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May 26, 2011

Tom Bean High School Graduating Seniors



Marissa Alcalá, Cheyenne Arrington, Morgan Brewer, Jacob Britton, Olivia Burns, Paige Byers, Kendall Cain, Andrew Chastain, Michael Cordell, Trey Cortez, Travis Counts, Erin Crichton, Tyler Ellis, Kyle Fallon, Tucker Ford, Miranda Fulmer, Cheyene Mills Guedea, Sarah Hagan, Kristen Haley, Erik Hartless, Heather Haywood, Josh Highlander, Kaylynn Hinds, Haley Howland, Destiny Hunt, Cammy Jaco, Dakota Jones, Taylor Jordan, Haley Key, Matthew Knickerbocker, Justin Langford, Samantha Langford, Jordan LeDane, Torri Lienen, Casey McKay, Chris McMahan, Leonardo Mendoza, Leonel Mendoza, Maggie Moore, Shelby Morrison, Joseph Pearson, Colby Pennell, Phillip Peterman, Megan Pfaff, Danielle Ping, Madison Porter, Raegan Querido, Wesley Ritchson, Ryland Roach, John Roberts, Clay Russell, Tenae Sanders, Jimmy Simpler, Sterling Smith, Kalee Thompson, Mitch Trentman, Sara Vincent, Ashley Walker, Anthony West, Chance Whitworth, Ryan Wilson, Ana Winslett



Area students named to President's Honor Roll at Southeastern

DURANT, Okla. – Undergraduate students who have achieved superior/academic performance are recognized by Southeastern Oklahoma State University each semester by being named to the President's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, the student must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of college-level courses with a 4.0 grade-point average (no grade lower than A).

The following local area students earned recognition on the President's Honor roll and are listed by permanent hometown:

Anna: Amber Kaylee Stiner

Bells: Derrick Riley Goracke

Bonham: Sheldon Shane Kepley

Collinsville: Trulie Sides Redmill

Denison: Katie Lynn Allen, Joyce Yvonne Butler, Ross T. Davis, Alecia Michelle Hepburn, Lauren Delynn Lowing, Helen Ruth Moore, Tyler Dean Pyles, Gwendolyn Joy Simmons, Breanna Christine Smith, Justin Dale Stephenson, Troy Dale Ward

Howe: Patricia Lorane Pace

Pottsboro: Jeremy Todd Lyons, Dennis Ray Marshall

Sadler: Joshua Edward Baker

Sherman: Ghislain Boukoubi, Kimberly Anne Cassell, Michelle Rene' Cole, Katlyn Marissa Derleth, Amy Joyce Gardner, Christina Dawn Hite, Clifford K. Hodson, Priti KC, Lindsey Renee' Lacy, Shannon Eileen Maulding, Patrick James McGinnis, Tammy Lynn Randall

Trenton: Heather Nicole Hartline

Van Alstyne: Erin Michele Lopez

Whitewright: Brittney Ann Wortham, Hawaii: George Allen Fritts, Missouri: Austee

Viking Leadership Camp June 21-22

Grayson County College invites area high school students to attend its Viking Leadership Camp this summer. Focusing on leadership, careers and community service, the two-day camp meets from 9 am to 4 pm on June 21-22 in GCC's Center for Workplace Learning Auditorium on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

The camp provides an encouraging, positive atmosphere that helps participants gain or strengthen leadership skills and realize their potential. They gain confidence as they work with mentors and make connections with a diverse group of peers.

"Viking Leaders engage in a number of activities and information sessions that will enhance their leadership skills and give them the tools they need to navigate the system of higher education and career exploration," said Carolina Guerra, GCC enrollment adviser.

Camp activities are led by a dynamic group of GCC staff and students as well as outstanding community leaders, all of whom provide support and mentoring as positive role models. The camp includes team-building activities, challenging workshops, and educational and professional skills development. Participants are exposed to a broad range of information in education, career fields, leadership opportunities, community service and professionalism.

The event is free to participants and includes breakfast and lunch both days. Registration is limited to 75 students who are entering 9th, 10th and 11th grades. Participants should exhibit good behavior, integrity, a strong work ethic and a drive to succeed.

To register online, interested students should visit www.grayson.edu and click on Viking Leaders. To schedule a time to register in person or for more information, call Guerra at 903-463-8743 or email her at guerrac@grayson.edu. Registration deadline is June 14.

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What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

Have you ever heard the saying, "one fell swoop" ?

In Macbeth, Shakespeare used the imagery of a hunting bird's 'fell swoop' to indicate the ruthless and deadly attack by Macbeth's agents. And thus it popularized the phrase. The imagery of an eagle swooping down on smaller birds added this phrase to our language of something suddenly and completely being engulfed or destroyed.

Last week while watching a game show on TV, I heard a question that was not answered on that show. It was a teaser for a later show. The question was "What is the only city to be on two continents?"

I looked it up on the Internet. The answer is Istanbul. It extends both on the European (Thrace) and on the Asian (Anatolia) side of the Bosphorus, and is thereby the only metropolis in the world which is situated on two continents.

Coming up next week, we have a lot going on. My husband and I will celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary on June 3. Our oldest granddaughter, Amber, will graduate from Howe High School on June. 4. (She is the third of our grandchildren to graduate; we have four more waiting in line to graduate in the next few years.)

Country Kitchen Pecan Morsels

1/2 cup all purpose flour
1-1/2 cups dark brown sugar, firmly packed
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
Pinch of salt
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Heavily grease 3 miniature muffin tins.
Combine flour, brown sugar, nuts and salt.
By hand, stir in eggs and vanilla. Batter will be lumpy.
Spoon batter into prepared tins, filling about 2/3 full.
Place muffins in cold oven, turn thermostat to 300 degrees and bake for 25 minutes.
Remove from oven. Cool 1 minute, then run a knife gently around the edge of tin to loosen muffins.
Cool partially before turning out onto wire rack to cool.

Do Not Interfere With Israel

United States must be careful not to interfere with Israel giving away land, especially part of Jerusalem, which is God's Holy city. We are cautioned about things of this nature in the Bible.

God said: "In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. Zechariah 12:2.

The United States has promised to be an ally to Israel.

In 1948, David Ben-Gurion called up President Harry S. Truman and said, "We are a state now." and President Truman replied, "We, The United States of America are your ally, your friends are our friends, your foes will be our foes."

Surely we are not turning away from the pact that was made that day, and even more surely, we need to obey the Word of the Lord.

By: Norma Milton (History major, and licensed, ordained Bible Teacher in Sherman/Denison area for 37 years.)

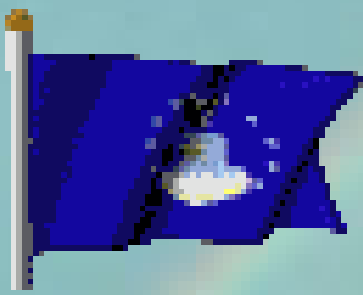


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Brigadier General/CMSGT USAF John M. Elkins (Retired) (1930-2011) |

John Merl Elkins went to be with his Lord on May 21, 2011. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 24, 2001 at Trinity Lighthouse Church in Denison, TX. Waldo Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

John was born April 20, 1930, at Joliet Illinois. Parents were John Marion Elkins and Harriet Rose Davison Elkins. When John was 4 years old, he and his family were relocated from Naperville, Illinois to Commerce, Texas.

On June 24, 1950, John married Erna Maye Huie of Cooper, Texas. They have three daughters, Carolyn Williams and husband John, Charla Edwards and husband Dennis and Cheryl Elkins and fiancé Dusty Miller. Nine grand children: Amy Karyl Williams Lovelace, Sara Chumbley Stevens, Jamie Chumbley Khammash, Jessica Chumbley, & Jill Chumbley Puente (triplets), Ashlea Brown and Chase Brown, Cade and Halten Miller; Two great-grandsons Zachary Lovelace and Collin Stevens and four great-granddaughters Madisyn Lovelace, Avery Robertson, Kendall Stevens and Taylor Khammash.

