

March 31, 2011



## Hank Whitman named head of Texas Rangers

Hank Whitman has been named the DPS Assistant Director over the Texas Rangers. Whitman had served briefly as interim chief of the Rangers and was the deputy assistant director for the Texas Rangers since Oct. 1, 2009. Before his position as deputy assistant director of the Rangers, he also served as the interim inspector general of the DPS.

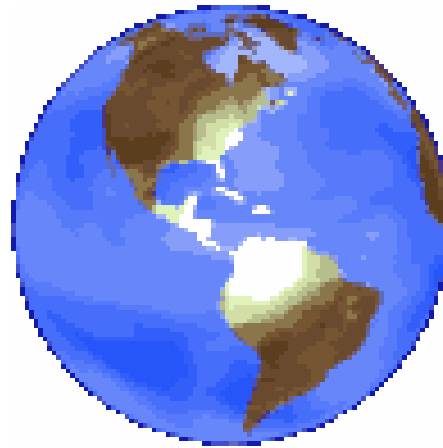
“Hank Whitman has years of law enforcement experience and is uniquely qualified to lead the Texas Rangers, especially as our focus on the border intensifies. He has been instrumental in the creation and operation of the Ranger Reconnaissance team,” said Steve McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Whitman joined the DPS in 1990 as a trooper trainee and served in the Texas Highway Patrol until 1996, when he promoted to sergeant/investigator in the Criminal Intelligence Service, now known as the Criminal Investigations Division. He was in the Criminal Intelligence Service until 2001, when he promoted to Texas Ranger sergeant. He was a sergeant until his promotion to Ranger lieutenant in 2005. He promoted to Ranger captain in 2008 and served as captain until his promotion to deputy assistant director in 2009.

“I’m humbled to have been selected to lead this outstanding group of men and women. I will continue to strive to maintain the tradition of the Texas Rangers, the oldest law enforcement entity on the North American continent,” Whitman said.

Whitman has a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University and a master’s degree in public administration from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The Texas Ranger Division includes 209 employees, including 150 Texas Rangers.



## Texoma Earth Day Festival

Plans for the third annual Texoma Earth Day Festival are shaping up. The theme this year is “Thinking Green, Living Green,” and is set for April 16, 9 am to 5 pm, on the Sherman Municipal Grounds.

Amy Hoffman-Shehan, organizer of Texoma Earth Day, said tables are still available for vendors and exhibitors, but space is filling up fast. Businesses and groups can save \$25 if registration is received before March 15. Amy said sponsors are welcome too.

The keynote speaker, Dan Phillips – designer and home builder from the Phoenix Commotion – is sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors. This maverick artist from Huntsville brings innovative building techniques and recycled materials into his creations.

Dan’s houses may contain flooring made of thousands of wine corks, spiky glass shards, even cast-offs from a picture frame factory. Salvaged materials that would probably go to landfills are instead used for ceilings, walls and floors. Dan proves that it is feasible to build affordable houses that are environmentally friendly.

An essay contest for area middle and high school students is offered by Success Center for Learning. Contestants are asked to identify a local environmental problem and offer at least one possible solution. Deadline is March 25.

Another event encourages youth to be “Thinking Green, Living Green.” Grayson, Fannin, and Bryan county children from kindergarten to sixth grade are invited to a Children’s Art Show. Art from the Heart Director Barbara Powell is organizing this exhibit in the ballroom of the Sherman Municipal Building.

Entry forms for these contests and other details can be found at [www.EarthDayTexoma.org](http://www.EarthDayTexoma.org).

“Earth Day is an event for the entire family,” Amy said. “We will have kid’s activities, art, music, food, demonstrations, flowers and plants, electric cars and hybrids, and pet adoptions,” she said. There will also be E-waste recycling, paper shredding, a blood drive, and the Sherman Public Library used book sale. Free admission – free parking.



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## SOUTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

### *Southeastern invites community to attend informational program on substance abuse/addiction*

DURANT, Okla. - "Substance Abuse and Addiction: Perception vs. Reality," will be the topic of an upcoming presentation by Reggie Whitten, founder of the Fighting Addiction Through Education (FATE) program.

The event, which is free and open to the general public, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, at 7 pm in the Bloomer Sullivan Arena at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The University is sponsoring the program.

Whitten, an Oklahoma City attorney, will share the story of his late son's addiction and the impact on his family.

FATE is an Oklahoma non-profit organization with a mission to educate the public on substance abuse and addiction issues in Oklahoma and to motivate individuals and groups to work to significantly reduce the incidence of substance abuse in the state. A

special focus of FATE is preventing substance abuse among young people.

According to the organization's website, FATE was created to honor the memory of Reggie's son Brandon, an "All-American" kid and football player who became addicted to prescription drugs and alcohol. When Brandon died at age 25 in a motorcycle accident caused by substance abuse, Whitten was devastated.

"I was a walking dead man," Reggie Whitten said. "I was just trying to find a reason to live." Giving back to the community and trying to make a difference in the lives of others became his passion.

Central to the mission of FATE is reducing drug and alcohol abuse among young people like Brandon who often consider themselves "bullet proof" and don't believe they can ever become an addict.

"I think the worst problem this country has is drug and alcohol addiction," Whitten said. "If we had an act of terrorism that killed as many people, we would be quick to launch a war against our enemy. When we formed FATE, we asked ourselves 'How can we prevent drug and alcohol abuse?'"

Whitten travels around the state on behalf of FATE speaking to groups about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse - telling and re-telling the story of his son's too-short life and untimely death. "I intend to devote the rest of my life to helping end substance abuse and addiction," he said. "I want to motivate and inspire other people to do something. I hope those who see what we're doing will catch the vision and the passion. Not everyone can make a huge impact, but everyone can be a role model and encourage others to get help."

For more information about FATE, visit [www.changeyourfate.org](http://www.changeyourfate.org)



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## Howe's That



## What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

Recently, my husband and I were talking to a man who visits our church often. He also teaches at another church so we see him about once a month.

Come to find out we graduated from Abilene Christian University together. We just did not recognize each other after nearly 45 years.

We had college classes together. We were in some of the activities at the same time also. I overheard him say to some of his friends, "I went to college with a Dale Rideout." That led finally to us being able to renew our acquaintance.

Our friend, Ron Beard, has been attending the class and church services for about two years. Now that we have found each other again, we can continue our friendship.

Also, I have a cousin named Jan who lives in Tom Bean. She was born in Big Spring. I was born in Fort Worth. We now live just a few miles apart.

We are connected through the Landrum family who lived (and some still live) in the Mt. Pleasant area. Her grandmother and my grandmother were sisters.

Jan is involved in the Friends of the Tom Bean Library, and Dale and I are also. We learned of our family connection a little over a year ago.

For all you know, you may have a cousin that you know socially, but don't know that that person is a relative.



## Cat Chat

by C. Cat Jr.

