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Burn Ban Back For Eastland County

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county until December 27, 2007, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

Court Approved by a unanimous vote.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081, a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00.

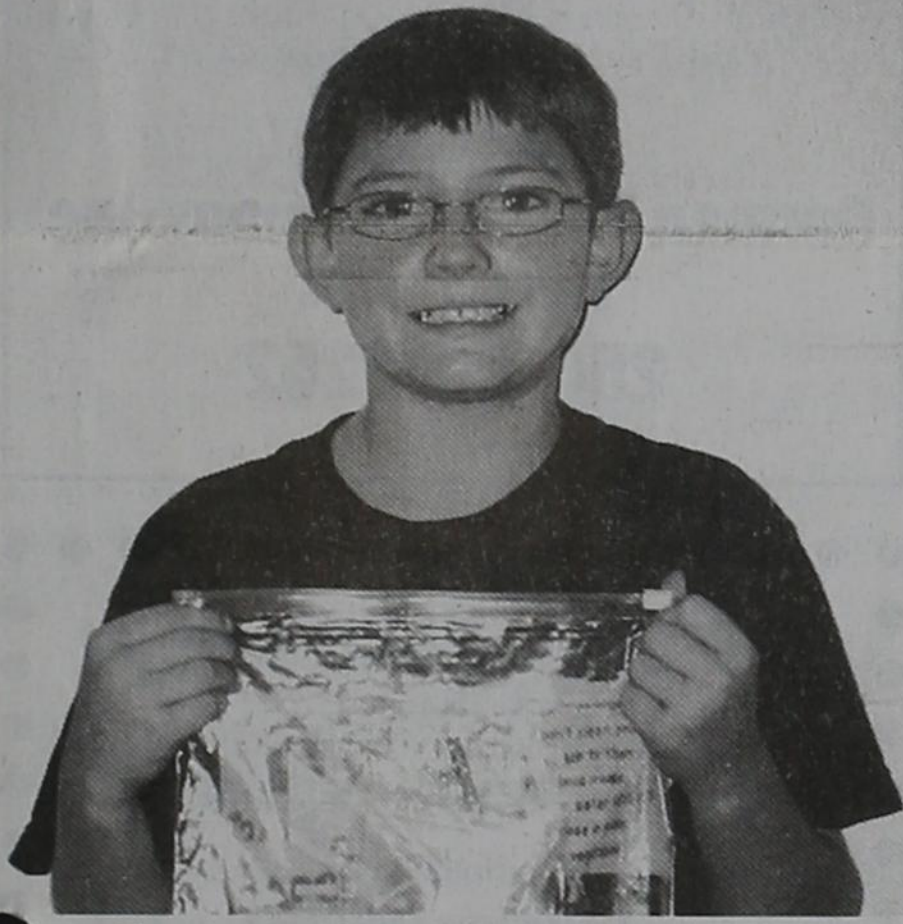
Adopted this 27th day of December, 2007, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest:

(s) Cathy Jentho
Eastland County Clerk

Cub Scout News Popcorn Sales Leader



The cub scouts sold popcorn during Nov. and Dec. They collectively sold \$2,320.00. Which we retain 30% for our little pack, for outing and such. Top selling cub scout was Ryland Laminack with \$590.00. Congratulations Ryland! He received a few nice gifts for his efforts.

We are planning to do a lock-in camp-out at the Carbon Gym, our annual pinewood derby races, and going to the see the Harlem Globetrotters in Abilene in January.

We're Having a Party!!!!

Please join us to celebrate
Chessley Atchison's 79th Birthday Party Dance
Saturday, January 5, 2008
DeLeon City Hall
7 pm until midnight
All friends and family are invited
Party given by his Children

Music provided by:
Lloyd Glasson, Bob Boatright, Tommy Allsup,
Durwood Strube, Neil Butler and Tony Hart

NOTICE OF INCREASE!!

Due to the rising cost of printing the paper and mailing, we are having to raise the cost of the paper subscriptions starting January 2008. The incounty price of the paper will go up to \$15.00 per year; In Texas price will be \$20.00 per year and Out of State will be \$22.00 per year. We are also raising the cost of our advertising rate. The local rate will go to \$4.00 per column inch and the national rate will go to \$6.00 per column inch. Classified Rate will be twenty words minimum - \$4.00, Each additional word will be 25 cents. Borders will be additional 50 Cents. Card of Thanks will cost \$5.00 and Wedding and Anniversary Announcements \$5.00 and with picture \$10.00. Inserts in the paper will stay the same at \$72.00 per 1,000 pieces. NEWSTAND Price Will rise to 40 Cents Per ISSUE.

