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Public Invited to Attend ECLRA's Annual Buyer Appreciation Dinner

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers invite all members of the community to the third annual appreciation bar-b-q in the Moylan Exhibition Arena at the Eastland County Showgrounds at 4:30 pm on Saturday, January 20, 2007.

The association can never adequately thank our donors, but we hope that each and every one will come and join us in a special time of fellowship before the sale begins at 6:00 pm. The Eastland County Livestock Show continues to thrive because so many in our community extend their generosity to our exhibitors above and beyond the call of duty year after year.

ECLRA Unveils Celebrity Swine Showmanship

If you've ever sat in the stands at a stock show, watched the kids walk their hogs around the ring and thought, "That's easy! I can do that!"...well...now you have your chance to prove it!

For the first time ever at the Eastland County Livestock Show, anyone in attendance at the market swine show beginning Thursday, January 18, at 3:00 pm, can nominate a friend, family member or ag teacher to participate in a special celebrity showmanship exhibition. It costs just \$10 to enter someone's name for the competition, but it costs the nominated person \$20 to buy his or her way out of participating! Pick your poison!

Whatever the outcome...whoever wins and whoever looks silly...some money will be raised for improvements at the show grounds and many laughs will be had by all!

Attention All Moms:

It is that time of year again, to get rid of the old toys and make room for the new.

The Mission Friend Class at the First Baptist Church are taking up old toys and clothes for one of our projects. We send the toys and clothes to Honduras. We have met a new friend. His name is Craig Rodgers. He is a missionary in Honduras. He now lives here in Gorman. He was telling Miss Karen about how thrilled the children in Honduras are to get even used toys and clothes. Honduras is a poor country and people have a really hard time making ends meet.

We are trying to teach the children how lucky we are to live in the U.S.A. and how we are all rich compared to most children in Honduras. And how God loves all of these children as much as he loves us. God expects us to take care of the needy and to share what we have. So we through this would be a great way to start training these 4 and 5 year old.

So please take time and sort out the toys and clothes you can, bring them to the First Baptist Church or to Karen Guthery or Kathy Ervin's homes. Thank you so much and God will Bless you. There is no deadline to bring in toys and clothes.

Mission Friends

The Myrtle McGlothlin's Anniversary Set Sunday



Myrtle Wayne McGlothlin and Dorothy Jean Fuller were united in marriage on January 18, 1947 in De Leon TX.

On Sunday, January 21, 2007 the couple will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with the renewal of their vows and a reception at New Life Assembly of God Church. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 pm. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Myrtle is a veteran of World War II having served in the United States Navy. He also retired from 3M Company. Dorothy is a homemaker and an avid bowler who hasn't had time to retire yet. The McGlothlins are dedicated members of the New Life Assembly of God Church in Brownwood.

Dorothy and Myrtle are the parents of Wayne McGlothlin and wife, Joyce of Early, Jackie McGlothlin and wife, Valerie of Lufkin, and Jerry McGlothlin, and wife, Christine of Brownwood. They have also been blessed with eleven grandchildren: Georgia Harper of Goldthwaite; Selena Odom of Eastland; Dana Keese of VA; Sgt Daniel Collins of Yuma AZ; Trey McGlothlin of Early; Jason McGlothlin of San Marcos; Audrey, Seth, & Jared McGlothlin of Lufkin; Christopher Kirchner of Colorado Springs, CO; and Amy Carrizales of Hutto. They are the proud Great-grandparents of nine: Logan, Luke and Levi Harper of Goldthwaite; Kayla Wooten of Eastland; Price and Trent Odom of Eastland; Madison McGlothlin of Lufkin; Ilyssa and Bryce Carrizales of Hutto.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to notify you that Gorman has had several vehicles broken into or opened because they were not locked. Personal items, keys, money, etc. were taken. If you do not lock your vehicle you might want to consider starting. Even if your vehicle is parked in your own drive.

A reminder to unlicensed drivers. We have received numerous complaints about drivers driving without a license.

If you are a parent to an unlicensed driver and the driver is stopped both the parent and unlicensed driver will be issued a citation.

The Gorman Police Department

CJC Announces Dean's List

Two Cisco Junior College students from Gorman are on the recently released Dean's List for the fall semester of 2006. The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.4 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

Students making the Dean's List was Robert McKendree and Alice Sherrod.

FORGOTTEN UNSUNG HEROES

We hear of unsung heroes,
The wondrous work they do,
Of fighting fires and fighting wars,
Protecting me and you.

Of doing acts of bravery,
Risking limb and life,
We need to always think of them,
Remembering their strife.

But there are unsung heroes,
Who seldom get our praise,
And for their loving service,
We should our voices raise.

Who simply give the loving care,
When sickness lays us low,
Or age has dimmed the light of life,
And death becomes our foe.

There's one such person comes to mind,
Who serves his fellow man,
And serves with all his heart and soul,
We call him Doctor-Dan.