I been missing all you folks. My life has become very busy with the Old Man teaching 5 days a week in Sherman, and teaching Genealogy classes on week-ends for local libraries and so many other things too. I just can't keep up with him and get articles written for you admonition, too.

I will try to get back soon with stories of my adventures. I wish I could tell you about all those kids in the schools. They are so sweet, at times. At other times they are just as bull headed as real people. What? You mean that those little 5 year old kids are real people. I may have to re-think what I have been thinking.

Any way, you have a good time. I miss you all (that's real Texas talk) and will be back soon.

### Buttermilk Cornbread (with Flour)

2 cups cornmeal (white or yellow)  
1/2 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
2 cups buttermilk  
2 tablespoons melted shortening or vegetable oil  
Preheat oven to 450°F.

Stir together the dry ingredients and set aside. Combine beaten egg, buttermilk and vegetable oil. Combine cornmeal mixture with buttermilk mixture, stirring just enough to moisten.

Pour into hot, well-greased 9- or 10-inch skillet or pan, muffin tins or corn stick molds. Bake about 15 minutes for muffins or corn sticks, and 20 minutes for pan or skillet. Cornbread will begin to pull away from sides of pan. Makes approximately 12 muffins, corn sticks or pieces.

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*Beauty of Nature...* I don't know where in the world or when this picture was taken, or even who is responsible. It came in an e-mail with many photos showing the beauty of nature, and I needed to fill a little space here. Enjoy the picture.





Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending March 25th are: Sheila Finney, Kelsey Pierce, Ireland Bryant, Cindy Torres, Kaley Norton, Kiki Harvey-Toney, Ethen Grant, Brett Burnett, Michelle Caballero, Luke Catching, Eli Wilson, Jacob Adams, Zachary Dorley, and Teagan Stubblefield.

## Howe ISD Calendar

### March

- 28-April 1 – Loy Lake Show
- 31 – District track at Melissa.
- 31 – District JV Baseball
- 31 – HS Track
- 31- Tennis @Pottsboro
- 31-Apr. 2 – JV District track

### April

- 1 – JV/V Baseball @Tom Bean
- 1 – JV/V Softball @Tom Bean
- 2 – Jr/Sr Prom
- 2 – V baseball @Collinsville
- 4-5 – District Tennis @Nautilus, Sherman
- 4-8- EOS English 3, Field Test @HS Computer Lab
- 4 - 5th & 8th TAKS math
- 4 - Delivery of caps & gowns
- 4 - FFA Booster Club
- 5 - 5th & 8th TAKS reading
- 5 – JV/ Vbaseball vs. Bells
- 5 – JV/V Softball vs. Bells
- 5 – First Grade Program @HHS, 6:30pm
- 6 – PALS Training
- 6 – Senior Assembly
- 6 – HS physicals
- 7 – 4th grade field trip to Myerson
- 7 – District golf @Gainesville

Go to [howeisd.net](http://howeisd.net) for more school events and information



## 11-2A Boys basketball All-District

The 2010-11 all-District 11-2A boys basketball team, as voted by district coaches:

First team Alex Torres, Jr., Howe

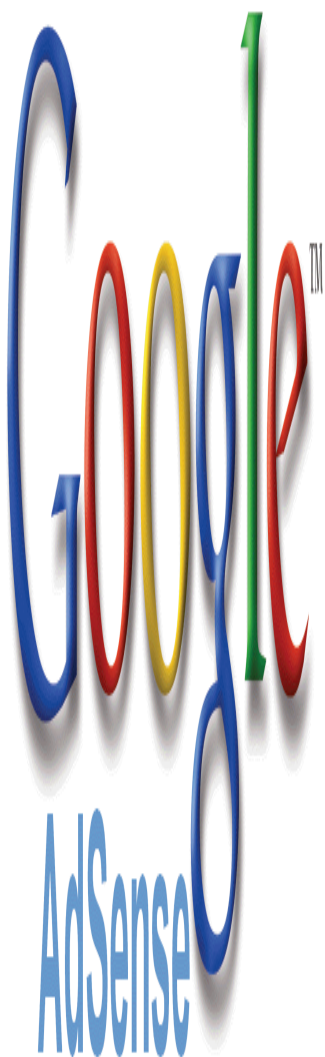
Second team Clay Marable, Sr. Howe

## The 2010-11 all-District 11-2A girls basketball team, as voted by district coaches:

First team: Katy Courtney, Soph., Howe; Jennifer Vincent, Jr., Howe.

Honorable mention: Gretchen Debner, Sr., Howe; Bailey Southern, Soph, Howe

Academic all-district Howe: Maegan Thurston, Madison Kirby, Morgan Bailey, Katy Courtney, Emily Taylor, Gretchen Debner, Amber Thurston, Madison Wilson, Erin Taylor, Ciarra King, Baleigh Southern, Jennifer Vincent.



## Howe School Board Election Set For May

Three candidates have signed up for the May School Board Election. Two places are up for election. Candidates are Brad Anderson, Chris Hayes, and Leonard Huntsman. (Hayes & Huntsman are currently members of the board.)

The School Board held a brief meeting on Thursday, March 24.

The Board approved the minutes, February financial reports, budget amendments for technology purchases, the textbook adoption for proclamation 2011 (language arts), and local policy EHBB relating to GT.

They also approved an addendum to the May order of election to name the Dorchester site election day workers - Alice Stewart and Doug Beck.



Howe Elementary School Students of the Month -  
Row 1: Emma Sutherland, Ethan Duer, Row 2:  
Avery Snapp, Christian Moody, Katie Grogan,  
Mason Moreau, Row 3: Waylon Musgrove, Mikayla  
Hudek, Carson Grogan, Carly Cannaday

## HISD Menus

March 28-April 1

### Breakfast

**Monday-** Glazed donuts, Cinnamon roll, cereal w/toast, diced peaches, apple juice

**Tuesday-** Biscuit & sausage, cereal w/toast, spiced apples, orange juice

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

**Thursday** Blueberry muffin/toast, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

**Friday-** Eggs/toast/sausage, cereal w/toast, orange halves, fruit cocktail, orange juice

### Lunch

**MONDAY-** Cheeseburger, stuffed potato/ham boat, burger fixins, potato rounds, ranch beans, diced peaches, apricot crisp

**TUESDAY-** Beef fingers, chicken fajita salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, spiced apples, green beans, hot roll, gelatin jewels

**WEDNESDAY-** Chicken sandwich, fish strips, burger fixins, pinto beans, carrots & celery sticks, fresh grapes, wacky cake

