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Conclusion of Water System Maintenance Procedures – Free Chlorine to Chloramines

With the Proctor Lake elevations continuing to decline to near normal "pool levels," raw water quality has continued to improve and the fall outlook for better water quality is optimistic. While the water systems transmission and distribution lines have been undergoing a maintenance procedure, sometimes referred to as a "shock treatment," that involved changing the disinfectant used in our water from chloramines to free chlorine and then back to chloramines again, necessary flushing has attempted to eliminate much of the colored, odorous water that necessitated the system "burnout," another name for the shock treatment. With the return to chloramines that began Friday, September 28th, and additional flushing that will follow, most if not all noticeable levels of chlorine should be eliminated. While these levels of chlorine posed no short-term health implications, the palatability and odor of the water was at times objectionable and the return to chloramines should help resolve those incidents. Future taste and odor issues remaining after reverting back to chloramines should be reported to your local utility for a "follow-up."

With fall officially beginning September 23rd, a quick look-back at the Proctor Lake water supply during this past summer produced some interesting facts. Since the high-water mark on July 5th at about 9:00 PM, Proctor Lake levels have declined from a mean sea level elevation of 1192.25 to a recent elevation of 1163.53 msl. The 28.72 vertical-foot drop is in itself an impressive number, but more still the reduction in volume which fell from a high of 307,132 Acre Feet to the current 63,199 Acre Feet. It has been well reported that an Acre Foot of water is the amount of water that it takes to cover one (1) acre with 12-inches of water. Applying those thoughts to the volume of water impounded at its highest, during this flood event, can be rephrased to say that at times the "seeping dam" was holding back enough water to cover over 300,000 acres with a foot of water. What makes these numbers seem even larger is the fact that amount of water would be enough to cover about one-half of Comanche County (which covers about 606,000 surface acres) with 12-inches of water. That was quite an impoundment and makes the current volume of water, which could cover over 60,000 acres with the same 12-inches of water, seem small. The fact is though, as the lake approaches elevation 1162.0, the level at which it is considered full but more correctly stated as its "conservation level," the Lake will still contain over 59,000 acre feet of water and cover 4,610 surface acres and will provide an adequate supply of water, for both municipal and irrigation use, sometime into the distant future.

Also somewhat hidden in the above facts, but not clearly stated is the reality that while the volume (the Acre Feet) of the Lake increased dramatically, the surface acres covered ballooned accordingly. At the so-called "high-level mark" the Lake had a surface area of approximately 14,000 acres and as noted the "full" level will be back down to somewhat over 4,600 acres. This near 10,000 acres of additionally flooded land, that was already well foliated due to the abundant rains, caused treatment challenges that had not been encountered to anyone's remembrance over the past 38 years the Proctor Treatment Plant has been producing water. While most years have some conditions that impact the treatability of the water that can result in "upsets" in taste and odor, the summer of '07 will be one to remember. At this juncture while looking for something to blame for the extra problems, the heavy, heavy loading placed on the water supply by lush vegetation that was covered up by the near-record flooding, and the immense amount of runoff from already flooded areas to the north and west, has been identified as the major contributors. Having now made it past these unusually uncharacteristic conditions of this past summer, and as previously noted, now past the Summer equinox into fall, conditions for everything being better are here.

One last parting shot will be to thank the employees of the Water District who logged some extremely long hours from time-to-time, while addressing treatment and distribution challenges, and to your City's workers in their flushing and co-ordinated efforts in completing this water system maintenance procedure that again, is underway as it returns the primary disinfectant back from "free chlorine" to "chloramines." Anyone with aquariums or where dialysis may be performed should take proper precautions. Questions or comments pertaining to these matters, or another subject about your water supply, may be directed to local water system personnel or by contacting the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District @ 254-879-2228.

Thank you
Gary Lacy

"The Moving Wall" Comes To Central Texas

"The Moving Wall" Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be on display in Central Texas from October 18-22 at the East-lawn Memorial Park in Early, TX. The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and has been touring the country for more than twenty years. The Moving Wall was created by John Devitt, a Vietnam veteran, who attended the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC in 1982. Because of the powerful encounter he had at "The Wall," he vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. John Devitt and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the USA from April through November, spending about a week at each site.

The memorial is 252.83 feet long and has 58,253 names listed on the panels. Of those listed, 1,300 are still unaccounted for Prisoners of War (POWs) and Missing in Action (MIAs). Eight women and 16 military chaplains are also listed.

The Moving Wall was invited to be on display in Central Texas by Billy Murphey, of the Pecan Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League in Brownwood, TX. The Moving Wall provides the opportunity for many to pay tribute and honor to Vietnam Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice and to those who served and returned home. It is also a powerful educational tool, bringing a significant piece of our nation's history into reality for students of all ages.