By Darrell Graham

Elementary Honor Roll First Six Weeks

FIRST GRADE

A

Jacob Ervin, Zakary Snider, Connor Kehl, Danette Lara, Jessica Ramirez, Stratton Thompson, Sara Woodall and Kade Sparger.

B

Dianna Rainey, Colton Wheeler, Trent Fenley, Kaiden Petree, Caitlyn Rainey, Isaac Segura and Allie Grumbles.

SECOND GRADE

A

Bradi Campbell, Sydney Casey, Kayce Dodd, Katalina Landa, Sam Rainey, Ricardo Olvera, Izael Herrera, Talee Jones, and Mayra Ramirez.

B

Shawn Reyna, Dayanna Palacios, Dylan Walton, Kestan Pierce, Carissa Cole and Audriana Segura.

THIRD GRADE

A

Kourtney Seaton, Turner Whitten, Arlette Giles, Ryland Laminack, Jose Maldonado, Kodie Sparger and Yulissa Madera.

B

Alfredo Montelongo, Garett Vaughn, Kathryn Woodall, Betty Montelongo, Asahel Garcia, Whitney Bryant, Rodrigo Mata, Thomas Trevino, Cassidy Tolan, Hunter Childers, Flavio Herrera and Bailey Underwood.

FOURTH GRADE

A

Cheyenne Gibbs, Jacquelyn Rainey and Lauren Spivey.

B

Mariela Sanchez, Chloe Cole, Brittany Burns, Lacey Wilson, Jarimma Silva, Madison Warren and Maty West.

FIFTH GRADE

A

Melissa Ramirez and Zachary Carlton.

B

Connie Gonzalez, Jessica Ledford, Rasha Rainey, Mykisha Hampton, Kinsey Johnston, Fabian Garcia, Skye Lewis and Rhys Vaughn.

SIXTH GRADE

A

Austin Marlow, Rachel Tucker and Luis Limon.

B

Robert Shawver, Mario Silva, Tyson Underwood, Sergio Garcia, Skyler Henderson, B. J. Ramirez and Margarita Oronia.

Notice:

The County Clerk's Office will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 24th and Thursday, Jan. 25th for Court Software Training. I apologize for any inconvenience this might cause. Thank you for your understanding during this transition.

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

PRAY FOR MORE RAIN'
AND
WARMER WEATHER

Eastland Co. Livestock Show Set for Jan. 17-20

The Eastland County Livestock Show is January 17-20, 2007, at the Eastland County Show Grounds on Highway 3101 north of Eastland, Texas. The public is encouraged to attend and support Eastland County's youth. The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Pen assignments will be posted throughout the livestock barn. Exhibitors are responsible for penning their animals in the appropriate area. Show personnel will be on hand.

All livestock must be weighed in and in its assigned place by 8:00 pm, except rabbits, which must be checked in Friday, January 19, between 10:00 am & Noon. Rabbits should not be brought onto the grounds before Friday morning. Exhibitors may bring their own cages.

Thursday, January 18, 2007

8:00 am — Beef Cattle
10:00 am — Dairy Cattle
11:00 am — Broilers
1:00 pm — Breeding Swine
3:00 pm — Market Swine

Friday, January 19, 2007

8:00 am — Dairy Goats
9:00 am — Angora Goats
10:00 am — Breeding Sheep
11:00 am — Market Lambs
2:30 pm — Meat Goats (market followed by breeding)

Saturday, January 20, 2007

9:00 am — Rabbits (market followed immediately by breeding)
4:30 pm — Buyers Banquet
6:00 pm — Auction and Presentation of Awards

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers invite the public to our Buyer's Banquet and the special auction. Please help us recognize and reward the hard work of our participants.

Due to safety concerns, the ECLRA has banned all heating devices from its barns. There also will be no hay, straw or similar bedding allowed on the grounds. The ECLRA reserves the right to implement any emergency measures to protect our exhibitors and guests due to safety concerns.

In accordance with ECLRA rules (SAR-3), all exhibitors with an animal in the premium sale must walk through the sale ring with an animal. ECLRA does not provide animals for the sale.

If any exhibitor or parent has any questions, he or she should contact a supervising ag teacher, 4-H leader or county agent.

NEW TRASH DAY

ALLIED WILL BE PICKING UP ALL OF GORMAN ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2007. HAVE YOUR POLY CART AT THE EDGE OF THE STREET. ONLY ITEMS IN THE CART WILL BE PICKED UP. ALL RESIDENTIAL TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY. NO MORE FRIDAY PICK UPS. THANK YOU.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Oink! Oink! Oink! It is cold enough to freeze little curly tails! Hope everyone stayed warm and safe After so many mild winters, we are getting a taste of what winter really is. The ice storm made us postpone our community meeting and get-together Saturday night. And I was so looking forward to a good meal! Old Man Winter can't keep us down for long — we will schedule our fun evening for a later time. Please watch this column for the date and time and join us then.

