

Texoma Enterprise

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May 12, 2011

Red River Valley Celebrates 15th Anniversary with Tea Party and Craft Show



Red River Valley Chorus of Sherman Texas, directed by Melody Holmes, celebrated its 15th Anniversary by hosting a Sweet Adeline Tea and Craft Show at the Park Avenue Church in Denison on Saturday, April 30. Guests came from Oklahoma and Texas with the furthest traveled guest from Kansas. Sweet Adeline members from Irving, Richardson and Allen were also in attendance. All were treated to a light tea, a craft show and entertainment by the chorus following the Tea. The Tea, which the chorus hopes will become an annual event, featured 15 themed tables hosted by members dressed in costumes and 10 vendors bringing their crafts just in time for Mother's Day purchases.

Themed tables included Spring, Victorian, Southern Belle, English Rose, Quilt, Horse Rider and many others. Guests voted on their favorite tables and selected the Toy

table hosted by Margo Rivers for the best decorated. Other tables receiving recognition were the Coca Cola table hosted by Karen Elmore and Debbi Wedding, Cattle Women Association table hosted by Barbara Esbenshade and Lisa Woods, French Country table hosted by Christy Mullens and a Winter table hosted by Carol Botts. The best costume vote went to Laura Cook in her Rosie the Riveter costume to match her 30's themed table. Other candidates for best costume were Pete Reid as Audrey Hepburn at the Deco-Chic table, Sherry Southerland as Uncle Sam at the Patriotic table, and Margo Rivers as Geppetto at the Toy table.

The Red River Valley Chorus is a member of Sweet Adeline's International, an exciting and vibrant group of women singers who value education, performance and personal development. Most of all, the group has

FUN! Each year The Red River Valley Chorus performs at a variety of functions including nursing homes, community events and meetings providing humor and entertainment along with beautiful a-cappella four part harmony singing. Watch for announcements of the Fall Show which is planned for November.

The chorus invites women interested in singing, personal development, incredible friendship and fellowship, and opportunities to stretch their imaginations to contact the chorus for information on joining the chorus. The chorus meets each Monday night at the Renaissance in Sherman. For more information, check us out on Facebook.com, e-mail us at RedRiverValleyChorus@yahoo.com or visit our web site, www.RedRiverValleyChorus@yahoo.com or call 903-957-Sing.



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Southeastern Spring Commencement Saturday, May 14

DURANT, Okla. - Civic leader and businessman Joe Chow ('80) will be the speaker at Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Spring Commencement. The ceremony will begin at 10 am on Saturday, May 14, at Paul Laird Field. A reception for the graduates, families, and guests will follow in the Visual & Performing Arts Center.

Chow moved from Taiwan to the United States in 1979 and completed his Master of Administrative Studies degree at Southeastern in 1980. He is currently completing his third and final term as Mayor of Addison, Texas, a city located north of Dallas.

Following are local area Spring/Summer 2011 candidates for degree, listed by permanent hometown:

Collinsville, TX: Shaunda Gail Graves

Denison, TX: Catherine Elizabeth Blake, Chanda L. Boss, Allison Leigh Bratcher, Kristen Lee Burtis, Judith Ann Foster, Tedra Lea Franklin, Krystal D.

Frazier, Lashawnda Sue Glenn, Stephanie Suzanne Hosman, Lauren Delynn Lowing, William Scot MacRae, Shelley Rene' Odom, Cody Wayne Tilley, Audra Tolbert-Martin, Bonnie Michelle Way, Jodi White

Howe, TX: Sarah Elizabeth Lowe

Pottsboro, TX: Amanda Renae Bates, Matthew Christopher Malone, Kristi M.

Savoy, TX: Heather Hutcheson

Sherman, TX: Jasmine Shanee' Carter, Kamen Chey-Anne Chumbley, Michelle Rene' Cole, Clay Austin Cox, Chance Aaron Dunlap, Donald Joshua Harris, Amanda Jane Hodge, Saeko Iida, Usman Javed, Priti KC, Martha Kennon, Britney Faye Martin, Paige Leann McCoy, Sarah Janette Mexia, Michael S. Omohundro, Veronica Enriquez Ordonez, Jason Robert Salafia, Kylee M. Toney, Kevin B. Wrenn

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Howe's That



What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

Last Thursday was a busy day for me. I attended the National Day of Prayer luncheon at Western Heights Church of Christ in Sherman. Prayers, songs, and Bible readings admonished us to pray for our children ... to pray for our military members ... to pray for our country and to pray for peace around the world.

From that event, I went to Washington Elementary School in Sherman. My husband Dale volunteers there in the foster grandparent program. He has been helping the Kindergarten students there this school year.

The school was celebrating Cinco de Mayo, a commemoration of a battle between a small Mexican village and French soldiers. The village men were outnumbered, but they prevailed over the French soldiers showing the determination of the village people to keep their property.

Skits were performed. Fashion shows were held. Students of all ages participated in this homage to an important time in the history of Mexico, a long time neighbor of the US and Texas.

Apricot Muffins

- 1 cup chopped dried apricots (can cut with scissors)
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup margarine (softened)
- 1 cup (8 oz.) sour cream
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Soak apricots in water for 5 minutes. Cream sugar and butter until fluffy. Add sour cream and mix well.

Combine dry ingredients; stir into creamed mixture just until moistened.

Drain apricots, discarding liquid. Fold apricots, discarding liquid. Fold apricots, orange peel and nuts into batter. Fill muffin cups 3/4 full.

Bake at 400 degrees 15-20 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Then place on a rack.

Makes 2 dozen small muffins.

This recipe from a dear departed friend, Pokey Combs, former owner of The Whitewright Sun.



Photos from Washington Elementary School, Cinco de Mayo celebration.



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Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending April 29th are: Madison Kehrer, Colton Lowe, Jacob Roper, Kolby Windon, Zane Hughes, Layla Martin, Sean Husband, Lizzy Robertson, David Rocha, Talen Miller, and Audie Martin. Not pictured are Mikal Ann Beck, Emma Sutherland, and Alexis Gruska.