The Moving Wall will arrive in Early on Wednesday, October 17th and will be assembled entirely by volunteers. Viewing of the Wall begins at sunrise on Thursday, Oct. 18th and will be open for 24 hours until Monday, Oct. 22nd at 4:00 pm. The Opening Ceremony will be on Friday, October 19th from 10 – 11am. The honored guest speaker for the ceremony is Marine Col. Thomas Hobbs, a Vietnam veteran with multiple awards including a Silver Star, Bronze Star with combat V, Legion of Merit, and others. The ceremony will close with a fly over by the 301st Fighter Wing "Fightin' Spades." Other ceremonies include a POW/MIA Ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 10:00 am and a Candlelight Ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 pm.

There is no charge to visit The Moving Wall, and rubbings are welcome. For more information, please visit the Brownwood Area chamber of Commerce website at www.brownwoodchamber.org or 325-646-0335. To learn more about The Moving Wall, visit www.themovingwall.org.

Cisco's Big Dam Car Show

CISCO, Texas – Cisco's 10th annual Big Dam Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Hilton Community Center in Cisco. The event is sponsored by the Cisco Junior College Auto Tech Club, the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Cisco. There is no admission charge to view the cars. Entry fee is \$15, and registration begins Saturday at 8 a.m. with judging from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Three trophies will be awarded per class. Winners of the People's Choice, Best of Show, Crank-it-up and Rev-it-up will also receive trophies.

The car show is the main fundraiser for the CJC Auto-Tech Club, and Latson said that they would like to thank the merchants who help make this show possible.

"In case of rain, the car show will be cancelled. The car show is being held in conjunction with the annual Tractor and Truck Pull scheduled to be held Oct. 12 and 13 at the Cisco Junior College Ag Department. Call (254) 442-5156 for more information about the car show and (254) 442-5196 for tractor and truck pull information.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Eastland County. A ceremony will be held October 9th at 1:00 p.m. At the Eastland County Courthouse on the North steps. During the ceremony Judge Rex Fields will read the proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and local health-care professionals will address this issue. As part of a Nationwide recognition, a wreath will be hung and on display throughout the month of October. Local breast cancer survivors and family members are welcome to come join us for this ceremony.

Carbon High School Class Reunions Set

The 1943, 1945, 1946, and 1948 classes will meet at ZJ's Restaurant in Gorman for their annual class reunions on Friday, October 5, 2007. Every member of these Classes are urged to attend and enjoy the fun and fellowship of visiting with classmates and friends.

Visitors are welcome. The meal will be dutch treat.

If you need further information, please contact Zelda Jordan at 254-639-2289.

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you that have been so good to us at this trying time since Toni has been so sick. So many things has been done that it is hard to list them. For the sacks of food, for the donations of money, to Geardene and the ones that set up the Bank Account for Medical expenses, for all your prayers and concern with calls and everything that has been done for us, we are deeply thankful. Please continue to pray for us and we are so grateful for everything that has been done.

With all our love,
Toni Underwood and Family
Ora Lee Lawrence

Just A Note

Jean Frasier of Snyder, Texas visited with her brother, Jarrel McClearen on Thursday the 28th. Jarrel is retired and having health problems. They also visited in Stephenville with Marla McKinney and Kathy Torres.

Large Item Pickup Thurs., Oct. 4th

Panthers Edge Ranger 7-6; Play At Perrin-Whitt Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
PANTHERS		BULLDOGS
13	First Downs	12
46/218	Carries/Yds.	3/134
0	Yds Passing	69
1 or 3/0	Pass Cplt./Int	5 of 10/1
2 / 2	Fumbles/Lost	1 / 1
2/32	Punts/Avg.	4/35
5/45	Penalties	8/80

The Gorman Panthers hosted the Ranger Bulldogs in a District 12-A game opening district play. Both teams scored on their first possessions then the defenses took over the rest of the way.

The Panthers got the opening kickoff on their own 31 and started a drive that covered 60 yards in 11 plays with Zack Fox getting the final 18 yards for the score with 5:44 left in the period. Tyson Swanner then kicked what was to be the winning point after to make the score 7-0. The drive featured runs of 18, 7, m 3 and 2 by Matt Underwood; 1, 13 and 2 by Tony Perez; a 2 yarder by Swanner and a 3 yarder by Fox.

On the ensuing kickoff the Bulldogs took the ball on their own 31 and scored in 7 plays with Josh Wilson catching a 21 yard TD pass from Ryan Draper with 3:21 left in the first quarter. The kick for point went wide and the score was 7-6. The drive featured runs of 46, 5 and 2 by Jacob Wells.