We will be calling on the men of the community to help install library shelves soon. Now, don't run and hide, guys. It won't be a hard job!

Carol Pell

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open every Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 starting September 2nd.

FOOD BANK
New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st FROM 9 - NOON

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Ralph Terrill

Ralph Terrill, age 86, of Pampa, TX passed away January 9, 2007 in Pampa.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 11th at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Pastor Lonny Robbins of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 13th at De Leon Cemetery, under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mr. Terrill was born June 19, 1920 in De Leon. He married Charlene Smith, January 18, 1938 in Eastland. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1961, moving from De Leon where he graduated from De Leon High School in 1938. He was a farmer/rancher in the Pampa area. He also managed the Harvest Queen Elevator in Kingsmill. He was a former member of Pampa Roping Club and VFW Post #1657. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the 44th Tank Battalion during World War II in the Philippines, Japan and New Guinea.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Terrill of the home; two daughters, Pat Hayes and husband Jim of Athens, and Joy Thompson and husband Joe of Pampa; one sister Nina Beth Durham of Longview; 4 grandchildren, Melodee McGinnis of Arlington, Brad McGinnis and wife Michelle of Euless, Denise McGinnis and husband Curtis of Blanchard, OK; and Scott Thompson and wife Becky of Chatsworth, CA; 5 great-grandchildren, Colby Childress of Blanchard, OK., Jackson McGinnis of Euless; Gracie Thompson, Tessa Thompson, and Griffin Thompson, all of Chatsworth, CA.

He was preceded by his parents, Emory and Etta Terrill and three brothers, F. L., George and Eldon Terrill.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065 or to a favorite charity.

Obituaries

Freda Ruth Stacy

Freda Ruth Stacy, age 71 of Clifton, Texas passed away Friday, January 12, 2007 at Goodall Witcher Healthcare Foundation in Clifton. Services were held Tuesday, January 16th at 2:00 pm. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Werth Mayes officiating assisted by Jackie Auvenshine. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born May 13, 1935 in Graham to the late Chuck Elmer Mayes and Ruth Easley Mayes. She married Don Stacy on August 28, 1954 in De Leon. She was a respected and revered educator, working as a teacher in the Texas Public School System for 29 years.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Don Stacy of Clifton; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Kelly Stacy of Mount Holly, NC., grandchildren, Eli and Willow Stacy, brother and sister-in-law, Neal and Mary Glenn Mayes of Grandview; brother and sister-in-law, Cecil and Joyce Mayes of Breckenridge; sister-in-law, Betty Mayes of Etoile, Tx, aunt Lois Foster of Fort Worth and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, all cherished by her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Fanny Mae Scott

Fanny Mae Scott, age 86 of De Leon passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at Brownwood Nursing and Rehab. Services were held Friday, January 12th at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in Sandhill Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born September 28, 1920 to the late John Thomas Dupriest and Winnie Maude Lee Dupriest. She married J. B. Scott on April 15, 1942 in De Leon. She was a homemaker, resided in De Leon area all of her life; had lived in Brownwood for five years.

She is survived a daughter Linda Butts and husband Gary of Brownwood; one son, Sam Scott of Irving; two brothers, Claude Dupriest of Brownwood and Alford Dupriest of Stephenville; one sister, Gladys Wright of Olney; two grandchildren, James Butts and Shanna Hendrix; two great-grandchildren, Jamie Lynne Butts and Erik Lee Butts.

She was preceded by her husband J. B. Scott in 2004 and one brother Glenn Dupriest.

Roy Lee Whitlock

Roy Lee Whitlock, age 69 of Gorman, formerly of Desdemona passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Gorman Church of Christ with Larry Stogsdill officiating. Interment was at Alameda Cemetery, services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Roy Lee was born December 20, 1937 in Gorman to Loyd Alvin Whitlock and Georgia Wimberly Whitlock. He was a retired farm laborer and a member of the Church of Christ. He had lived in this area all of his life.

Survivors include, one sister, Jackie Whitlock of De Leon; two nephews, Blake Whitlock of Granbury and Bryan Whitlock of Glen Rose. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Wayne and Charlie Whitlock.

Mackie Leavell

Mackie Leavell, age 69, of Miami, FL, passed away on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at a Miami, FL care center. Graveside services were held Sunday, January 14, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Victor Cemetery in Erath County, with Jackie Auvenshine officiating.

Mackie was a retired secretary of a carbon laboratory and was a homemaker.

She was born May 30, 1937 in De Leon to the late Jack Brumbelow and Clifline Fincannon Brumbelow.

She is survived by one daughter, Diana Descelles of Miami, FL; a son, Gregory Allen Leavell of Fort Worth; two brothers, Richard Brumbelow of Breckenridge and Don Brumbelow of Stephenville; 2 sisters Susie Auvenshine and Anna Beth Keith, both of De Leon.