HOWE ELEMENTARY Perfect Attendance 5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Korie Bouse, Jordan Brunner, Jentrie Doty, Zackery Petrea, Connor Gauntt, Chesnee Lawson, Janna Nitchman, Teagan Stubblefield, Alex Huerta, Dalton Laisy, Keira Robertson, Dakota Tinker, Gabrielle Vera, Chelsea Caughlan, Jesus Garcia, Kaden Dunn, Kaylee Jones, Eli Lewis, Jacob McGill, Madison Morrow, Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Danielle Hargrove, Andrew Harper, Dabney Henry, Edith Hernandez, Ryan Hough, Colton Little, Connor Martin, Cody McGill

First Grade: Kevin Bateman, Payton Garrison, Emma Harvey, Talen Miller, Jordan Troxtell, Ethan Tindell, Jaicob Husband, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Trinity Williams, Shelby Waren, Katie Parker, Ashlyn Beck, Fenix Lugo, Cierra Brussow, Eli Wilson, Jennifer Torres, Lindsey Hymel

Second Grade: Alex Blount, Kayle Chapman, Ruvy Enriquez, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Cameron Lankford, Ethan Sanders, Kobi Zolfaghari, David Huerta, Riley Insall, Cameron Murphy, Crista Timmons, Kiki Harvey-Toney, Joseph Hymel, Kaytee Roper, Gage Streetman, Braeden Wise, Camryn Adams, Austin Thurman, Raul Hernandez, Makayla Hanson, Katie Grogan, Tatum Hartsfield, Mikal Ann Beck, Abby Fesperman, Brooke Robinson

Third Grade: Dylan Cernero, Caiden Harmon, Taylor Hinkle, Brian Timmons, Ireland Bryant, Mikayla Hudek, Jacob Roper, Eli Turner, Jada Wood, Danaeja Harvey-Toney, Kira Allen, Valerie Langford, Waylon Musgrove, Kaleigh Smith, Colton Thurman, Katie Harvey-Toney, Paetyn Ford, Ally Harvey, Molly Wilson, Destiny Wood

Fourth Grade: Kyler Anderson, Kaylin Bouse, Sheila Finney, Hadin Gajadien, Allie Gard, Carson Grogan, Gianna Henry, Grace Jones, Madison Kehrer, Zackary Martin, Dawson Mitchell, Taylor Thurman, Cody Brussow, Mikayla Doty, Nathan Duffee, Hayley Roper, Jorie Seibold, Ariel Bassett, Jordan Francis, Madison Kenney, Colton Lowe, Mason Riggs, Erin Tyler, Zoe Watson, Brayla Haines, Kaysie Hall, Autumn Hobbs, Isaiah Husband, Bethany Masters, Riley Potter, Hayden Queen, Spencer Akins, Valeria Bastida, Parker Blount, Luis Chacon, Samuel Cherry, Aubrey Friedman, Jacob Howell, Kelsey Pierce

HISD Menus

May 16-20

Breakfast

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

Tuesday- Biscuit w/sausage, cereal w/toast, applesauce, orange juice

Wednesday- Strawberry or Blueberry pop tart w/toast, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, grape juice

Thursday Breakfast bagel, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

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

Lunch

MONDAY- Hamburger, hot dog, burger fixins, potato rounds, baked beans, pineapple, peach crisp

TUESDAY- Beef fingers, turkey, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, hot roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY- Grilled cheese, tuna sandwich, pickle spears, ranch beans, orange halves, rice krispy treats

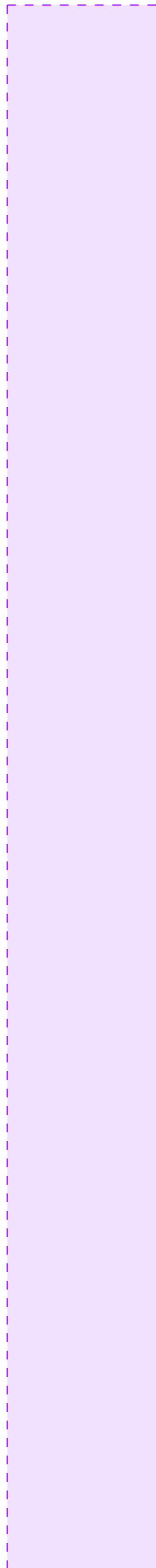
THURSDAY- Pepperoni pizza, spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, broccoli w/cheese, fruit cocktail, Texas toast, orange sherbet

FRIDAY- Beef & cheese nachos, garden salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, diced peaches

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability





HOWE ELEMENTARY
A Honor Roll
5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Korie Bouse, Jentrie Doty, Audie Martin, Janna Nitchman, Teagan Stubblefield, Yair Ayala, Breana Cole, Bryan Crees, Carson Daniels, Tate Harvey, Alex Huerta, Trey Phillips, Cody Richards, Keira Robertson, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Dakota Tinker, Ethan Duer, Matthew Hayes, Jalie Hill, Hayley McEwin, Madison Troxtell, Jaggar Courtney, Bettye Delavan, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Madison Morrow, Zakery Ragland, Taylor, Reynolds, Emma Sutherland, Jacob Upchurch, Matthew Bearden, Caleb Brown, Mackenzie Bryant, Nick Bullard, Danielle Hargrove, Andrew Harper, Ryan Hough, Colton Little, Connor Martin, Brandon Segura, Donna Mendoza

First Grade: Zak DeFrange, John Griffin, Kailyn Ireland, Talen Miller, Faith Risinger, Aiden Roulette, Jaden Bryant, Jaicob Husband, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmond, Jared Brussow, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Caleb Searcey, Alyssa Sharp, Avery Snapp, Eli Wilson, Ashlyn Beck, Caytie Coco, Alexis Gruszka, Ben Speed,

Second Grade: Jackson Adkins, Alex Blount, Grace Brennan, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Spencer Heft, Cameron Lankford, Caleb Maddison, Kobi Zolfaghari, Lizzy Robertson, Ethan Sanders, Reagan Troxtell, Leah Butcher, Hannah Dwyer, David Huerta, Aubreh Winegarden, Camryn Adams, Kamryn Gardner, Alex Hernandez, Grace Lankford, Mason Moreau, Dylan Savage, Gage Streetman, Korbyn Thompson, Mikal Ann Beck, Brett Burnett, Holly Cavender, Sierra Copeland, Karrah Gardner, Katie Grogan, Tatum Hartsfield, Raul Hernandez, Luke Jackson, Remington Lowe, Brooke Robinson, Brennan Speed, Austin Thurman, Abigail Wakefield

Third Grade: Bailey Bond, Lane Griffin, Jacob Roper, Cassidy Anderson, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Jamie Taylor, Valerie Langford, Catherine Switzer, Molly Wilson,

Fourth Grade: Joseph Brennan, Sheila Finney, Gianna Henry, T.J. Knight, Mikayla Doty, Carly Cannaday, Zoe Watson, Taylor Thurman, Kelsey Pierce, Spencer Akins, Taylee Moss, Bethany Masters

HOWE ELEMENTARY
A/B Honor Roll
5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Kai Brown, Jordan Brunner, Brody McCollum, Eduardo Menjivar, Zackery Petrea, Zachary Dorley, Dalton Laisy, Ariana Ross, Chelsea Caughlan, Allannah Jenkins, Alexia Wakefield, Kelly Caballero, Christian Harper, Eli Lewis, Landon Oswalt, Alex Sturgess, Axel Segura, Kaylee Jones, Kristopher Craig, Dabney Henry, Renee Howard, Cody McGill, James Richardson