The Panthers then took the kickoff on their own 30 and after getting a 15 yard penalty moved to the Bulldog territory before coming up one foot short on a fourth down play. The drive featured runs of 23, 17 and 3 by Perez and runs of 2, 3 and 1 by Underwood and a 9 yarder by Orlando Valenzuela.

The Bulldogs then took over on their own 25 and moved into the Panther territory before being stopped.

The teams played on even terms till halftime.

Both halves did fine jobs of entertaining the fans at the intermission.

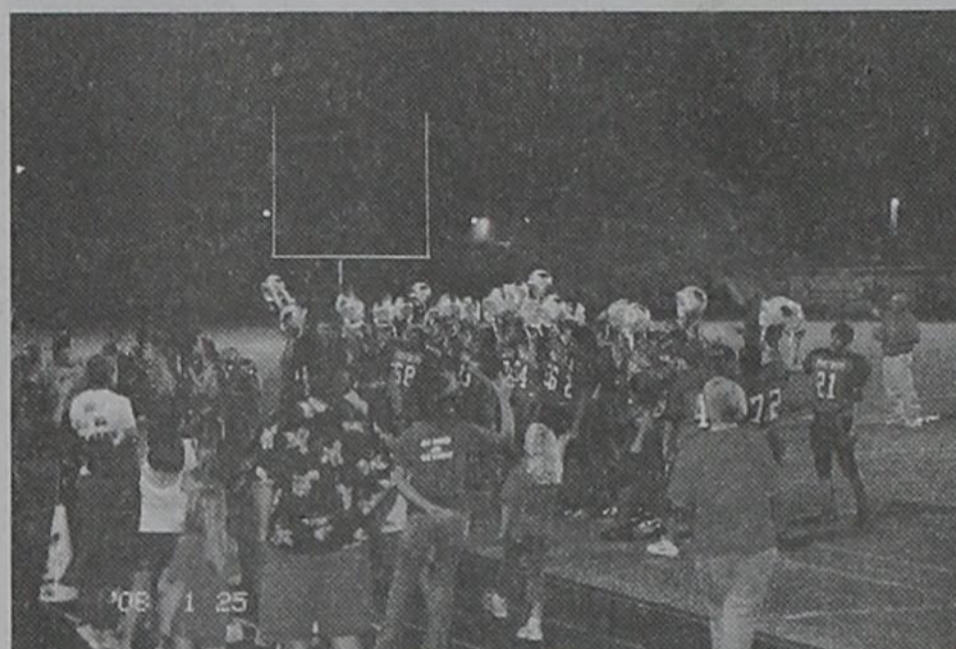
After holding the Bulldogs on their first drive after half-time, the Big Red took the ball on their own 48 and moved to the Ranger 4. The Bulldogs then took the ball over and moved to the Gorman 44 before fumbling the ball and Gorman moved to the Bulldog 11 before being held by the Bulldogs.

The final drive by the Panthers came when Drew McCreeless got an interception on the Gorman 42 and after a Gorman 10 yard penalty the Big Red ran out the clock for the 7-6 victory.

Tony Perez led the Panthers with 90 yards on 19 carries. Matt Underwood got 85 on 15. Zack Fox had 29 on 3. Orlando Valenzuela got 10 on 3 tries and Tyson Swanner had 4 on 6 keepers after kneeling on the final four plays.

The defense of both teams did great jobs and the Big Red will need another fine performance this week when they travel to Perrin Whitt for another important 12-A District Game. So follow the Panthers to Perrin-Whitt on Friday and back them to a Victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



Panthers and fans saluting the win over the Bulldogs after the game.



Decisions on what to do next - Tyson Swanner and the Panthers.



Matt Underwood on the move being chased by a Bulldog in game action Friday.

October 12, 2007
Homecoming Pre-Game Show
We would like to invite everyone to come out early for our pre-game show beginning at 6:30. We will have the band perform their entire show and the dancers will be also be performing at this time. Come out early and enjoy the festivities before the game.

Final Phase Of Cleanup At Lake Leon To Begin Soon

The final phase of the debris cleanup at Lake Leon is ready to begin. At Eastland County Commissioners Court Monday, September 24, bids were opened for the removal of the debris from the stockpile area at Lake Leon. Eagle Construction was awarded the bid and the contract has been signed to take the debris to an approved landfill and to clean the stockpile site. This work is scheduled to begin on October 3rd. FEMA personnel and county monitors will be at the site to assist in the removal effort.

As of today, Eastland County has still not received any FEMA funding for the debris removal or for road system emergency repairs. However, FEMA representatives have been inspecting the roads and bridges and are compiling documentation for projects for scheduled repairs and improvements. These projects are being submitted to the State FEMA office as they are completed and I anticipate funding will begin as soon as possible. Hopefully, the citizens of our county will begin to see improvements to the road system and the wait will have been worth the effort and patience.