Fall Sports '06 A Success At CJC

The athletic program of the Cisco Junior College had another successful fall of 2006. From the mid-season #5 national ranking for the Football team to another Region 5 championship for the Soccer team, it's been a great year.

1st year head coach John Parchman led the Football team to a good year. Highlights of the year include climbing the NJCAA poll, reaching as high as #5. The Wranglers hosted Blinn in the NJCAA "Game of the Week." The team finished the season with a 6-4 record, 4th place in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference. Three members of the team were voted on by the Conference coaches for the All-Conference team: Ricky McNatt, Dorian Williams, and Jacques Crawford. Micah Hill and Cody Huber were honorable mentions. They were invited to the Conference Playoffs but lost again to #1 Blinn. With recruiting for next season well under way, Coach Parchman is excited about the future of CJC Wrangler football.

The Lady Wranglers Volleyball team didn't get as far as football, but their effort was outstanding. Coach Susan Moore led the ladies to a fair non-district record, but was unable to win a Conference game. Some of the ladies received end-of-the-year honors from the conference. Avani Campbell was named to the All-Conference team. Amy Crouch was an honorable mention. Campbell led the conference in blocks with an average of 3.0 blocks per game. Crouch was 7th in the conference in assists with an average of 4 per game. Coach Moore was very proud of the way the ladies worked hard and didn't give up through a very tough conference schedule.

For the 8th straight year, the Lady Wranglers Soccer team won Region V. Coach Scott Toups did an outstanding job leading the Soccer team to an impressive 15-2. The team received some national attention, reaching as high as #12 in the NJCAA poll. Leading the Lady Wranglers were forward Rocio Gutierrez, goalkeepers Tracy Leverenz and Terry Garcia. Leverenz was 12th nationally in goalkeeping and Garcia was 18th. The Lady Wranglers were also invited to the Playoffs, hosting Mesa College. Mesa scored on a controversial play and defeated CJC, 1-0. Coach Toups has done a remarkable job with the Soccer team and looks forward to reaching the national tournament next year.

With Lady Wrangler basketball in conference...and baseball and softball preparing for a great spring season, the CJC athletic program continues to improve and excel.

Neugebauer Comments On President's New Iraq Strategy

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer made the following comments Wednesday regarding President George W. Bush's new strategy for victory in Iraq.

"The rise of a self-sustaining Iraqi democracy is crucial to our success in the Global War on Terror. As a result, it is vitally important for the security of the United States that we achieve victory in Iraq. Anything less would leave our country and America's citizens less secure.

"Despite progress in some areas in Iraq, we have yet to achieve the success necessary for victory. I applaud the President for recognizing this fact, evaluating the situation, and charting a new way forward in Iraq. Demanding more responsibility from the Iraqi people is the correct course of action as the President made it clear that our commitment is not open-ended. Therefore, it is time for the government of Iraq to step up to the plate and do what is necessary to stabilize their country.

"I hope that now Congress and the American people can unite in support of our troops and their mission to win the War on Terror and protect America."

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2 houses - one money! 3 - 1 1/2 brick, metal roof, 1548 sq. ft., + 1 - 1 frame 648 sq. ft., several carports, window a/c, storage buildings, trees, large lot. Reduced \$52,900.00. "Owner will Separate"

Desdemona; nice 3-2 mfg. home, 1549' LA (CAD), open floor plan, fireplace, beautiful fenced 1 acre, water well, stg. bldg., numerous fruit and pecan trees. \$82,500.

NEW: 10.3A near Duster, Pecan Orchard, Elec. available, corner location, \$3,750 acre.
30 a m/l, water well, elec., barn, covered porch, 2000s of small pecan trees. \$2,500 acre.

NEW: 40A. near Gorman, paved road, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil. \$2,750 A.

100 a west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights \$295,000.00

160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral, indications show lots deer, turkey, and hogs, mineral rights. \$2,900.00
240 a south Gorman, 120a fields, 80a wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds, water well, in a great hunting area, lots of deer sign, great place! Mineral Rights \$2,250.00 acre.

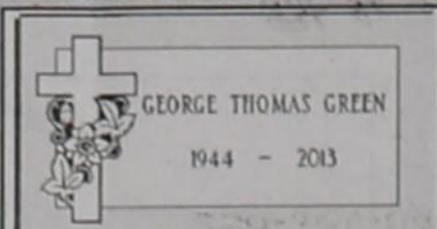
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- 184 A, 2-1 frame home, 6 water wells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll irrigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. (J001) \$524,920
- 165 A, 3-1 newly remodeled frame home, w/office, 12 waterwells, large reservoir, highway frontage, cross fences, coastal, pecan orchard, pipe corrals, storm cellar, bams, hunting, minerals. (E001) \$549,000 REDUCED \$495,000
- 100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft. (CAD) 5-4 1/2 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corrals, pecan & oak trees. (FS01) \$850,000
- 80 A, w/1,943sf (CAD) 3-2 brick home, bams and shed, 3 wells, stock pond, cross fences, steel pens, almost completed roping arena. (C001) \$459,000
- 70 A, w/1,894sf (CAD) 3-2 brick home, metal roof, carport, fireplace, approx. 14 acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 bams, pipe corrals, equipment, hunting. (B001) \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams (L001) \$250,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees (T001) \$70,000
- 10 A, horse facility w/16x76 Mobile home, approx. 2,600sf of bams and sheds, cross fenced into four pastures, highway frontage (K001) \$125,000
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By David K. Perry
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I suppose this cold, icy weather shouldn't surprise me since it is stock show season and the weather usually turns bad, but his has been a little much. I am ready for spring now! I like to have four seasons and I think a week or so of winter is plenty. Bring on the bluebonnets and all of the other wild flowers.