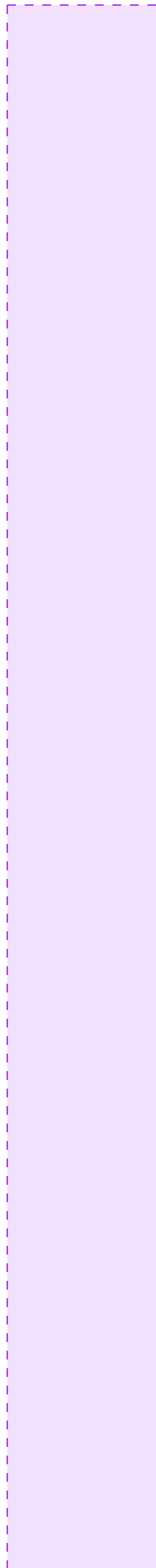
First Grade: J.C. Barrett, Kevin Bateman, Harley Brockelman, Luke Catching, Payton Garrison, Emma Harvey, Brooke Potter, Conner Record, Jacob Adams, Jessica Bastida, Luis Gonzalez, Ramie Mosse, Jordan Troxtell, Sabian Acevedo, Michelle Caballero, Will Fleming, Ryan Murphy, Parker Pecina, David Rocha, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, Riley Griffith, Lindsey Hymel, Fenix Lugo, Katie Parker, Ethan Conrad, Ricky Ramirez, Shelby Waren, Cierra Brussow, Colby Hopper,

Second Grade: Kayle Chapman, Ruvy Enriquez, Austin Jones, Mariana Cano, Astin Gruszka, Courtney Hopper, Jason Ortega, Crista Timmons, Erin Catching, Ethen Grant, Sean Husband, Joseph Hymel, Seth Key, Leah Trevino, Autumn Bassett, Mason Bearden, Abby Fesperman, Kendell Posey

Third Grade: Garrett Grigg, Mikayla Hudek, Jarron Ing, Matthew Robison, Eli Turner, Kirstyn Wheeler, Kaden Bateman, Melanie Guzman, Mary Henson, Caiden Harmon, Kaley Norton, Riley Underwood, Kacie Morgan, Waylon Musgrove, Kaleigh Smith, Colton Thurman, Zoie DeFrange, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Lukas Peacock, Caden Stewart, Kolby Windon,

Fourth Grade: Kaylin Bouse, Kindle Catching, Carson Grogan, Taylor Hartsfield, Grace Jones, Madison Kehrler, Caleb Lankford, Cody Brussow, Nathan Duffee, Mason Riggs, Jorie Seibold, Samuel Cherry, Parker Blount, Jake Catching, Lian Cung, Jacob Howell, Jayme Swayne, Aurora Winegarden, Dylan Foster, Kaysie Hall, Clayton Haynes, Devin Howell, Garret Johnson, Riley Potter





HOWE ELEMENTARY

Exceptional Behavior

5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Audie Martin, Janna Nitchman, Teagan Stubblefield, Antonio Tapia, Eduardo Menjivar, Korie Bouse, Kai Brown, Jentrie Doty, Jordan Brunner, Yair Ayala, Breana Cole, Carson Daniels, Tate Harvey, Dalton Laisy, Trey Phillips, Keira Robertson, Ariana Ross, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Dakota Tinker, Zoey Bolen, Ethan Duer, Daniel Gonzalez, Matthew Hayes, Hayley McEwin, Stone Trevino, Kelly Caballero, Korben Kemp, Jacob McGill, Madison Morrow, Sergio Rico, Emma Sutherland, Destyne Torres, Jacob Upchurch, Mackenzie Bryant, Cody McGill, Donna Mendoza

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Howe ISD Calendar

May

14 – 8th grade bash
14 – State Track Meet
16 – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Rehearsal
16 – Band Booster Meeting, 6:30pm, band hall
17 – NJHS (6pm) & NHS (6:30pm) inductions @Howe High School
17 – ES Exceptional Behavior Bash
18 – 3rd grade field trip to Ball Park
18 – Senior Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 8:30 am, High School
19 – Band Spring Concert
19 – School Board meeting, 6pm
20 – Early release
20 – HHS Theatre presents Rocky Horror Talent Show
21 – Area V FFA Convention @Frisco HS, 9am
22 – Baccalaureate @First Baptist Church
24 – HS Athletic Banquet, 6:30 pm, @High School
25 – Super Stars Fun Day AR Top 10%, 2nd-4th grades
25 – Texoma Regional Blood Donations @HS Library, 7am-3:30pm

June

4 – Howe High School Graduation, 2 pm @High School

Go to howeisd.net for more school events and information

Howe Elementary Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

May 2nd – May 31st

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The following items are
required for registration:

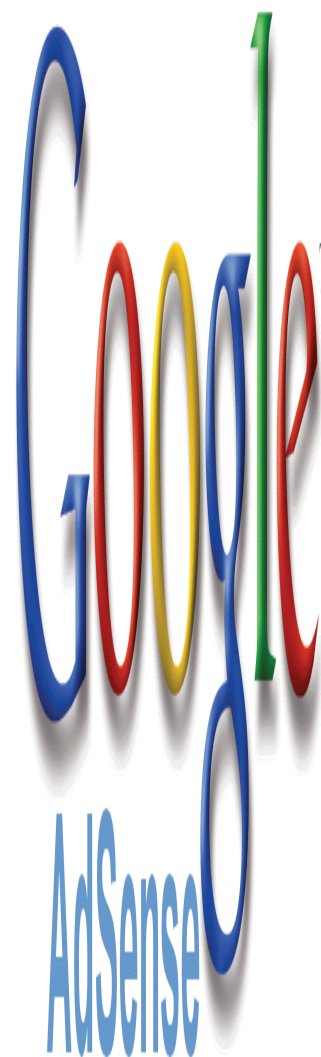
Shot Record

Birth Certificate

Social Security Card

Proof of Residence

Proof of Income (Pre-K
only)



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May 3, 2011

Dear Community Partner:

In June 2010, Pack 45 Cub Scouts in Howe made a commitment to care for the Howe Memorial Park as a community service project. New flowers and plants have been planted and each month a different den has been taking care of the grounds. In addition, the boys have been working hard to raise funds to build a playground for the community to enjoy. The Cub Scouts have partnered with Pack 45 Charter Organization, Howe Volunteer Fire Department, and Boy Scout Tyler Olin. Tyler has graciously taken on the oversight of building the playground as part of his Eagle Project. He has already enlisted the help of several community members to construct the playground, once we have enough funds to proceed.

To date our boys have raised \$1,841.00 through various fund raising activities. We are proud of our boys, the hours they have spent raising money and their dedication to the park. Currently, we are \$2,159.00 shy of our \$4,000.00 goal for the playground equipment.

We are asking for your generous contribution towards the playground equipment and would greatly appreciate any monetary assistance that you would be willing to provide.

