

May 5, 2011

Statements on Death of Osama bin Laden

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) released the following statement on the death of Osama bin Laden:

“Our mission has always been to take down Osama bin Laden, leader of al-Qaeda, the terrorist network that killed thousands of innocent Americans on September 11, 2001. That mission has now been accomplished through the patience and steadfast determination of our military, our intelligence officials, and the united leadership of Presidents Bush and Obama. Now we must continue to dismantle this and other terrorist networks that attempt to destroy freedom and human rights throughout the world.”

WASHINGTON-U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, issued the following statement regarding the death of Osama bin Laden:

“In the aftermath of 9/11, President Bush promised a fearful, grieving nation that those individuals responsible for this atrocity would be brought to justice. Now, nearly a decade after those horrific attacks, President Obama informs us that justice has finally been served.

“Let this serve as a grave reminder to all those who wish to do our nation harm: If you murder Americans, you will be hunted, you will be found and you will be brought to justice. I commend the military and intelligence professionals whose tremendous efforts ended the reign of this terrorist mastermind.

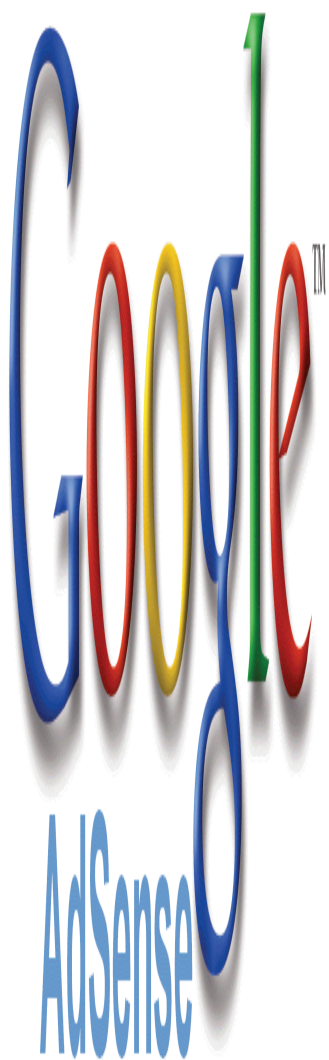
“While this will never bring their loved ones back, it is my hope that this will somehow ease the pain of the families of those who were lost on September 11th, 2001.”

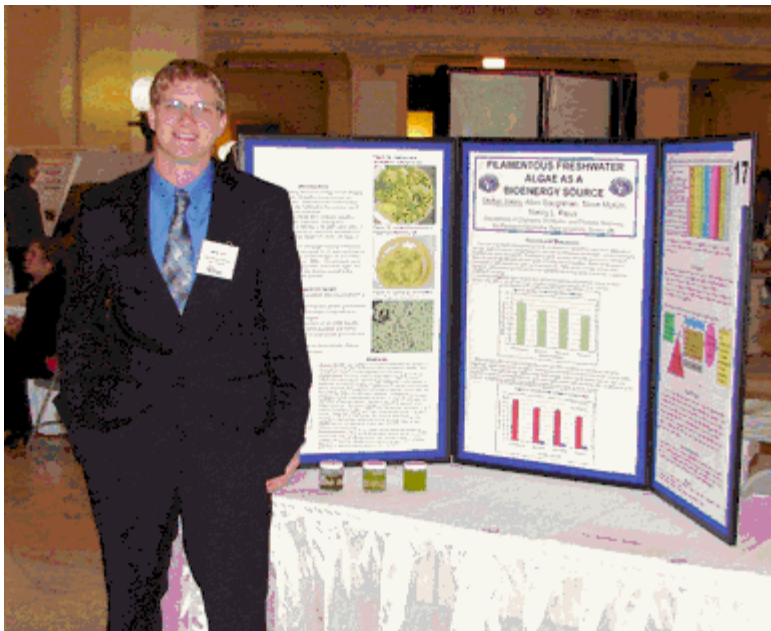
WASHINGTON, DC . . . Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04) released the following statement regarding the death of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden:

“The news of Osama bin Laden’s death brings a sense of relief and justice to all Americans nearly ten years after the September 11th attack on American soil by al Qaeda terrorists.

“I would like to thank our servicemen and women for their commitment to fight the spread of terrorism, and for their role in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice. In particular, I would like to share my gratitude to the Navy SEALs and CIA paramilitary forces who took down this murdering terrorist, and Presidents Obama and Bush for their leadership. I appreciate President Obama’s announcement on Osama bin Laden’s death, and I will remember President George W. Bush as he promised those who lost their loved ones that bin Laden would be taken dead or alive, no matter how long it takes. This news marks the fulfillment of that promise.

“Though Osama bin Laden has been brought to justice, we should remember the many followers he has all over the world, and we must continue to be vigilant. Bin Laden’s death indicates that we are being vigilant, and that we must strive to continue in this manner. We must never forget the heartbreak and loss he brought to so many on September 11th, 2001. We honor the families who lost loved ones in 9/11, and the families who lost loved ones serving in the fight against terrorism.”





SOSU student participates in State Research Day

by University Communications

DURANT, Okla. – Stefan Jones of Madill was selected to represent Southeastern Oklahoma State University at Research Day held recently at the State Capitol. Twenty-one undergraduate students representing 15 Oklahoma colleges and universities presented competitive research posters to the State Legislature and the public during this annual event sponsored by Oklahoma EPSCoR, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the National Science Foundation. This event is designed to bring about awareness of the outstanding research taking place in Oklahoma's colleges and universities. Jones' research focused on bioenergy. His faculty advisor is Dr. Nancy Paiva.



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GCC Offers

Elder Law Boot Camp in May

Grayson County College's Center for Workplace Learning offers Elder Law Boot Camp to help participants understand legal basics pertaining to people who are 50 years of age and older. Presented from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during three sessions on May 16, 17 and 19, the course is designed to educate older persons, their families and professionals about common legal mistakes, myths and concerns related to aging.

"Legal, financial and health care options for the elderly are an absolute maze," said course instructor Richard M. Barron, an elder law attorney with Barron Law Firm. "Part of what elder law provides to clients is help negotiating that maze."

Barron believes it is never too early to prepare for the future. "All of us want to age in place, that is to stay in our own homes and be independent," he said. "The reality is some of us will need help either at home or in a care facility. It is important to know what steps to take when additional care is necessary."

The May 16 session covers 10 things senior citizens and their loved ones need to know about life care planning. Barron and a professional health care coordinator explain how the legal needs of the elderly are affected by health concerns. Participants learn how to avoid costly legal mistakes and ways to ensure high-quality care at home or in an alternate setting.