**THURSDAY-** Cheese pizza, laidback lasagna, steamed corn, garden salad, fruit cocktail, orange sherbet

**FRIDAY-** Soft beef tacos, chicken enchilada, tossed salad, refried beans, orange halves, Spanish rice

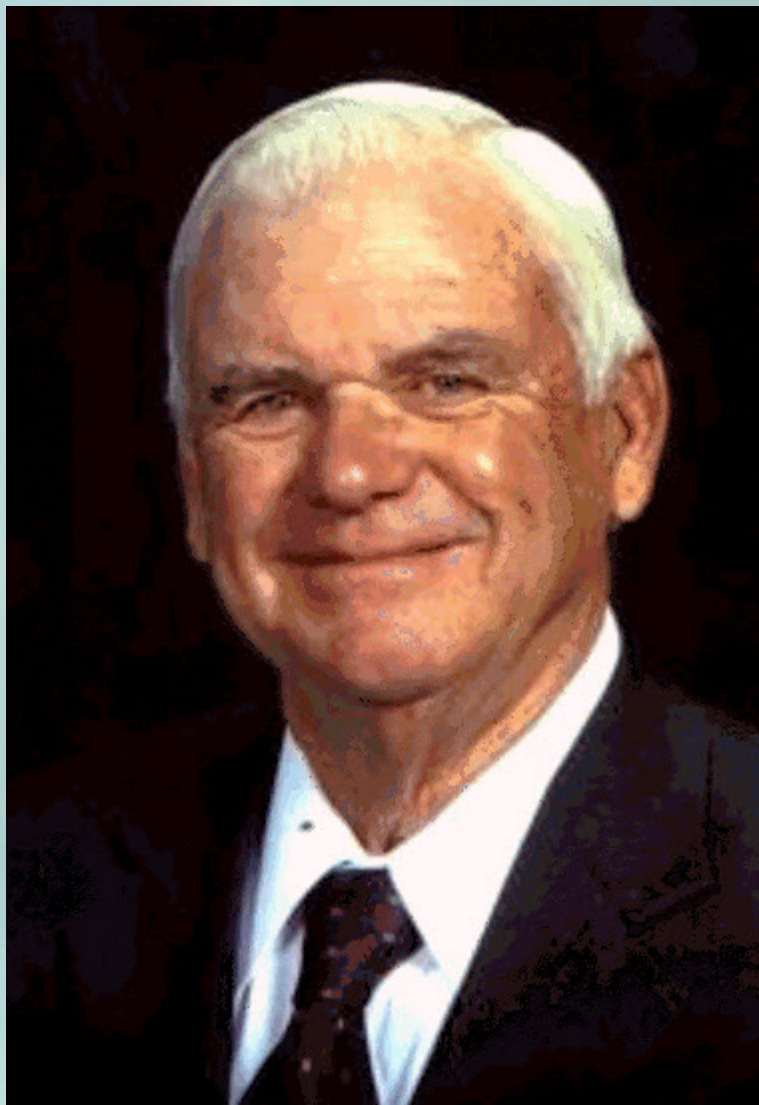
Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability



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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.



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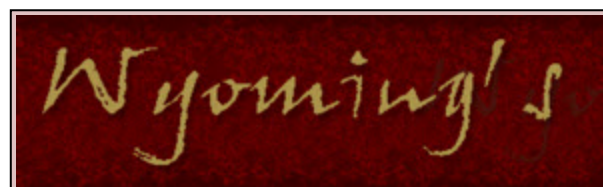


Kent Meeks High School Student of the Month

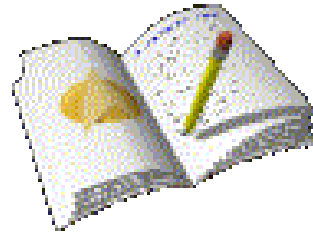
Alex Sanchez Elementary Student of the Month



Danielle Dean Middle School Student of the Month



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## Unopposed Candidates

Tom Bean ISD will not have an election this year. The three trustee spots up for election will be filled by Steve Book, Stan Woodruff and Shane Pennell.

When candidates are unopposed, they are automatically elected to the board, saving the school district time and money.

The candidates will be sworn in at a board meeting following the May election date.

### **TOM BEAN Middle School Girls Compete at Whitewright Track Meet**

Both teams competed very well Tuesday, March 29, at Whitewright in the last meet before district!

**7th Girls** -Scored 75 points overall and placed 5th. Medalists were Karli LeDane and Ramie Byers in both 100 & 300 meter hurdles and Kacie Smith in the 2400 meter run. All 3 relay teams placed as well as Ramie Byers in the long jump, Karli LeDane in the high jump, Haley Dodson in the triple jump, Randi Cole in the 100 meter, Macey Stephens and Emily Osborne in the shot put. Relay teams include: Shelby Johnston/Haley Crockett/Ramie Byers/Karli LeDane/Kacie Smith/Randi Cole/Haley Dodson/Kennedy Balzen.

**8th Girls** - Scored 88 points overall and placed 4th. Medalists were Katie Jones in the 100 and 200 meter, Sydney Jones in the 800 meter, Ashley Deberry in the 300 hurdles, and 400 Relay (Ashley Deberry/Shenae Gibson/Peyton Tinney/Katie Jones) as well as 1600 Relay (Katelin Britton/Ashley Deberry/Peyton Tinney/Lexi Fuller). The 800 relay placed 4th and Lauren Khoury in the high jump, Katie Jones in the long jump, Madi Gordon in hurdles, Shenae Gibson in the 100 meter, Tesla Peterson in the 800 meter, Kelsi Achimon in the 1600 meter run, Lauren Khoury in the 200 meter, Katelyn Britton in the 300 hurdles. The 400 Relay placed 1st, for the 3rd time this season.

### **Tom Bean Varsity Baseball Team Beats Callisburg**

The Varsity boys took care of Callisburg last Friday, March 25, 10-3. Tucker Salsman was the winning pitcher with Brandon Bramer coming in to close out the game. Tucker also hit a 3 run homer. Travis Hill, Salsman, and Bramer each had 2 hits in the game. Your tomcats are now 4-1 in district and tied with Whitewright, Gunter & Pottsboro for 1st place. The team was set to play S&S Tuesday, March 29.

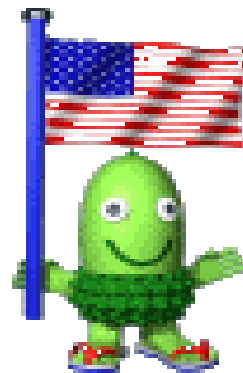
### **Tom Bean Golf**

The Tomcat golfers had their final tune-up before district @ Legacy Ridge in Bonham Monday, March 28.

Tyler Ellis tied for 5th individually, and the boys team of Ellis, Braydon Hill, Jacob Thompson, Trent Byers, Devin Johnston, Matt Kirby, and Justin Shrum finished 11th overall.

Ladycat golfers Ashlyn Royal and Bethany Davidson each scored their best round of the year shooting 123 and 118 respectively.

Tom Bean golf teams will next see action at the district tournament, Thursday, March 31, @ Gainsville.





## BookShelf

### Van Alstyne Library



By Judy E. Spence

Mission: showcase the many resources our library has to offer in a fun and interactive fashion. Mission accomplished! Almost 100 people came to enjoy the different sights, sounds, flavors, and games that were offered at this past Saturday's Open House. This was the 2nd year for this event and I can honestly say that we are getting a little better every year.