All checks should be made payable to Pack 45 and may be sent to Pack 45, PO Box 671, Howe, Texas 75459.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours truly,

Carolyn Cherry
Committee Chair
Howe Pack 45 Cub Scouts
903-814-0836

Kevin Frantz
Assistant Fire Chief and Charter Representative
Howe Volunteer Fire Department
903-357-0974

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Tom Bean

Elementary Menus

Breakfast

Monday – Breakfast pizza or toast & cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday – Breakfast burrito or toast & cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday – Sausage & biscuit toast & cereal, juice, milk

Thursday – French toast sticks or oatmeal, toast & cereal, juice, milk

Friday – Cinnamon roll or toast & cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

May 16 – Hot ham & cheese, tator tots, carrots w/dip, banana, apple crisp, milk

May 17 – BBQ chicken, baked potato, Mexicali corn, child fruit, cornbread, milk

May 18 – Burrito w/cheese cup, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fruit cup, pudding, milk

May 19 – Steak strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit cup, rolls, milk

May 20 – Cheeseburger with burger fixins, tator tots, fruit cup, frozen dessert, milk

Tom Bean

Secondary Menus

Breakfast

Monday - Breakfast pizza or toast & cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday – Breakfast burrito or toast & cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday – Sausage & biscuit toast & cereal, juice, milk

Thursday – French toast sticks or oatmeal, toast & cereal, juice, milk

Friday – Cinnamon roll or toast & cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

May 16 – Hot ham & cheese or taco salad, tator tots, carrots w/dip, banana, apple crisp, milk

May 17 – BBQ chicken or Italian steak, baked potato, English peas, chilled fruit, cornbread, milk

May 18 – Turkey roast or steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, rolls, green bean casserole, variety fruit cup, milk

May 19 – Rotini w/meat sauce or steak on a bun, seasoned corn, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, assorted fruit, milk

May 20 – Chicken sandwich or corn dog, French fries, chilled fruit, frozen dessert, milk

TOM BEAN

Perfect Attendance

4th Six Weeks--2010-11

Erica Alexander, MaKayla Alexander, Natalie Alexander, Ben Allen, Katy Allen, Nicholas Allen, Robert Allen, Jessie Ball, Chelsie Ball-Wright, Blayne Balthrop, Tristian Bankston, Austin Barron, Kolton Barron, Justin Batchelor, Lauren Batchelor, Chloe Battles, Jillian Beck, Tanner Booth, Chandler Boyd, Madison Brinkley, Taylor Brown, James Bruce, Cameron Canada, Michael Canania, Izabelle Carlson, Rhone Carlson, Dylan Chapman, Natalie Chapman, Mackenzie Chastain, Bryce Clark, Fallon Clark, Morgan Clark, Payton Clark, Jonisun Comola, Marly Cox, Mary Cox, Tucker Davidson, Ashlyne Detzel, Austin Detzel, Justin Detzel, Mark Dickison, Melanie Dickison, Kirsten Duncan, Alyssa Edwards, Caden Edwards, Macy Edwards, Allie Ellis, Dakota Enslow, Tanner Enslow, Abby Farrer, Chloe Farrer, Hannah Fisher, Lucas Fitzgerald, Patrick Fitzgerald, Makaila Flowers, Caden Ford, Riley Ford, Payton Garland, Lindsey Garner, Coleton Garrett, Faith Golleher, Jolie Goss, Colton Green, Jeremiah Goss, Chanze Hall, Laci Hamilton, Maddy Harris, William Harris, Heather Heistand, Delaney Hemming, Anna Higginbotham, Kaleigh Higginbotham, Makaylah Higgs, Cheyenne Hightower, Colton Hightower, Paysha Hightower, Kalie Hill, Kenzie Hill, Kelsey Hodgdon, Alexa Holloway, Madison Holmes, Kaylee Hood, Kennedy Howery, Zach Hunt, Tanner Johns, Aiden Jones, Colby Jones, Jacie Jones, Kayla Kennington, Cooper King, Hunter King, Hunter Knight, Owen Langford, Sophia Langford, Daley Langston, Marisa Lankford, Alyssa LeDane, Austin Lee, Cheyann Lifsey, Jack Lifsey, Mandy Mack, Justice Marrs, Tori Martin, Elizabeth Mason, Jewel Mason, Shelby Mason, Gaberiella McAdams, Maddy McAdams, Claire McMeen, Madison McWater, Cayla Miles, Caden Miller, Willow Miller, Harley Mitchell, Dalton Moore, Ian Morris, Alec Narro, Gabriella Narro, Sierra Naylor- Horn, Ayden Norton, Faith Norton, Kyleigh Oates, Janna Payne, Perla Ponder, Kakana Puana, Cameron Pugh, Dakotah Punzel, Sierra Punzel, Tristan Punzel, Corbin Ramey, Ethan Ramey, Melony Razor, Kaleb Renfro, J.J. Reynolds, Katie Reynolds, Cody Rigsbay, Danielle Rigsbay, Savannah Roberson, Kendall Robinson, Skylar Robinson, Lillie Rodgers, Maggie Rodgers, Samantha Rodgers, Isabella Rodriguez, Blayne Royal, Kasey Sanders, Montgomery Sebolt, Stone Shields, Chelsea Signer, Lukas Skaggs, Paige Skaggs, Braydon Smith, Melanie South, Parker Steele, Alayne Stevens, Emory Stevens, Mason Stevens, Charlie Stofa, Jacob Stratton, Kristian Sykes, Hayden Thompson, Ethan Tillett, Kaelyn Toone, Brayden Tumlinson, Nicholas Vallecilla, Bethany VanDeren, Cadey Vickers, Brett Waller, Aliah Wallin, Kody Wampler, Abby Watson, Blake Watson, Levi Webster, Aaron Weeks, La'Rue Weems, Prosper Weems, Ryan Weems, Kelly Welch, Tori Wheeler, Ty Wheeler, Chandler Wilhelm, Cadence Williams, Kayla Williams, Kimberly Williams, Lexi Williams, Madi Williams, Perry Williams, Kaylynn Williams, Alexia Womack, Cheyanne Worley, Laramie Worley, Robert Worsham, Kaleb Wyrick, Kylie Yandell, Kyndell Yandell, Conner Yearry, Kayla Youngs and Powell Zuniga.



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Van Alstyne Library News



By Judy E. Spence

More than 70 people gathered at the Van Alstyne Public Library to attend Teen Council's 8th Annual Art Contest Award Ceremony Thursday, May 5th. 23 students entered in the High School age group and another 39 entered from Middle School. The art was put on display late Tuesday afternoon so any visitor to the library could enjoy it as well as allowing parents and contestants a chance to view the entire collection. The entries were as diverse as they were beautiful and the judges really had their work cut out for them.

This year our two judges were Steve Black, department chair of the Grayson County Art Department who has been an integral part of our contest for 7 years. We are very fortunate to have a judge of Mr. Black's caliber as his decades of teaching experience and education make him an expert in the field and a perfect fit for our fledgling artists. Our second judge was our own Library Board president, Mike Uhl. Again, we count ourselves fortunate to have a judge with Mr. Uhl's unique experience. Mr. Uhl is a retired educator who has decades of experience working with children and young adults. While some might say he is a relative newcomer to the art scene that does not diminish his own talent. Mr. Uhl has been shown in several galleries both in Texas as well as in Arkansas.

Our contest would not have the heavy participation that we currently enjoy without the dedication and hard work of the High School and Middle School art teachers. Sandra Barrett of Anna Middle School not only drives all of Anna's entries to us but encourages her students to attend and is present at our Awards Ceremony herself. Mrs. Stumbo of Anna High School was present for her students this year as well as Carole Jones from Van Alstyne High School. This is Mrs. Jones first year as Van Alstyne's High School art teacher and her students simply rave about her. I would like to thank all 3 teachers on behalf of Teen Council and the Van Alstyne Library for their willingness to collaborate with us. The art contest has grown to be one of our most prestigious events and we are excited to have as many artists as possible take advantage of this unique opportunity to have their work shown and judged by the quality of judges we offer. The art contest brings young adults into our library and raises awareness of two of our community's valued resources: The library and the young adults.

