

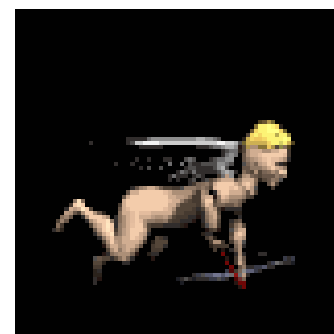
February 14, 2014



RIP

Shirley Temple

Black





Tri-County Farmer and Rancher Symposium Thursday, February 20, 2013 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver Street

This is a 5 hour ceu conference for private, commercial, and noncommercial applicators. Great speakers are being brought in to cover topics; such as aquatic plant management, internal and external parasite control for livestock, weed management, drift minimization, and need to know laws and regulations. Registration and coffee is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Event is Thursday, February 20, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver Street, Gainesville, TX 76240. RSVP required. 5 ceus offered. \$25 per person fee which also covers lunch. To RSVP contact Grayson County AgriLife Extension office at 903-813-4202.

Educational programs of the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

Pamela S. Egner, D.D.S.
Family Dentistry



217 E. Jefferson St.
P.O. Box 729, Van Alstyne, TX 75495
Ph: 903-482-6339 Fax: 903-482-1313





Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



Interim Charges for House Committees

This week I will discuss the interim charges recently issued to the House Committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations Committee is the largest committee in the House with twenty-seven members, and is charged with preparing the state's biennial budget. The Committee has sixteen charges, and I will write about half of them this week, and the next half the following week. Interim charges are the issues that the Speaker asks committees to study during the time between regular legislative sessions in order to make recommendations for legislation for the following legislative session. The charges are good indicators of what legislation the legislature will take up during the next session. Legislators rely on public input when crafting legislation, and it is important that they hear from people during the interim.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS:

Monitor the performance of state agencies and institutions, including operating budgets, plans to carry out legislative initiatives and planned budget reductions, caseload projections, performance measure attainment, implementation of all rider provisions, and any other matter affecting the fiscal condition of the agencies and the state.

- Examine progress made during the 83rd legislative session on reducing the reliance on dedicated accounts for budget certification. Recommend additional methods to further reduce the reliance on dedicated accounts for budget certification purposes, and further examine ways to maximize the use of such accounts.
- Monitor the administration of the Correctional Managed Health Care system and examine forecasts for short and long-term criminal justice populations and health care cost trends. (Joint charge with the House Committee on Corrections)
- Examine exempt compensation salary levels for senior and executive management personnel, as well as the use of non-state funds to provide salary supplements.
- Examine short and long-term deferred maintenance costs for state facilities and approaches to deal with these costs in light of limited remaining General Obligation bond authority.
- Examine the status of the state's information technology (IT) infrastructure, the effectiveness of data center consolidation in reducing IT costs, and the effectiveness of the Department of Information Resources' Cooperative Contracts Program in delivering best value for the state in IT purchases.
- Monitor the implementation of cost-containment initiatives in health and human services programs as directed by the 2014-2015 appropriations bill. Recommend additional opportunities for cost containment, including but not limited to, improvements in the procurement of durable medical equipment and increased medication adherence among Medicaid clients.
- Monitor the administration of new state funding to expand behavioral health services in Texas. Make recommendations to improve coordination and prevent duplication of effort, including the behavioral health projects funded through the Medicaid 1115 waiver. Evaluate the methodology utilized by the state to fund the public mental health system in order to assess improvements in how mental health funds and associated performance targets are allocated throughout the state. Develop funding recommendations that emphasize equity in funding and performance expectations, improving outcomes, the attainment of performance targets, population needs, availability of local resources, and geographic diversity.

The House Committee on Appropriations can be reached at 512-463-1091. For more information on these charges or any other matter of state government, 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.





Proverbs 6:1-19 (KJV)

- ¹ My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, *if* thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,
- ² Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
- ³ Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.
- ⁴ Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.
- ⁵ Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- ⁶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
- ⁷ Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
- ⁸ Provideth her meat in the summer, *and* gathereth her food in the harvest.
- ⁹ How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
- ¹⁰ *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
- ¹¹ So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
- ¹² A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
- ¹³ He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
- ¹⁴ Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.
- ¹⁵ Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
- ¹⁶ These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:
- ¹⁷ A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
- ¹⁸ An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
- ¹⁹ A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Christian Fellowship

David Ellis will lead worship service this week at A Christian Fellowship church in Luella. Come out and join them beginning Sunday mornings at 9:00am for coffee and doughnut fellowship. S.S. classes for ages toddler to adult begins at 9:30 and worship service at 10:30.