General Elkins graduated with an Associate Degree in Fine Arts from Grayson County College, Denison, Texas on May 17, 1974, graduated with Bachelor of Education on May 16, 1975 & Certified by Texas and Oklahoma as a High School Teacher, and Master of Behavioral Science and Counseling degrees on July 16, 1978 from Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Durant, Oklahoma.

John was a member of the faculty and staff administrator, Grayson County Community College Denison, Texas. Duties included personal and educational counseling, veteran's affairs and director of educational and professional testing.

General Elkins enlisted in the Texas Defense Guard served one year and then on May 6, 1946 enlisted in United States Army Air Corps. Completed basic training at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. Completed aircraft and engine school and B-25 medium bomber schools at Keesler Field, Mississippi. First overseas assignment was Territory of Hawaii, Island of Oahu with the 81st Fighter Group as crew chief on a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter aircraft. In 1949, volunteered for the U.S. Army to attend parachutist and glider school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in aviation section of division artillery. Took an early out and returned to the Texas National Guard at Greenville, Texas. Transferred to United States Air Force Reserve at Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Texas. My unit, the 443rd Troop Carrier Group was called to active duty for duty in the Korean War. Trained at Donaldson Air Force Base, South Carolina for special training as flight engineer. Sent to Korea in 1952. Served during 1952-53 in the Korean War as a flight engineer on C-46 Commando cargo airplane. Transported military personnel, battle support equipment and ammunition to locations in South Korea. Also participated in troop, equipment and flare drops over enemy territory. Flew medical air evacuations of military wounded in Korean action, and "operation body bag" these sorties delivered deceased military to Pusan Air Base, South Korea for shipment to their home town for burial.

John returned to Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas to be released from active military service. Re-enlisted in the regular United States Air Force. Assigned to Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service Headquarters at Paris, Texas for a year and a half. Transferred to Edward Gary Air Force Base at San Marcos, Texas for

helicopter training school. The Air Base closed a year later. He was reassigned to Strategic Air Command's Second bombardment Wing, Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Georgia.

At Hunter Air Force Base, John was assigned as an aircraft quality control inspector on KC-97 aerial tankers and B-47 Boeing-built medium bombers. He made many Strategic Air Command world-wide deployments to North Africa, Labrador, and Goose Bay Labrador and other worldwide deployments. Was promoted to Master Sergeant. Applied for and was selected for assignment to the 43rd Bombardment Wing at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. Carswell AFB was another Strategic Air Command base where he was trained as a maintenance supervision of the Convair (General Dynamics) Fort Worth Plant-built B-58 Hustler supersonic jet bombers. General Elkins was ordered back to overseas with assignment at Osan Air Base, South Korea for 13 months. He was aircraft maintenance superintendent and line chief, and was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant. During assignment, John was selected for special assignment serving as an official United Nations observer during three of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission meetings at Panmunjom, Korea. Meetings were between of the United Nations, South Korea, North Korea and China following a series of alleged violations of the longest armistice in the history of wars.

He returned to Carswell Air Force Base. Ft Worth, Texas and assigned as an aircraft maintenance superintendent with the B-52 Bomber "Arc-Light Bomber Force." Was deployed to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. Participated in the Iron Bomb uploading, launch, and recovery of the giant B52 jet bombers for nuclear alert as well as for missions dropping "iron"



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bombs on targets across Vietnam. He was awarded the 4th United States Air Force Commendation Medal for service in the B-52 "Arc Light" bomber force. John completed United States Air Force recruiting school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Assigned to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as USAF Recruiting detachment 409 operations superintendent. Was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant. When the USAF recruiting assignment tour was completed, was assigned to Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas. Served at 4780th Aerospace Defense Wing Sergeant Major, and upon the base closing of the Perrin AFB, he retired from USAF Active Duty on January 1, 1971.

His awards and decorations include: United States Armed Forces Meritorious Service Medal, United States Air Force Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, United Nations Service Medal for Korea; Air Force Presidential Unit Citation with three oak leaf clusters, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with three battle stars, United States Air Force Good Conduct Medal, United States Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon, United States Air Force Longevity Service Award, Texas Adjutant General Individual Award with two stars, Texas State Guard Service Medal, The State of Texas Federal Service Medal, certified Command Pilot Wings in the Civil Air Patrol.

While employed as personal and educational counselor at Grayson County Community College, Denison, Texas, he was appointed by the Governor of Texas as a Commissioned Officer in the Texas Military Forces as a volunteer advisor. Colonel Elkins retired from active status as the Commander of the 7th Military Police Group, having served twenty years of military service. For distinguished service, prior to, during and after active duty retirement, Colonel Elkins was brevet promoted to Brigadier General in the Texas National Guard's of the State of Texas on June 29, 2005 by the Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas.

He was co-founder of the Perrin Field Historical Society, leading to the creation of the Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum. The museum's grand opening of their new building called a "labor of love" completed on Valentine's Day February 14, 2004.

Since the Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum's inception, he continues to serve as Operations director and curator of the museum located at 4575 Airport Drive, North Texas Regional Airport-Perrin Field, Denison, Texas 75020-8710. The museum doubled the size of its building in 2005 in order to display the continued acquisition of Perrin Air Force Base memorabilia. More than 1000 public school and home-schooled-children tour the museum annually from northeastern Texas and southeastern Oklahoma.

In view of the expansion of the Perrin Air Force Base Museum entailed a new and larger building. On October 23, 2009, a

request was presented to Grayson County Community College President and Board of Trustee for a long-time lease of a couple of acres on their "west campus," located on former Perrin Air Force Base west of the main campus.

On December 2, 2009, approval was made by the Grayson County Community College Board of Trustees to lease 1.62 acres on the "west" campus for fifty years.

The construction of the new facility is underway with completion expected in mid-summer 2010. Elkins was retired from the Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the United States Air Force on April 20, 2009 after sixty two years beginning in 1947 while serving in the United States Army Air Corps in the Territory of Hawaii. He has served as advisor for the Texoma Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol located on North Texas Regional Airport-Perrin Field since 1969 when he arrived at Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas.

Other volunteer services include Grayson County Commission for both Texas and Grayson County's Sesquicentennial celebrations, He was capsule "engineer-designer" and preparedness for its the burial of Grayson County Sesquicentennial 100-year-time-capsule weighing 1,500 pounds. It was buried in the east lawn of Grayson County Courthouse in December 1986. To be opened in 2086!

He continued to this day as an active member of the Grayson County Commission on the Texas Sesquicentennial, the Bi-centennial of the Constitution of The United States, Grayson County Millennium Commission, and many and varied other civic projects of the commission in all of its public service and volunteerism.

Back in 1980, John was elected as a Board of Education/Trustee of the Tom Bean Independent School District. He served as secretary of the board. Served as chairman of the Tom Bean High School Principal's advisory committee. Was appointed and served as the municipal judge for the City of Luella.

General Elkins continued as an active advocate for military veterans, and military retirees, their spouses, dependents, widows, and orphaned children while seeking entitlements and benefits in health care, education programs and burial services. For more than thirty years, he was an active participant in acquiring congressional enactment of the "Tricare -For-Life" law which provides quality health care for military retirees and their dependents.

He was an active member of the Military Service Academy Board, appointed by United States Congressman Ralph M. Hall. Congressman Hall serves the Fourth Congressional District of Texas. The board meets annually to evaluate academic records, community involvements, employment, and a personal interview of each military service academy applicant followed by an interview with their parents. Mission is to select the best of the best as principals and alternates to be congressionally nominated for the United States Military

Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and/or the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Since Perrin Field's closing in 1971, he has chaired BI-annual reunions where hundreds of former Perrin people from all over the U.S. attended. Elkins has been the keynote speaker on many Sherman and Denison Memorial Day Ceremonies, Veterans' Day at Fair Park Veteran's Memorial, and at Military funerals for the past quarter century. A life member of the National Guard Association of Texas, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Hella Shrine of Dallas, Phi Delta Kappa, and Southeastern Oklahoma State University Alumni. Member of Trinity Lighthouse Church in Denison, Texas.