The May 17 session responds to the question: "What the heck is a living trust and why should I care?" Barron presents a concise, understandable explanation of living trusts. He also provides information about how a trust can benefit elderly people and help preserve assets.

The May 19 session clarifies some of the myths about Medicaid and Veterans benefits. Honest, legal ways to qualify for these programs is discussed. Participants learn things about government programs that are not revealed when calling the VA or the local Medicaid office.

Barron asserts that information gathered from an elder law attorney and other experts can allow seniors and their families to face whatever situations arise. "Elder Law Boot Camp is suitable for anyone seeking legal alternatives to protect assets, income, home and spouse despite high healthcare costs," he said. "They can have peace of mind because they have a plan in place."

Cost for the course is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. All sessions meet in the Center for Workplace Learning on the college's Main Campus in Denison.

Registration may be completed in person in the CWL on the college's Main Campus, online at www.cwlgcc.org, or by phone at 903-463-8765 if paying with MasterCard, Discover or Visa credit cards.

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What's Cooking?

by Lana Rideout

Kempt – (of hair) neat and tidy as a nicely kempt beard or groomed as in neat and smart in appearance, well cared for.

While reading a book this past week, I came across the word “kempt” ... I did not remember seeing that word before. I am well aware of the use of “unkempt” which means untidy. I enjoyed seeing the opposite word which is well known in some circles.

It reminds me of “uncouth - unrefined” and “couth - refined.”

As Thursday, May 5, being the National Day of Prayer, here is a prayer for you from Numbers 6:24-26 “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Public prayers are part of our constitutional right of free speech, regardless of those who oppose such gatherings.

Iced Almond Tea

- 3 T. instant tea
- 2 c. boiling water
- 1 lg. can frozen lemonade
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 c water
- 1 T. vanilla extract
- 1 T. almond extract
- Add enough water to make a gallon.



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.

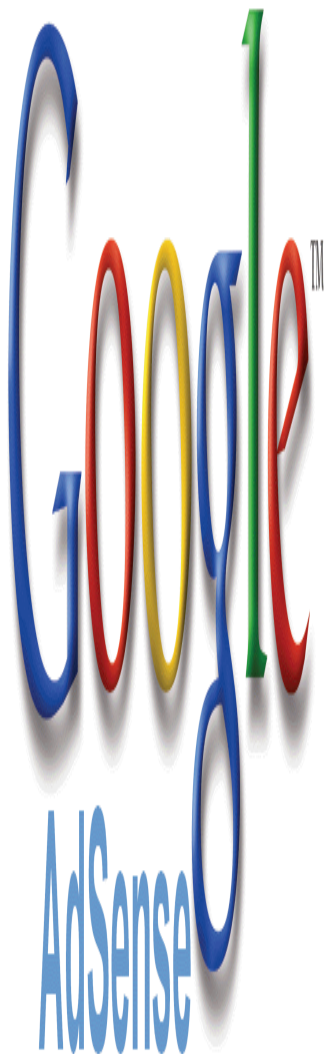
If you do not have a place, there are some sites on Garner Dr (right of way along Hwy. 11) -- 20'x20' for \$20.

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.

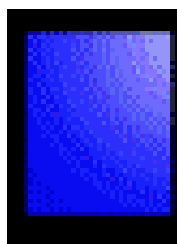
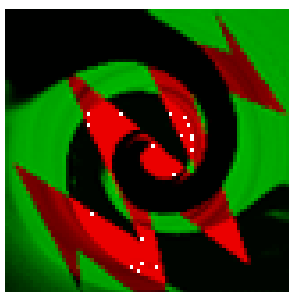
All fees/donations will be given to the Tom Bean Police Department for their yearly “National Night Out” in October.

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





Howe Elementary Star Students for the week ending April 29th are: Madison Kehrler, 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.



HISD Menus

May 9-13

Breakfast

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

Tuesday- Waffles w/sausage, cereal w/toast, fresh apple, orange juice

Wednesday- Oatmeal w/toast, cereal w/toast, graham crackers w/yogurt, orange halves, grape juice

Thursday Breakfast pizza, cereal w/toast, applesauce, orange juice

Friday- French toast, cereal w/toast, fruit cocktail, orange juice

Lunch

MONDAY- Cheeseburger, tuna sandwich, burger fixins, potato rounds, corn cobbette, diced peaches, vanilla pudding

TUESDAY- Chicken rings, small chef salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, fresh apple, wheat roll, gelatin jewels

WEDNESDAY- BBQ sandwich, grilled cheese, pickle spears, carrots & celery sticks, ranch beans, sugar cookie

THURSDAY- Cheese pizza, chicken spaghetti w/toast, tossed salad, spinach, applesauce, frozen fruit bar ice cream cups

FRIDAY- Chicken crispeto, small turkey salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit cocktail

Milk & juice served with all meals

Menu subject to change according to availability

The Howe City Council held a special meeting on April 26, 2011.

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

The council approved the consent agenda which included March 2011 finance statements, minutes of March 15, 2011 council meeting, Certificate of Unopposed Candidates, Order of Cancellation of the election scheduled on May 14, 2011 and amendment to Interlocal agreement for Grayson County Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Notification System. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief of Police John Cherry presented John Grant as Reserve Officer for the City of Howe Police Department. Council approved Grant as Reserve Officer with a vote of 5-0.

The council discussed building, remodeling, and/or construction permits and/or fees. No action was taken on discussion.

Council approved authorizing expenditure of \$1700 for the fireworks for the annual July 4th celebration; motion carried 5-0.

Council authorized city staff to advertise for sealed bids on firehouse/fire station expansion; motion carried 5-0.

No action was taken on Resolution to nominate a candidate to the Grayson Central Appraisal District.

Executive session was postponed pending additional information.