As I said in a previous release, I cannot thank everyone enough for the combined effort to get the people of Eastland County and our cities back to where we are. First responders, volunteers, faith-based work groups, local churches, state and federal agencies, and individuals labored countless hours to get the flood problems resolved. There is more work to be done, but we can be thankful and optimistic that this spirit of cooperation will remain for each of us as conditions improve.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge

OBITUARIES

Oscar James Brush

Oscar James Brush, age 84 passed away on Sunday, September 30, 2007 at Waco, Texas. Graveside services were held Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m. At De Leon Cemetery with Clyde Dodd assisted by Jackie Auvenshine. Vocalist was Jessica Collins.

Robert G. Haynes

BURLESON - Robert G. Haynes, 84, a retired Methodist minister, died Wednesday, September 26, 2007 in Fort Worth.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28th at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Colleyville. A memorial service was held at 2:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Burleson.

The Rev. Haynes was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. The Rev. Haynes served numerous churches in the North Central and Central Texas conference of the United Methodist Church from 1946 to 1988. He referred to himself as "Mr. Preacher". He loved woodcarving, traveling, golf and antique cars. Through the years he sponsored several exchange students. The Rev. Haynes was preceded in death by his first wife, Juanita Haynes, in 1999 and daughter, Carolyn Nelson in 1995. He will be missed.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Haynes of Burleson; son, Robert Haynes and wife, Susan; daughter, Rossie Bell and husband, Calvin; sister, Jean Josch and husband, Martin; adopted son, Christian Schnabel and wife, Marie; grandchildren, Marty Payton, Robert Payton and wife, Shelley, Ramon Carrillo and wife, Sherri, Amada Carrillo, Dina Haynes and Rhett Haynes and wife, Val; five grandchildren; numerous stepgrandchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a former pastor at Gorman First United Methodist Church.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, October 8th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Make plans to attend to enjoy the good food and have fellowship with all of the group. Visitors are always "Welcome". Hostesses for this morning event are Dorothy Greenhaw, Elnora Lindley and Linda Lindley all of Desdemona.

Lee and Sonja Hornback of Desdemona hosted a birthday party for their son, Justin, who celebrate his 2nd Birthday on Saturday, September 29th. Lunch was served at noon followed by a birthday cake and ice cream. Several family members and friends attended to help Justin celebrate.

Bernard and Ann Keith attended the Monthly Musical in Carbon last Saturday night. Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

Janet Youngblood of Sulphur, Louisiana contacted this reporter last week -- hoping to receive some information on their family history of Mansfield Hamilton and his wife, Rebecca (Pye) Hamilton. Rebecca was

Oscar was born July 28, 1923 in Ibox, Texas to the late Adam Oscar Brush and Lela Morgan Brush. He married Nell Warren on November 21, 1942 in De Leon.

Mr. Brush was a resident of De Leon all of his adult life. He quit school in the 7th grade to provide for his elder parents and sisters. He married his sweetheart, Nell Warren on November 21st. They were married 65 years. Oscar was working for Terril Ford in De Leon when he was drafted into the U. S. Army on February 15, 1943. He received his honorable discharge on January 14, 1946. The Army awarded Oscar with the following honors: *The Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, The Bronze Arrowhead, The Philippine Liberation Ribbon and 2 Bronze Stars.*

Survivors include one daughter, Sherry Collins of Waco; two sisters, Lajoyce Womack of De Leon and Bonnie Decker of Gustine; two grandchildren, Craig Collins and wife Michelle of Cedar Park and Jon Collins and wife Jessica of Waco; one great-grandson, Carter Warren Collins of Cedar Park.

He was preceded by his wife, Nell Brush on August 25, 2007 and his parents.

Pallbearers were Doyle Dean Brush, Wendell Decker, Davy Jones, John Mart Stephens, Glen Warren, Mike Warren, and Larry Don Womack. Honorary Pallbearers were The Brush Garage Gang; Wayne Baker, Elton Brownlee, Joe Durham, Jack Hasty, Jack Jackson, Cyril Keith, James Mears, David Rice and Harry Rucker.

Born in the late 1800's & according to records in their family book, She was buried in the Desdemona Cemetery. If anyone has any information on this family, please contact this reporter and I will pass it on. I know this reporter is getting to be some of the "Old Timers Of Hogtown" - but I don't believe I am this old - yet!

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

Visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke during the past weekend were Ronda (Duke) James and daughters, Emily of Whitney; Elise and Katie Duke of Stephenville.

Have a Nice Day, Vonnie.