Bradford Files For Re-Election As Sheriff

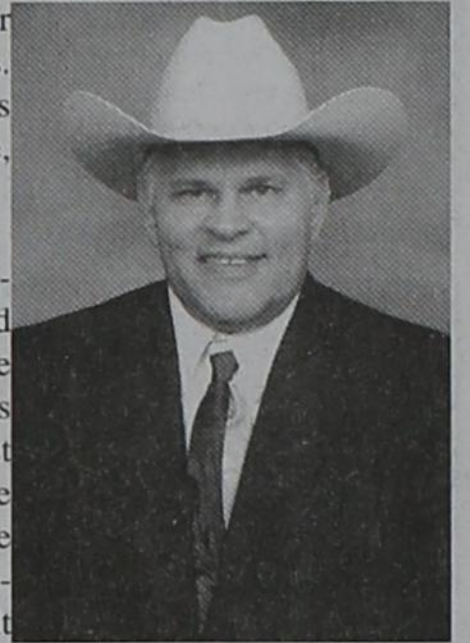
I would like to thank the citizens of Eastland County for allowing me to serve as your Sheriff for the past eleven years. I appreciate the support I have been shown during my years as Sheriff. Since I was first elected in 1997 and re-elected twice, many changes have occurred.

When the Commissioners agreed to build the newer, bigger jail, we never dreamed it would reach capacity with Eastland County prisoners so quickly. That has happened twice now. The last time was just a few months ago. The sheer volume of charges filed in Eastland County has grown so much, at some time most of the defendants flow through the jail. Prisoner transports have increased dramatically and the number of offense reports we are handling has also increased dramatically. With the oilfield booming and unemployment rates so low it is becoming very difficult to find good employees and retain them. I am blessed to have the employees I have.

Throughout all the changes that have occurred in this county, I have made a diligent effort to make the Sheriff's Office open and responsive to the needs of the citizens of Eastland County. I have put together a staff of dedicated and dependable employees to serve you. Through our combined efforts we have tried to make the Eastland County Sheriff's Office an office you can be proud of and depend on when the need arises.

I would appreciate your support and vote in my bid for re-election on March 4th in the Republican Primary.

(Paid political advertising by Wayne Bradford, P. O. Box 824, Eastland, Tx 76448).



Cubscout News



The Cub Scouts had a food drive on November 10th in Gorman and gathered 580 pounds of food for the local pantry. There were two teams of volunteers: Team I consisted of 3 adults; Lori Lewis, Beth Whitsell, and Sandi Williams. The scouts in team I are; Luke Whitsell, Russell Morrison, Tommy Trevino, Freddy Montelongo, and Robert Shawver. Some are not pictured.



Team II consist of two adults, Melissa Emmons and Kenneth Wheeler. The scouts in team II are Garrett Emmons, Grant Emmons, Turner Whitten, Garet Vaughn, and Colton Wheeler. Thank you for your help and support of our efforts.

More Cubscout News



October pack meeting was a pirate theme and Scott Hetrick is teaching the boys to use a compass, so that they can find the directional clues that lead to the hidden treasure chest. The best dressed pirate was Ismael Olvera, 3rd grade. He won a free small pizza.

All schedules To Be Back To Normal Next Week
Thanks; For Making My First Year An Enjoyable One,
Lonnice Bennett, Owner of Gorman Progress

Cancer Services Network Offers Pain Management Course

ABILENE, Texas – Cancer Services Network will offer Pain Management and Support classes from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning January 14, 2007 in the conference room at the Cancer Services Network office located at 240 Cypress Street. The six-week session will provide ways for chronic pain patients to come together in a supportive environment.

Debbie Bowen, M.Ed., a licensed professional counselor, will facilitate the course. Ms. Bowen is experienced in biofeedback assessment and will present strategies to relax and cope with pain. The classes will help with all forms of chronic pain, including that associated with migraine headaches, neck or back injuries, arthritis, and pain associated with cancer. Class size is limited to 30 participants. Cost is \$10; register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible by a Community Initiatives grant from Hendrick Medical Center.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

For more information please call Nancy Estes, Executive Director, Cancer Services Network at (325) 672-0040.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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.

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to 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. Gerald Ragland, Master – Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

CLASSIFIEDS

OBITUARIES

Darrell Joseph Landreth

Darrell Joseph Landreth, age 45 of De Leon, Tx passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. His services were held Wednesday, January 2nd at 10:00 a.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine. Music by Vickie Robinett. Interment was in Victory Cemetery.