Accelerated Reader Goal 5th Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Jazmine Bookout, Chelsea Caughlan, Ethan Duer, Jesus Garcia, Matthew Hayes, Jalie Hill, Hayley McEwin, Xavier Rangel, Stone Trevino, Alexia Wakefield, Kelly Caballero, Jaggar Courtney, Bettye Delavan, Christina Harper, Kaylee Jones, Korben Kemp, Elijah Lewis, Jacob McGill, Madison Morrow, Landon Oswalt, Zakery Ragland, Taylor Reynolds, Sergio Rico, Alex Sturgess, Emma Sutherland, Destynee Torres, Jacob Upchurch, Matthew Bearden, Mackenzie Bryant, Nicholas Bullard, Kristopher Craig, Hunter Hance, Danielle Hargrove, Andrew Harper, Dabney Henry, Ryan Hough, Colton Little, Connor martin, Cody McGill, James Richardson, Donna Mendoza, Yair Ayala, Breana Cole, Bryan Crees, Carson Daniels, Zachary Dorley, Tate Harvey, Alexander Huerta, Dalton Laisy, Trey Phillips, Cody Richards, Keira Robertson, Ariana Ross, Demarcus Smith, Faith Stallings, Ethan Strunc, Dakota Tinker, Gabrielle Vera, Paige Benum, Korie Bouse, Kai Brown, Jordan Brunner, Jentrie Doty, Connor Gauntt, Chesnee Lawson, Audie Martin, Brody McCollum, Eduardo Menjivar, Paris Menjivar, Janna Nitchman, Zackery Petrea, Teagan Stubblefield, Antonio Tapia, Nathan Wooten

First Grade: Michelle Caballero, William Fleming, Kaitlyn Fuhr, Luke Lopez, Zoey Moore, Ryan Murphy, David Rocha, Caleb Searcey, Alyssa Sharp, Avery Snapp, Kaleb Strong, Trinity Williams, John Barrett, Kevin Bateman, Harley Brockelman, Luke Catching, Zakry DeFrange, Payton Garrison, John Griffin, Emma Harvey, Kailyn Ireland, Nicholas Miller, Brooke Potter, Conner Record, Faith Risinger, Aiden Roulette, Linda Segura, Ashlyn Beck, Caytie Coco, Ethan Conrad, Riley Griffith, Colby Hopper, Lindsey Hymel, Fenix Lugo, Katie Parker, Ricky Ramirez, Benjamin Speed, Jennifer Torres, Shelby Warren, Elijah Wilson, Jacob Adams, Jaden Bryant, Louis Gonzalez, Jaicob Husband, Samantha Lemley, Ramie Mosse, Jordan Troxtell, Ethan Turner, Caleb Wahrmund

Second Grade: Leah Butcher, Mariana Cano, Hannah Dwyer, Courtney Hopper, David Huerta, Jonathan Meneses, Cameron Murphy, Ramon Rocha, Camry Adams, Erin Catching, Ashley Crees, Kamryn Gardner, Alex Hernandez, Sean Husband, Seth Key, Grace Lankford, Mason Moreau, Hunter Robertson, Dylan Savage, Pablo Segura, Avery Shue, Korbyn Thompson, Leah Trevino, Braeden Wise, Mason Bearden, Mikal Ann Beck, Brett Burnett, Holly Cavender, Sierra Copeland, Abigail Fesperman, Karrah Gardner, Katie Grogan, Tatum Hartsfield, Raul Hernandez, Luke Jackson, Remington Lowe, Brooke Robinson, Brennan Speed, Austin Thurman, Abigail Wakefield, Jackson Adkins, Alexandra Blount, Grace Brennan, Kayle Chapman, Ruvy Enriquez, Gabriel Hariman, Kriston Harris, Spencer Heft, Austin Jones, Cameron Lankford, Elizabeth Robertson, Ethan Sanders, Reagan Troxtell, Kobi Zolfaghari



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Third Grade: Bailey Bond, Ireland Bryant, Lane Griffin, Jarron Ing, Jodee Newland, Matthew Robison, Jacob Roper, Jade Travis, Elijah Turner, Kaden Turner, Karsyn Fleming, Paetyn Ford, Ally Harvey, Braden Monroe, Molly Wilson, Kolby Windon, Cassidy Anderson, Kaden Bateman, Melanie Guzman, Mary Henson, Taylor Hinkle, Jenna Honore, Zane Hughes, Brian Timmons, Valerie Langford, Kacie Morgan, Waylon Musgrove, Raina Ross, Catherine Switzer, Ashlyn Wahrmund, Jackson Wilson



Fourth Grade: Sheila Finney, Dylan Foster, Bethany Masters, Levi Cavender, Kelsey Pierce, Quintan Allen, Mikayla Doty, Nathan Duffee, Gage Hendrickson



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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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
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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 9 – Pizza, tossed salad, sweet corn, fruit cup, milk

May 10 - Chicken & spaghetti, glazed carrots, broccoli w/ranch, breadstick, fruit cup, milk

May 11 – Corny dog, baked beans, pickle spear, fruit cup, Jello, milk

May 12 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, fruit cup, milk

May 13 – Chili dog, pork & beans, tator tots, pineapple/orange salad, 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 9 – Mac & cheese or chicken strips, green peas, tossed salad, fresh fruit, pudding, milk

May 10 – Chili & cheese enchilada or burrito w/salsa, refried beans, fruit cup, milk

May 11 – Baked chicken or steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, dinner roll, peach cobbler, milk

May 12 – Lasagna w/beef & cheese or grilled cheese sandwich, broccoli & celery strips w/ranch dip, garlic toast, orange wedges, milk

May 13 – Cheeseburger or chili dog, potato wedges, burger fixings, pineapple/orange salad, frozen dessert, milk

Tom Bean Elementary News

April/May 2011

Student of the month

Eli Allen, TBE 5th grader, was chosen as Student of the Month for April. Eli was presented to TBISD School Board by Mrs. Conley at the monthly board meeting held on April 18th. Eli's hobbies include fishing, football and Boy Scouts. He lives on a farm with his mother, father, brother and dog Poco. Congratulations, Eli!

March Jr. TomCats--2010-2011

Jewleia Ahching, Ben Allen, Ellie Bailey, Dylan Chapman, Patrick Fitzgerald, Rebekah Gross, Abbie Jones, Jacie Jones, Emma Lowing, Andres Mancillas, Noah Miller, Alaysia Morrison, Dakotah Punzel, Sierra Punzel, Danielle Riggsbay, Kolt Riggsbay, Jayden Roland, Kyndle Selman, Bethany VanDeren, Abby Watson, Kimberly Williams, Victoria Wilson, Perry Williams and Bailey Yale.

April Jr. TomCats--2010-11

Dylan Avila, Natalie Chapman, Breanna Crockett, Dillon Curd, Coleton Garrett, Shaylen Garrison, Rebekah Gross, Anna Higginbotham, Kaleigh Higginbotham, Kayla Kennington, Alyssa LeDane, Elizabeth Mason, Damion McDowell, Claire McMeen, Gabriella Narro, Hunter Phillips, Kirklyn Smith, Kaelyn Toone, Ariel Waller, Alana Wallin, Sevin Washington and Laramie Worley.