Awards were presented to the following participants: For the Middle School age class: 1st Recognized: Chris Willett of Anna, 2nd Recognized: Daniel Reyes of Anna, 3rd Recognized: Avery Adame of Anna. 1st Runner Up: Rosa Ochoa of Anna and Best in Show for Middle School: Miss Libby Green. For High School: 1st Recognized: Jeffrey Burwell of Van Alstyne, 2nd Recognized: Madeline Carroll of Van Alstyne, 3rd Recognized: Louisa Jolly of Van Alstyne, 1st Runner Up: Rachel Hollis of Anna, and Best in Show for High School: Phoebe Carter of Van Alstyne.

Since 2005 and the tragic death of Colson Owens, we have hosted our Art Contest in his name. Every year we are reminded of his astounding talent and reminded to never take life for granted. His father, Mike Owens, was kind enough to be our awards presenter.



Pictures continued from Van Alstyne Art Show

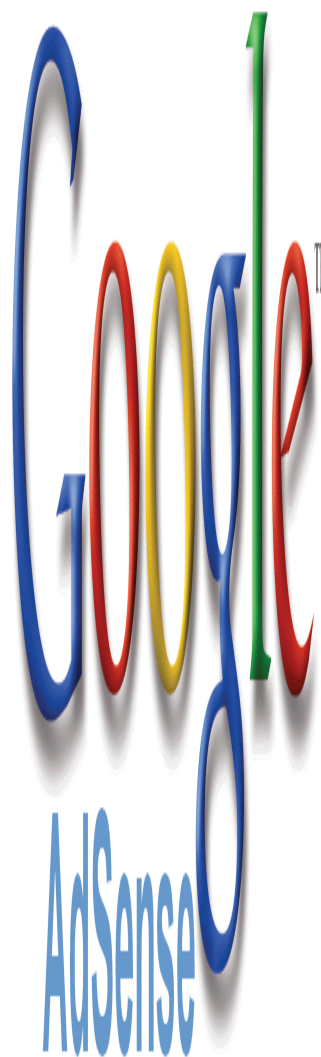
Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters

May 9, 2011 -- Van Alstyne Voices Toastmaster Allison Presley opened the meeting by calling out "May Day! May Day!" and introduced listeners to a history of May celebrations. Merrill Hazelton was the speaker for the evening, with his speech "Bicycle vs Tricycle," evaluated by Juanita Hazelton. M.J. Presley was Table Topics Master, calling on Juanita Hazelton, Stuart Presley, Allison Presley and Merrill Hazelton to speak extemporaneously on topics of his choosing. Stuart Presley was General Evaluator and "Ah" Counter.

At a short business meeting, M.J. Presley said Van Alstyne Voices Toastmasters club will need an alternate meeting venue for the summer. The May 16 meeting will be at the Van Alstyne Library.

M.J. Presley reminded members that on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, District 50 Toastmasters will meet for Spring Conference at the Crown Plaza, Dallas Market Center at 7050 N. Stemmons Freeway @ Mockingbird. The theme for the conference is "Plant the Seed to Succeed." Finalists for the District Evaluation Contest will compete on Friday night and finalists for the International Speech Contest will compete on Saturday evening. District business meeting and educational sessions will meet during the day on Saturday. For more information, go to D50Toastmasters.org/conference.

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 7:00 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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Organic Tour

Wednesday, May 18
7:30 AM to 4:15 PM

Wal-Mart Parking Lot, Sherman, Texas

The use of organic practices in lawn care, gardening, and livestock management are becoming hot topics in Grayson County. Sign up for this great opportunity to tour three locations that practice and utilize all natural and organic methodology. Stop one is Square Cloud Winery (grape production), stop two - Family Farms CSA (vegetable production), and the last location is Dominion Farms (poultry, pork, laying hens, and grass fed beef production).

The program will cost \$25 per attendee which covers lunch, tour cost, and travel. Tour begins at 7:30 am and concludes at 4:15 pm. First 25 people can ride TAPS passenger bus. Others can car pool behind. Cut off for the event is 40 people. RSVP required. Registration for event begins at 7:30 am at the southwest corner of the Sherman Wal-Mart. Bus leaves at 8 am sharp. Two CEUs will be issued following the event (2 IPM). To RSVP or ask questions, call Chuck at 903-813-4202.

Tom Bean City-wide Garage Sale

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

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

Pick up form at City Hall to sign up.

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

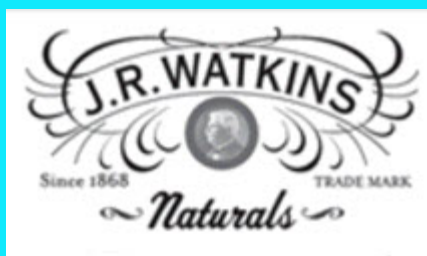
If you do not have a place, there are some sites on Garner Dr (right of way along Hwy. 11) -- 20'x20' for \$20.

Deadline for signing up is May 31 @5 pm.

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

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

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



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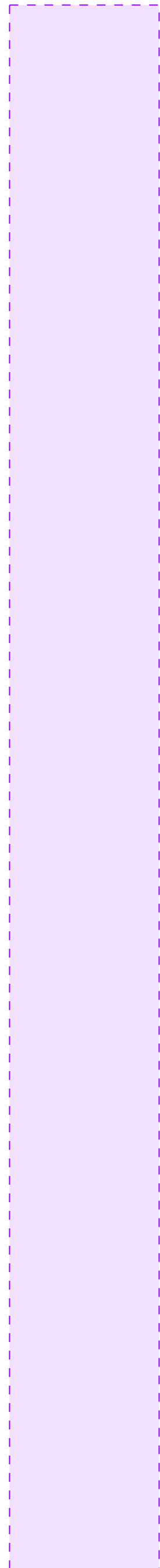


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May 12

By Bob Bowman

End of the Hanging Era

From the inception of the Republic of Texas in 1836, the method of punishing criminals was usually by hanging at the county level. But in 1924, the State of Texas assumed the responsibility for capital punishment and changed the method from hanging to electrocution.

In October of 1923, Charles Reynolds of Red River County cut the throat of Horace Reed, superintendent of a the Mill Gin at Clarksville. The murder apparently resulted from an argument between the two men.

Reynolds was soon captured and charged with the slaying. A trial was held in December and Reynolds was found guilty.



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Dot's

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By Dorothy N. Fowler

Several years ago I took a tour bus to New England and Canada to see the fall foliage. The foliage didn't live up to my expectations, but the trip was well worth the time and the money I paid for it on several different levels.

Seeing at least a portion of the New England states, the villages with their village greens and the high steepled churches that dot the landscape and meeting many gracious people who are proud of their long history convinced me once again that we Americans are one people in spite of our geographic remoteness from each other.