David Ellis is the leader for praise and worship and it is a contemporary style service. Dress is casual. The congregation celebrates The Lord's Supper each week during worship service.

Kidz in Da Zone for Jesus is a class for kids ages 2-10. They learn bible verses, do skits, have puppet shows for the kids, just to name a few. Bring your kidz out for a fun time. This takes place during worship hour.

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

The church is located on the West side of Hwy 11 in Luella. Look for the red brick building with the green metal roof on the hill. The cross will light the way for you. For more information contact Mike Ball at 903-271-1870 or David Ellis at 903-815-1333

Tom Bean Church of Christ

The Tom Bean Church of Christ invites everyone to come and worship with us. Our services begin each Sunday with Bible class for all ages at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00 am with congregational singing. The evening worship service begins at 6:00 pm. The Lord Supper is given each Sunday. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7:00 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX..

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

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

"A Woman's Choice" a WEB video concerning a woman's pregnancy can be seen on www.PregnancyDecisions.org.

Area Churches

Cannon

CANNON BAPTIST CHURCH
RFD 1, Rev. John Wade, pastor,
903/482-6761
SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
George Seevers, 903/364-2942

Cherry Mound

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

Dorchester

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

Gunter

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

Howe

APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
405 S. Collins Frwy,
Jerry Pentecost, 903/821-9166;
Sun. 10am & 6pm
NEW BEGINNING FELLOWSHIP/AG,
912 S Denny St.
903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
BETHEL BAPTIST
Hwy. 902 E & Ponderosa Rd,
Weldon Hutson, pastor,
903/532-6032
SUMMIT CHURCH
Howe Middle School Cafeteria,
903/815-1472 ; Kcvin Bouse
CHURCH OF CHRIST
N. Collins Frwy,
903/532-6441;
Toby Socheting
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
100 E. Davis,903/532-5504;
Roger Tidwell, pastor
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
810 N. Denny, 903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

Ida

IDA BAPTIST CHURCH,
903/813- 3263. S- School
10 am, Worship 11 am
Charles Morris, pastor

Luella

LUELLA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
3162 St. Hwy. 11,
Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
150 Fellowship Ln, Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean

CHURCH OF CHRIST
903/546-6620
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
903/546-6231
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
903/546-6898
INSPIRATION POINT COWBOY CHURCH
FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
903-815-2278



More Church Page



LIVING WATER

Great Physician

Last week, those in the area in which we live experienced something that doesn't happen often: we had cold, icy weather. Many of our children were out of school for three days, and many businesses closed their doors for a day or two due to the icy conditions.

Thankfully, those in our area knew the cold, icy weather was coming. But for people in the Birmingham, AL, and Atlanta, GA, areas, they had no idea. Winter Storm Leon wasn't supposed to go that far north. So for a lot of people, they were stranded at work, school, stores, and on the roads when the ice began to fall from the sky. It is estimated that over 11,000 people were stranded in schools across Alabama on Tuesday night of last week.

In the midst of all the chaos, inspirational stories began to emerge of good Samaritans who took people in, helped provide food, and rescued people from car accidents due to the icy roads.

But probably one of the most inspirational stories that surfaced was about a Birmingham doctor who walked approximately six miles to perform life-saving brain surgery. Dr. Zenko Hryniw was at Brookwood Medical Center on Tuesday morning when he received a call about a patient at Trinity Medical Center who needed emergency surgery. Dr. Hryniw got in his car, but didn't make it more than a few blocks before traffic stopped. Knowing he needed to hurry, Dr. Hryniw got out of his car and walked about six miles in the snow and ice to Trinity Medical Center. He arrived at the hospital, performed the surgery, and saved the patient's life. It's truly a story of courage and heroism.

But what if Dr. Hryniw had decided that the patient's life wasn't worth walking six miles in the snow and ice? What if he decided that it was too difficult to get there, and that there was nothing he could do? Thankfully, he didn't make that decision. And thankfully, there was something he could do. *

Because of our sins, WE are in a desperate, deadly condition (Romans 6:23). But God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus – “the Great Physician” – to provide the remedy for our sins (John 3:16). Jesus came “from a great distance” in comparatively deplorable conditions (read Philippians 2:6-8), but He came anyway – because He loves us.

Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:31-32).

And the truth is.... We have ALL sinned! (Romans 3:23)

It cost Jesus His life in order to provide the remedy for our sin: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

The Great Physician will save those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to “make whole” those who continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

Won't YOU accept the Great Physician's remedy for YOUR sin-sick soul? -- Eric Gray and David A. Sargent

daidsargent1@comcast.net
Church of Christ at Creekwood
<http://www.creekwoodcc.org>

* See Eric's original article, application, and other information here:
<http://crosscreeky.com/every-life-matters/>

Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and Archived issues of "Living Water" can be viewed and accessed from our website at: www.creekwoodcc.org
HTML version: subscribe-livingwater@lyris.dundee.net
TEXT version: subscribe-livingwater-text@lyris.dundee.net

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

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

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



Copyright © All rights reserved.





“Summer Science Splash Camp” for Middle Schoolers Begins at Austin College in 2014

SHERMAN, TEXAS--Middle school students who love science or want to learn more are invited to the newly instituted “Summer Science Splash Camp” at Austin College during summer 2014. No particular advance science knowledge is required; students should come motivated to learn and have fun in the process. The week-long residential summer camp includes research and science exploration led by certified science teachers during the day and plenty of fun activities outside the lab in the late afternoon and evening, supervised by camp counselors who are well-trained Austin College students.

The Summer Science Splash Camp is now accepting registrations on the Austin College website: www.austincollege.edu/sciencesplash. The camp is sponsored by the II-VI Foundation and hosted by and conducted on the Austin College campus.

Austin College sessions for summer 2014 will be offered July 13 – 18 and July 20 – 25. Because of the generous support of the II-VI Foundation, registration for the camp, including programming and room and board, is offered at the reduced cost of only \$300 per student (\$1,130 value). Registration includes all activities and a camp t-shirt. Each session is designed for only 60 participants (waiting lists will be maintained).

Learning teams of 12 students and one teacher will work in labs and classrooms with curriculum prepared in conjunction with Austin College faculty. Campers will be engaged in team competitions in daily experiments and in their evening activities.

All meals will be provided in the Austin College dining hall, offering healthy and tasty food choices. Campers with any dietary needs should report that to the camp director upon registration. Students will live with camp counselors in Austin College air-conditioned residence halls.

Participants should bring their own linens and all personal toiletries as well as clothing for recreation (including swimming) and appropriate lab attire, which includes closed-toe shoes, long pants, and non-baggy clothing.

Summer Splash Programs at Juniata College in Pennsylvania and Eckerd College in Florida, both sponsored by the II-VI Foundation, have received high praise from participants.

The II-VI Foundation is headquartered in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, and operates with the mission to “encourage and enable students to pursue a career in engineering, science, and mathematics while maintaining a standard of excellence in that pursuit.” The foundation aims to fulfill its mission through early education initiatives, undergraduate scholarships, the Undergraduate Research Program, and a Block-Gift Program for graduate student support. The foundation supports research at Austin College in addition to the new summer program.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original charter and name, the College is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope’s influential book [*Colleges That Change Lives*](#).



More College News





GC offers spring cooking classes

Valentines, Italian, Tex-Mex, Easter and dreamy breakfasts are the menu themes when Grayson College's Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts Center partners with its Center for Workplace Learning to offer recreational cooking classes this spring. Open to the public, classes take place at the Culinary Arts Center on GC's Main Campus in Denison, east of the Viking Dorm. Participants must be at least 16 years old to enroll in the classes, except where noted.

Taught by GC's chef instructors, courses provide hands-on training, demonstrations, and interactive learning in the college's state-of-the-art facility. Participants learn knife skills and explore cooking methods as they prepare and consume cuisine that ranges from the familiar to the unexpected. In some of the classes, participants prepare goodies to take home as well.

"Let's Cook Tex-Mex" brings the fiesta into the kitchen. Participants tackle Tex-Mex favorites such as sour cream chicken enchiladas, tamales with green chili sauce and flan from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4. Cost is \$29 per person.

"Kids' Easter Egg Dyeing Class" is designed for kids of all ages. Participants learn fun ways to dye and decorate eggs using many different techniques, a lot of colors, stickers, and glitter. Cost is \$12 per person for the class, which meets Saturday, April 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

"Easter Bunny Cake" teaches participants how to make the perfect dessert and centerpiece for Easter brunch or dinner. The Easter bunny-shaped cake and Easter basket cupcakes are fun to create and delicious to eat. The class meets Saturday, April 19 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$29 per person.