May Jr. TomCats--2010-11

Robert Allen, Sam Allen, Kendal Britton, Madisyn Capps, Kendal Cole, Kelly Cox, Alexa Foy, Dustin Hickman, Kennedy Howery, Zach Hunt, Austin Lee, Mandy Mack, Jewel Mason, Gaberilla McAdams, Sarah Miller, Alec Narro, Halle Phares, Dakotah Punzel, Tristan Punzel, Emilee Shaver, Stone Shields, Kelly Welch and Kimberly Williams.

May

2 – 6 Book Fair

2 2nd Grade Math Bench Mark

3 2nd Grade Reading Bench Mark (D1)

4 2nd Grade Reading Bench Mark (D2)

6 FIELD DAY!!!

6 4th -5th Grade Choir to sing at Rough Riders game in Frisco (evening)

9 Muffins for Mom

12 5th Grade Choir to Sandy Lake

17 5th GRADE TAKS MATH TEST (Round 2)

18 5th GRADE TAKS READING TEST (day 1) (Round 2)

19 5th GRADE TAKS READING TEST (day 2) (Round 2)

20 5th Grade TAKS MATH & READING TEST make up day

23 Doughnuts for Dad

27 Puttin' on the Hits (more details to come)

27 Pre K Graduation – 6:30 p.m. Elementary Cafeteria

June

1 5th Grade to Durant Bowling and Movie

2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Early Release @ 1:00 pm

7 Summer School Begins

27 Summer School Ends

28 5th GRADE TAKS MATH TEST (Round 3)

29 5th GRADE TAKS READING TEST (day 1) (Round 3)

30 5th GRADE TAKS READING TEST (day 2) (Round 3)



Van Alstyne Library News



By Miss Amy Parrish

Saturday, April 30th we celebrated “Día de los niños/ Día de los libros.” This translated means Children’s Day and Book Day. This day was started in 1997 by teachers and librarians to celebrate childhood and bilingual literacy. During our fiesta fun, we enjoyed dancing the “Macarena” and the “Mexican Hat Dance.” We had authentic food, a piñata, delicious Tres Leches cake, face painting and more! We want to give a special thank you to Jose Gonzalez and family, Cassie Allison, Louisa Jolly and all who attended!

I was very honored to receive the Tocker Foundation Stipend to attend the TLA Conference for the first time. Juanita Hazelton, Joetta Cotton and I attended the conference in Austin, Texas the week of April 12-15. I was in awe of the all the people, exhibitors, authors, multitude of workshops and the Bluebonnet Luncheon. WOW! This was bigger and busier than I could have ever imagined. Physical stimuli everywhere; it was hard to be at every event and workshop offered. Jamie Lee Curtis started the general session with a speech on the importance of libraries, and her new children’s books. At the end of that session, we danced (yes, librarians do know how move with the music!). Next, I met children’s author Richard Peck who wrote the book *Secrets at Sea*. I listened to Willy Claffin, 2011 Bluebonnet award winner for the book *The Uglified Ducky*. I had so much fun! I tried to grab all the free books I could for our library at the exhibitors’ booths. I did have help from Joetta Cotton, librarian from Lucile Teague Community Library in Tom Bean. She explained the “ins and outs” of fitting as many books as I could into my luggage.

The most important part of this year’s TLA Conference was to gather at the steps of the State Capitol and holler! We played the

drums, held “Save Our Texas Libraries” signs, and did not say “Shhhhh...”. We wanted to remind Texas Legislators of the importance of our libraries. The proposed state cuts to library programs will decrease the viability of our library and programs.

You can help!

From TXLA website:

“Elected officials and decision-makers need to hear from you! Texas library resources and services are in jeopardy at both local and statewide levels. Please join the campaign to protect our state’s libraries. Start by completing the following three actions.

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1. Send email, make a phone call, or write a letter. Visit TAKE ACTION NOW! to find contact info for your state legislators and ready text for emailing them messages. (You can learn about library issues below.)

2. Sign the Save Texas Libraries Petition.
http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/texas_libraries/

3. Speak up locally.
Contact your local officials (council members, school board members, PTAs, or county commissioners) and write/email letters to the editor of your local paper expressing your concern and support for your library and librarians.”

Go to the TXLA website:
<http://www.txla.org/take-action>



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Library Tea Party is a hit!

Howe Community Library hosted a tea party on Saturday, April 30, for moms, grandmoms, and daughters/granddaughters.

Approximately 36 tea partiers enjoyed the joys of hot tea, punch, snacks (such as graham crackers, strawberries, grapes, wafer cookies, cubed cheese, and more). The table featured a chocolate fountain which the group enjoyed by placing the food items in the flow of chocolate. Note: one young lady was heard to say she wanted "chocolate cheese."

The young ladies were given a chance to decorate a hat with feathers, flowers, ribbons, small teddy bears, and various other small decorations.

At the end of the party the young ladies paraded their creations to the delight of all in attendance.



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Roger Williams spoke at Fannin County

Last week Roger Williams spoke at the Fannin County Republican Women's annual King Ranch Chicken Dinner held in Bonham.

Williams is one of many who are running for the US Senate seat currently held by Kay Bailey Hutchison (who is stepping down at the end of 2012).

He stated that he is the only candidate running for this office who owns a business, noting that many people are saying we need more businesspeople to go to Washington DC

He said the only question that needs to be answered is "How are we going to fix this economy?" Williams sees this as the most important issue for our country.

He advocates lowering corporate tax rate and cutting the payroll tax. Adding that the tax system is broken, he advocates doing away with the inheritance tax which he calls an inherently unfair tax. The children of the person who died can use the money to have jobs and create more jobs; and more money will go into the economy

Williams is also in favor of giving our military a raise; something they have not had to any degree in several years.

He said small business folks are to the ones who add jobs, adding we need to empower individuals.

Williams said, "Get government out of the healthcare system." Competition drives down the cost. Also needed is tort reform

The US is the premier #1 county in energy; the government needs to turn folks loose to develop these assets.

75% of businesses in the US are small businesses

Williams said, "Obama is pitting groups against individuals; individual freedom is needed for a free market economy.

Do we want the American scheme or the American dream?

He emphasized "Fairness, Family values, and Conservative Judges" as the basis of our country. If elected he will use as his road map – the Constitution as it is written (with the amendments) and the Bible.

On his website, Williams says, "I'm a small business owner and a limited government conservative who believes that Washington is not only broke, but broken. To turn around our economy and make government more accountable, we need to send someone who has spent 40 years in the private sector creating jobs, dealing with government regulators, negotiating health care coverage for employees, selling a product and making a profit. I'm the only candidate in this race who has run a business for 40 years. I don't just talk about conservative, free market principles -- I have lived them every day. And I will take my pro-jobs, pro-growth, pro-life values to Washington to fight for you."