I felt as I did when drove my older grandchildren from Odessa, Texas, to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. After that trip and two more later, one to New York City and the other to Boston, that I could move anywhere in the country and feel at home there.

Along the way, however, I learned something about some of the people with whom I was traveling that I would never have guessed. My seat mate had been widowed fairly recently and the two women across the aisle from us were also recently widowed.

All three of them were taking a trip that they had wanted to take with their husbands, but their husbands had refused to go and had also refused to "let" them go. It would be a sentimental lie to say they were taking the trip and feeling sad because their husbands weren't with them. The truth is they were having a ball.

The other thing the three women had in common was that they were all redecorating and/or remodeling their houses. "He wouldn't let me get a really modern stove or oven," one of the women said. "And now I'm getting a whole new kitchen."

"I put up with that cowhide furniture in the living room and bedroom for more than 35 years," another said. "And I got rid of it and got something that's pretty and comfortable to boot."

"My husband made me turn over the extra bedroom and our garage to our children for a storage area," the third woman said. "I told them they had better come and get their stuff while I was gone on this trip, because when I get home, I will take it all to the Goodwill right after I have a giant garage sale. I'm going to have a sewing and crafts room and a garage I can get the car into."

What was striking about these women was that they had been completely dominated by men who apparently had no interest in what their wives needed or wanted and that the minute the women could, i.e., their husbands were dead, they asserted themselves and started living.



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

He was transferred to the Department of Corrections in Huntsville and on February 8, 1824, he became the first of five convicted criminals to die in the electric chair. The others were Mack Matthews, Ewell Morris, Melvin Johnson and George Washington.

The legislator who introduced the law permitting death by electrocution, T.K. Irwin of Dallas, witnessed the death of the other four men. He said he was "horrified" by the deaths.

In 1964, executions by electrocution were stopped while the U.S. Supreme Court decided on the fate of execution practices. Executions resumed in 1982 with lethal injection replacing electrocutions.

The man who built "Old Sparky" was himself a convicted murderer. Belton Harris was in prison for killing his wife at Payne Springs near Athens in Henderson County. He was under the shadow of the death penalty for eight months until a higher court reversed his sentence and, after a new trial, Harris was sentenced to 15 years in prison instead.

When he was freed, Harris accepted a job at a sawmill in Walker County. Because prison officials recognized his mechanical ability, he was chosen to build the electric chair. He died in 1934 while working at the sawmill.

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



Dot's Dashes, continued

About a year ago, while I was in the waiting room of the car dealership where I get my car serviced, I met a woman about my age -- nearly 75 -- who was cuddling a Yorkie puppy. I commented on the dog, who was a real beauty. "Yes," she said. "I wanted a dog all my married life and my husband wouldn't let me have one. When he died six weeks ago, I bought this puppy. My husband said it wouldn't be fair to have a dog because we both were working and couldn't spend any time with the dog, but I never did agree with him."

I have an acquaintance who is very wealthy in her own right, having inherited both land and money from parents and grandparents. Her husband is in ill health and she cares for him as well as she is able. But she says that when he dies, she will stop the funeral coach after it leaves the cemetery. "The store will be expecting me," she says. "I've already got the new flooring and the new carpet picked out," she said. "He's never been willing for us to do anything to make the house more livable, more comfortable. And I'll tell you another thing, in the winter my house is going to be warm and in the summer it's going to be cool and I will never live in the dark again. The lights will be on whenever and wherever I want them on."

I sat on the bus listening to all this and in the service department waiting room, enjoying puppy breath, and smiled at my acquaintance while she planned the changes in her way of life, and wondered how it is possible that adult women who had worked outside their homes all their lives, probably providing more than half the family wealth because they raised the garden, canned or froze the produce, did the housework and sewed the kids' clothing and maybe their own, let someone dominate them to the point that they lived with furniture they hated, with appliances that were archaic, without the puppy they had always wanted and in houses that were either too hot, too cold or too dark.

When I gently asked them why they submitted to that kind of tyranny, they answered, "You wouldn't understand. You aren't married."

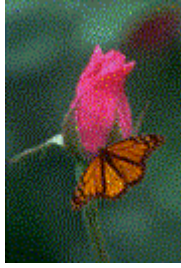
The truth is, I do understand, and that's why I'm not married.

A further truth is that if I were a man, I would begin today to listen to my wife and accede to her wishes and enjoy life with her instead of having her wait until I'm dead to enjoy alone what we could have shared.



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Hagerman Second Saturday



Wildflowers, a popular songbird and nature photography are on tap for Second Saturday at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on May 14. Dr. Wayne Meyer will speak on *Songs of Painted Buntings: How Did Such a Beautiful Bird Get Such a Dirty Mouth?* at 10 a.m. in the Audio Visual Classroom at the Refuge. Reservations are not necessary but participants are advised to arrive early as seating is limited.

Featured speaker Wayne Meyer earned a Ph.D. at the University of California, Davis, in 1993. Before joining the Austin College faculty in 1993, Dr. Meyer taught field biology courses at Sierra College and Ornithology with Dr. Peter Marler at the University of California, Davis. At Austin College, Dr. Meyer teaches Anatomy and Physiology, Cell Biology, Systemic Physiology, and a course entitled Birds, Humans and the Environment. Dr. Meyer has also been named May, 2011, Photographer of the Month by the Friends, and a virtual album of his photos taken at the Refuge is featured in the Photo Gallery at friendsofhagerman.com.

At 8 a.m. that morning Susan Knowles and Sandy Beach will lead a Wildflower Walk at the Refuge. Knowles, a public school science teacher and member of the Friends board frequently brings students to the Refuge for field trips; Beach is Biology Lab Manager at Austin College. Walkers are asked to meet at Refuge Headquarters and dress for the weather; the walk will be cancelled in case of rain. Participants may want to bring field guides and cameras.

At 12:30 p.m. the Friends of Hagerman Nature Photo Club will meet in the Audio Visual Classroom for a photo program by Dr. Phil McGuire on the heron family and the great egrets. McGuire is a retired psychiatrist with a strong interest in nature photography. The theme for members' photo sharing for the May meeting is Up, Down and Sideways. The club is open to anyone interested in nature photography; for details on the program and photo sharing, contact fohphotoclub@gmail.com.

The Second Saturday programs are open to the public, free of charge. Hagerman NWR is located at 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, 75092. A calendar of activities sponsored by the Friends of Hagerman can be found at friendsofhagerman.com or by calling the Refuge, 903 786 2826.





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What Is Asset Protection Planning?

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

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

liability companies or family limited partnerships.

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

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



Eminent Domain Reform Bill Passes out of Conference Committee

Austin - The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 18, by State Senator Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) which provides key reforms to the state's eminent domain laws.

"Private property and the right to own and profit from it, are fundamental to not only our economic liberty, but also our personal liberty," said Estes. "We know that Texas is thriving as a state and property is a valuable asset, but that growth should not come at the expense of property owners. This is the most important bill to strengthen private property rights for landowners."