"Dream Breakfast Party" makes the most important meal of the day the tastiest too. Participants learn how to make the perfect muffin recipe, crepes, made-from-scratch biscuits and more. Cost is \$29 per person. The class meets on Saturday, May 3 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

"Intermediate Fondant Work" takes cakes to the next level. Participants use fondant to work on basic flowers, cut out shapes, create ball borders, and more. The class meets Saturday, May 10 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$39 per person.

In addition to the spring cooking classes, private cooking classes and children's birthday cooking classes are available as well. For more information or to register for the spring recreational and private classes, visit the GC Center for Workplace Learning website at www.cwlgcc.org. Registration may be completed online at www.cwlgcc.org, in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CWL on the college's Main Campus in Denison, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.

GC presents two plays this spring with diverse subject matter

Grayson College's Theatre Department is preparing two very different plays for audiences this spring. Both productions are presented in the Arts & Communications Building's state-of-the-art facilities on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Glengarry Glen Ross," runs Feb. 20-22 in the Black Box Theatre. Set in the cut-throat world of real estate, the plot explores the journey of what men will take to make money. Rated NC-17 due to strong language, "Glengarry Glen Ross" features an all-male cast. Reservations are encouraged because seating is limited.

"Commedia Pinocchio" is a comedy designed for the whole family that younger audiences will particularly enjoy. Award-winning playwright Lane Riosley is known for plays with high energy and physical comedy. The plot follows the antics of a comedy troupe as it attempts to present the classic tale about the puppet-turned-real-boy. "Commedia Pinocchio" runs from April 30 to May 3 in the Cruce Stark Auditorium. Reservations are not necessary.

Tickets are free for "Glengarry Glen Ross" and \$1 for "Commedia Pinocchio" or free with college ID. For reservations or more information about either show, contact the GC Theatre Department at 903-463-8609 or theatre@grayson.edu.



Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

Texoma Enterprise

805 N. Hughes

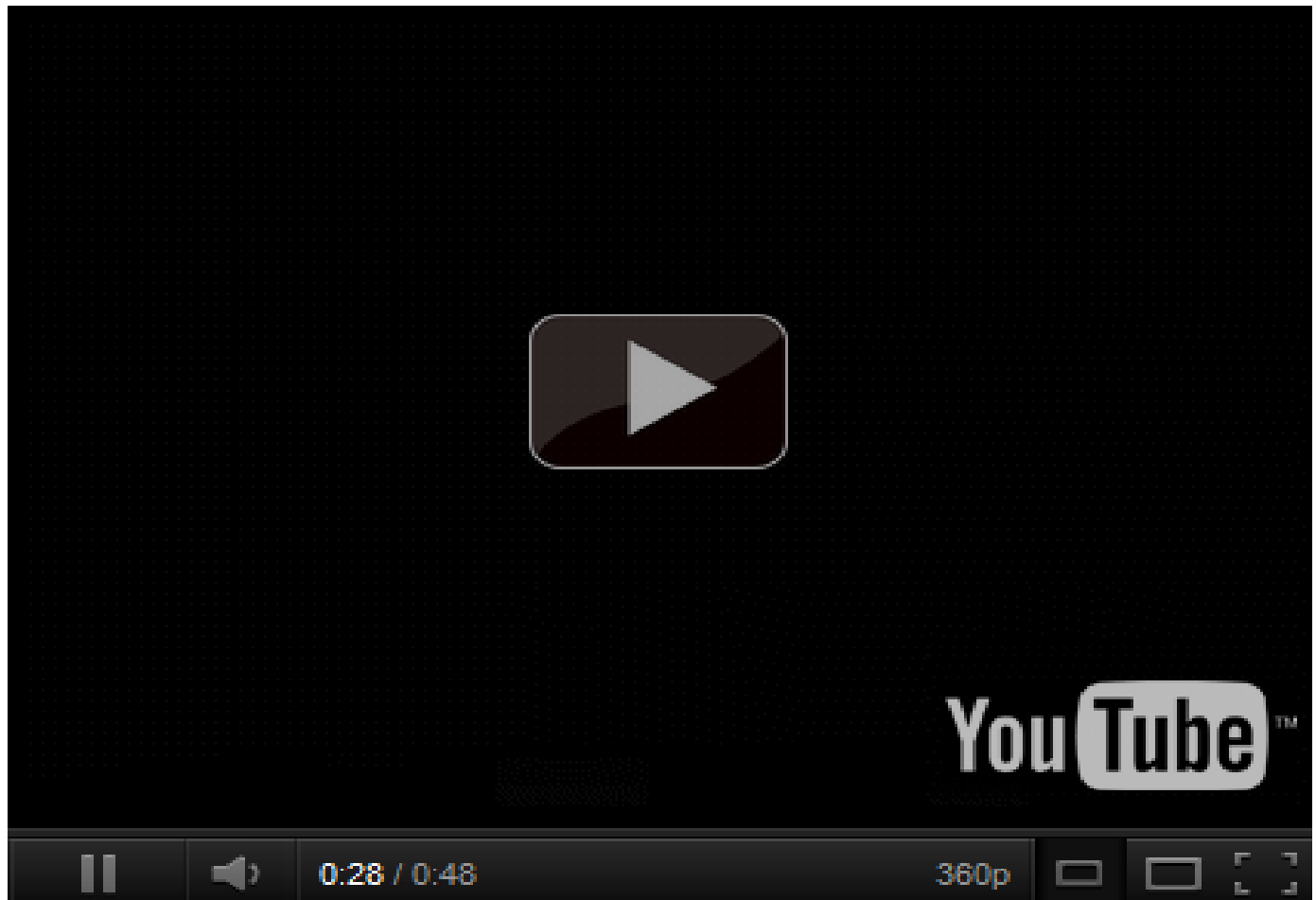
Howe, Texas 75459-3587

903-487-0525

dalerideout@cableone.net

lanarideout@cableone.net

Texoma Enterprise is owned and operated by Dale and Lana Rideout. They have been doing this since 1978. The picture on the left is about 5 years old, with Dale shown as "Santa" Rideout at Christmas, 2009. The family shot on the right includes all our grandchildren, plus a couple of Step-grandchildren. It was taken at Elves Christmas Tree Farm. This farm opened to the public in 1990 when Jordan was only 2 months old and he went there with us. Every year since we have taken every grandchild with us. This year was our 23rd year to take all our grandchildren to the farm.



Grandkids singing at the Elves
Christmas Tree Farm, 2007



Dots Dashes

By Dorothy N. Fowler

In the bad old days before the Internet brought us Snopes.com, fact check, Wikipedia, and thousands of other reliable research sites, including those of major universities, there may have been a legitimate excuse for ignorance.

Even given the fact that Wikipedia is a people's encyclopedia, which means that articles are written by people who may not always be either completely honest or completely accurate, it is still a valuable source of information because people who are honest and accurate find errors and correct them quickly.

Research tools resided in the school library and the Ector County Library when I was teaching at Permian. School libraries are notoriously unavailable to students most of the time. That's because school libraries are usually open during school hours, when students are in math classes, English classes, computer literacy classes, science classes, art, music, drama, or whatever else is available; during those classes, teachers are somewhat reluctant to let their students miss instruction that might be related to the high stakes test that is always just over the academic horizon.

The county library was open until 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

At Permian, after much agitating from teachers (also known by the administration as "disgruntled employees"), the school library was opened on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. That provided an opportunity not only for research, but also for students who needed to make up missed tests to get them out of the way. One teacher was assigned to give all the make-up tests in his or her classroom and return them to the subject matter teacher who gave them.

Teachers who worked in the library or as test-givers or tutors/research assistants were paid \$25 an hour for their time, which obviously was not part of the school day. There was never a surplus of teacher applicants for these positions. In fact, the program almost failed because so few teachers wanted to participate. They thought it was all a good idea, but they didn't want to do it.

It was during these Monday night sessions that I learned some little known facts about past and contemporary political figures.

"Ms. Fowler, did you know Alexander Hamilton was homosexual?"

"No, Johnny, I never heard that before. Did you know he was married and that he was involved in the very first sex scandal in American government? Hamilton's wife and the woman he had the affair with would have been surprised to know he was gay. He had to confess to the affair because he was accused of being involved in a bribery scheme, and the love letters he received from his lover absolved him of the bribery scandal."

"Ms. Fowler, did you know George McGovern was a draft dodger?"