Former President George HW Bush has endorsed Williams who said, "I'm honored to have the support of this great Texan and I'm looking forward to winning this race bringing my message of economic growth and business leadership to Washington."



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Chrystal Opry House Bluegrass Events

Our regular Bluegrass jam will be Thursday night, May 5, at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6 as usual. Donations will be accepted at the door to defray expenses. On May 7 we welcome *No Turning Back* to our stage. Members of this band are Paul Stimson, lead singer, Doug Edwards, tenor, mandolin, fiddle, guitar, David Price, alto, banjo, Jim Gregory, bass, Larry Joyner, low harmony, guitar.

We also welcome back our house band, *The Upper Grassmen*. Members of this band are Don Sharp, bass, Vance Jones, lead guitar, Randy Keister, dobro, and Joel Scarbrough, banjo. All sing.

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

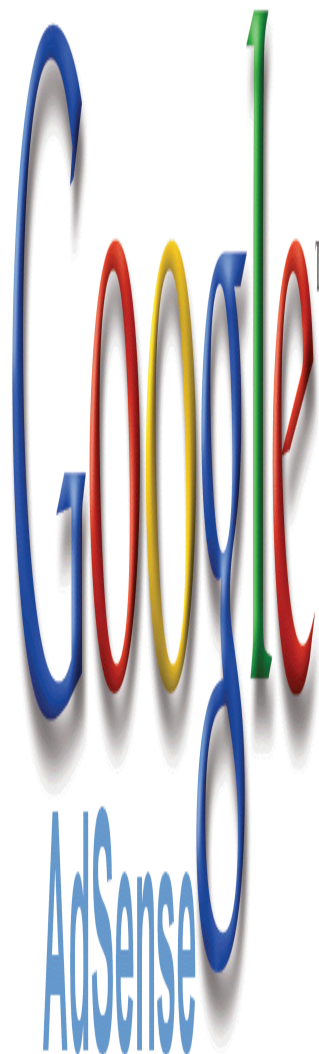
The Chrystal Opry House is located 1.5 miles west of Tom Bean or 6 miles east of Howe on FM 902 and a half mile south on White Mound Road. No alcohol is permitted and there is no smoking inside the building.

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



Music by Kevin McCloud

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A historic county By Bob Bowman

One of my favorite rural counties in East Texas, San Jacinto County, celebrated its 140th anniversary this year.

Named for the 1836 battle which ended the Texas revolution against Mexico, the county lies south of Livingston and is sprinkled with some of the most interesting small towns in East Texas.

Coldspring, the county seat, is actually two towns. The town's first site, often called "Old Town," was built in an area called "the gullies," where heavy rains were always washing away buildings and other improvements.

The county's first jail still stands in the gullies and housed inmates until the early 1980s when a new jail was built on a hill. The new Coldspring was also built atop the hill with a new courthouse in 1918.

On Highway 190 is Oakhurst, which was once a prosperous sawmill town named for Oakhurst, Oklahoma, home of several lumber men who moved to Texas.



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Dot's

D-A-S-H-E-S



By Dorothy N. Fowler

I have a running battle with people who say there is no health care crisis in this country, that people who are sick can always get the care they need and that we don't need universal health insurance. I offer these anecdotes as evidence to the contrary.

Last night I received this note from a good friend. I have removed the names to avoid embarrassing the sender, who, by the way, always votes Republican.

"(My son and daughter-in-law) came over tonight while I was gone. They did not get the grant from the hospital which would have paid for hospital, surgery, surgeon, cardiac rehab, etc. Hospital had said that they would get the grant. Hospital added (my son's) previous salary to his unemployment. Cardiologist Dr.***office called and said no stress test and he won't see her as she didn't get the grant. She has to pay to see him. Therefore, probably no cardiac medication samples which he had given her as they are very expensive which are to dissolve the plaque (sic). He has just thrown her to the wind - no concern regarding her health or having another heart attack. She said she might as well go to work and if she dies, she dies. They don't have any health insurance and on unemployment no money to pay. Just thought you would like to know."

The person who is ill is 37 years old and suffered a serious heart attack earlier this year. She received what the law requires -- stabilization -- and until she suffers another heart attack, when she will be entitled again to medical treatment to stabilize her, she isn't going to receive any medical treatment.

Whether she lives or dies is a function of whether she can pay.

In Odessa, several years before we left, the county-owned hospital decided to stop taking medically indigent expectant mothers unless they were emergencies. The elected commissioners decided it would be more cost effective to pay to send them to the privately-owned hospital across town. Within a short time, the private hospital refused to take medically indigent expectant mothers because the county was either slow pay or no pay and when it did pay, didn't pay enough.

I cannot recall what year the *Odessa American* and local television stations reported that a young woman (I think she was 16) who had been brought by ambulance to the county-owned hospital was turned away and sent to the privately-owned hospital, which also turned her away. I've forgotten exactly how many hours she was driven around in the ambulance, attended by firemen who were certified paramedics, until her labor was advanced enough to classify her as an emergency. I also don't remember which hospital finally admitted her.



BOB BOWMAN'S

EAST TEXAS, continued

Three miles north of Oakhurst is Raven Hill, the one-time home of Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinto. The hill got its name from an Indian name for Houston.

Further up Highway 190 from Oakhurst is Point Plank, which was originally named Point Blanc by a Frenchwoman who moved here from Alabama. The town was also called Point White and White Point.

About a mile south of Point Blank is Robinson Cemetery, where a large monument marks the grave of Governor George Tyler Wood, who served from 1849 to 1851. Wood's grave was unmarked for more than a half-century until the monument was built.

At Coldspring, historical markers dot the community. Coldspring United Methodist Church is believed to be the oldest Methodist church in continuous use in Texas.

Another church, Evergreen United Methodist, was organized in 1862, several years before the county was formed.

The Trapp-McClanahan house, built around 1880, is privately owned and Council Hill, also located on private property, was the home of Vernal B. Lea, brother of Mrs. Sam Houston.

Several old cemeteries dot the county, including Laurel Hill, where General James Davis is buried

Old Wavery, an early center of culture, is located on Highway 150 about 14 miles west of Coldspring,

The town of Shepherd, located on U.S. 59, originated near Old Drew's Landing on the Trinity River, and the Coushatta Indians inhabited an area on Coley Creek from 1835 to 1900.

(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

What I do remember is the number of women who said, "Serves her right. She shouldn't have got herself pregnant (which, by the way, is an anatomical impossibility) if she couldn't pay for medical care."