Libraries are an absolute wealth of knowledge and the range of what can be found under a library's roof is extensive to say the least. We were able to display just a fraction of that knowledge on Saturday with the following booths: Games to test general knowledge, ongoing chemistry experiments, Spanish foods and culture, a ferret, tarantula, and a snake, family history and genealogy help, public speaking, origami, fire science, quilting, low fat food, diabetic foods, just plain ole good foods, yoga and pilates, blood pressure checks, acupressure and acupuncture, a technology petting zoo, online languages, job search assistance, and more! Mrs. T.L. Wood joined us to read from her

book, "Eldohr Adventures" which is a newly published children's book complete with fantasy and high adventure.

Truly, knowledge IS power and in today's technology saturated world, it is easy to forget how powerful a simple book can be. Come learn how to sew that quilt, care for that pet snake, play that guitar, bake that cake, lower your blood pressure, lose that weight, and expand your mind! The place to start is your local library where we can offer help on all the above and then some! Don't like reading? Try an audiobook, DVD, or Playaway. We've got something for everyone.

This would not have been possible without the unfailing dedication of many people. The Friends of the Library never cease to amaze with their seemingly tireless efforts. Teen Council was indispensable with all their help in setting up, manning booths and clean up. The merchants of Van Alstyne generously donated goods and services for our Silent Auction and the members of our community came out in force in a show of support. There is simply no

### Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

March 28 - Van Alstyne Voices Sergeant-at-Arms M.J. Presley opened the meeting by calling on Merrill Hazelton for a prayer and pledge. Juanita Hazelton served as Toastmaster for the evening. Merrill Hazelton gave his contest speech "You Make the Difference," and was evaluated by all the members present. Charles Bannister gave a speech entitled "Step Change," and was evaluated by M.J. Presley. Charles Bannister also served as Table Topics Master, calling on John Foscue, Josh Holbrook, and Bob Bishop to speak extemporaneously for two minutes. Ribbons were awarded to John Foscue for best table topic, M.J. Presley for best evaluator, and Charles Bannister for best speech. Merrill Hazelton will compete in the Area 21 International Speech Contest on Saturday, April 2, and Juanita Hazelton will represent the club in the Evaluation contest.

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 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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## Van Alstyne Library Open House

way I could manage to get everyone named who deserves to be but here is a pretty good start:

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In closing, the Van Alstyne Public Library is an embodiment of this cities community spirit. It's also a pretty cool place to work. Come and see what our library has for you.



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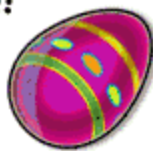


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### Native writers featured at Texoma Poetry Society

Texoma Poetry Society will offer a talk on Native American Literature - the history, traditions and ritual, places and people - on Saturday, April 2, at 2 pm at the Sherman Library. The spoken word has a long legacy among American Indians and modern writers carry this tradition to the printed page.

Learn about their legacy of language and literature in a presentation by Joyce Peak, author of several articles in educational journals and student of Native American Spirituality. Joyce is a retired history and art teacher having taught between Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations in South Dakota, as well as Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nevada.

Joyce will touch on several well-known Indian writers and recommend some readings. Guests are invited to this free event, April 2, 2 pm, at the Community Room of the Sherman Public Library. An open round-robin reading of poems on any subject will follow at 3 pm.



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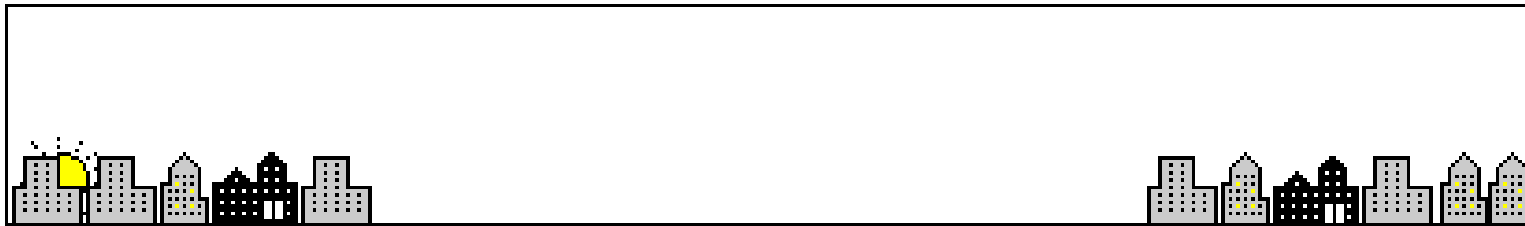
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Bean, and Whitewright area.*

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## Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

Our regular Bluegrass jam will be Thursday night, March 31, at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6 as usual. Donations will be accepted at the door to defray expenses. Our 3rd Saturday jams will begin in April.

On April 2, we welcome 3 bluegrass bands! Strings of Faith, from the Dallas area includes Phil Elery, bass, Brad Cranford, banjo, James Williams, guitar, John Buttram guitar, Brenda Elery, mandolin, and James White, mandolin.

Also performing will be the Melody Ranch Ramblers. Members of this band are George Kirby, fiddle, Mike Gemberling, banjo, Charles Woolly, vocals and mandolin, Jo Cofer, vocals and bass, Debra Leake, vocals, and Bill Hayes, vocals and rhythm guitar.

In addition to the above bands, we welcome Copper Canyon. Members of this band are Jim Hughes, mandolin, Celesta Hughes, guitar, Joe Hood, banjo, and Tom Smith, bass. All sing. They have a new all gospel CD out and will be performing some of those songs for you.

Admission to this event is \$6 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. The concession area has brisket sandwiches and hot dogs as well as coffee, soda, water, popcorn, and candy. Doors will open at 6 and the performances begin at 7 pm.

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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## Traditions

by Bob Bowman

A friend who recently moved to East Texas from Ohio says he is aghast that city residents here are allowed to burn leaves in their yard whenever they want.

Where he came from, he contends, leaf-burning is decidedly against the law and people are prosecuted and sent to the stocks. What my friend doesn't realize is that he's bucking an old East Texas tradition.

Trying to take away the privilege of burning leaves in the yard is tantamount to arresting a child for selling lemonade on a hot summer day.

Yes, there are municipal ordinances on the books prohibiting yard fires, but I don't remember a city enforcing them, except in places like Houston and Dallas, where they stopped honoring East Texas traditions a long time ago.

A good example is the dog leash law. One of the hottest controversies that ever erupted in East Texas occurred in the sixties when several cities decided that dogs ought to be stopped from running loose on the streets.

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

One of the things I miss about the desert is clothes lines. In the west, where the humidity is low and trees are far enough apart that sitting birds are unlikely to leave spots on drying clothes, clothes lines are common.