General Elkins was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers including his twin brother.

The family wishes to thank: Dr. Van Buskirk, Nurse Stefanie Riley, Social Worker Kiti (Kasey) Miller, Chaplain Rev. Sheryl Myers, Patient Care Coordinator; medicine delivery, Donna Pack, Michelle Nash and all dedicated supporting care givers of Grayson Home Hospice. Memorials in lieu of flowers, the family ask you contribute in John's name directly to home Hospice of Grayson County, P O Box 2306, Sherman, TX 75091-2306, Trinity Lighthouse Church Youth Program, 2915 W. Spur 503, Denison, TX 75020 and/or The Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum, NTRA-Perrin Field, 435 McCullum Avenue, Denison, TX 75020.

NOTE: Brigadier General Elkins comes from a dedicated military family; His father served in World War One. Five of his brothers are military retirees. His grandson completed Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on August 3, 2007.

Countries served by the Elkins family include: France, German, North Africa, Pacific Theater, Labrador, England, Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Territory of Hawaii. Three brothers retired from the United States Air Force and two brothers retired from the United States Army.

Total dedication to God and Country in the uniformed services of the United States by the Elkins family adds up to more than 147 years of dedicated service defending God Almighty's divine guidance for freedom in the United States of America.



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Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending May 20th are: Kaylin Bouse, Garrett Johnson, Jacob Howell, Carly Cannaday, Lance Tumey, Destiny Wood, Taylor Hinkle, Autumn Bassett, Lilly Tumey, Kevin Bateman, Alex Sturgess, Trey Phillips, and Connor Gauntt. Not pictured is Alex Hernandez.

HISD Menus

May 30-June 3

Breakfast

Monday-Holiday

Tuesday- Glazed donut, cereal w/toast, diced peaches, orange juice

Wednesday- Manager choice, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, grape juice

Thursday Manager choice, cereal w/toast, fresh apple, orange juice

Friday- Manager choice, cereal w/toast, orange halves, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY- Holiday

TUESDAY- Grilled cheese, pickle spears carrots & celery, diced peaches, ranch beans, sugar cookie

WEDNESDAY- Manager choice, chicken crispeto, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, fruit cocktail

THURSDAY- Manager choice, cheese pizza, garden salad, carrot sticks, steamed corn, fresh apple, chocolate chip cookie

FRIDAY- Manager choice, cheese pizza, garden salad, steamed corn, orange halves, frozen fruit bar

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability

HISD Board Meeting

Howe School Board Meeting

The Howe School Board met on Thursday, May 19, for their regular meeting.

They installed Leonard Huntsman and Brad Anderson as board members, Then the board elected officers, which are unchanged from this year: Leonard Huntsman-president, Greg Akins-VP, Pat Stewart-secretary.

According to Supt. Kevin Wilson, the main item acted on was adopting a comp plan for next year. Due to the pending state budget cuts and uncertainty of the status of the school finance legislation, the board voted to enact a salary freeze for all employees for 2011-12. The board also maintained current levels of contribution to health insurance and leave days.

Teachers of the year, Vanna Foster (HES), Craig Griffin (HMS) and Twanna Stubblefield (HHS) were recognized.



Howe Elementary Students of the Month -

Row 1: Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie

Bryant; Row 2: Luke Lopez, Jessica

Bastida, Austin Thurman, Kamryn

Gardner; Row 3: Bonnie Olivarez, Aaron

Roulette, Erin Tyler, Dawson Mitchell



Howe City Council

Minutes of May 17, 2011 Meeting

Mayor Jeff Stanley called a regular meeting of the Howe City Council to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Joey McMillion, Georgia Richardson, Jack Leavenworth and Sam Haigis.

Girl Scouts Troop 345 made a presentation to the council on their concerns for the environment in Howe and asked that in future developments the council include requirements for green spaces. Mayor Stanley explained to the Troop that green spaces are included in the recent developed Comprehensive Plan for the City of Howe. The Mayor advised the council that this troop had recently planted a tree at Reed Park and will continue to care for it until it can sustain itself. The council expressed their appreciation to the troop for their presentation and for planting the tree.

Mayor Stanley presented Certificates of Election the unopposed candidates, John Leavenworth, Dale Rideout and Jeff Stanley.

Consent Agenda - Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Jack Leavenworth to approve the Consent Agenda which included the April, 2011 finance statements, minutes of April 25, 2011, council meeting and appointment of Donal Gilstrap to the Texoma Housing Partners Board of Commissioners. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Current Business

The presentation by Wellspring Insurance was postponed to the next meeting.

Motion by Sam Haigis, second by Georgia Richardson to appoint Robbie Seagroves, Jerry Park and Chris Hayes to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

Motion by Jack Leavenworth, second by Joey McMillion to approve professional consulting and advisory services agreement with Don Paschal, Jr. for the Collin Grayson Municipal Alliance. Motion carried 4 Yes 0 No.

No action on approval of expenditures for engineering fees and building inspections for the Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

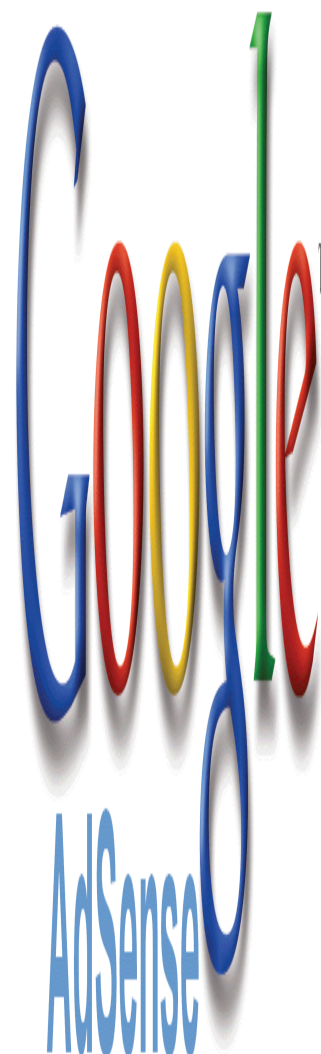
No action was taken on sealed bids for the expansion of the Fire Department Building(s).



Howe golfers do well at State UIL tourney

AUSTIN - Howe girls came in with a total of 815 finishing sixth in the 2A competition.

Emily Taylor of Howe finished 11th at 177, while Madison Wilson tied for 16th at 189. Courtney Scribner (226), Alex Akins (228) and Sarah Myer (236) rounded out the Lady Bulldog totals.



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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.

Update as of 5/20/2011::: update for me, after Founder's day and local business donations we have collected to date 2350.00 we are getting there only 1650.00 to go.
Thanks

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
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Kevin Frantz
Assistant Fire Chief and Charter Representative
Howe Volunteer Fire Department
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May Board Briefs Tom Bean ISD

The Board of Trustees of the Tom Bean Independent School District held a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011. President, Brian Trentman called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

The minutes of April 18, 2011 along with the Financial Reports were approved as presented.

Student of the Month recognition and plaques were presented to the recipients from each campus. Teachers selected the candidates based on their attitude, behavior, and character. The recipients included: Kameron Freeman (EL); Colton Curd (MS); and Lisa Cass (HS).

Each of the campus principals gave a report with the total enrollment, attendance, discipline, number of walk-through evaluations, number of teacher absences, newsletters, and current events. The curriculum director also gave insight into the District's curriculum which included the new STARR testing.

Coach Price, Athletic Director, gave the Board a summary of the Softball, Baseball, and Track season.

The Board approved the employment of Mr. Aaron Whitmire as a teacher/coach with a one year probationary dual contract. Mrs. Reagan Wilson was hired as a Middle School Math teacher on a one-year probationary contract. Both teachers will begin in the 2011-2012 school year.