I have not forgotten the day I was in a physician's office when a young couple came in with a child who was obviously desperately ill. The receptionist told them the doctor would not see the child unless they had insurance or could pay up front.

How I wish I could say I jumped up and said I would pay, but I didn't. I will regret that failure the rest of my life. I can still see them, one parent carrying the child, walking out the door into the cold winter day. I would say I wish I had it to do over, but I don't, because what I really wish for is a system of medical care that will permit people to get the care they need when they need it no matter whether they have money.

I don't know what is wrong with people who are willing to see others die for lack of money for medical care, who are willing to see hungry children at school, at home, and on the streets, who are willing to see people homeless and hopeless.

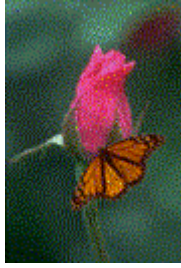
What I do know is spouting the words, "I'll pray for you," and "we need to get back to the Christian principles this country was founded on" isn't contributing to solving our very real problems.

What is true is that this country needs to get back to basic Christian principles, which also happen to be basic Jewish principles. They are the ones you can read in the 25th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, verses 31-46. If you have the red letter edition of the Bible, the words will be printed in red.



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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.



Early voting information

Cities and school districts across Grayson and Fannin counties begin Monday holding city council and school board early voting, leading up to election day May 14.

Here are some of the local elections

Collinsville City Council

Early voting for the Collinsville City Council will be held May 2-10 at Collinsville City Hall, 101 Main St. Early voting hours will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays except May 5 and May 10 when the hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Candidates for mayor are: Wayne "Red" McCorkle (i), Carrol McKnight and Don Graham. Incumbents Keith Byrom, Grady Carney and Benny McKee are unopposed for their council seats. All seats are at-large.

Collinsville ISD

Elections for the Collinsville School Board have been canceled because all candidates are unopposed. They are: Place 1, Donita Byrom (i); Place 2, Dan Fallin (i); Place 3, Jonathan Hackett.

Dorchester City Council

Elections for the Dorchester City Council have been canceled because all candidates are unopposed. They are Mayor David Smith (i) and councilors Stanley Stewart (i) and Jimmy Aaron (i). All seats are at-large.

Gunter City Council

Early voting for Gunter City Council will be held May 2-10 at the Gunter Community Center, 105 W. 4th St. Voting will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. every weekday, except May 2 and May 9 when the hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Candidates for mayor are Cliff Gibbs (i) and Mark Merrill; Place 2 are Sherri Morgan and Bill Santee; Place 4 are Jamie Penner (i) and Leilani Holloway; and Place 5 is Rosa Mercado. All seats are at-large.

Gunter ISD

The Gunter School Board elections have been canceled because all candidates are unopposed. They are Gary Harris (i), John Jonas (i) and Steve Smith (i).

Howe City Council

The Howe City Council elections have been canceled because all the candidates are unopposed. They are: Mayor Jeff Stanley (i) and councilors Jack Leavenworth (i) and Dale Rideout.

Howe ISD

Early voting for Howe School Board will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 2-10 on weekdays at the Howe ISD Administration Building, 105 W. Tutt.

The candidates are Chris Hayes (i), Leonard Huntsman (i) and Brad Anderson. The two open seats will go to the two candidates who earn the most votes. All seat are at-large.

Tioga City Council

Early voting for Tioga City Council will be held May 2-10 at the Tioga City Hall, 600 Main St. Voting will be on 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. on weekdays, except May 3-4 when the hours will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Mayor Stanley Kemp is unopposed for his seat. Curtis Byler (i), Michelle Hestand (i) and Robert Haubold are running for the two open council seats. The seats will go to the two candidates who receive the most votes. All seats are at-large.

Tioga ISD

Early voting for Tioga School Board will be held May 2-10 at the Tioga ISD Administration Building, 405 N. Florence St. Voting will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays.

Candidates Paul Rodarman (i), Rick Button, Humberto M. Perez, Paula Friedel Byler, David Evans and Matt Roberts are running for the two open seats. The seats will go to the two candidates who receive the most votes. All seats are at-large.

Tom Bean City Council

Tom Bean City Council elections have been canceled because all candidates are unopposed. They are: councilors Jerry Harris (i), Michael Upchurch (i) and Lisa Collins (i).

Tom Bean ISD

Tom Bean School Board elections have been canceled because all candidates are unopposed. They are: Steve Book (i), Stan Woodruff (i) and Shane Pennell.

Van Alstyne City Council

Early voting will take place at the Van Alstyne City Hall, 242 E. Jefferson May 2-10. Early voting hours are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 2 and May 3, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. May 4-10.

Candidates for Place 4 are A.C. Mosby (i) and Adam Wise. Candidates for Place 5 are Billy Plate (i) and Pat Patterson. Candidates for mayor are Ruth Ann Collins (i) and Kim Demasters.

Van Alstyne ISD

Early voting will take place May 2-10 at the VAISD Administration Office, 549 Miller Lane.

Candidates for Place 3 are Randall Morgan, Brian Rose, and Van Ulrich. Candidates for Place 4 are Debbie Nance, Don DePre, Russell Moore, and Jacob Bennema.

Capitol Watch

By Larry Phillips, State Representative



State House Map Passes House

This past week the House continued debating bills. The number of bills on the calendar each day has steadily increased, and members are spending more and more time on the floor debating legislation. The House committees are also busy hearing bills that have passed the Senate and have come over to the House for debate. This week the House laid out its redistricting map for the state House districts.

All House districts must be of equal population to ensure that the value of every person's vote is substantially equal. There are 150 House districts in Texas. The ideal district population for each district under the new census numbers is approximately 167,000. District 62, which I represent, currently consists of Fannin and Grayson counties. The population of District 62 as it is currently fell short of the ideal population; as a result, under the new map, District 62 will keep Fannin and Grayson counties, and pick up Delta County. Also, due to the rapid population growth in Denton and Collin counties, both of those counties will pick up a new district.

The redistricting plans move through the legislature the same way that other bills do. The House map is House Bill 150. Prior to the presentation of the House map, the Committee on Redistricting heard public testimony regarding the House districts, and many different versions of the map were debated. This map and a wealth of other information on the redistricting process can be found on the state's redistricting website at www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.html or <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.html>. HB 150 now moves to the Senate for consideration, and the House is expected to take up the congressional redistricting map and the Texas Senate map in the near future.

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



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The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced a new rule that will extend the safety and convenience of electronic payments to millions of Americans and phase out paper checks for federal benefit and non-tax payments by March 1, 2013. Anyone applying for benefits on or after May 1, 2011, will receive their payments electronically, while those currently receiving paper checks will need to switch to direct deposit by March 1, 2013.