We moved rarely when I was a child and just as rarely after I grew up, staying in the same house for 20 years or so before moving, but on those occasions when we did move, the first thing we put up in the yard was a clothesline. My father would get four, 4 inch pipes, weld them together into T's, drill four holes into the top of each T, dig a deep hole into which he poured concrete, set the pipes in the concrete, straight as they could possibly be, and wait for the concrete to set.

As soon as the concrete had set to his satisfaction, usually several days, he strung heavy wire from one T to the other and used pulleys to tighten the wires so that even the heaviest laundry did not cause the wire to sag much.

Then we painted the posts with aluminum paint, which dried quickly, and the clothesline was ready to use.

Clotheslines were used for more than laundry. When we mopped the kitchen and bathroom floors with a heavy cotton mop, we hung the wet mop on one of the T's, where the mop could drip dry without ruining a wall or fall into the mud.

When Mama made a new garment, dresses for me and shirts for my father and brother, after she carefully clipped all the errant threads, she hung them on the line and after a few hours of flapping gently -- sometimes not so gently -- in the breeze, loose threads became visible and she clipped again so that none appeared the first time we wore them.

Mama always used the clothespins that had two distinct parts held together with a strong spring. Those clothes pins, attached to a carefully formed block of wood, became the triggers for toy guns that shot real rubber bands that could

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

It sounded reasonable, but the municipal planners forgot one thing: East Texans consider their dogs members of the family.

One city went through considerable anguish in trying to pass the leash law. Hundreds of dog-lovers marched on City Hall, suggested a community hanging for the city manager who had proposed the law, and threatened to kick out of office everyone who voted for such a vile ordinance. The council held its ground, however, and the leash law was enacted.

The council's courage reminded me of an early Lufkin mayor who campaigned to pen up hogs that were running loose in the downtown area.

When he was elected, he had the police round up all loose pigs in town. They were penned in an enclosure a few blocks from the downtown business district.

The trouble was, the pigs kept getting loose. In desperation, the mayor had the pigs put in the city jail, where they couldn't dig out. This idea was abandoned, too, when the prisoners, in the words of a reporter, "gave cause to complain."

Another tradition that is dying a slow, agonizing death in East Texas is running deer with dogs. For as long as I can remember, some East Texas hunters have used dogs to chase down deer before shooting them (the deer, not the dogs).

However, the folks in Austin who enforce our game laws felt that this type of hunting was unfair to the deer, not to mention the hunters without deer dogs.

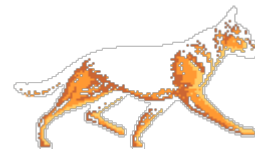
So they proposed an end to the practice. And, sure enough, the dog/deer folks didn't take it lying down. They did what any self-respecting hunter would do. They burned down the woods and the deer habitat, probably on the theory that if dogs can't chase deer, the deer aren't worth having anyway.

We once had a state representative in Lufkin who was as popular as anyone who had ever held the office. He had been reelected several times and it appeared that he could do nothing wrong. That is, until he changed the dates of the squirrel season.

At the next election, voters turned him out quicker than a minnow can swim a dipper.

(Bob Bowman 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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## **Dot's Dashes, continued**

raise a welt if it was shot from close enough range. Mama did not approve of those weapons and so we used them clandestinely.

We also used the clothespins to attach thick strips of cardboard to the prongs that held our bicycle wheels. If we got them pinned right, so that the cardboard hit the spokes in the wheel, we could pretend we were riding a motorcycle.

Mama read an article in *Reader's Digest* (Yes, my intellectual friends, our family read and still does read, *Reader's Digest*, which, along with *World Book Encyclopedia* was anathema to all my scholarly acquaintances. I hereby confess: I bought the update for World Book every five years until the 1980's and still have a hardcopy on my book shelves, along with yearbooks and a two volume set of dictionaries) about a southern family who moved to Maine or Vermont and found themselves shunned because of what they hung on their clothesline. Finally someone took pity on the woman in the house and told her that in the Northeast, women hang their panties inside pillow cases. Once the woman complied with that custom, the neighbors became somewhat friendlier.

Even in West Texas, I knew families who didn't want anyone to know they wore underwear and so hung their jockey shorts and satin briefs on lines strung in their garages. This seemed strange to me since they left the garage doors up and thus exposed the undies to the view of any passerby who was interested.

I got an e-mail recently from someone else who misses clotheslines. The general gist of this e-mail was that clotheslines were the human equivalent of what lamp posts are to dogs -- that is, you could tell a whole lot about a family by looking at what was on the clothesline. You could know if the family had a baby, about what age their kids were, whether the father held a white collar job or was a blue collar worker, how stylish the mother was, whether the kids were into sports and maybe even what college the family supported and you could get a pretty good idea of how much money they had.

I don't think the clothesline could tell you what church they attended, and that was really the most important thing as any true southerner knows. But other than that, now that I have considered it, clotheslines were useful for a lot more than hanging wet laundry and if I could, I would see to it that every back yard has one.

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## ***The Confusing Costs of Continuing Care***

Health Care by Catey Hill

When 85-year-old Al Green was ready to make his last move, he settled on a residential community that offered tiered care – independent, assisted, and nursing – near his alma mater, Penn State. But it wasn't as easy as picking a place and packing a moving van. First Green faced many decisions: Did he want unlimited health care at a relatively fixed monthly cost? Should his up-front fees be refunded to his heirs upon death? Each decision had a price--and it wasn't trivial, he says: "Some people pay double what others do."

Some 800,000 people -- and counting -- have already confronted the confusing costs associated with "continuing care facilities," which have grown rapidly over the last 20 years to almost 2,000. Before the recession slowed construction, the industry had added another 200 facilities this decade, according to preliminary data from Ziegler Inc., an investment bank that underwrites such facilities. And as baby boomers - and their parents -- age, even more will have to confront the confusing costs of continuing care.

But more facilities means more unique, byzantine fee structures, critics say. For retirees who are managing a finite nest egg, the distinctions are critical: A 10-year stay at one facility might cost well over \$1 million; at another, a resident might pay just \$300,000. And even within a single facility, the primary costs -- the entry and monthly charges -- can be structured in many different ways, making it hard to compare the value of one to another, says Steve Maag, the director for assisted living at the Association of Home & Services for the Aging. "If you've seen one CCRC [continuing care residential community], you've seen one CCRC," says Maag.

The menu of fees is long, and what's included varies widely by facility. The biggest charge is usually a move-in fee that's roughly equivalent to the price of buying a house in the same area, but often with all the money required up-front. If you want your heirs to get any of that money back when you die, you'll usually pay more to move-in--often much more. Then there's a monthly fee, which might cover basic health care but add high daily fees for the use of comprehensive care services. The monthly charge at one facility might also

include a generous meal plan, for example, while another residence charging about the same could offer a stripped-down plan with the option to upgrade at a higher cost. What's more, each level of care – independent, assisted, nursing – may have its own set of amenities and services at different prices.