Tom Bean currently has 52 transfer students which have been approved for the next school year.

Mrs. Garrison explained to the Board of Trustees the employment of At-Will employees for the 2011-2012 school year, the results of the budget cut and climate surveys, summer hours for TBISD, the grant award, and the final summary of finance from 2009-2010.



Kameron Freeman



Colton Curd

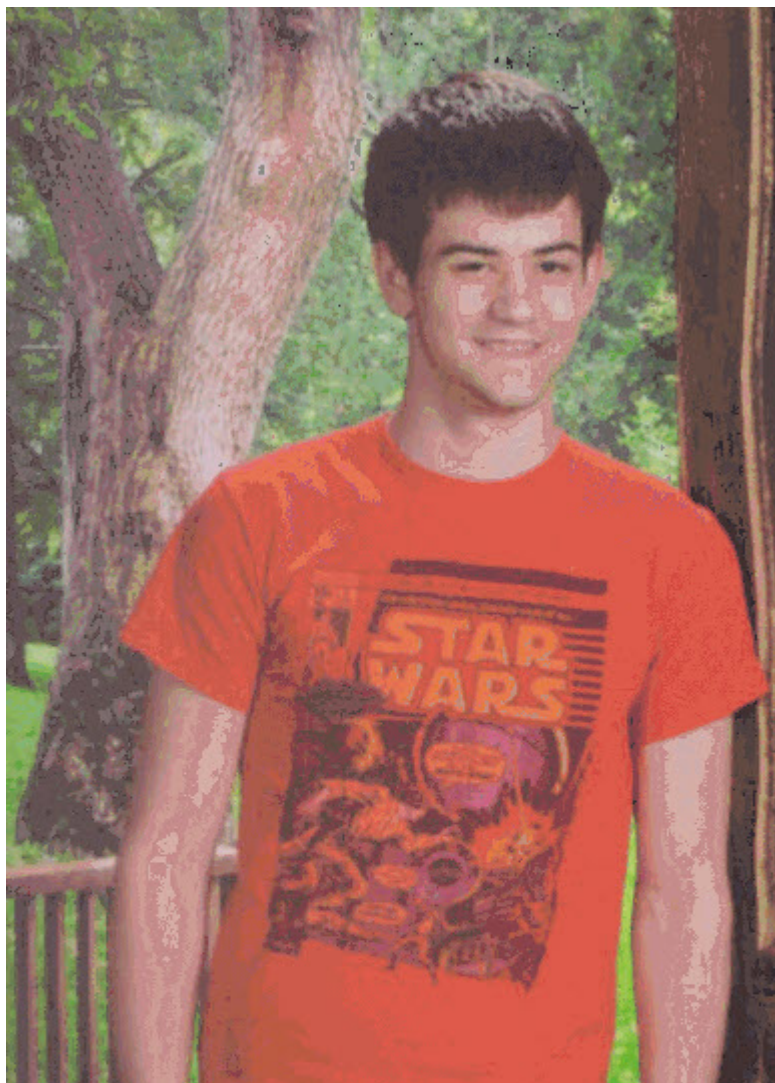


Lisa Cass

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Andrew Chastain

Andrew Chastain is graduating as Valedictorian for Tom Bean's class of 2011. He is the son of Eddie and Victoria Chastain. He said, "My parents always pushed me to work as hard as I possibly could on anything I was involved in, and it has paid off tremendously."

He has received several scholarships for college next year from the University of Texas at Arlington such as: UT Arlington's Outstanding Freshman Scholarship (\$6,000/year), Top 10% Scholarship (\$2,000/year), and the Mr. B Memorial Scholarship from Tom Bean's Band program in the amount of \$500.

Throughout high school, Chastain participated in many activities, mostly music related: Marching Band for 4 years, Concert Band for 4 years, Jazz Band for 4 years, National Honors Society for 3 years, and LOFT (a student tutoring/teacher's aide program) for 1 year.

In the band program, he qualified for State Solo and Ensemble for 4 straight years in a saxophone ensemble in which he played the Alto Saxophone. Also, he was an officer last year, Woodwind Captain, when Tom Bean's marching band advanced to the Area Marching Competition held at Birdville ISD.

Future plans are to attend the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall of 2011 and major in Aerospace Engineering. His long-term goal is to put his education to work at NASA's Johnson Space Center located in Houston, Texas.



Tenae Sanders

Tenae Sanders has been named the Salutatorian of Tom Bean High School for 2011.

She is the daughter of Tal Sanders & Twilene Sanders.

She has received the Malorie Bullock Memorial Scholarship - \$500 and Southeastern Oklahoma State University Foundation Scholarship for \$1,000.00.

High School Activities include:

Sports Cheerleader -- 2007-2011, J.V. Captain 2007-2008, Varsity Captain 2010-2011, NCA All American Team 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Track 2007-2010 -- Received the Heart Award for 2010, Regional Alternate 2009 & 2010, Regional Qualifier 2011

Volleyball 2007-2010 -- All District Academic Award 2009, All State Academic Award 2010

Softball 2008 -- Manager 2011

Powerlifting 2010 -- Regional Qualifier 2010

Competitive Cheerleading 2008-2009 -- NCA 2009 Small Level 4 National Champion

Academics -- U.I.L. - Mathematics 2008; National Honor's Society 2008-2011, Received the History Award 2008, 2009, & 2010; Received the Math Award 2008, 2009, & 2010; Received the Science Award 2008, 2009, & 2010; Received the Language Arts Award for 2010; Received the Child Development Award for 2008

Organizations -- Yearbook Staff 2009-2011; Yearbook Editor 2010-2011; Junior Class Officer Vice-President 2009-2010; Member of National Honor Society 2008-2011; P.A.L.S. 2010-2011; Member of Future Farmers of America 2010-2011; Member of FCCLA 2007-2008; Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Honors -- Class Favorite - Freshman Class Favorite 2008, Junior Class Favorite 2010; Homecoming Queen 2010, Mrs. TBHS, April Student of the Month 2011, Salutatorian

She plans to attend the University of North Texas where she is currently on the cheer squad and major in Biology to pursue a career in Dentistry.



Tom Bean ISD Family Fitness Fun Run & 5K Results Saturday, May 21, 2011

1 mile Fun Run/Walk Results:

- 1st – Jackson Harris, Kindergarten
- 2nd – Branson Ashlock, PreK
- 3rd – Caden Edwards, Kindergarten
- 4th – Cathy Harris



5K (3.1 miles) Run/Walk Results:

- 1st – Matt Boykin, Adult, 18:06
- 2nd – Noah White, 22:50
- 3rd – Christian Reynolds, 23:49
- 4th – Brian Warren, 25:25
- 5th – Laurie Underwood, Gainesville, 26:32
- 6th – Teresa McCoul, Sherman, 27:37
- 7th – Terry Poindexter, 28:15
- 8th – Campbell Smith, 28:23 and Amanda Smith, 28:24
- 9th – Dewitt Smith, 28:25
- 10th – K'lain Ashlock, 28:42
- 11th – Reid Fuller, 37:29
- 12th – Madi Gordon, 37:39
- 13th – Hunter Reynolds, 38:14
- 14th – Roxanne South, 38:38
- 15th – JJ Reynolds, 43:02
- 16th – Zach Gordon, 43:05
- 17th – Sara Cox, 43:48
- 18th – Katie Reynolds, 48:39
- 19th – Macy Edwards, 48:29
- 20th – Amy Edwards, 48:43
- 21st – Mary Jones, 50:36
- 22nd – Kim Shields, 50:37
- 23rd – Patrice Counts, 50:41
- 24th – Brianna Reynolds, 55:03
- 25th – Casey, 55:34
- 26th – Nathan Gracy, 55:34
- 27th – Lee Theis, 55:45
- 28th – Maggie Rodgers, 1:00.20
- 29th – Laura Rodgers, 1:00.32



Vendors and Sponsors for the Fitness Fair and 5K were:

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Van Alstyne Library News

By Judy E. Spence

This past Saturday our library welcomed several international visitors as Teen Council hosted our 2nd Annual Anime Convention. Most visitors were Japanese but some were Korean and not all were human. More than 40 teens filled the library to browse the newest manga additions to our Young Adult section purchased by a grant from the Tocker Foundation earlier this year. New books were but one of the many draws of the afternoon. There was a rice eating contest, a drawing contest, and a costume contest. Our concession area offered several teas, ramen noodles, and, of course, rice and fortune cookies.