Electronic payments also will provide significant savings to American taxpayers who will no longer incur the \$120 million a year price tag associated with paper checks and save \$1 billion over the next ten years. Eliminating paper checks also will provide positive benefits to the environment, saving 12 million pounds of paper in the first five years alone.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Need For Comprehensive Energy Strategy

The increase in gasoline prices reflects the instability in the Middle East and attendant speculation in the oil markets. We need to address the huge runup in oil prices with comprehensive policies designed to provide solutions to our energy consumption problems. Unfortunately, past administrations have failed us.

The Obama administration should continue to promote democracy in North Africa and the Middle East, and hopefully democratic reforms in these countries will provide some stability in the region and thereby help decrease speculation in the oil markets.

The U.S. has to increase domestic oil production, including oil derived from our Western U.S. oil shale and Alaskan oil deposits; build new refineries; build nuclear power plants meeting stringent U.S. specifications, including strict siting requirements; increase power production from natural gas and alternative energy sources, e.g. biomass, wind and solar; promote public transportation; and conserve energy in our homes, businesses, vehicles and in our travels. Another way to conserve gasoline consumption is to decrease the speed limits to 55 mph or 60 mph on our expressways, and we have to enforce these limits. Unfortunately many states have increased speed limits to between 70 mph and 85 mph. Some studies have shown going from 75 mph to 55 mph will reduce gasoline consumption by 33%.

U.S. nuclear plants should be designed to withstand a 9.0 earthquake, tornadoes, category 5 hurricanes and floods, and have battery and diesel generator back-up to provide power to coolant water for at least one month. Existing plants can only withstand a 7.5 earthquake and have four hours battery back-up; and spent fuel rods are currently stored on site. A reprocessing system must be established to neutralize or reuse these fuel rods.

We need the Obama administration to provide some leadership and implement a comprehensive energy strategy.

*Donald A. Moskowitz
Londonderry, NH*

Political Correctness

An annual contest is held each year at Texas A&M University calling for the most appropriate definition of a contemporary term.

This year's term was: "Political Correctness."

The winner and a great definition by a student who wrote: "Political correctness is a doctrine, fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of crap by the clean end."



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[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.

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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 Denis Gray. (Mike Ball as the speaker for May 15.) 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>.



American Freedom and the National Day of Prayer

“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:3

On April 7th, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit voted unanimously that the National Day of Prayer is, indeed, constitutional. While it might seem obvious that a Constitution birthed in public and private prayer would not prohibit such action in the future, in so voting, the three-member panel were overruling an April 2010 decision by another federal judge, who found that such a day dedicated to public prayer is unconstitutional because it encouraged citizens to engage in a “religious exercise that serves no secular function in this context.”

If they were still with us, we have no doubt that a majority of our Founding Fathers would have been totally perplexed by such a decision. In 1775, as they were struggling to draft our founding documents, and feeling incapable of completing the task before them without divine intervention, the Continental Congress issued a proclamation in the language of the day recommending “a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer.” What they accomplished as a result of extended prayer, and the uniqueness of the new nation they founded on faith and prayer and on biblical concepts such as the value of life and family, individual freedom, and free enterprise, has withstood the test of time like no other.

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National Day of Prayer, continued

for its citizens. The founding fathers gave America an amazing legacy of freedom and opportunity.”

The Importance of Prayer to American Presidents

Subsequently, the vast majority of our American presidents have also acknowledged their dependence on prayer. George Washington ended his first inaugural address to Congress in 1789 with the words,

“Since He has been pleased to favor the American people with opportunities for deliberating in perfect tranquility, and dispositions for deciding with unparalleled unanimity on a form of government for the security of their union and the advancement of their happiness, so His divine blessing may be equally conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations, and the wise measures on which the success of this Government must depend.”

On February 19, 1795, President Washington proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving and prayer. Continuing to acknowledge public prayer, in 1798, during an undeclared war with France, our second president, John Adams, declared May 9 as “a day of solemn humility, fasting, and prayer,” during which citizens of all faiths were asked to pray “that our country may be protected from all the dangers which threaten it.”

At his inauguration in 1801, Thomas Jefferson prayed the following: “Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure

manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln also proclaimed a day of public prayer, expressing the possibility that “the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins.” He designated April 30, 1863 as a day of “national humiliation, fasting and prayer” in the hope that God would respond by restoring “Our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.” He went on to say, “It is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

Down through the years, there have been a total of 136 national calls to prayer, humiliation, fasting and thanksgiving by presidents of the United States. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman,

declared an annual “National Day of Prayer,” and in 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of May. Two stated intentions of the National Day of Prayer are that it be a day when followers of all great religions can unite in prayer, and that it may one day bring renewed respect for God to all the peoples of the world. Each year since 1952, every president has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation, encouraging all Americans to public prayer, particularly on this day.

In 1980, President Ronald Reagan declared, “The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America... Our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal.” In his 1983 National Day of Prayer declaration, he continued,

“From General Washington’s struggle at Valley Forge to the present, this Nation has fervently sought and received divine guidance as it pursued the course of history. This occasion provides our Nation with an opportunity to further recognize the source of our blessings, and to seek His help for the challenges we face today and in the future.”

Further, in his 1984 National Day of Prayer speech before the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast in Dallas, Texas, President Reagan said, “Let us, young and old, join together, as did the First Continental Congress, in the first step, in humble heartfelt prayer. Let us do so for the love of God and His great goodness, in search of His guidance and the grace of repentance, in seeking His blessings, His peace, and the resting of His kind and holy hands on ourselves, our nation, our friends in the defense of freedom, and all mankind, now and always.”

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Neighborhood Genealogist – Getting more Information

by Dale Rideout

In our first article I showed you how to fill out two of the basic information sheets that are used in recording your ancestry. I hope you filled out pages for everyone that you have information on because that is the best way to start. Later we will talk about putting that information on a computer program.

Now I will give you some ideas about finding more information. Look over the sheets you already have, and notice the areas that are missing information. Now look and see who on those sheets will know that information that you are missing. Think about it. We are talking about your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and others who are still living and may be able to answer your questions.

Make plans to visit these folks. I suggest you take a tape recorder and plenty of note paper. Also be prepared with the questions you need answered.

There are two types of questions you want to ask. First is the specific question that you needed answered. "When was Aunt Judy Born? Where was Aunt Judy Born? What was Aunt Judy's maiden name?" You may have a lot of these so be ready to get the answers. These questions usually have very short answers.