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TAKE A PEEK - THEN SETTLE IN! 3BR, 1 3/4 bath home with living, dining, CH/A, screened porch & 2 sheds. Act fast - it won't last! 011

LOST ANIMALS: One Black Angus Bull and one Pony with colt. 254-734-2055 - Leave Message 1-10-4 P.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - - Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for CNA's for all shifts. Apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, TX. EEOC.

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254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX
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NEW - 2 - 1 1/2 frame, 1179 sq. ft., central A/C, gas fireplace, storm windows, home in good condition, several large trees. \$23,500

NEW - Gorman 1A, 1232' (CAD) manufactured home, CH/A, lots of trees, outbuildings, water well, septic, chain link. \$42,500.

NEW - Desdemona, 3-1 frame 2 story built 1872, 2651 sq. ft., 2 car garage, ramp, pool, hot tub, large kitchen, water well, stg. bldg., paved road. App. 1 acre. ~~\$65,000~~ \$57,500

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. \$79,900. \$78,500

NEW - 12.96 A. Gorman, app. 4 A wood, water well, septic, old septic tank, pecans, nice walking site! \$52,500.00 Will Divide.

NEW - 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

NEW - 49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, country water/elec, available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., CH/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. ~~\$2,900.00~~ \$2,800.00 A.

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.

358A west of De Leon, 40% wooded, 60% old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, some new fences, elec., several water wells. Owners mineral rights included. \$2,300.00 per A. property can be divided.

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- 455A, over 150' of elevation change, 4 irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of coastal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tee covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy 6 frontage, ~~11,912,000~~ \$1,912,000
- 613A, w/3-2, 2,144s (CAD) Brick Home, 4620s barn, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek hunting, good fences, 31 A coastal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available. ~~2,025,000~~ \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5 wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, lots of wildlife. ~~1,526,000~~ \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, coastal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover. ~~751,530~~ \$751,530
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773s (CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24'50' carport, RV shed 20x20' shed, water well, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable. ~~397,500~~ \$397,500
- 100 A, water wells, pecan trees, cultivation, native pasture and hunting. ~~15,700~~ \$15,700
- 25 B A, w/4-2, 2,243s (CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2 stock tanks, coastal, large oak trees. ~~250,000~~ \$250,000
- 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085s (CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank. ~~120,000~~ \$120,000
- 245 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway. ~~98,000~~ \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2, 854s (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, barns. ~~259,000~~ REDUCED \$239,500
- 5 A, w/1, 600s (CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn, ~~159,000~~ REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in coastal, rural water available, hunting. ~~75,000~~ \$75,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting. ~~193,000~~ \$193,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees. ~~70,000~~ \$70,000
- 296 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A of cultivation, coastal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting. ~~195,000~~ \$195,000
- 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in coastal bermuda & tilton 85, good fences & cross fences, minerals available. ~~950,000~~ \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy frontage, rural water. ~~850,000~~ \$850,000
- 248 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, coastal, native pasture. ~~2,500~~ per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. ~~442,500~~ \$442,500
- 81A, pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells. ~~405,000~~ \$405,000
- 3-3, 2,160s (CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area. ~~130,000~~ \$130,000
- 3-2, 2,770s (CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building. ~~297,500~~ \$297,500
- 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1512s (CAD) frame home, woodburning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop. ~~137,500~~ \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086s (CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building. ~~495,000~~ REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500s doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home. ~~135,000~~ \$135,000
- 3-2 frame home, 1,252s (CAD) living area, central heat & air, enclosed front porch, carport, fenced yard, gas fireplace. ~~27,500~~ \$27,500
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144s (CAD) frame home, screened porch, well. ~~95,000~~ \$95,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps. ~~96,000~~ \$96,000
- 3, 925s (CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms. ~~75,000~~ REDUCED \$65,000

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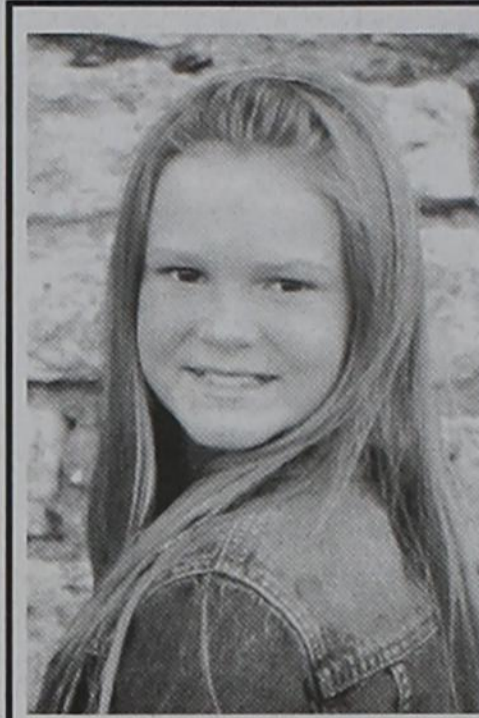
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Winners Of The Shin Oak Bar-b-Que Cookoff Held During Peanut Festival



Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan



Look Who's

"10"

Happy Birthday
Kourtney on Oct. 4th

Love -
Dad, Mom, Kaci & Kimi

We are still rejoicing over the wonderful services we had during the revival at the Kokomo Baptist Church that ended on Wednesday night, September 26th. Wonderful congregational singing and special music from The Voices of Praise, an ensemble from the First Baptist Church of Eastland on Tuesday night, and Crosswalk, a trio of Eastland on Wednesday night. Dr. Shawn Brewer, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eastland, brought dynamic, inspirational, heartfelt messages from God's Holy word each night, reminding us that God has a purpose for us at Kokomo and that is to go forth and share his gospel with those around us. We must surrender our lives to God before we can win others to Him. God wants to do something new in our lives, and we must go forward from here. We must tell the people who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Jesus spoke to one person at a time. We can do the same.

There were many visitors from the area, and we trust that they received a blessing by coming to worship with us. Visitors are welcome anytime at Kokomo Baptist Church.

We had a great time of fellowship as we gathered in the fellowship hall each evening for good food and visiting and getting acquainted with our visitors. I think that God smiles when he sees His children enjoying fellowship together.

At the end of the service on Wednesday night, "Happy Birthday" was sung to one of the visitors, Ledell Randle, of Eastland who was celebrating her 85th birthday.

"Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All" was beautifully rendered by the choir at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. Those in the choir were: Bobbi Haggard, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Ruth Rodgers, Daryl Hirst, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano.

Bro. Jim Haggard's message was entitled "There Is A Light At The End Of The Tunnel". The scripture was from Psalm 142:1-7 about David's prayer. He was an outcast and his trouble was very severe. When trouble comes, it is important how we react to the trouble. David didn't feel sorry for himself. When problems overwhelmed him, he brought them before the Lord in prayer. We should do the same. And we need to let our brothers and sisters in Christ pray for us and with us. To have victory we need to engage in prayer. Prayer strengthens faith.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to LaVon Snider at the close of the service.

If you missed the 5th Sunday singing at the First Baptist Church in Gorman on Sunday night you really missed a blessing. Our hearts were truly spiritually blessed with the congregational singing and the beautiful specials by individuals, duets, trios, quartets and choirs from each of the churches of the area that attended. It is wonderful when God's people get together to worship him in song, prayer and testimony. Our thanks to the ladies who prepared all the delicious food that we enjoyed in a time of fellowship following the singing.

Stephanie, Sydnie and Joey Bond of Bangs visited with Joe Bond on Wednesday. Shannon Bond visited with his dad, Joe Bond, on Friday and got in a little deer hunting with a bow.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, James and Jill Little, and Jerry and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo enjoyed a vacation at Blue Creek, CO last week. They report they had a great time.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland visited on Sunday with Betty Little.

Bob and Beverley Pharris of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube.

Larry and Betty Strube attended the funeral for Bob Lucas in Rising Star on Monday, September 24th. We extend sincere sympathy to Bob's family.

Bob Lucas was a sophomore at Carbon High School when I was a senior, so I've known him for many years. We will miss him at the class reunions on October 5th.

Congratulations to my great-grandsons, Kody and Ryan Daniell of Abilene and their football team "The Jets" for defeating a Coleman team 26-6 on Saturday in Coleman. Kody is the quarterback and Ryan is the kicker for the team. They are fifth graders at Wylie Intermediate School. Have a good week.

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Comanche County Medical Center Recognizes National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). Since the program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined.

This is exciting progress, but there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get

Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

Continued From Last Week

them for the success we believe they will have this season. Our team has experienced such a metamorphosis since two years ago and have developed into such a success story. Nobody knows for sure what will happen each Friday night when we face the challenge of another team, but I can guarantee you this, that our team will be playing their best and you will not be disappointed by their effort or the coaches. The excitement is there and you should be also, every Friday night! See you there. Junior High football will be at 6:00pm this Thursday at Ranger. The varsity game will be against Ranger here on Friday at 7:30pm.