The colorful and sometimes bizarre characters are all born of the graphic novel. Simply put, a graphic novel is a “bookified” comic book. There is little written text and the story is told primarily by pictures. On the surface this might seem like a step backward for literacy, however, recent research has shown that more information can be dissimilated from a picture than from the written word. Gretchen Schwartz writes in her 2006 article *Expanding literacies through the graphic novel*: “Increasingly, scholars and teachers realize that in a media-dominated society, one traditional literacy - reading and writing of print - is no longer sufficient. Today’s young people also have to read films, TV shows, magazines, and Web sites. Both practical information and the stories of our culture come from many media, especially those made possible by current technology. The graphic novel is a medium that combines the visual and verbal as do films, TV, and even popup ads. The graphic novel, however, holds still and allows special attention to be given to its unique visual and word arrangement. To read and interpret graphic novels, students have to pay attention to the usual literary elements of character, plot, and dialogue, and they also have to consider visual elements such as color, shading, panel layout, perspective, and even the lettering style.” Truly, the graphic novel is much more than a collection of colorful pictures. It draws the most reluctant of readers and appeals to the most difficult of demographics for a young adult librarian: teen males. Graphic novels bring young adults to our library and get books into every one of their hands. Whatever else may be said of them, they get a “thumbs up” from me.

The entire event was organized and run by veteran Teen Council member Miss Aaron Emdy. Emdy officially “ages out” of Teen Council as she celebrated her 20th birthday earlier this year. Emdy was a founding member of Teen Council and we bent the rules a bit to allow her membership as, at the time, she was only 12. Sometimes bending the rules pays off because Emdy has since proven herself to be the epitome of dedication, hard work, and loyalty. She has been steadfast in her membership through the highest of highs and the lowest lows. Despite having her temper tested well and often I have never seen her be anything but pleasant, professional, and courteous. These qualities and more are what also make her an outstanding library employee. Teen Council was proud to present Emdy with a certificate of appreciation for her 8 years of dedicated service. Emdy has proved to be an invaluable guide and consultant as I built our own manga collection for our library. Thanks to her and her brother Ian Emdy, the Van Alstyne Public Library can boast one of the most current and comprehensive graphic novel collections in North Texas. Teen Council will be purchasing 15 volumes of Emdy’s favorite manga which will be donated to the Young Adult collection of our library in her name.

By Aaron Emdy, Library Assistant: This last Saturday, Teen Council held an event this town might not have expected to see: an Anime Convention. Some guests who attended came in costume dressed as their favorite character from manga or anime, and got to enjoy the small array of Asian food. To entertain themselves, they had a movie to watch, or they could hunt for Dragon Balls scattered throughout the library. There were also video games to play, and other events hosted through the night, such as the Rice-Eating Contest, and Drawing Contest. For those who were all about cosplay, there was a Costume Contest to attend, and if they didn’t feel like doing anything in particular, they could simply admire each other’s costume, browse the new manga in the library, or talk about their favorite anime.

As a small-scale convention, it was well-attended by approximately forty people of various ages. About one third were in costume, with over half home-made. Those who came enjoyed the convention to the fullest, as quite a few stayed for all four hours that it ran. The new manga that was showcased during the convention is now available for check-out at the Van Alstyne Public Library, and more shall be added over the next few weeks. So for those who were hoping for particular manga that they didn’t see on display, check back at the library later, as it may be sitting on the shelf just waiting for someone to pick it up.



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Chrystal Opry House Gospel Event

Our Gospel event is the fourth Saturday night at 7 pm. This Saturday night, May 28, the Melody Ranch Gospel Band will perform along with guest Corley Berry, from Waxahatchie. Members of the band are Archie Shearer, lead guitar and vocals, Al Guinn, guitar and vocals, George Kirby, fiddle, Charles Woolly, mandolin and vocals, Tom Hackney, guitar and vocals, Jody Cofer, bass and vocals, Debra Leake, vocals, Sue Harlin, piano and vocals, Keith Francis, steel guitar, Mike Vaughn, drums, and Bill Hayes, guitar and vocals.

Doors will open at 6 pm and the program will begin at 7 o'clock. Admission for this program is \$6. Children under 12 are admitted free with an adult. A concession area with brisket sandwiches, hot dogs and refreshments is available.

The Chrystal Opry House is located one and a half 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 no smoking is allowed inside the building. Contact Bill Hayes (903-546-6893) for more information.

Melody Ranch's 5th Annual Bluegrass Festival

Can you believe it? This is our 5th Annual Bluegrass Festival!

This year the dates are June 1-4. We have a kick-off potluck supper on June 1 at 6 pm which is free for campers. There will be fellowship and jamming afterwards.

The gospel section of the festival is focused on Thursday evening beginning at 6 pm. We have the Melody Ranch Ramblers, Bluefield Express, Full Quiver, and Copper Canyon for that evening.

Fridays' events begin at 1 pm with The Upper Grassmen, Mark Phillips & IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band, Cedar Ridge, and High Strung. The evening performance will begin at 6 pm.

Saturday's events begin at 12 noon. We have Blue Moon Drive, High Strung, Mack Smith Family Band, Cedar Ridge, and Mark Phillips and IIIrd Generation Bluegrass Band. The evening performance will begin at 6 pm.

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

Food is available at the snack bar inside the Opry House during the shows. We serve hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches, and during the dinner hour on Friday and Saturday evening, we will serve an enchilada, beans, and rice plate.

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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The Sound Of Music Closes SCP's Season

On Friday evening, June 3, the Sherman Community Players will be opening **The Sound of Music**, the final show in the theatre's 2010-2011 Season. Written and composed by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, this uplifting musical comedy is based on the memoirs of Maria von Trapp. It tells the story of a widowed naval captain who falls in love and weds a postulant from a nearby abbey, sent to be the governess of his seven children. Set against the beautiful mountains of Austria on the eve of World War II, the family escapes the German invasion, flees to America and later becomes a world-famous singing family.

The show was written for Texas-born Mary Martin and originally conceived as a non-musical that would feature songs from the Von Trapp Family Singers. The producers decided to add an original song or two by Rodgers and Hammerstein, but soon realized the show should feature all new songs and be a musical rather than a play.

The award-winning production opened on Broadway in 1959 and was later adapted as a popular and beloved film starring Julie Andrews and won five Academy Awards. The show has had numerous revivals on Broadway and is one of the most widely produced musicals in the world. Songs from the


production include *My Favorite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *Sixteen Going On Seventeen*, *Climb Every Mountain* and many more.

Heading the 36-member cast of the SCP production is local music teacher Laura Dominick as Maria, Sherman optometrist Jerry Gundersheimer as Captain von Trapp and Grayson College librarian Lisa Hebert as the Mother Abbess. The seven children are played by Lauren Fanning, Trey Alexander, McKenzie Baca, Rafe McConnell, Sarah McGinn, Lindsey Fanning and Zoey Griffith.

The production is directed by SCP artistic director Ron Cassady, assisted by musical director Fred Freeman who will also conduct the 17 member orchestra.

The Sound Of Music has performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 pm and Sunday afternoons at 2 pm through June 26. There will be a preview performance on Thursday evening, June 2 with all seats priced at \$5. Performances are held in the Finley Theatre at 500 N. Elm.