Next you will want to ask a lot of open ended questions. These are questions that may have very long answers. This is where you will want to have your tape recorder going. Once your "Grandma" starts on the answer, do not stop her. Let her keep going with her story. You will often get a lot of information that you never expected. This is the time that you will want to carefully listen to what she says and not be distracted by writing it all down. You will hear things that give you other questions to ask. These interviews are priceless and someday day you will be glad you have them recorded.

Here are some of the open ended questions that will start such a conversation:

Where did you grow up?
What were your parents like? Your siblings?
What do you remember about your grandparents?
Who were your friends?
What was school like for you?

What did you do for fun when you were a child?
when you were a teenager?
What movies and songs did you like when you were young?
How did you meet your spouse?
What important lessons have you learned in your life?
When and where were you born?
How did you get your name?
What did you look like as a baby?
What color are your eyes?
What color is your hair?
What are your earliest memories?
Who is your mother?
Describe her appearance and personality.
Did your mother work outside the home?
What did she do?
Who is your father? Describe him and his personality.
Did your father do home repairs?
What were his hobbies?
What was your father's occupation?
How many siblings do you have?
What are their names?
Where do you fit in the family?
What family rules did you have?
What did your parents value?
Did you have assignments or chores when you were a child?
Did you get along well with your siblings when you were children?
Do you get along well with your siblings now?
Did you know your grandparents?
What were they like?
Did you know any of your great-grandparents?
Tell about them.
Who were your earliest friends?
Where did you play?
What kinds of games did you play?"

Well you can see that these I much information to be gathered by these interviews. I have a six page list that I give to my classes when I teach beginning genealogy. I am sending that list to your newspaper and if you want a copy, contact them. Or you could send me an e-mail and I will send the list back to you:
dalerideout@cableone.net. Everywhere you go and everything you do gives you the opportunity to ask more questions. Keep records of all the information you gather and where it came from. You are on your way to becoming a real researcher. More next month.





Pain at the pump is gassing farmers, too

By Mike Barnett

Did you hear the one about the young man who gave a week's paycheck to fill up his tank? It's a gas.

Trouble is, the price of fuel is no joke. Yesterday, I heard a report on the morning news that the price of oil had gone up for 35 consecutive days. I get indigestion every time I pull into the self-serve. At the first of the year I was paying \$75 to fill up my Avalanche.

I hit a hundred bucks at the pump last weekend.

Can you imagine what would happen if the price of food went up that much? There'd be riots in the streets.

To put things in perspective, gas prices have risen over 20 percent since the first of this year. Food prices are expected to rise only 3 to 4 percent for the entire year, according to the latest Consumer Price Index report.

The bad news is that oil prices are expected to ramp up even more as we close in on summer. I'm not sure how much more consumers can take.

Think of the pain at the pump when you fill up a 14 gallon tank on a car. A big John Deere 8030 tractor can hold 180 gallons of diesel -- almost 13 times as much fuel as your car. Consider that petroleum products are used for everything from fueling farm machinery to running irrigation pumps -- even as the source of fertilizer to grow healthy crops and grasses -- and it's easy to see how budgets are being busted in rural America.

Speculators and political unrest in the Middle East are reasons Big Oil is expected to report record profits for the first quarter. I wish I could say the same for farmers. Prices for most commodities are high. But it's only a shell game when the money shuffles out of farmers' pockets into barrels of dough for the oil companies.

High fuel prices are significantly affecting the bottom line for farmers and consumers.

Both are getting gassed this year.

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

TexasAgriLife Extension Service Recruits Volunteers for County-wide Health, Wellness Education Program *Training for New Master Wellness Volunteer Program begins in May*

Finding reliable resources of health and wellness information can be a challenge. Since 1906, Texas AgriLife Extension Service has provided Texans with guidance in various health areas and is now training volunteers to provide more communities with the education and tools needed for healthy living.

The Master Wellness Volunteer Initiative is an AgriLife Extension program that provides volunteers with 40 hours of training in health and nutrition education. In return, the volunteers agree to give back 40 hours of service. The volunteer opportunities are diverse -- giving presentations for local community groups, assisting with periodic cooking schools, distributing information at health fairs, and much more. Previous health or wellness training is not required, but an interest in living healthfully and helping others do the same is.

"Volunteers are the heart of all AgriLife Extension programming and we are excited to start this program here in Grayson County" says Joyce White, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science in Grayson County.

Volunteer training for the program will be held on Wednesdays from 9 am til 3 pm starting on May 11. The training will focus on physical activity, nutrition, food safety and food demonstrations, child health, various AgriLife Extension health programs, and more. Those interested in participating may call the AgriLife Extension office in Grayson County at 903-813-4203 or e-mail ja-white@tamu.edu for more information.

Biting the bullet---cutting expenses

I HOPE YOU WILL PARTICIPATE, AND DO YOUR PART!!!!!!
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The President ordered the cabinet to cut a whopping \$100 million from the \$3.5 trillion federal budget!

I'm so impressed by this sacrifice that I have decided to do the same thing with my personal budget. I spend about \$2000 a month on groceries, household expenses, medicine, utilities, etc, but it's time to get out the budget cutting ax, go line by line through my expenses, and cut back!

I'm going to cut my spending at exactly the same ratio -1/35,000 of my total budget. After doing the math, it looks like instead of spending \$2000 a month; I'm going to have to cut that number by six cents!

Yes, I'm going to have to get by with \$1999.94, but that's what sacrifice is all about. I'll just have to do without some things, that are, frankly, luxuries. (Did the president actually think no one would do the math?)

John Q. Taxpayer

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Cat Chat



by C. Cat Jr.

Martyr's Reward

Osama bin Laden went to heaven and was greeted by George Washington, who slapped him and yelled, "How dare you try to destroy the nation I helped conceive?"

Patrick Henry then approached and punched Osama in the nose.

James Madison entered and kicked him in the shin. An angry Thomas Jefferson whacked Osama over the head with a cane.

The thrashing continued as John Randolph and James Monroe came in and unleashed their anger on the terrorist leader.

In the background was Henry Clay, William H. Harrison, Sam Houston, Robert E. Lee, Jeb Stuart, Zachary Taylor, Woodrow Wilson, and many others, each as angry as the other, all awaiting their turn to have a go at bin Laden.

Suddenly, as Osama lay writhing in unbearable pain, an angel appeared.

"This is not what you promised me," said Osama.

"Come on Osama," the angel replied. "I told you there would be 72 Virginians waiting for you in heaven."

Well folks, I just couldn't resist it. I have been so busy that I have been neglecting you with my little epistles. Yet, I found this on the internet and could not resist sending it on. I will try to do better and keep you informed of my goings on. See you later.



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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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