The appeal seems obvious. The facilities are like a campus, with independent homes or apartments, assisted living "dorms" that provide more ongoing support and monitoring for people who need occasional help, and nursing care for the very ill. This means people don't have to leave the community as they age or rely on a family member to figure out where and how to care for them. That's a concept that appeals to more people than ever: Americans are five times more concerned about burdening their families with caregiving responsibilities than they are about dying, according to a new Genworth study.

But the fees are far from appealing. For one, they can be high. It's not unusual to see a \$400,000 entrance fee and a \$3,000 monthly payment, which means a resident could spend \$760,000 over a decade. And that's if the fees were to stay the same. Often, they don't, rising significantly even for existing residents. Ballooning health care costs are partly to blame: From 2009 to 2010, basic assisted living costs increased 5.2% according to the MetLife Mature Market Institute, compared to just 1.5% for the cost of most goods and services.

Read more: [How to Calculate Costs of a Continuing Care Residence - SmartMoney.com](http://www.smartmoney.com/personal-finance/health-care/how-to-calculate-costs-of-a-continuing-care-residence-1296022985031/#ixzz1HHHpYiLu)

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## U.S. has no business in Libya

Americans seem to have forgotten how Muammar Gaddafi exported his terrorism back in the Reagan years. He was blamed for a 1986 Berlin discotheque bombing, the Rome and Vienna airport attacks, the destruction of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, and many other acts of violence.

Gaddafi learned his lesson in the bombing of Libya in 1986 and sanctions by the United Nations in 1993. After a decade of 'good behavior,' the UN lifted the sanctions.

Since his 're-education,' Gaddafi has been a dictator and despot only to his own people. He has lived up to our demands to curtail international terrorism. While I applaud the overthrow of Gaddafi's regime by citizens of Libya, the U.S. has no business there.

*Don Mathis, Sherman, TX*

## The Declared then Undeclared Obamer, Hillary, France, and English War On Libya

This very day the highest leaders of the United States continue their obsession in "the business of war" led by Barack Obama for engaging our troops in simultaneous radical Muslim wars. Today, it is with another radical Muslim nation, Libya. The new war in Libya began with Obama leaving all the details up to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton while he is on another vacation, this time its South America.

In a recent news conference down there, he said, "when he gets back home, he is pulling the American forces out and turning it over to the French!" I don't believe history will reveal when France ever won a war? Can anyone imagine our men and women in our Armed Forces being under command of a French commander?

After 40 years of past and present U.S. Presidents with the blessings of the majority of both Houses of the U.S. Congress.

Not since World War II have we outright won a war. A series of "cut and run wars" wasting trillions of US dollars. In addition to the waste of our assets, there's been a loss of nearly 100,000 American members of our Armed Forces **KILLED IN ACTION!**

With the economic state of our nation, we can't ever afford to provide basic health care for the millions of disabled and life-time maimed young men and women war veterans!

If we will remember, in order to finance nine years of war (1961-1975) Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson and majority members of both houses of congress, transferred (stole) trillions of dollars from the so called "Social Security's locked box." He moved trillions from the Social Security fund to the general fund. This allowed President Johnson to dip into the general fund at the whims of the he and Congress.

The past couple of weeks, money we don't have is being used for another million-dollar-per-day undeclared-declared-cut-and-run war in Libya"?

To add insult to our injured to USA's financial woes, President Obama while presently on vacation to South America, gave Brazil \$300 billion U.S. dollars for their oil explorations in the Gulf.

Remember, Obama ordered an indefinite moratorium on our nation's explorations and drilling in the Gulf. His edict laid off more than 16,000 employees along the Gulf coast. Then Obama asked Brazil if they would sell us their petroleum when they start producing additional petroleum from their wells drilled in the Gulf. Yes, after he gave them \$300 billions of our near worthless dollars to finance Brazil's oil production in the Gulf, he had to go back to begging them to sell us some of the oil!

While Obama's Fundamental Transformation of America continues with the blessings of a majority of the members of Congress, we've moved from a nation of UNITED WE STAND to a nation of DIVIDED WE ARE FALLING!

I wonder how many brained challenged fellow Americans will vote on November 5, 2012, for a continuation of this crazy leadership toward the complete destruction of our once proud God fearing and financially solvent nation?

*John M. Elkins, Sherman, TX*

## Capital Watch

### SBOE Redistricting Maps Proposed

This past week the House passed SB 14, the voter identification bill about which I wrote last week. House committee work has increased significantly as almost all of the 3825 house bills have been referred. The House Committee on Redistricting also laid out its first map, for the State Board of Education (SBOE) districts.

There are 15 SBOE districts in Texas. The ideal district population for each district under the new census numbers is 1,676, 371. That population is greater than the population of states like Vermont, New Hampshire, Delaware, Rhode Island, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Montana. Because some parts of the state grew faster over the last ten years than others, the districts need to be redrawn so that each SBOE member represents the same number of constituents. All districts must be of the same population to ensure that every person's vote is equal.

The redistricting plans move through the legislature the same way that other bills do. The SBOE map is House Bill 600. The map for the Texas House districts is House Bill 150, and the map for the congressional districts is House Bill 900. Prior to the presentation of the SBOE map, the Committee on Redistricting heard public testimony regarding the SBOE districts. This map and a wealth of other information on the redistricting process can be found on the state's redistricting website at [www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.html](http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.html). The committee will eventually vote out HB 600, which will then move before the whole House for consideration.

For more information on the redistricting 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](mailto:larry.phillips@house.state.tx.us). My district office phone number is (903) 891-7297.



## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requests public input regarding on-road and off-road vehicles

TULSA - In its continued commitment to transparency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is accepting public comments and suggestions regarding on-road and off-road vehicle operations at lakes in the Tulsa District. Following public meetings in southern Oklahoma, a comment period, and a review of related issues and law, the Corps of Engineers is seeking further input from members of the public in its area of operation that covers all of Oklahoma and parts of southern Kansas and northern Texas.

Deadline for comments is April 21, 2011. Feedback will be used in finalizing a policy for self-propelled vehicle operation that will apply to all 38 Tulsa District lakes. This Request for Comments is also available on Tulsa District website at [www.swt.usace.army.mil](http://www.swt.usace.army.mil). Members of the public may provide input to Mr. John Tennery, recreation planner in Operations Division, by emailing [John.Tennery@usace.army.mil](mailto:John.Tennery@usace.army.mil). Please direct questions to Ms. Mary Beth Hudson in the Public Affairs Office at 918-669-7361.

Proposed Policy, Off-Road Vehicle Use, Tulsa District Lakes

The operation of motorized vehicles on Corps of Engineers roadways is to be governed by the prevailing state and local laws and ordinances. Off-road operation of any motorized vehicle is prohibited except: 1) in areas designated for that purpose; 2) while performing authorized volunteer or contract work on behalf of the government; or 3) under special permit.

a. Persons With Disabilities -- Limited permits for persons with disabilities will be issued for specific areas and periods of time. Such permits will require medical documentation of the disability or the standard blue placard. Applicants must present the documentation in person to the local lake manager who will make the determination.

b. Volunteers -- The manager at each Tulsa District lake project can enter into volunteer agreements for any number of activities.