Yo no se que decir acerca del equipo de fútbol cuando gana 85-0 en la ciudad de Sterling. No fue bonito. Nuestros muchachos hicieron casi todo bien y la ciudad de Sterling no pudo hacer nada. Todavía si le quitamos todos los puntos hechos por nuestra defensa, sigue siendo una victoria. Cuando mires a nuestros jugadores y entrenadores en las tiendas alrededor en la ciudad, dales una palpatada en la espalda por todo el trabajo fuerte y preparación que han pasado y que están haciendo y apóyenlos por lo que nosotros creemos que ellos van hacer esta temporada. Nuestro equipo a experimentado un cambio desde hace dos años y se han desarrollando en una historia de triunfo. Nadie sabe que va a pasar cada viernes por la noche cuando enfrentemos el talento de otro equipo, pero puedo garantizarles esto, que nuestro equipo va a jugar con lo mejor y no estarán decepcionados de su esfuerzo o por los entrenadores. La conmoción esta allí y usted también debe estar. Allí nos vemos, El fútbol de Júnior High va a ser a las 6 p.m. este jueves en Ranger. El juego de varsity va a ser el viernes a las 7:30 p.m. en contra de Ranger.

I'm sure you have noticed the new format of the article. I hope it is well received and that our Hispanic population that does not speak English will be better informed about what is going on at school. Mrs. Sanchez, our Spanish teacher, and her class are doing the translating as part of their classroom work. It will help give all of them a practical use of the gift they are developing and I hope the community appreciates them as much as I do. This is indeed a great help to me. Thanks to all of you that are helping!

Estoy seguro que a notado la nueva forma del artículo. Espero que sea bien recibida y que nuestra población hispana que no habla ingles pueda ser mejor informada sobre lo que pasa en la escuela. Nuestra maestra de español, la Sra. Sanchez y su clase traducen como parte del trabajo del salón. Esto les dará un uso práctico para usar el talento que están aprendiendo, espero que la comunidad los aprecie tanto como yo. Esto en realidad es una gran ayuda para mí. Gracias a todos los que están ayudando.

Update on Mr. Panter: Hopefully, Mr. Panter will have gotten out of the hospital and gone home Tuesday. At the time this article is being written, he is still at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. He is doing better. I know he is ready to be back at school. He told Pam he was being mean to the nurses in hopes they would send him home, but then Teresa was nice to them so it wasn't working. He misses the kids and he's tired of being in the hospital.

La última información del Sr. Panter: Ojala, el Sr. Panter haiga salido del hospital Hendrick en Abilene y este en casa el martes. El esta mucho mejor. Yo se que el esta listo para regresar a la escuela. El le dijo a su secretaria Pam que el es malo con las enfermeras con esperanzas que lo manden a la casa, pero su esposa Teresa es muy amable con ellas. El extraña a los estudiantes y está cansado de estar en el hospital.

Our enrollment is holding at 381 as of today. We are thankful for the increase, but not surprised by it. The word is getting around. We have great teachers and an academic plan that readies our student for college or the work place and because of our dual credit courses our students can graduate and enter college easily as a sophomore or higher if they apply themselves. We also have a strong athletic program that teaches much more than the sport in which a student participates. Athletics build strong positive character traits that will benefit our students for the rest of their lives. Athletics is not about sports, it is about life and how to be successful. The most important thing about our school is that we love kids and we take the best care of them that we possibly can and we appreciate your sharing them with us.

Nuestro matrícula contiene 381 estudiantes des de hoy. Estamos acrecidos por el aumento pero no sorprendidos. La palabra esta circulando. Tenemos maestras muy buenas y un plan académico que preparara a los estudiantes para el de colegio o el trabajo y por las clases de colegio nuestros estudiantes pueden graduar se y entrar al colegio fácilmente en el segundo año o mas si se dedican. También tenemos un programa atlético que enseña mas que el deporte en que el estudiante participa. El programa atlético forma característicos que le benefician al estudiante para el resto de su vida. El programa atlético no es de deportes es de la vida y como ser exitoso. La cosa mas importante de nuestra escuela es que amamos a nuestros estudiantes y los cuidamos mucho y nosotros estamos agradecidos que los dan la chance de trabajar con ellos.

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Recuerdan, se lleva la participación de la comunidad para que una escuela sea exitosa y ustedes son bienvenidos a participar en la escuela cuando ustedes gusten. Esta es su escuela, estos son sus hijos, y estos niños son el futuro! Sus opiniones siempre son bienvenidos. Vengan y ayúdanos formar el futuro. Gracias por todo lo que hacen para ayudar nos.

screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals.

- Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age.

- Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women.

- Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a screening within the last two years.

"If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods - mammography plus clinical breast exam - breast cancer death rates would drop much further, up to 30 percent," says Dr. Dwayne Miller, Director of Radiology at CCMC.

"The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely - once is not enough."

Comanche County Medical Center is offering a special discounted rate for Screening Mammograms as we promote National Breast Cancer Awareness this month. A cash fee including the reading is \$60.00. No insurance billed. Call Radiology out patient scheduling at 254-879-4900 extension 2240 for an appointment.