The box office opens for season members only on Monday and Tuesday, May 30 and 31 at 9 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Wednesday, June 1 at 10 am. The box office telephone number is 903-892-8818, and it is located in the Honey McGee Playhouse, located directly behind the Finley Theatre.

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A well-used phone book

By Bob Bowman

People send me a lot of unusual things--a limb shaped like a question mark, a can of sardines from the 1950s (I was afraid to open it), and so forth.

But I've never received a telephone book adorned with telephone numbers from the 1980's scribbled all over the cover, the back, and dozens of inside pages.

It came from Joel Towers of Lufkin with a note that it was his mother's telephone book from Jasper.

The full-color cover alone is worth a story. It tells the story of Texas and illustrates it with colorful men and women who helped shape the history of the state.



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Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

What a week! Tuesday I had surgery that when I was in my 20's would have lasted 45 to 90 minutes and left the patient hospitalized for at least five days and virtually incapacitated for six to eight weeks.

My surgery lasted 15 minutes. I was at the hospital for seven hours and then went home with instructions not to lift anything heavy for a week or two, but to go back to my usual activities in 24 hours. I waited 36 hours before starting to drive because I was concerned that there might be lingering effects from the anesthetic.

The physician sent me home with a prescription for a high powered narcotic and something to help quell nausea from taking it, but I didn't get it filled. I never had any pain, and if I had, I wouldn't have taken anything more than extra strength Tylenol.

There aren't even visible stitches in the four tiny incisions. The surface skin is "glued" together.

I am describing all this because, as is usual, someone my age wrote me a two page letter about how decadent and terrible the present age is and how much better things were in the 1950's. She must not have lived through the same 1950's I lived through.

There was a terrible drought in W. Texas, a drought so bad that someone wrote a poignant novel called *The Time It Never Rained*. It was also a time when there was an economic bust in the oil field.

Employment was hard to find and money was not as plentiful for my hard-working father and mother. They had to do without a lot of things to see that their kids were well-dressed, stayed in high school, and had spending money.

The 1950's was the decade when people were terrified of polio. Lots of them -- my father among them -- believed that kids got polio from swimming in the public pool, which meant that my brother and I rode bikes and skated a lot.

In those days, only the richest kids had "shoe skates." Instead they had metal skates that could be adjusted to fit whatever shoe you were wearing and a skate key to turn the screw that tightened the bracket that held them on the toes of your shoes. The skates were held on your heel with a leather strap. You had to be careful not to get sand or gravel in the wheels so the ball bearings in the skate wheels wouldn't get fouled. All of us spent a lot of time taking the wheels off our skates and dipping the ball bearings into a pan of kerosene to clean them.

It was during the 50's that the people next door to us had a baby girl, Dana Ann, who died when she was six months old of an esophageal stenosis that now could be cured surgically



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

Among them Father Antonio Margil, founder of some of Texas' early missions, John Meusbach, the leader of German colonists in Texas; Charles Goodnight, an Army Scout and Texas Ranger; and Quanah Parker, who was held captive by Indians for several years.

With each telephone book, the company apparently gave users an 8x10 color print of the cover. It alone was worth having as a keepsake of Texas.

As I thumbed my way through the book, I found numbers Joel's mom felt were important. The sheriff's office was 384-5419, the Ponderosa (whatever that was) was 1-817-778-5511, and Gibson's pharmacy was 383-6814

Most of Mrs. Towers scribbled numbers were in the white pages. In the yellow pages, I didn't find a single scribbled number.

Telephone books in the 1980s had a lot more instructions for phone users than they do today.

For example, there was a special box with instructions on how to place long-distance calls. Example: "When you have completed dialing, the operator will come on the line and ask pertinent calling information" or "You will not be charged if you hang up before the complete number is dialed."

In 1980, it cost callers in Jasper 32 cents per minute for a weekday, one-minute call to Oakhurst, 50 cents to call Atlanta, Georgia, and 52 cents to Washington, D.C.

But you received a discount if you called in the evening or at night.

The price could jump to two bucks if your call was made by the operator and to \$3.00 if you were calling person-to-person instead of station-to-station.

The yellow pages consisted of about half the number of pages in the book, including 21 lawyers.

In the white pages, the Abortion and Counseling Clinic was first and the last was Robert T. Zube.

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



Dot's Dashes, continued

in a flash -- provided, of course, that she was not poor and on Medicaid in Texas.

Hardly anybody had air-conditioning during the 1950's and the idea of central heat and air was only a blip on future radar. We sweltered in the summer and froze in the winter. My father would go to the ice house and buy a big block of ice, put it in a #3 washtub and let a fan blow over the ice until the ice melted. When window swamp coolers came in, he was one of the first to buy and install one.

But that didn't help with the heat in winter. The way you got the house warm was to light the unvented gas space heater every winter morning as soon as you got up. All of us had windows that could be raised an inch or two when we went to bed at night lest the gas leak or we be overcome by carbon monoxide because someone forgot to turn one of the space heaters off.

Vaccines that we take for granted now were new and controversial. Whooping cough and measles took some children every year. Food poisoning was commonplace because there were so few regulations about food cleanliness. Lots of people got sick every summer from eating homemade ice cream made with uncooked eggs.

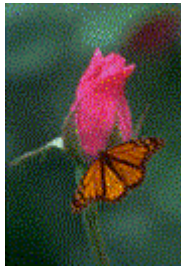
When people changed the oil in their cars, they let the old oil run down the street and into the water table. Unless they were poor they never thought about recycling anything except hand me down clothing.

Surgery like what I had last Tuesday would have been undertaken with fear and trembling because of the possibility that it would expose a malignancy that couldn't be treated. The result would have been, just closing the patient back up and then giving up. Given today's technology, surgeons can be reasonably confident about what they will find and there will be way to treat it.

Do I rejoice in the 21st Century? You bet your boots! It has come with a set of challenges that are much like the ones people faced at the beginning of the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries. What was different at the beginning of those centuries was the technology and for the most part, the technology has made life thousands of times better.

Spare me the good old days of the '50s. I much prefer the good old days of right now.





Comments Solicited on Refuge Feral Hog Control Program

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in north central Texas is proposing to expand feral hog control efforts on Refuge lands. As part of this process the public is being invited to provide early comments on potential issues or concerns that should be considered.

Feral hogs pose a serious threat to native wildlife and all refuge habitats. The goal of feral hog management on Hagerman NWR is to control the expanding population of feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*) by reducing their numbers to the extent possible. Successfully accomplishing this goal will result in less competition for food, water and space between feral hogs and native wildlife; reduce habitat disturbance; reduce destruction of nests of ground nesting species such as dickcissel, turkey, mallard, quail, reptiles and amphibians; and reduce damage to refuge roads, impoundments, streams, and farm fields through excessive rooting behavior feral hogs engage in while foraging for food.

This comment period is known as 'Scoping' under the National Environmental Policy Act. During scoping the Refuge is looking for general comments on the proposed feral hog control program. These comments will assist in determining the next course of action. Comments will be accepted until June 17, 2011. Comments should be sent to Kathy_Whaley@fws.gov or mailed to; Refuge Manager, Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, Texas 75092

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Comments Solicited on Refuge Hunt Program

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) in north central Texas is proposing to add quota permit feral hog and wild turkey hunting opportunities on Refuge lands. As part of this process the public is being invited to provide early comments on potential issues or concerns that should be considered.

The objectives of implementing feral hog and wild turkey hunting programs on Hagerman NWR are to provide the general public an opportunity to participate in priority, wildlife-dependent recreation. In addition, implementing a feral hog hunt will aid in reducing the population of this invasive and destructive species which will benefit refuge habitat and native wildlife. The proposed hunts will provide a high quality wildlife-dependent (hunting) experience in north Texas by offering an uncrowded, highly individualistic experience.

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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.