Last week I spent three days in Austin at a symposium with two of our teachers, Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Sanchez, designed to improve the performance of our English language learners. I personally came away from the symposium with a feeling of empowerment and support. The teachers said their meetings were very beneficial too. I look forward to further improvements in our system of education as we strive to improve our district rating to Exemplary. It will take the success of all of our students to accomplish this and I am confident that we are headed in the right direction.

Friday night we won all of our games against Ranger except for the JV girl's game. This week we face Santo and DeLeon. Support these student's with your presence. They work very hard to prepare for competition. Also, I want to remind all senior citizens that their passes are valid to all school activities.

This month is School Board Appreciation Month and Gorman has a lot for which to be thankful. Normally, I have an appreciation dinner for the board prior to our regularly scheduled January meeting, but because of furnace problems we had to cancel the dinner this week. It will be rescheduled. Gorman has a lot of things for which to be thankful and this school board is one of them. The next time you see one of them why don't you give them a pat on the back and shake their hand and let them know how much you appreciate them or send them a letter to P.O. Box 8, Gorman, Texas 76454.

Monday night we went a head and held our regularly scheduled board meeting. It was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Rich. A prayer was given by Mark Simmons and then all present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present and voting were President Rich, Vice President Seaton, Mark Simmons, Daryl Hirst, and Larry Thompson. Also present was Superintendent Perry, Principal Reeves, Principal Panter, and Counselor Hampton. AD Talbert and Mrs. Underwood were absent. Mr. Hampton was visiting. The board then unanimously passed the consent agenda and President Rich turned the meeting over to Superintendent Perry to hold a public hearing to discuss the district's AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) Report, AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) status, PBM (Performance Based Monitoring) report, and the F.I.R.S.T. (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating. Mr. Perry reviewed the reports stating that the AEIS report identified the Maxfield campus as "Recognized" and the High School as "Academically Acceptable". We are very close to being a Recognized district. He then stated that the district had met AYP requirements and that the PBM report was good reporting no indicators over a 2. The schools F.I.R.S.T. rating was "Superior", the highest rating. After the reports were given, there being no questions from the board or the audience, the public hearing was closed and the meeting turned back over to President Rich. At that time, board information reports were given after which the board addressed the following action items: Approved a sprinkler system for the football field 6-0; Approved the proposed 2007-2008 school calendar 6-0, and Approved the first reading of TASB Update 79 6-0. The board then went into executive session at 8:00pm to discuss the superintendent evaluation and contract and came out at 8:35pm. The board then voted 5-1 to offer the superintendent a two year contract, which he accepted. The board then adjourned.

Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

- 1/19 HS BB @ DeLeon @ 4:00pm
- 1/18&19 no school
- 1/23 HS BB @ Perrin Whitt @ 4:00pm (non district)

Don't forget about the Eastland County Livestock Show this weekend. Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future.

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Landowners who have not already filed must file for special use valuation with the Eastland County Appraisal District by May 1, 2007. The Texas Constitution provides for two (2) types of agricultural productivity appraisal. Article 8, Section 1-d-1 allows what is known as Open Space Land appraisal; while Article 8, Section 1-d allows agricultural use appraisal. The requirements for applying and qualifying both the land and the owner are different for each of the two types.

Most property owners apply for the 1-d-1 or Open Space Appraisal. This special appraisal requires that the land's use in a qualifying agricultural endeavor meet the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area. The owner must show that the land's use is devoted principally to agricultural use and that it has been for at least five (5) of the preceding seven (7) years.

Landowners should be aware that the law does require a rollback to be incurred when the qualified land is taken out of agricultural use. The rollback tax includes the difference between the taxes paid under agricultural appraisal and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been on the tax roll at market value. The law also requires that the rollback tax include interest charges of seven (7) percent per year.

The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Property Tax Division of the State Comptroller's office. The application must contain the information necessary to determine the validity of the application.

To apply for Open Space Land valuation or the Agricultural Appraisal use valuation on your land; you should contact the Eastland County Appraisal District.