Senate Bill 18 makes several key revisions to current law, including requiring that condemning authorities make a good faith offer before condemning procedures begin, prohibiting the taking of private property unless it is for a public use, improving notice and disclosure by condemning entities, applying condemnation rules to all condemning entities, and providing property owners with the opportunity to buy back property at the original purchase price if the taken property is not used for its public purpose in ten years.

One of the key provisions requires fair compensation for loss of access and for moving or relocation expenses from the condemning authority. Under Senate Bill 18, a property owner would be entitled to compensation for any loss of market value at the time of taking due to a material impairment of direct access to the land.

Other key provisions include authorizing property owners to construct roads over oil and gas pipeline easements, with certain restrictions, and requiring all entities with eminent domain authority to register with the state comptroller by December 31, 2012 or risk losing their condemnation authority.

"Senate Bill 18 provides meaningful comprehensive eminent domain reform and strengthens the rights of property owners against the use of eminent domain by government or other condemning authorities", said Estes. "I am extremely grateful for the hard work and cooperation of State Senator Robert Duncan, State Senator Glenn Hegar, State Representative Charlie Geren and our colleagues in the Texas House who have been invaluable in helping to craft and pass this legislation."

The bill was declared an emergency item by Governor Perry. It will now be sent to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

Senator Estes is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and represents Senate District 30 covering Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin (part), Cooke, Denton (part), Grayson, Jack, Montague, Parker, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, Stephens, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise, and Young counties.



Bills Passed

As of this writing, there are only twenty-three days left in the 82nd Legislative Session. Bills are moving through the legislative process, and a few have been finally passed. This week, I will discuss a few bills of importance that have received final passage and have been sent to the governor.

House Bill 15, about which I have previously written, was passed this week. This bill would require a pregnant woman who is considering an abortion to have a sonogram prior to the procedure. This bill was on the governor's emergency items list, as was **Senate Bill 18**. SB 18 is a reform of the use of eminent domain, and provides greater protections to property owners. Another emergency item, **HB 12**, relating to the prohibition of sanctuary cities, was being debated by the House on Friday and Saturday. HB 12 seeks to address concerns about certain cities that have policies that prohibit law enforcement officials from inquiring about a detained person's immigration status.

This week also saw the passage of the first of the redistricting maps. **HB 600**, which redrew the boundaries for the State Board of Education districts, was passed on Thursday, May 5th after the House voted to accept the Senate's amendments to the bill.

SB 257 finally passed this week also. This bill would create a specialty license plate that reads "Choose Life." The fees from this specialty plate would go into a fund held by the attorney general. Pregnancy care centers could then apply for grants from the fund to provide services for pregnant women in need.

A conference committee report for **SB 14**, the voter identification bill, has been distributed to both the House and Senate. Conference committees are made up of members from both the house and senate and are formed to work out differences between the house and senate versions of a bill. It is expected that SB 14 will be finally passed next week.

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



Hall Votes for Offshore Exploration, Promotes Job Creation and Energy Security

WASHINGTON, DC . . . May 5 - Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) voted with the House Majority to pass H.R. 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act, which passed a vote of 266-149. The House will vote on H.R. 1229, Putting the Gulf Back to Work Act, next Tuesday (5-10-11).

“These bills will help set America on a responsible path to safely develop our abundant offshore oil and natural gas energy resources,” said Hall. “I have long been a supporter of pursuing an across-the-board energy policy that includes offshore exploration.”

Hall continued, “At a time when there is such political instability in North Africa and the Middle East, relying on oil imports from these foreign countries puts America’s security at risk. By decreasing our dependence on foreign oil, we will help ensure our energy security and strengthen our economy as well.

“Today, the average price of gasoline is \$3.95. Rising gasoline prices hurts families and small businesses, and, ultimately, our economic recovery. H.R. 1229 and H.R. 1320 address these issues by lowering gas prices, creating American jobs, and generating billions of dollars in revenue to help reduce the debt and deficit.

“By pursuing all possible energy solutions, including offshore drilling, we are doing what we can to alleviate prices at the gas pump and put money back in the hands of Americans.”



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

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

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

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

Christian Fellowship

A Christian Fellowship begins each Sunday morning at 9 am with coffee and doughnut fellowship followed by classes for all ages at 9:30 am, Worship service begins at 10:30 am and this week the service will be led by Mike Ball. Come on out and join them in praise and worship each Sunday morning, and dress is casual.

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

The youth will be hosting a garage sale in June with the exact date to be announced at a later time.

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

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

For more information contact 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 7:30am on KFYN 1420AM and KFYZ 93.5FM. The lessons are brought by A.C. Quinn.

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



Shielded from the Storm

15-year-old Brandon Miller was sitting on the couch when his mother came running inside, screaming for everyone to get in the hallway immediately and lie down. A tornado was approaching their home in Pleasant Grove, AL, on Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Brandon and his dad grabbed the mattress off of Brandon's bed, and the family huddled together under it in the hallway. Within seconds the tornado ripped the roof off of their home. As the wind whirled and debris swirled, Brandon noticed that the force of the wind began pulling his 14-year-old sister up into the air!

"My sister started to fly off... I grabbed her around the middle of her body and just hung on," Brandon recalled. Brandon, a Junior Varsity pitcher for Hueytown High School, made another save, but this save was not in a baseball game; it was his sister's life.

When the tornado had passed, Brandon and his family crawled out from under the mattress – alive and well. Imbedded in the mattress that served as a shield from the storm were dozens of large, jagged shards of wood and glass that could have seriously injured or fatally wounded the Miller family. *

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body on the tree [i.e., the cross]...; by His wounds [we can] be healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus will save all of those who will embrace His offer of salvation through their trusting obedience.



Jesus will be the Savior and Shield to those who: place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as one continues to walk in the light of His word, the blood of Jesus will continue to protect the Christian and provide cleansing from sin (1 John 1:7).

Won't YOU accept the Savior's offer of salvation and allow Him to be your Shield from the destructive forces of sin?

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Neighborhood Genealogist - How to Preserve Records

by Dale Rideout

By now you have started to gather a fair bit of information. You have many names with their relationship to you along with birth and death dates and places. You have marriages and children and with some luck you are beginning to gather family stories. This is all your history and important to you and your family. How do we keep it all in order.

The most obvious choice is with a computer. There are many computer programs that are designed specifically for genealogy. Most of them range from about \$30 to over \$100. They all do about the same thing, but each one will have its own bells and whistles. Let me suggest that you not buy any one until you know which would suit your needs best. Do a lot of study about each one and just what you want your computer program to do for you. Check the bells and whistles so that you learn just what you want most in your program before purchasing any of them.

In the meantime, you can download Personal Ancestry File from FamilySearch.org. Got to the website. Click on "Go to Previous version." on the right-hand side about 1/2 way down the screen. When the new page opens, look on the right hand side for "Free PAF Family History Software." Near the bottom of the paragraph click on the words, "download PAF." Answer the questions and register for FamilySearch.org. You will download the software free and can begin your lifelong quest.

You should also keep a paper copy of everything you collect. I suggest using a simple three ring notebook with dividers. All of your Family Group Sheets, and Ancestry Sheets can be punched with a three hole punch and saved in that notebook. You will also have a minimum of eight sections for family names (surnames.) I suggest eight because that will take you back through your great-grandparents. As you have

success with your research, you can add more dividers for more surnames.