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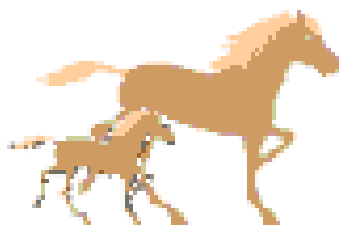
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Creative Arts Building, Loy Lake Park -
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Do you want to manage for wildlife but think your property is too small? There is a lot you can do to make your property attractive to many wildlife species. Come learn about wildlife management practices and principles that can be utilized to better manage for deer, turkey, doves, quail, and songbirds on small acreage. You will learn how to manage your property to better attract, see, and keep wildlife. Following the indoor presentations, a guided nature walk conclude the day by reemphasizing what was learned in the classroom and identifying wildlife valuable plants. This program is done in partnership with the Texas AgriLife Extension and the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation.

The program will cost \$20 per attendee which covers program materials, costs, and lunch. RSVP is necessary. Call Chuck at 903-813-4202. Program begins at 7:45 at the Creative Arts Building at Loy Lake Park (located southwest of Denison, exit 67) and concludes at 2 pm. One CEU will be awarded for Private Applicators.

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Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



More Bills Passed

As of this writing, there are only 9 days left in the 82nd Legislative Session. Saturday was the last day for Senate bills to be passed out of a House Committee, and Wednesday, May 25 marks the last day any bill can be passed by the House.

Grain producers sell to various grain buyers, including grain warehouses or elevators. Frequently, the producer stores the grain at a warehouse to be sold at a later date. Over the last few years, several grain warehouses have become financially insolvent. The producers were unable to recoup any of their grain, and the bonds held by the warehouses as required under current law paid only a fraction of the value of the crop. This loss was devastating to many producers in Texas, including several producers in Grayson and Fannin counties.. This week **House Bill 1840** was finally passed by both the House and Senate and has now been sent to the governor. This bill, which I filed in response to a catastrophic grain warehouse failure in our district, sets up a mechanism by which grain producers can self-insure against a loss due to a financial failure by a grain buyer. HB 1840 would create a board for the purposes of developing an indemnity fund for grain producers in Texas. The fund would be funded by an assessment on the producers, and would help insure producers in the event of a financial failure by a grain buyer.

The House also debated and passed **Senate Bill 31** this week, which is the redistricting plan for the state senate districts. This plan was drawn by the Senate, and passed through the House unchanged. The Senate also passed the House redistricting map, **HB 150**, and the Senate also did not make any changes to the House map. Under these maps, Grayson and Fannin counties remain together in House District 62; Grayson County will still be part of Senate District 30 and Fannin will remain a part of Senate District 2.

This week the House and Senate continued to work on a compromise for the state budget. Although the budget has not passed at this time, the conferees and leadership of both the House and Senate are working hard to bring forth a budget before the session ends. As of this writing, the House and Senate were debating several other state finance bills.

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



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Electronic fingerprints now required for CHL application

The Texas Department of Public Safety no longer accepts hard-copy fingerprint cards from applicants for Texas concealed handgun licenses. All applicants are now required to submit their fingerprints electronically for their criminal background checks.

“Using electronic fingerprints allows us to speed up the application process because they provide a higher-quality print,” said RenEarl Bowie, assistant director for the DPS Regulatory Services Division.

“Ninety-eight percent of all electronic fingerprints are easily read, resulting in fewer rejections for poor fingerprint quality.”

The Department attempts to use existing fingerprints on file for current CHL holders who are applying for renewal. Additional prints are only required for renewal if the existing prints do not meet quality standards sufficient to complete the required background check. Current CHL holders are notified whether they are required to submit new fingerprints.

For more information on Concealed Handgun Licensing or to schedule a fingerprinting appointment, please visit our website at:

http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/chl/chlsindex.htm

Texoma Council of Governments Publishes 2011 Summer Youth Activity Guide

Sherman, May 20, 2011 – Dr. Susan B. Thomas, Executive Director of the Texoma Council of Governments, announced the release of the 2011 edition of the Summer Youth Activity Guide: Summertastic.

“The guide highlights a variety of activities available to families in the Texoma region,” Dr. Thomas said. “Our staff has done a terrific job compiling a diverse offering of activities available to children of all ages. Parents and grandparents will find plenty of enriching and fun experiences for children to enjoy this Summer.”

The 40-page Summer Youth Activity Guide is produced by 211 Texoma and is streamlined for easy reference with several new activities including motor cross sports, bicycle safety and golf. Parents of children with physical and mental disabilities will find camping opportunities at Hannah’s Horseshoes of Hope, Texas Lions Camp, and Camp Sweeney. Event pages are filled with Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and 4th of July celebrations for the entire family. In addition to these activities, The Service Academy for Youth will provide the opportunity for young people to learn the importance of giving back to the community through volunteering. You will find music, theater, reading, nature walks and many more Summertastic experiences available this summer throughout Texoma .

Find the Guide online at:

<http://www.texoma.cog.tx.us/Documents/211/2011summeryouthguide.pdf>

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security, criminal justice, and transportation needs.



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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

A Christian Fellowship starts each Sunday morning at 9:00am with coffee and doughnut fellowship, followed by classes for all ages at 9:30, worship service begins at 10:30. This week's service will be led by Mike Ball. So come join them for an inspiration service, dress is casual.

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

The youth group will be having a garage sale at the church on June 18th from 8 am to whenever....The sale will be held at the church at 150 Fellowship Road in Luella, lots of clothes and many different item, remember one man's junk is another man's treasure, so come on out and see what kind of treasure you can find.

The church offers home study groups throughout the week.

Wednesday night begins with a pot luck dinner followed by praise and worship and a devotional.

The church is located on 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>.



Lest You Be Enamored With The Nations

By Willie Sofey

Be cautious, lest (for fear that) you be enamored (be inflamed with love) with the Nations.

I believe the world is experiencing the times that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:6-8, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars..., Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."

When Jesus' disciples ask "When will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" (Matt. 24:3). Jesus answered, "No man knows..., but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24: 36-37).

In the days of Noah, "Man's every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only of evil all the time" (Gen. 6:5), "now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and full of violence" (Gen. 6:11). "You will be hated by all nations because of me. (Matt. 24:9).

The nations of Islam, (descendents of the rebellious Ishmael out of Abraham's seed and his Egyptian hand maiden Hagar), have reached a high point in our present age, in its goal of trying to destroy God's chosen nation of Israel, (Jacob who was the son of Isaac, the son of promise to Abraham), and the grafted in Gentile nations (spiritual heirs through Christ).

The modern Christian nations have rejected God by trying to remove Him

Local Churches

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

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COLLEGE HILL
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APOSTOLIC LIFE UPC
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903/532-6828; Roger Roper,
S-school, 9:30, worship 10:45
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903/532-6718;
Tom Medley, minister

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

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BAPTIST CHURCH
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Harvey Patterson,
903/893-2252
A CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 150 Fellowship Ln,
Luella
Mike Ball, 903/870-0219

Tom Bean
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903/546-6231
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CHURCH 903/546-6898
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FM 2729, 2.5 miles
South of Tom Bean
Duane Peters,
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PILOT GROVE



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Lest You Be Enamored With The Nations, continued

from every fabric of society and instituted immoral laws., deceiving the people into thinking they are right in the legal practice of this rapacious lifestyle.

The Christ followers of the world are indeed "hated by all nations because of me (Jesus)" Matt. 24:9. This verse is what inspired my title "Lest You Be Enamored With The Nations."

It seems America today is in a similar situation as Israel was under King Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.).

The nation of Israel was experiencing much material wealth, but was spiritually bankrupt. God's prophet, Hosea (710 B.C.), spoke for God, "They set up kings without my consent, they chose princes without my approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction" (Hosea 8:4).

It seems the so-called "Christian" nations of the west including America are more interested in electing (choosing) "kings and princes" that will ignore God's laws in favor of supporting their greedy,

covetous, fleshy appetites. "They gather together for grain and new wine but turn away from Me. I have trained them and strengthened them, but they plot evil against Me" (Hosea 7:9).