"No, Everett, I never heard that before. It seems odd that he won the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing his disabled bomber and saving his crew. And the record shows he flew more than 40 bombing missions over German occupied Europe."

"Ms. Fowler, did you know Jimmy Carter never finished high school?"

"No, Susie. I do know he graduated from the United States Naval Academy and that they rarely let anyone in who didn't finish high school."

I demanded that my students find confirmation of what I told them. I wanted them to follow the first rule of good research and good journalism. To wit, "If your mama says she loves you, check it out."

It was harder then than it is now to fact-check. Then it might take hours poring over dust encrusted encyclopedias or spending several dollars calling local, state or national authorities to get the facts.

Now it may take several clicks of the computer and an hour or two to cross check sources, but the clicks and the hours are well spent. Taking the word of someone who "knows it's true because my hairdresser's wife has a sister whose neighbor says that her first cousin's postman witnessed it" will wind up making you look like a fool, or just plain willfully ignorant.

Plain, ordinary ignorance is forgivable. Willful ignorance is not.

Perhaps you ought to check to see that what I've told you about Hamilton, McGovern, and Carter is correct.

Have a good week.

Gov Perry on Obamacare

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement regarding President Obama’s comments in an interview with Univision Radio on Thursday about Obamacare and Texas:

“Obamacare has been a complete failure. Rather than pointing fingers, President Obama should scrap his failed system and give states the flexibility they need to ensure people have long-term access to quality care. Medicaid is a broken system -- a fact President Obama has conceded in the past -- and pouring millions more people into a system that’s already creaking from the strain is far from a long-term solution. Obamacare has resulted in millions losing the coverage President Obama promised they could keep, and that isn’t Texas’ fault.”

Cornyn Statement on the Five-Year Anniversary of Obama’s Failed Stimulus

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement to mark the five-year anniversary of the signing of President Obama’s stimulus plan.

“When the stimulus was first announced, we were promised it would lead to ‘shovel-ready’ jobs and get our economy moving. Five years later, our economy is still sluggish, Americans are dropping out of the workforce by the thousands, and the President’s latest big government experiment, Obamacare, is now on track to slash 2 million more jobs from the workforce.

“The President has forced his big government agenda on the American people over the past five years and the results have been more debt, fewer jobs, and less opportunity for growth. We have reached a point where reining in the government is our only chance for a fiscally stable future, and it’s time to come together to enact sensible reforms that restrain Washington’s runaway spending.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary 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

Cornyn Votes Against Raising the Debt Ceiling

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) issued the following statement after voting against raising the debt ceiling.

“After five years of out-of-control White House spending, including a jobless, trillion-dollar stimulus, now is hardly the time to give the President carte blanche to continue his spending spree. I voted against raising the debt ceiling because we need sensible reforms to cut down on spending and restrain Washington going forward.”

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary 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.



February Students of the Month

1st row: Kamryn Robertson, Aidric Smith

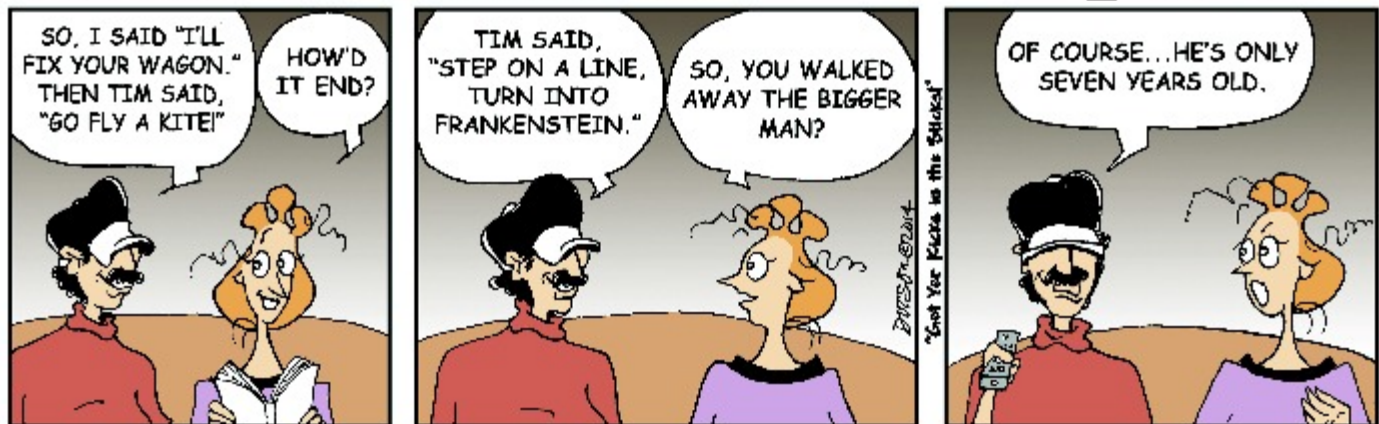
2nd row: Jacob Ortega, Kendall Griffin, Hali Howard, & Garrett Rodgers