The filing deadline for this and other available valuations in May 1, 2007. For additional information or to request an application; call or come by the Eastland County Appraisal District office. The telephone number is (254) 629-8597 and the office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building at 102 N. Lamar in Eastland, Texas.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

The biggest news around this area is the ice storm that hit Friday night and is still very much in evidence on this Monday night. It is a beautiful sight, a real winter wonderland, but it just about plays havoc with travel and activities. Not many people getting out except the farmers and ranchers going to feed their cattle.

There was no service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday because of the icy weather.

Randall Treadwell of Eastland will be the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 21. Harold Roan of Stephenville will be the speaker on January 28th, and Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn will speak on February 4th.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little had lunch with her sister, Lenora Preston in Cleburne on Friday. They also visited with a niece, Beverley Maxwell and her son, Delton.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little's grandson, Andrew Barfield, son of Terry and Arleen Barfield of Tyler, left for duty with the U. S. Marines on Okinawa on Sunday, January 14th. Please keep Andrew, his parents and grandparents in your prayers.

Lester and Alice Rich of Grand Junction, CO are visiting with his sister, Troy Scitern. Other visitors have been Laverne Carr of Whitney and Mrs. David Brown.

"Happy Birthday" to my twin great-grandsons, Ryan and Kody Daniell of Abilene on their 10th birthday on January 23rd, from Grandma Jordan.

Instead of complaining about the icy weather, may we praise God for the moisture that we will receive from it.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, January 20 at the Dedemona Community Center School Gym. "Buck" Sutton and "They City Limits" of the Brownwood area will provide the music. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving good food, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. Admission to dance will be \$4.00 each. No alcohol or smoking permitted. Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening.

Ice everywhere all weekend in Desdemona with very cold weather. Take care of yourself and those around you.

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, January 27 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pies, and drinks. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend.

Our friend, Roy Lee Whitlock, 69 of Gorman passed away. Services were held on Saturday, January 13 at the Church of Christ in Gorman. Roy Lee was born December 20, 1937 to "Speck" and Georgia (Wimberly) Whitlock. He lived in Desdemona all of his life except the past few years in the Gorman Rest Home. Survivors include a sister, Jackie Lou Whitlock of De Leon, two nephews, a niece and a host of friends. Preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Charles Ray Whitlock and Earl Wayne Whitlock. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Though for today -- "You cannot change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future."

Thanks, have a nice day, Conon.

Protecting Our Environment

Drought Or No Drought: Saving Water Is Important Year-Round

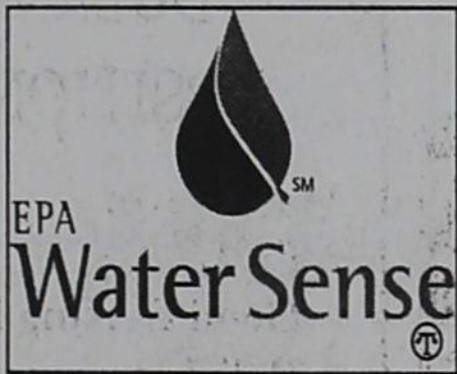
(NAPSA)—As temperatures drop, and the word "drought" is no longer in the news, it's easy to stop paying attention to water use. Reminders to save water are less frequent and many Americans believe our water supply is abundant and constantly replenished—when in fact it's a finite resource.

While the U.S. population has grown by almost 90 percent over the last 50 years, our water use during that same period grew by a staggering 209 percent. With demand outstripping supply, at least 36 states anticipate local, regional or statewide water shortages by the year 2013, even under non-drought conditions. Using water more efficiently is the easiest and most cost-effective way to help ensure adequate future water supply.

The average family of four uses 400 gallons of water (6,400 full drinking glasses) each day and 70 percent of that is used indoors. This water use could easily be cut by as much as 30 percent if households took a few simple steps to use water more efficiently. In addition to helping protect our water supply, saving water can also help families save money on their water and energy bills.

Here are some simple tips from EPA's WaterSense program for saving water year-round:

1. Don't flush money down the drain:



• Check your toilet for leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons of water per day. Add a couple drops of food coloring to your toilet tank and if color appears in the bowl within 15 minutes, you have a leak.

• If you replace your toilet, shop for a high-efficiency model that uses less than 1.3 gallons per flush. In 2007 you'll be able to find these toilets by looking for the WaterSense label.

2. Think before you turn on the tap:

• Scrape rather than rinse dishes before loading them into the dishwasher.

• Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cold. The average faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute.

• Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth or shave. You could save more than 100 gallons per month.

3. Use appliances wisely:

• Wash only full loads or set small loads to the appropriate

water level.

• Replace old clothes washers with ENERGY STAR labeled appliances that use less water.

4. Stop leaks:

• Easily corrected household water leaks can account for eight percent of your water bill. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is used. If the meter doesn't read the same, you probably have a leak.

• Repair dripping faucets and showerheads. Fixing a faucet that drips at a rate of one drop per second will save 2,700 gallons per year.

