Smart Talk with Trey Graham,” a weekly talk radio program, is heard Sundays at 4:00 pm on The Word 100.7 FM. For more information, visit www.treygraham.com.

“Lessons for the Journey” and “Light for the Journey,” inspirational books written by Pastor Trey Graham, are available for purchase at www.amazon.com, at www.treygraham.com, at the First Melissa church office, or in local bookstores.

First Melissa is making a difference for the cause of Jesus Christ around the world. To learn about mission trips and opportunities to visit Guatemala, Kenya, Vietnam, Israel, and New Orleans, contact Tim Cypert at tim@firstmelissa.com.

First Melissa is located at 2101 Melissa Road East in Melissa. For more information or directions, visit the church online at www.firstmelissa.com or call 972.838.2277.

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 903/892-9635, Sun. 10  
**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,**  
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 Rev. Mack Rogers  
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 3800 Hwy. 691 (w of Hwy. 75); Novice Northington,  
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**Van Alstyne COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
 Northwest corner Hwy 5 & County Line Rd.  
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 105 Hopson,  
 Shannon Jackson, minister,  
 903/482-6033  
**EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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 minister; worship 11am  
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## Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting started

by Dale Rideout

Genealogy is the study of where you came from. To me it is a study of history and how my family was part of that history.

I have been doing genealogy research for over 30 years now. It is a very rewarding hobby for those who are interested. If you are not interested in doing this type of research, then by all means feel free to quit now. You will not enjoy it. If you are interested in genealogy, then read on.

There are two rules I teach all my genealogy students. Follow them carefully. First – Believe everything you hear and read about your ancestors. Be sure to record and document it carefully. The second rule is – Do Not believe

anything you hear or read about your ancestors, but record and document it carefully.

What! This man is crazy. He just contradicted himself and canceled out everything he said. Well, no I didn't. You will find that you are surrounded with faulty memories, family legends, falsified documents, and many other items that will lead you astray. That is why I say do not believe any of what you get. Yet often you will hear outrageous and seemingly fabricated stories that in reality are true, so believe it all. When you get your information documented, then you can begin to sift for the actual facts. Know that you will have errors, but try to keep them to a minimum.

First you need to get yourself some forms to keep your information on. There are many providers

and the forms are almost all alike. For starters, let me suggest that you go to the website, [www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms). On this page you will see the line "Basic Charts and Worksheets." Click this sentence. It takes you to a page where you can download charts for free. Let's begin with three charts: 1) Five generations Ancestry Chart; 2) Family Group Sheet; and 3) Relationship chart. Download and print out each of these. The Five Generations Chart and the Family Group Sheet are necessary for your records, and you will need several copies of each. Start with about five of each and have them in hand as you continue this article. You may get very confused if you do not follow step by step to learn the process.

Now, we will fill out our first chart. Take one of the Five generations Ancestry Chart and write your own name at line # 1. Use your maiden name if you are a woman. Continue filling in the information that you have for yourself. On the dates I prefer to have my students put the date down in the order used by military and Europeans: Day Month Year (24 January 2011.) Get in that habit and it probably save you a lot of misery later. Use the maiden name for all women in your data, if you have it. For places of birth, marriage, death or other events, list them by city or town, county, state, country.

When you have completed all the information you know about yourself (OK. You don't know the death date or place for yourself so skip it and anything else you do not know), go to the top, left corner of your chart and you will see the words, "Chart #\_\_\_\_." Fill this in with the number 1 (one.) It is your first chart. You see "1 on this chart = \_\_\_\_ on chart no. \_\_\_\_." Leave this blank on this chart, but you will fill it in on your others. If this seems too confusing, leave them all blank and you will understand it later.

Go to the line numbered 2, and list your FATHER, not your mother but your father. In general the man is always listed above the wife on an ancestral chart. Fill in your father's information. Now go to number 3 and fill in your mother's information.

Now get one of the Family Group Sheets. It is fairly self explanatory. Fill this sheet out for your parents. Give as much information as you have and leave the rest blank. This is where you will list all your brothers and sisters as well as yourself for this family.