3rd row: Daniel Gonzales, Mackenzie Bryant, Ricky Ramirez, Rylee Smith



Humor

OUTZKIRTS By: David & Doreen Dotson



Will's experience at the airport:

After his return from Rome, Will couldn't find his luggage in the airport baggage area. He went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that his bags hadn't shown up on the carousel.

She smiled and told him not to worry because they were trained professionals and he was in good hands.

Then she asked Will, "Has your plane arrived yet?"

Clever kids:

A police officer found a perfect hiding place for watching for speeding motorists.

One day, the officer was amazed when everyone was under the speed limit, so he investigated and found the problem.

A 10 years old boy was standing on the side of the road with a huge hand painted sign which said "Radar Trap Ahead."

A little more investigative work led the officer to the boy's accomplice: another boy about 100 yards beyond the radar trap with a sign reading "TIPS" and a bucket at his feet full of change.

The child and his mother:

A curious child asked his mother: "Mommy, why are some of your hairs turning grey?"

The mother tried to use this occasion to teach her child: "It is because of you, dear. Every bad action of yours will turn one of my hairs grey!"

The child replied innocently: "Now I know why grandmother has only grey hairs on her head."



LET'S REMINISCE: PIRATES OF OLDEN TIMES

By Jerry Lincecum

One of the best movies I've seen lately is "Captain Phillips," starring Tom Hanks as the captain of a container ship that is hijacked by pirates in the Middle East. When compared to the 18th century buccaneers of the Caribbean I used to see in the movies, these 21st century pirates from Somalia seem like heavily armed thugs whose only interest is million dollar ransoms.

I can think of three pirates who have achieved mythic stature: Capt. William Kidd, Sir Henry Morgan, and Blackbeard. They were outlaws but seemed to have something in common with Robin Hood, taking from the rich and sharing with the poor. Unlike the aristocrats who controlled the British, French and Spanish colonial empires, these adventurers were seen by many ordinary people as heroes. They were also the focus of many novelists of the 19th century and classic films of the 20th. Current TV series like "Black Sails" are continuing that tradition.

Captain William Kidd was a Scottish sailor who wound up being tried and executed for piracy after returning from a voyage to the Indian Ocean. Some modern historians consider his piratical reputation to be unjust, as there is evidence that he acted only as a privateer, which means he had a government commission to have an armed ship and use it to capture merchant ships of England's enemies.

Kidd's fame springs largely from the sensational circumstances of his questioning before the English Parliament. His actual depredations on the high seas, whether piratical or not, were both less destructive and less lucrative than those of many others at the time.

Far more ruthless and bloodthirsty was the Welshman Henry Morgan, who became notorious for raiding Spanish settlements in the Caribbean. He earned a reputation as one of the most notorious and successful privateers in history, eventually receiving a knighthood. Morgan had the good fortune to live in a time when he could use the conflicts between England and her enemies to support his country and simultaneously enrich himself and his crews. He was knighted by King Charles II.

Recently, archaeologists from Texas State University found the wreck of one of Morgan's ships off the coast of Panama. The find, which includes unopened cargo boxes and chests encrusted in coral, may be Morgan's flagship, the *Satisfaction*.

Just when the Golden Age of piracy was coming to an end, the man who became renowned as Blackbeard began operating around the West Indies and the eastern coast of the American Colonies. Although his real name was Edward Thatch, his thick black beard and fearsome appearance were keys to his success.

Contrary to the stereotype of the tyrannical pirate, he commanded his vessels with the permission of their crews and there is no known account of his ever having harmed or murdered any captives. Romanticized after his death, Blackbeard became the inspiration for a number of novels and several movies. Disney will soon be releasing the fifth in its "Pirates of the Caribbean" series.