For more information about NBCAM, please visit www.nbcam.org. For additional information, please call one of the following toll-free numbers: American Cancer Society, (800) 227-2345, National Cancer Institute (NCI), (800) 4-CANCER, Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, (800) 221-2141.

The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Fifteen national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies comprise the Board of Sponsors, who work together to ensure that the NBCAM message is heard by thousands of women and their families.

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Community leaders will receive information related to community development, tourism, economic development, workforce issues, and healthcare. Features of the annual conference include solution seminars, information expo, live entertainment, luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse and community awards.

Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is the featured speaker for the awards luncheon during the conference.

State agencies participating in the Info Expo include Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Also participating are USDA, Texas Tech Small Business Development Center, Big Country Area Health Education Center, Hendrick Health System, West Central Texas Council of Governments, Workforce Solutions of Concho Valley and of West Central Texas, Journal Communications and Texas Forts Trail. For complete details on solution seminar topics and speakers offered at the conference go to the Texas Midwest website at texasmidwest.org.

Pre-registration for the conference is \$35, which covers all activities and the conference luncheon. Walk-in registration is \$40. A discount for 5 or more from one community or organization is also available. For information call 325-676-0329 or e-mail tmcn@tmcn.org.

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Army Pvt. Angela R. Everhart Graduates

Army Pvt. Angela R. Everhart has graduated from the Ammunition Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

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Everhart is the daughter of James G. and Grace E. Everhart of De Leon, Texas.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly dinner was held on September 26th at 11:30 on Wednesday. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing of our food. We sent Opal Burton and Billie Bennett get well cards. Hope they are feeling much improved and will be back with us soon. Also the Bush's are back from vacation but Barbara is ailing. We miss her, especially me, so maybe she can be back the next meal.

I had wondered what happened to Opal Burtons picture of her retirement from the Oakland Cemetery Association. Well some way it was lost, so the Bennett's will take another. Maybe it will make this weeks paper. She did an outstanding job for the seventeen years she worked for the Cemetery.

It was nice to see Annie Fay Foster back and look so good. We have all missed her these past many months. This was her second visit since gaining some of her strength back.

Good to see Raymond Hattax and Ray Johnson. Also Howard Hagood was here to eat with us, hope his wife will come next time. He is so good to give us Seniors some groceries to use at the Center. We appreciate all these Volunteers that help our townspeople. They are a hard working group.

We had a new guest to come visit and eat with us. She is Daisy Slaton's neighbor. Her name is Annie Laminack. I really enjoyed meeting her, and had a good conversation. I'm sure she will return to visit again.

Bill Sandlin surprised us with an Earthquake cake. It was delicious! I didn't know he was such a cook! Maybe he will continue to bring us some more good dishes. I attended the 5th Sunday Singing at the First Baptist Church. It was glorious!!! I really enjoyed all the fine groups, and wonderful songs. What a way to end the month on the 30th.

I made it to game night on the 27th at 5 p.m. I always enjoy myself when I attend. We missed having Ann Warren as she has also been ailing. Hope she will be with us next week to help play Skipbo, or one of the domino games called Spinner.

Hope all is well and to see more of you out next week. Whats happened to the Mears, Ruthie Porter and Ima Brown. We have missed you all.

One thing I forgot to mention about our football game last Friday the 28th. Daisy Slaton and I went and what a game it was. We barely squeaked by, a good game. We enjoyed watching Tyson Swanner, my Grandson, and all the Boys. Glad Daisy made it up the bleachers as we worried some about that, hadn't been in years.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Everyone is invited - this Saturday, October 6, is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. We will be serving from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. We certainly appreciate all of you who are making this a regular event on the first Saturday of every month. Bring your friends - it's a great way to start your weekend! Cost is by donation only.

Plan to come to the Jamfest at the DAC on October 20. Bring your instruments if you play, your voice if you sing or your toes for tapping if, like me, that is what you do best. If you are just learning to play an instrument, come and get some tips from someone.

The fun will start at 10:00 A.M. with a spaghetti lunch in the early afternoon. We want to fill Desdemona with music on that day - bluegrass, country gospel.

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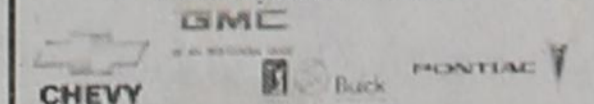
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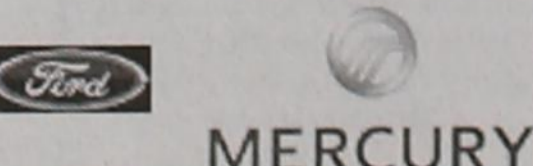
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