5. Test your WaterSense:

• Find out how much you know about the water you use in your home. Go to the WaterSense Web site at www.epa.gov/watersense and take the Test Your Water Sense quiz.

• Look for the EPA's Water Sense label, which makes it easy for consumers to recognize products and programs that save water and perform well. Water Sense labeled products such as toilets and faucets will begin to appear on store shelves next year. Also, look for a WaterSense partner when selecting a landscape irrigation professional—a smart irrigation design can help save water that is normally lost through evaporation, run-off or over-watering.

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Reinvigorating No Child Left Behind

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

One of the Bush Administration's landmark legislative achievements, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), recently observed its fifth birthday. The law expires and must be renewed by 2008.

No Child Left Behind is built on the most worthy premise imaginable—that every child in America deserves the opportunity to receive a quality education, in order to fulfill his God-given potential. There are no critics of the law's goal: standards, accountability and superior schools.

But the path to that goal is filled with disagreement. The law was controversial in 2001, and it's controversial now. Its final form was the result of numerous compromises. That's what happens when trying to impose a national solution on a part of government—our K-12 education system—that should be controlled at the local level.

The bill has increased markedly federal spending on K-12 education, from \$23.1 billion in 2001 to \$38.7 billion in 2006. In Texas, federal funding for the NCLB programs went from \$1.2 billion in 2001 to almost \$2 billion in 2006.

Much of this federal aid is allocated for specific programs, and is accompanied by detailed instructions on how it must be spent and onerous burdens on schools to justify their funding. Because there are numerous federal mandates that accompany this federal largesse, this "free" money does come at a cost.

In Florida, for instance, more than 40 percent of the state's education department staff is devoted to administration and oversight of federal aid dollars as they move from Washington to local school districts. Nationally, according to the Office of Management and Budget, state and local education employees logged 6.7 million additional hours of work on NCLB-related reporting requirements.

Texas provides a good example of some unintended results. Under the leadership of then-Governor George W. Bush, Texas became one of the first states to establish a standards-based system.

Unfortunately, the 2001 law is often unfairly applied to judge students in each state. While it requires all students to attain a minimum "proficiency" level in math and reading by 2014, it unfairly penalizes states that aim higher. This creates a situation in which some states dilute their testing measures in order to meet proficiency requirements, while others, like Texas, set high standards and are then punished with poor proficiency ratings.

Of course, some public schools in Texas have recorded major improvements, and I'm confident that teachers, parents and administrators everywhere are doing their best to improve on their achievements. But they might do even better if there were more attention paid to learning, and less time spent filling out government paperwork.

Education is a function that is best left mainly to parents, teachers and local school boards. As we reauthorize NCLB, we should pursue ideas to reinforce local control of innovation, even while ensuring accountability in the results.

With my colleague from South Carolina, Sen. Jim DeMint, I've proposed legislation that would allow states to bypass much of the federal red tape and bureaucracy that's grown up around NCLB. Our bill is known as Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A-PLUS) Act of 2007.

Currently, most NCLB funding is earmarked for specific programs, and accompanied by elaborate federal red tape. Our idea would allow states to enter voluntarily into a charter agreement or contract with the U.S. Department of Education, to let state and local authorities identify their education needs and priorities.

Under the charter, a state will have the flexibility to consolidate federal education programs and funding, and redirect resources to reform initiatives developed at the state level.

These program results would be published, and accountability for improvement would remain in force.

We have purposefully provided great freedom and flexibility in this bill in an attempt to return education decision-making authority back to the states—where it belongs. Our plan is not radical.

President Bush included a state charter option in his original NCLB proposal to Congress, but this provision was unfortunately dropped in the 2001 compromise. This option should be included in the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.

President Bush has long sought to eradicate the "soft bigotry of low expectations" in our nation's public school systems. He knows that we lift students up when we expect more from them, and give them more responsibility.

The federal government should adopt the same attitude toward local public schools. States should be given the opportunity to design educational programs that fit the needs of individual districts, parents and children. In education, one size does not fit all.

Sen. Cornyn is Vice Chairman of the Senate Republican Conference and a member of the Armed Services and Judiciary Committees. He is also Vice Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Scitern

We had a very sad week last week as two of our residents passed away. Roy Whitlock and Lester Tinney. Roy was the official Heritage Manor greeter. Roy knew everyone and everyone knew Roy. Lester was a veteran of World War II where he was a POW.

They both will be greatly missed. We also miss L.M. Wooten, who passed away in December.

We continue to play regular bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning and we play Crazy bingo on Wednesday afternoon. I really appreciate Pat Graham, Billie Marble and Betty Little coming to help us.

Visiting with Lottie Morris recently were Pam Hulse of Hobbs New Mexico, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Vicki Rich, and Freddie Rodgers. Pam and Lottie visit Gene and Kay Snider and Mike and Crystal Snider and girls I their new home.