"Where is your king, that he may save you? Where are your rulers in all your towns?" (Hosea 13:10). The apostle Paul addressing the Corinthians (47-61 A.D.), "Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (1 Cor. 10:11).

Do not be enamored with what the nations of the world have to offer. "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 John 2:15).

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).



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903/892-9635, Sun. 10

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601 Hwy. 1417, Pastor,

Rev. Mack Rogers

RED RIVER

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105 Hopson,

Shannon Jackson, minister,

903/482-6033

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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minister; worship 11am

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FM 121 W, Elmont;

Jim Poole, pastor,

903/482-6356

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972/547-0243,

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Pastors – Lance/ Mary Baker

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Jimmy Tarrant, pastor

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Gary Gibbs, pastor

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CHURCH 301 S. Preston,

Rev. Jack Wallace, minister

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EPISCOPAL

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SAMARIA BAPTIST CHURCH

702 E. Fulton, 903/482-5664, Rev. Arnold Baker, pastor



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.

Calorie cam a fat expense in war on childhood obesity

By Mike Barnett

Moms and dads should be concerned about fat kids. So should the government. Obesity rates are soaring. Millions of dollars have been spent to conduct thousands of studies to examine why one-third of children ages 6 to 19 are overweight.

Add another study to the mix and \$2 million in taxpayer dollars down the drain. USDA announced a grant to five San Antonio schools last week for cafeteria cams to figure out what and how much kids eat at school. The high-tech wonder will snap photos of lunch trays before students check out at the register. It will take another picture when they finish eating. The calorie counting camera will identify the food, capture the nutrient levels and measure what the students have eaten.

Do we really need a high tech surveillance system to figure this out? It's pretty obvious to me. When kids have a choice between a greasy hamburger and a turkey wrap or cheese enchilada versus a tuna sandwich, the greasy hamburger and cheese enchilada -- nine times out of ten -- is going off the tray and into the mouth.

The goal of the program is to teach parents that a steady diet of high-sugar, high-fat and high-salt foods is bad for you. Duh. I think most moms and dads know that. Study after study shows that high calorie intake and little exercise leads to obesity.

Yet many continue to feed their kiddos a steady diet of cookies, salty snacks and Big Macs. Many let their kids retire to their rooms for hours on the Xbox and PlayStation instead of getting them outside in the fresh air for play and exercise.

Obesity in children and adults is a serious problem that is fat on studies and short on solutions. Spending another \$2 million to expose the obvious is pointless.

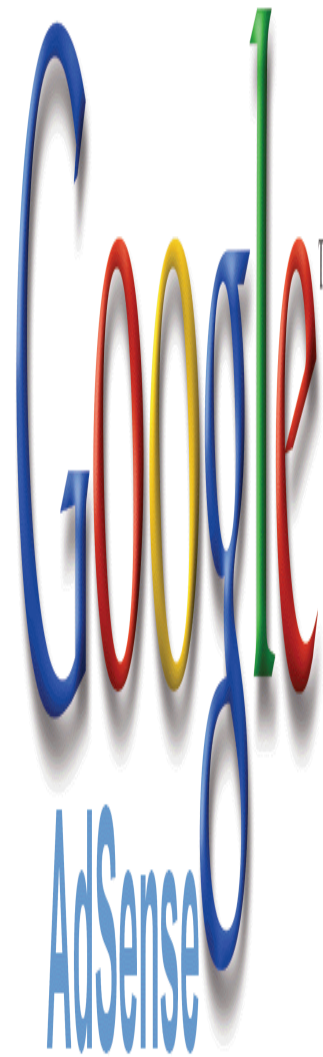
It's all about choices, both for parents at home and administration in schools. Parents need to take the responsibility to provide a diet rich in lean meats, fruits, vegetables and whole grains -- sans the salt -- to their children. School districts should do the same.

Bad choices will be made when bad options are presented.

The data is there to add the carrots and nix the fries.

The willpower isn't.

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



The price of Gas versus Printer Ink

All these examples do NOT imply that gasoline is cheap; it just illustrates how outrageous some prices are.... *This makes one think, and also puts things in perspective.*

Diet Snapple 16 oz \$1.29 ... \$10.32 per gallon

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(Evian spelled backwards is Naive.)

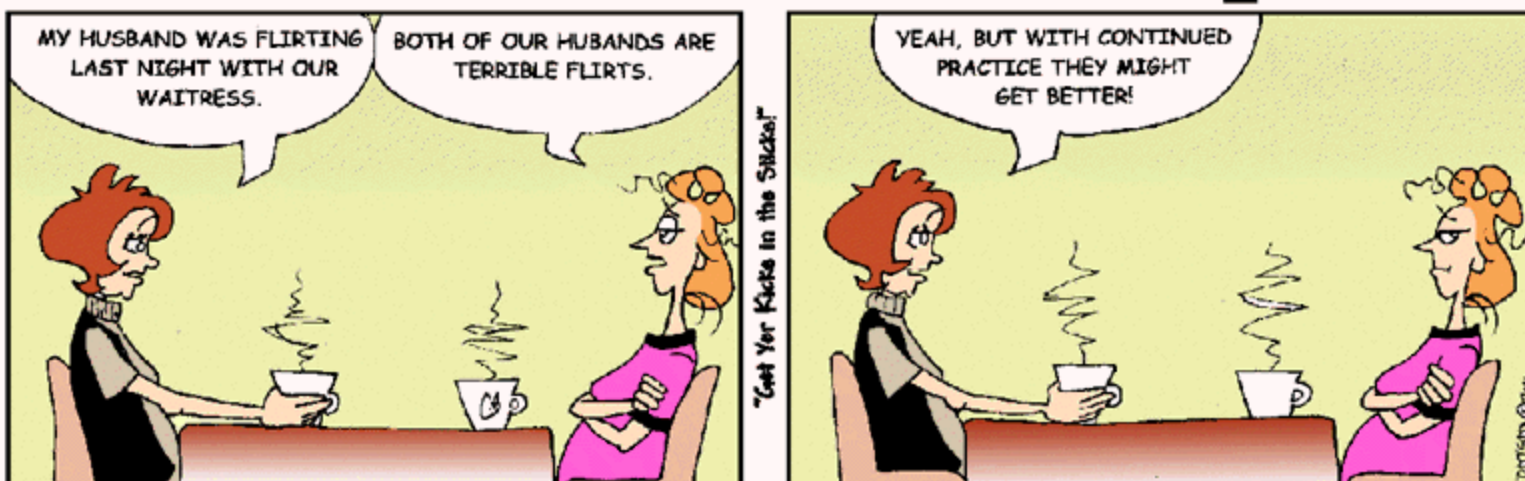
Ever wonder why printers are so cheap?

So they have you hooked for the ink.
Someone calculated the cost of the ink at.....
(you won't believe it....but it is true.....)
\$5,200 a gal. (five thousand two hundred dollars)

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, Scope, or Whiteout, Pepto Bismol, Nyquil or God forbid, Printer Ink!

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

Old Man is Sick

Well folks - the Old Man is sick. We are pretty sure he has Bells Palsy. And he is a terrible patient.

First - lest you worry, Bells Palsy almost always has a fully recover. It comes on quickly but is slow to get over. Usually the complete recover can take place in just a couple of months (often a couple of weeks), but it can last longer.

Symptoms include paralysis of one side of the face. Old Man's right side in this case. He cannot close his eye, his mouth does not work correctly (making it difficult to talk and eat), and in this case his right ear seems almost completely plugged up with nearly total hearing loss for now.

There is a brain in his head for those who wondered - we say the MRI results. With Bells Palsy, one nerve in the face is affected and that nerve causes all the problems. When the Old Man's system either develops new paths around what the nerve does, or the nerve itself gets repaired, then he sould be fine.

Like I said he is a bad patient. He hates to repeat himself - but with the speech problem!!! And he cannot hear well unless you are on the left side — So what can we do? Just be patient with us while we are caring for him.



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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



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