Today's attitude toward the pirates of Blackbeard's times was anticipated by one of his contemporaries: "They vilify us, the scoundrels do, when there is only this difference. They rob the poor under the cover of law... and we plunder the rich under the cover of our own courage."

-30-

Jerry Lincecum is a retired English professor who now teaches classes for older adults who want to write their life stories. He welcomes your reminiscences on any subject. Email him at jlincecum@mac.com.

Rest In Peace

Shirley Temple Black



Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459

These businesses help bring you
The Texoma Enterprise every
Week. Please use their goods and
Services whenever you can.

Pamela S. Egner, D.D.S.
Family Dentistry



217 E. Jefferson St.
P.O. Box 729, Van Alstyne, TX 75495
Ph: 903-482-6339 Fax: 903-482-1313

BUCK SNORT BBQ

ESTABLISHED 2009

Jim Smith, Proprietor

224 E. Jefferson 903.482.6171
P. O. Box 1241 jim@bucksnotbbq.com
Van Alstyne, TX 75495 www.bucksnotbbq.com



Bruce E. Maniet, D.O., P.A.
COMPLETE FAMILY CARE

WHITEWRIGHT
BELLS MEDICAL CLINIC FAMILY PRACTICE
BROADWAY & MAIN 319 X HWY 69
BELLS, TX 75414 WHITEWRIGHT, TX 75491
PHONE (903) 965-7700 PHONE (903) 364-2022

Texas Tradition

TEXAS STAR BANK
Banking, Texas Style.
TexasStarBank.com

Member FDIC

Our tradition of excellence has remained our top priority for nearly 120 years. Discover our difference and how we can make your financial dreams a reality. Visit our Web site or stop by to learn more.

[Click here for more information](#)

**Van Alstyne
Mini-
Warehouse**

All sizes
available
Manager
on premise
Call
903-482-6074

ABM
ADVANTAGE
BUSINESS MACHINES

PO Box 561
200 S Denny
Howe TX 75459

Todd Creekmore
Sales & Service

Copiers * Printers * Fax
Sales * Service
Supplies

Office: 903-532-6529
Fax: 903-532-6439

Email: advbusmach@verizon.net

City Drug Co.



Available 24 hours.
M - F 8 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 8 am to 2 pm
After hours call:
David Schatz - 903-482-6063
Jack Strickland - 903-482-5830

(903) 482-5279

209 E. Jefferson -- Van Alstyne

Texoma Enterprise

Howe, Texas
75459



Bruce E. Maniet, D.O., P.A.
COMPLETE FAMILY CARE

WHITEWRIGHT
BELLS MEDICAL CLINIC FAMILY PRACTICE
BROADWAY & MAIN 319 X HWY 69
BELLS, TX 75414 WHITEWRIGHT, TX 75491
PHONE (903) 965-7700 PHONE (903) 364-2022

Broccoli Rice Casserole

½ chopped onion
½ chopped celery
¼ stick butter or margarine
2 c. cooked rice
1 can Cheddar cheese soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 (10 oz) frozen chopped broccoli
Saute onion and celery in butter. Combine onion and celery mixture and all other ingredients large bowl and stir. Transfer to covered 9x13 pan and bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

TEXAS STAR BANK
Banking, Texas Style.
TexasStarBank.com

Member FDIC

Texas Tradition

Our tradition of excellence has remained our top priority for nearly 120 years. Discover our difference and how we can make your financial dreams a reality. Visit our Web site or stop by to learn more.

[Click here for more information](#)

Van Alstyne Mini-Warehouse

All sizes available
Manager on premise
Call
903-482-6074



PO Box 561
200 S Denny
Howe TX 75459

Todd Creekmore
Sales & Service

Copiers * Printers * Fax
Sales * Service
Supplies

Office: 903-532-6529
Fax: 903-532-6439

Email: advbusmach@verizon.net

BUCK SNORT BBQ

ESTABLISHED 2009

Jim Smith, Proprietor

224 E. Jefferson
P. O. Box 1241
Van Alstyne, TX 75495

903.482.6171
jim@bucksnortbbq.com
www.bucksnortbbq.com

City Drug Co.



Available 24 hours.
M - F 8 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 8 am to 2 pm
After hours call:
David Schatz - 903-482-6063
Jack Strickland - 903-482-5830

(903) 482-5279

209 E. Jefferson -- Van Alstyne



Music by Kevin McCloud