Visiting Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Betty Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, and Jimmy and Verna Little.

Visiting with Jelma Smith and Letty Craddock were Johnny and Ina Smith, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitern.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were Paula Morrow of Plains, James and Jason Norris of Eastland, Lisa Lewis of Stephenville and Jeanna Pack of Carbon. Paula took Imogene to Eastland to eat on day.

Visiting Eunice Love were Larry Stogsdill, Joy and Larry Campbell and Ronnie and Barbara Love.

I know there were other visitors sorry I was unable to get their names. We always enjoy those who come to visit.

Due to the bad weather we did not have Sunday School or church on Sunday. Everyone was really glad to see Karen Guthery come and open the beauty shop on Monday morning, we were unsure if she would be able to make it. Betty Duke was unable to make it on Tuesday morning.

We would like to invite everyone to come and join us for activities. Activities for the coming week: Sunday at 9:00 Sunday School, 2:30 Bride of Christ Church, Monday 10:00 Manicures 2:30 Singing, Tuesday 9:30 Betty Duke, 2:30 Bingo, Wednesday 9:00 Bible Study, 2:30 Crazy Bingo, Thursday 10:00 Word Game 2:30 Straw Hat Society will bake cookies, Friday 10:00 Bingo 2:30 Resident Council Meeting, Saturday Free day to do whatever. If someone would like to come and hold an activity on Saturdays that would be GREAT. The resident would love to have a group come and entertain on a Saturday or evening. If you are interested please let me know.

Until next time Ina

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

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Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Military Veterans

By Tom Williams, Psy. D.

Submitted by Larry Monroe, Commander VFW Post 4136 - Eastland. "My life is different after what happened and I don't know why. At first it didn't seem to bother me, but now I have terrifying dreams about it and can't seem to get it out of my mind. All I want is to be left alone. My family and friends want me to be the way I used to be, to forget it, but I'm not the same person. I thought I could forget about it when I got out, but it got worse. If I don't have a couple of drinks, I can't get to sleep, and now I'm drinking more. The kids bother me a lot, and I'm pretty irritable and snap at everybody for nothing really. I've had a lot of jobs since I got out, but I can't seem to keep them for long. I don't like to be around people, except veterans. I sit with my back to the wall whenever I can. Loud noises bother me, and I feel more comfortable with a weapon. At night I check the doors and windows several times before I can relax. Night is bad, I hear the neighborhood noises, dogs barking, care doors slamming, people talking..."

If you are a war veteran or know of someone with these symptoms, please tell them to get help. We have free PTSD meetings at the VFW Post 4136, 918 Hwy. 570, Eastland, Tx on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. A VA counselor from the VA will be available for individual and group meetings.

Please bring your DD214, and join our group.

Larry Monroe, Commander
254-647-1097

Search For Miss Eastland County Announced

If you are single, have never been married or given birth, and between the ages of 19 and 29, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2007 "Miss Eastland County"! Miss Eastland County will represent her county at the Miss Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas on May 4 - 6, 2007. The young woman chosen as "Miss Eastland County" will become an ambassador from the Eastland County area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady chosen as Miss Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2007 Miss International Pageant. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Miss Texas Pageant.

Miss contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!)

Young ladies living in Eastland County interested in applying should write for a bio form:

Miss Texas International Pageant
14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197 -- San Antonio, TX 78232
or call or e-mail for more information:
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Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly luncheon on Wednesday, January 10th with 29 present. There were a few more than usual, but we are still not up to our usual count. I do hope more will attend as the weather gets warmer. It will someday, but right now we are in a deep freeze. We needed this cauld to get rid of the bugs. I even had a fly in the house before this hit.

It was so nice to have Barbara Bush back from her travels. She called us to order and Wilbur Overstreet gave the blessing. We all signed a get well card for Billie Shipman and do hope she is improving.

It was good to see Wynogene Smith and have her back us. We missed her and hope she can be with us most of the time.

We enjoyed having Sylvia Buchanan to eat with us. I enjoy talking and setting by her, also her mom Nancy Hendricks like her being with us.

We missed Ann and Jud Maxfield being here. They were babysitting in Burleson with their sons' children.

Ann and Wynogene are so much help in the kitchen. We do appreciate these good ladies.

Also good to see Mr. Johnson from the Hotel. He can really get around town on his scooter. These machines are wonderful for people with disabilities.

We really enjoyed having Frank and Beth Shirley with us. She looked so good, and they come when she is up for an outing. Hope they can come more often as she improves. We do miss her wonderful white coconut cake.

Good to have Ailene Garrett back after her illness. That little lady is sure nice to help in the kitchen. Also, Jerry Underwood is such a help in keeping our pantry clean and neat. We really appreciate you, plus washing our laundry.

We only had 9 people out for game on Thursday the 11th. So glad the Desdemona people came or we wouldn't have had enough. Hope more Gorman people will come out in the future. We start play at 5 p.m.

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