Depending upon the authorized activity, i.e., picking up trash in a specific area, volunteers may be granted the authority to operate off of certain established roadways. Persons wishing to use vehicles for volunteer work should see the Lake Manager.

Senior Citizens and All Users: Golden Age Cards and America the Beautiful Senior Passes provide a discount on fees charged for use of project facilities such as campsites and boat ramps but do not bestow any special privileges on the holder. Lake Managers will work with local county commissioners and homeowners associations to identify areas where there is a lack of lake access and places where additional access points can be established without creating environmental damage or impacting protected shoreline areas. We will increase the access including designating additional roads and parking areas.



## HARRY & BESS

No matter what, a great part of history...  
We will never see this happen again...  
but this is the way it should be...

Harry Truman was a different kind of President. He probably made as many, or more important, decisions regarding our nation's history as any of the other Presidents preceding or following him. However, a measure of his greatness may rest on what he did after he left the White House.

The only asset he had when he died was the house he lived in, which was in Independence Missouri. His wife had inherited the house from her mother and father and other than their years in the White House, they lived their entire lives there.

When he retired from office in 1952, his income was a U.S. Army pension reported to have been \$13,507.72 a year. Congress, noting that he was paying for his stamps and personally licking them, granted him an 'allowance' and, later, a retroactive pension of \$25,000 per year.

After President Eisenhower was inaugurated, Harry and Bess drove home to Missouri by themselves. There was no Secret Service following them.

When offered corporate positions at large salaries, he declined, stating, "You don't

want me. You want the office of the President, and that doesn't belong to me. It belongs to the American people and it's not for sale."

Even later, on May 6, 1971, when Congress was preparing to award him the Medal of Honor on his 87th birthday, he refused to accept it, writing, "I don't consider that I have done anything which should be the reason for any award, Congressional or otherwise."

As president he paid for all of his own travel expenses and food.

Modern politicians have found a new level of success in cashing in on the Presidency, resulting in untold wealth.

Today, many in Congress also have found a way to become quite wealthy while enjoying the fruits of their offices. Political offices are now for sale. (e.g. Illinois)

Good old Harry Truman was correct when he observed, "My choices in life were either to be a piano player in a whore house or a politician. And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference! Haven't times changed?"

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## Sales tax exemption rules could change for Texas farmer/ranchers

by Gene Hall

For many years, Texas farmers and ranchers have received an exemption of the state sales tax on those items used to produce agricultural products. This is a very reasonable and appropriate state policy. In lean years, it can be the difference between staying in business or not. Despite the law's popularity, there have been problems and those who believe they've been victimized by its administration are becoming increasingly vocal.

Currently, anyone who buys products for use in agricultural production only has to state that he or she is sales tax exempt and fill out a form. When, however, that form arrives in the Texas Comptroller's office and there is a problem, the seller of that product may be liable for the tax. Quite understandably, those that sell these kinds of products are objecting to that.

I have been told of situations where abuse has occurred. For example, a 4-wheeler, ostensibly for use in farm chores, was sold and the sales tax exempted. Later, when the justification was found lacking, the dealer had to pony up the sales tax. This is a substantial hit for any business, small or large.

There are all kinds of good reasons to continue this exemption for the benefit of those who farm and ranch and none for those who do not. HB 268 has been filed in the Texas Legislature to address this problem. The bill requires farmers and ranchers to secure a number that will prove their exempt status. It also would put some teeth into enforcement, with penalties for falsely claiming exempt status. The trick is to make the process seamless and easy for those who deserve it.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has provided a list of reasonable documentation her office will accept as proof of farm or ranch production. These include receipts for sales of livestock or crops, expense receipts for feed or other production items, a Farm Services Agency farm number, or a Natural Resources Conservation Service cooperator number.

Of course, an IRS Schedule F, reporting farm income, would do the trick, but there is understandable reluctance to provide personal income tax information to a state agency.

The voices complaining against fraudulent use of sales tax exemptions are growing louder. At some point, these voices could threaten the continuation of the agricultural sales tax exemption that is very important to Texas agriculture.

HB 268 seems very reasonable. It could be an idea whose time has come.

Visit the Texas Farm Bureau website at [www.txfb.org](http://www.txfb.org).



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## Selected Sites

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

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

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

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

## Christian Fellowship

If you are looking for a family oriented place to worship, you will find it at A Christian Fellowship in Luella. Each Sunday morning begins with coffee and doughnut fellowship at 9 am followed by classes for all ages at 9:30, worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service is led by Denis Gray.

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

The church has home study groups throughout the week and a prayer night on Thursday night which is held at the church. Wednesday night service begins at 6:30 pm with a pot luck dinner 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 am. The evening worship service begins at 6 pm. The Lord's Supper is given each Sunday. The morning and evening lessons are brought by Kerry King with congregational singing lead by Charles Counts. Wednesday, we have Bible classes for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The church is located at the corner of FM902 and FM2729 South in Tom Bean, TX.

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

Everyone is invited to our Spring Meeting April 10 - 15 at 7:30pm 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>.

## *I Desire The Gold*

By Willie Sofey

James Strong, LL.D., S.T.D., references "gold" or "golden" 486 times in his New Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

The first mention of gold depicts a river flowing through the Garden of Eden that separates into 4 rivers. The first river (Pishon) "winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. The gold of that land is good;" (Gen. 2:11).

God's instructions to Moses in the construction of the "Ark of the Covenant" were to "overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out, and make gold molding around it" (Exodus 25:11). The "Mercy Seat" and "Cherubim" angels were to be of pure gold; (Exodus 25:17-18). The rest of Chapters 25-30 of Exodus describe how pure gold is to be used in the construction of the ark and the traveling tabernacle and ornaments of priest's, etc.

Gold is mentioned some 104 times in just these first two books of Genesis and Exodus.

Beginning in 1 Kings 6:20 through 1 Kings 7:51, God gives specific instructions in the construction of His permanent temple to King Solomon, some 17 times mentioning the gold that was to be used.

In Paul's time, during the Isthmian games held every 2 years near Corinth located on the isthmus between the Aegean and Adriatic seas, the winners of the games received a crown (wreath) that would not last (1 Cor. 9:24-27). In our times, the winners receive the "gold" for winning at the Olympics..., an enduring material.

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## I Desire Gold , continued

At the judgment seat of Christ (the Bema judgment for the saved), “we must all appear, that each one may receive what is due him, for the things done in the body, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and fire will test the quality of each man’s work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward” (1 Cor. 3:11-14).

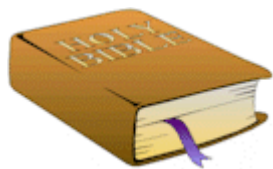
These rewards or crowns that will last forever that Paul describes in 1 Cor. 9:25 are the “good works” that are metaphorically described of enduring material of “gold” and precious gems, and perhaps these items will be real

and the precious lasting material that we will be able to present back to the feet of our Lord and Savior.