Choose you own method of organizing the records as you find out which information you most easily can acquire. You may want to file them by last name, alphabetically and then by year of birth with the newest records first and oldest ones last. This is all just a matter of choice and you may change it as you gain more information over the years.

When your binder gets full, then simply add another one, dividing the information between them. You can continue to add binders almost forever. One thing I would suggest is that you invest in some acid free paper, and pens designed for long lasting images. As you are doing your research you will find pages that have faded and the paper and ink have a lot to do with this fading.

Another thing to keep in mind is to "back-up" your work. I have my family history on four computers and several websites. I must admit that I have not made extra copies of my paper files. Do as I say not as I do. Keep a set of the files as well as your computer records at some location away from where you keep your research. I do not wish to scare folks, but a house fire could wipe out all your work. While some things can be replaced, your photos and records cannot, unless you have duplicates somewhere else.

As for your computer, let me tell you a little story. I have a friend who was working on her doctorate degree. She had all her information on her computer, including her dissertation. None of it was backed up and none of it was in paper form. One day a thief broke in and stole her computer. It was easy to get a new computer, but there was months of work in the research and writing of her dissertation. It all had to be done over. Back up your files. See you next month with more ideas about genealogy.

Seeds of hope lie in wildfire despair Time ticking away on grain indemnity

By Nathan Smith

Imagine working for a whole year, naturally expecting to receive payment, only to discover there is no money coming. The stack of unpaid bills for the year gets higher, yet there is no sign of relief in sight – not now, probably not ever.

For several Texas grain farmers, there is no imagining. This situation is reality.

In the last two years, several grain elevators across the state have gone bankrupt. Whether these elevators were victims of the volatile grain market or engaged in bad management practices makes no difference and provides no consolation to producers whose grain and maybe even livelihood were lost.

During this time, farmers have lost millions of bushels of grain with little to no hope of ever recovering the monetary value. A few producers are battling in bankruptcy courts, some have simply tightened their belts and others have been forced out of farming altogether.

There is a way to prevent these nightmarish scenarios from happening again. It's up to the Texas Legislature to make it happen before time runs out.

The Texas House was set to vote May 4 on HB 1840 by Rep. Larry Phillips. If passed, a grain indemnity fund would be established to ensure a 90 percent payment for grain lost in the case of an elevator failure. The best part—it's something farmers want and something they will pay for themselves. The fund would be entirely supported by farmers, similar to the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association check-off program.

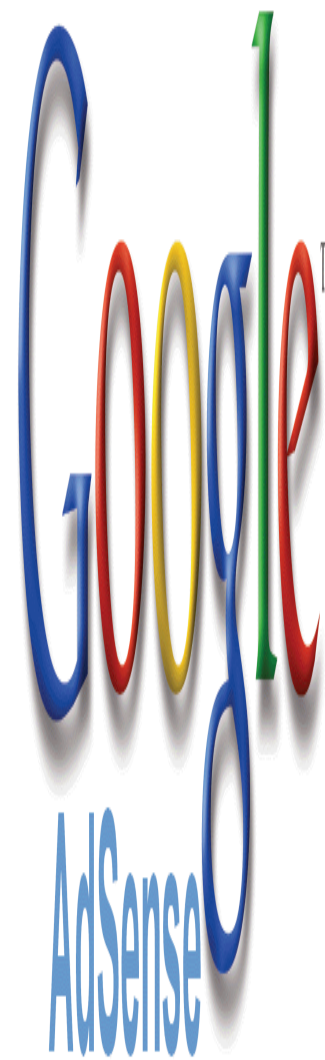
Initially, there was opposition. Yet, objections to the bill were remedied after the House Agriculture Committee recently heard the testimony of several producers, including Charles Ray Huddleston, a grain producer and Texas Farm Bureau state director. Another supporter is Rodney Schronk, a Central Texas grain producer and co-owner of a small grain elevator who says a fund would be beneficial for everyone involved.

Now the greatest enemy of the indemnity fund is time.

The session in Austin is coming to a close. If HB 1840 passes the House, it still must make it through the Senate Agriculture Committee and the full Senate before becoming a reality.

What's the solution? State representatives and senators must hear from constituents.

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



In 1986, Peter Davies was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Northwestern University ..

On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air.

The elephant seemed distressed, so Peter approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee, inspected the elephants foot, and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it.

As carefully and as gently as he could, Peter worked the wood out with his knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot.

The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments.

Peter stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled.

Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away.

Peter never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Peter was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teen-aged son.

As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Peter and his son Cameron were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Peter, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down.

The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

Remembering the encounter in 1986, Peter could not help wondering if this was the same elephant.

Peter summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing, and made his way into the enclosure.

He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder.

The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Peter legs and slammed him against the railing, killing him instantly.

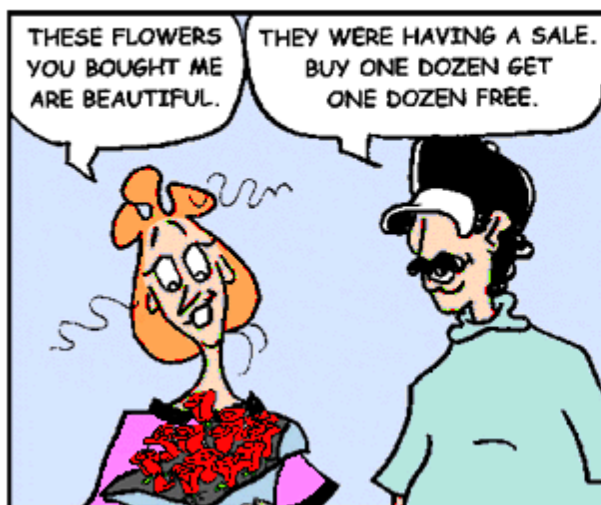
Probably wasn't the same elephant.

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

A little misunderstanding

Well - it is that time again. Another week has passed. I am going to tell you something about the Old Man.

Old Man volunteers at a nearby elementary school. They have 5 kindergarten classes and Old Man one day each week with each of those five classes. Two of the classes are bi-lingual speaking Spanish and English. Old Man has wanted for years to learn Spanish but has never had the environment that would make it easier for him to learn it. Now he has that environment. Sometimes he even helps the Spanish kids write their sentences. You would be surprised how much Spanish you can learn when helping children learn to write and their language is Spanish. Yep, two days a week he is helping them write in Spanish.

A few weeks ago he was working with a small group and the principal was visiting with the teacher. The teacher asked the Old Man a question, in Spanish, forgetting to change to English for the Old Man. Old Man did not understand, so she repeated the question. Old Man thought he repeated the question as he heard her ask - to clarify the meaning.

The teacher had asked in Spanish, "How are they doing?" When Old Man repeated it, he asked the teacher, "How are you loving?" This got quite a howl of laughter from both the teacher and the principal who is also bilingual.

Now Old Man still enjoys speaking with the children in Spanish, but he is quite careful about anything he says to the adults around him. See you next week.



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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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