Back to the Ancestry Chart. Number 4 will be the name of your father's father, and number 5 your father's mother. Complete what information you have for them and then a Family Group Sheet with you father's brothers and sisters, etc.

Now go to 6 and 7. Your mother's father will be number 6 and her mother will be number 7. Complete with all the information you have and do a Family Group Sheet for them.

You are beginning to get the idea. Numbers 8,9 and 10,11 and 12,13 and 14,15 will be your great-grandparents. Do them the same way.

Now comes the hook for extending your family history. Numbers 16 through 31 will be your great-great-grandparents. Again, the man on top and the woman below. On these lines you can put only the name and save the other information for another chart. Your GGGrandfather, number 16 will have chart number 2 for

him. Write the number 2 in the box by his name. On chart number 2, put his name and information at the place of number 1. At the top of the chart put the number 2 where it says, "Chart #\_\_\_\_." Then on this same chart fill in the line, "1 on this chart = 16 on chart # 1." Your GGGrandmother, number 17 will have chart number 3, which you will fill out in the same manner as number 2 for your GGGrandfather. Then fill in a Family Group Sheet for your GGGrandmother and GGGrandfather.

Continue down the Ancestry chart with all you GGGrandparents.

Wow, that was a lot of work, but it gives you a real basis for your genealogy studies.

Each month I will give you some more information on genealogy and how to research and find out just who you really are. Have a lot of fun.

I will be glad to help you if I can. My e-mail is [Dalerideout@cableone.net](mailto:Dalerideout@cableone.net) and my telephone is 903-487-0525. I am usually home after 3:30pm Monday through Friday. My wife is not a genealogist but can take messages.

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## How Long Was Jesus in the Grave?

For centuries, Christians have observed the crucifixion of Jesus as being on Friday afternoon and the resurrection at dawn the following Sunday. This is only a period of about 40 hours and certainly does not fit Jesus' prediction of three days and three nights.

"For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a whale, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." - Matthew 12:40

The problem is neither with Jesus' prediction nor with the Bible. The problem is with our tradition that misses a very important fact of the events of that week in Jesus' ministry.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was crucified on the Day of Preparation for the Passover Sabbath. (Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:14, 31). The Hebrew calendar begins each day at the evening twilight of the previous day. For example, the Jewish Friday begins at what would be the beginning of Thursday evening on our calendars. The Day of Preparation for Passover was always the 14th of the Hebrew month Abib (also known as Nisan). Passover began that evening, the 15th.

Each year Passover fell on a different day of the week. Passover was always a Special Sabbath. So except for those years when Passover happened to fall on Saturday, which was the regular

weekly Sabbath, there would be two Sabbaths during Passover week.

Jesus was raised from the dead on the morning after the regular weekly Sabbath. It is never said that He was raised the morning after the Passover Sabbath. This would indicate that, as was most often the case, Passover did not fall that year on the regular weekly Sabbath.

The events of this most detailed week of Jesus' life come together perfectly if in that year the Passover Sabbath fell on Friday. That would place Jesus' crucifixion on the day of Preparation for the Passover (Thursday); followed by the Passover Sabbath (Friday); followed by the weekly Sabbath (Saturday); followed by the resurrection Sunday morning. Jesus was in the grave, as He had predicated, three days and three nights.

The problem with our tradition is that those who established the tradition failed to realize that there are two Sabbaths during Passover week rather than just one.

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## Facts from the Internet - True or False? You decide.

Hope you enjoyed the "Facts" last week. Here are more for your entertainment.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight

Trivia in Roman mythology was the goddess who haunted crossroads, graveyards and was the goddess of sorcery and witchcraft. She wandered about at night, and was seen only by the barking of dogs who told of her approach.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams

It cost the soft drink industry \$100 million a year for thefts committed involving vending machines

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters

Men's shirts have the buttons on the right, but women's shirts have the buttons on the left

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down

The painting that won second place in a competition held by the US National Academy of Design was hanging upside down when it was judged

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

And last but not least:  
In 2011, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays. This apparently happens once every 823 years! This is called 'money bags'.

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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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