I desire the gold to present at the feet of my dear Lord and Savior. I consider the trials in my life blessings, that through these fiery trials I have been crossed from the stubble in my life into hardened steel, so that the fruits of my mining with hardened steel may harvest works of pure gold that will be presentable to You, my Lord and Savior at my judgment at the “Bema Seat” where my works will be judged.

Thank-you Lord for choosing and giving me the opportunity for being a workman in your Kingdom.

Willie Sofey, Sherman. Tx



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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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## Yes to nosy questions: Coercive lawsuits shouldn't keep people from exercising their constitutional rights

They're called SLAPP suits. The punchy acronym stands for strategic lawsuits against public participation. They are legal pre-emptive strikes designed to put terror in the hearts of those with nosy questions, suspicions of wrongdoing or the urge to stir their fellow citizens to action. Their targets range from journalists to whistle-blowers to ordinary citizens engaged in the routine workings of our democracy - whether this is researching news stories, speaking out against abuses in public agencies or merely organizing petition drives.

"Short of a gun to the head, a greater threat to the First Amendment can scarcely be imagined," New York Supreme Court Judge J. Nicholas Colabella observed in describing SLAPP suits in 1992. Was Judge Colabella overstating the dangers of SLAPPs? We don't believe so.

Over the years, SLAPP suits have been brought against individuals and groups for circulating petitions, testifying at public hearings, lobbying, peaceful demonstrations - even for writing letters to the editor, say law professors George Pring and Penelope Canan, whose 1996 book, *SLAPPs: Getting Sued for Speaking Out*, is considered a ground-breaking work on the subject.

Here are some examples of the harm done by SLAPP suits in Texas:

In Austin, a woman who had filed a complaint against a doctor before the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and later complained to a television station was sued for defamation by the doctor. Defendants were eventually granted a summary judgment, but not before the doctor was able to run up legal costs needlessly.

In Dallas, a developer of a low-income housing project and the principal of the developer sued a local newspaper for news gathering activities prior to publication of any article, claiming that the investigation was intended to defame them and interfere with their business relationships.

In Houston, former HISD administrator Robert Kimball made complaints to the school district against a private company that contracted with HISD to teach troubled children and the company sued Kimball for defamation.

Lawsuits such as these are a clear threat to processes that perform an overriding public good by protecting individuals from possible professional malpractice, tracking the expenditure of tax dollars and watchdogging the performance of those chosen to perform services for the benefit of the community.

SLAPP suits strike at the heart of our democracy - citizen participation. Whether that comes in the form of writing a newspaper article, voicing a criticism or signing a petition, this participation without fear of legal retaliation is a cornerstone of our system. These voices must continue to be heard without the threat of multimillion dollar damages acting as a giant, heavy-handed mute button available only to individuals and corporations with fat wallets.

Two anti-SLAPP bills have been filed for consideration in the current session of the Texas Legislature. They are HB 2973 and HB 2974 by state Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, and SB 1565 by state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

Together these bills form the Texas Citizen Participation Act, which is modeled after

similar acts passed in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

If approved, the Texas act would allow defendants to seek dismissal of SLAPP suits earlier in the legal process, thus avoiding excessive litigation costs and fees. It would also allow defendants who are sued as a result of exercising their right of free speech or their right to petition the government to file a motion to dismiss the suit.

At this point, the plaintiff would be required to provide clear evidence of a genuine case for each essential point of his claim. If the motion to dismiss is granted, the plaintiff may be required to pay the defendant's legal fees.

These protections are basic tools to help protect citizens in their free exercise of fundamental, constitutionally derived rights of speech and petition.

Over time, exercise of these rights has been openly threatened and visibly curtailed by SLAPP suits intended to intimidate and bully.

In a crowded legislative agenda in Austin, likely to get more crowded as lawmakers' attention shifts to matters such as redistricting, these bills must not be forgotten. Defending citizens against this kind of intimidation deserves a priority.

SLAPP suits are the bully's chosen weapon against democracy. The bullies must not be allowed to prevail any longer in Texas.

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

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on the right side of your mouth. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on the left side of your mouth.

To make half a kilo of honey, bees must collect nectar from over 2 million individual flowers

Heroin is the brand name of morphine once marketed by 'Bayer'.

Communications giant Nokia was founded in 1865 as a wood-pulp mill by Fredrik Idestam.

Tourists visiting Iceland should know that tipping at a restaurant is considered an insult!

People in nudist colonies play volleyball more than any other sport.

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

Astronauts can't belch - there is no gravity to separate liquid from gas in their stomachs.

Ancient Roman, Chinese and German societies often used urine as mouthwash.

The average person who stops smoking requires one hour less sleep a night.

The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. In the Renaissance era, it was fashion to shave them off!

Because of the speed at which Earth moves around the Sun, it is impossible for a solar eclipse to last more than 7 minutes and 58 seconds.

The night of January 20 is "Saint Agnes's Eve", which is regarded as a time when a young woman

dreams of her future husband.

There are over 25 million bubbles waiting to burst out of each bottle of Champagne

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros

It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

The heat of peppers is rated on the Scoville scale

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Each year 2,000,000 smokers either quit smoking or die of tobacco-related diseases.

When it originally appeared in 1886 - Coca Cola was billed as an Esteemed Brain Tonic and Intellectual Beverage.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

For every real Christmas tree harvested, two to three seedlings are planted in its place.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F

The Shell Oil Company originally began as a novelty shop in London that sold seashells

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density

Fish and Chip selling officially remained an offensive trade until 1940 due to the smell it produces

The University of Alaska spans four time zones

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

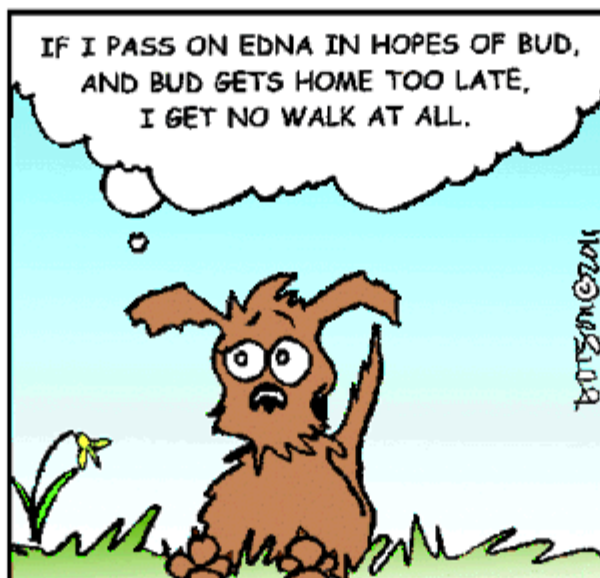
Do you know the names of the three wise monkeys? They are: Mizaru(See no evil), Mikazaru(Hear no evil) and Mazaru(Speak no evil).

Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.

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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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