He was born September 29, 1962 in Lovington, NM. To the late George and Eppie Jean Carr Landreth. He married Carla Swinney on June 21, 1988 in De Leon.

After moving from Abilene, he had lived in De Leon since 1980. He was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church. He was employed by St. Gobain in Stephenville.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Landreth of De Leon; one son, Stanton Landreth of De Leon; 2 daughters, George Ann Landreth and Marion Landreth, both of De Leon; 1 brother, Terry L. Landreth of Abilene; 3 sisters, Teresa Gideon, Paula Henderson of Buchanan Dam and Judy Bradley of Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Eppie Jean Landreth.

Freddie Joe Burns

Freddie Joe Burns, age 65, passed away Monday in the Comanche County Medical Center. He was born March 5, 1942 in Gorman he married Ruby Jean Hankins in 1965 in Houston, she died in 2004. He was a carpenter and a Baptist.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at the Graveside in Burns Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. With Richard Watson officiating.

He is survived by one daughter, Freda Johnson of Gorman; one sister, Betty Cook of Fort Worth; one brother, James Burns of Rising Star; and grandchildren, Amanda Brown and James Brown of Gorman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny C. and Louise Burns; one brother Johnny P. Burns and a sister, Dorothy Henson.

Norma Belle Lutz

Norma Belle Lutz, age 77 of De Leon passed away on December 29, 2007 at Arlington, Tx. Services were held Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at St. Joe Baptist Church in De Leon with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Sue Sherrard, LaResse Wilkerson and Troy Morris. Interment was at Oliver Springs Cemetery.

She was born October 21, 1930 in Comanche County to the late Roy and Exa Belle Vaughn Oglesby. She married the late Herbert A. Lutz on December 23, 1947 in De Leon.

She moved back to De Leon in 1978. She was a member of the St. Joe Baptist Church in De Leon.

Survivors include 4 sons, Mike Lutz of Fort Worth, Larry Lutz of Tallahassee, FL., Herbert Lutz of Arlington, and Bryan Lutz of Grandview; one daughter, Karen McCleney of Stephenville; one brother, Roy Delle Oglesby of Lufkin; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Glenn of Abilene; 6 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, Herbert Lutz and 1 sister, Evelyn Jobe.

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At Progress

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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., C/HA, 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.
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POLITICAL CALENDAR
PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:
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Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.

The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the Primary Election, March 4, 2008.

Eastland Co. Sheriff:
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Incumbent

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- 455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy.6 frontage [RSO1] \$1,912,000
- 613A, w/3-2, 2,144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [WW02] \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [R01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [R01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport /RV shed, 20x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [R03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000
- 7A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [FW02] \$65,000
- 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [WK01] \$120,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [P01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
- 14±A, w/1840sf(CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage [FW01] \$180,000
- 5A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [K01] \$459,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [R01] \$193,000
- 11 A, w/16x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 236±A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [DS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380±A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/ crossfences, producing gas well [CW01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [RE01] \$405,000
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [T021] \$265,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DV01] \$297,500
- 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [CO03] \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [WC01] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [JA02] \$135,000
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [GB02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
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NEUGEBAUER STATEMENT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO

WASHINGTON, DC - Following the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) issued the following statement:

"Former Prime Minister Bhutto was a leading advocate and powerful voice for democracy, freedom and reform in Pakistan. She believed in hope and a brighter future for the Pakistani people. She returned to Pakistan, knowing the danger posed to her life, yet she stood up to defend the principles she believed in. Her assassination was brutal, and is yet another ugly reminder that in today's world, no one is safe from the evil of radical Islamic terrorism.

"Those responsible are enemies of freedom. They must be brought to justice and made to pay for the crimes they have committed against Bhutto and her family, as well as the other innocent people murdered in this senseless attack.

"This barbaric action must not be tolerated. The stability of Pakistan is critical to the stability of the Middle East. We must not let Pakistan fall into the hands of radical Islamic terrorists.

"At this time, my thoughts and prayers are with the family of Prime Minister Bhutto, her supporters and the people of Pakistan."

The Giving Season

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The familiar red kettles and ringing bells at shopping areas across Texas this Christmas season are symbols of generosity to the less fortunate. In the Lone Star State, this holiday tradition originated from the spirit and determination of one man, a new Texan whose career led him from the navy to the army—the Salvation Army.

A captain in the Italian navy, Adam Janelli witnessed the Salvation Army's work in Calcutta, India. The outreach he saw made a permanent impression. After he emigrated to the U.S. and eventually to Dallas, Janelli was determined to establish the Salvation Army there.

That was nearly 120 years ago. The Salvation Army of Texas credits Janelli as its founder. He began sending letters and petitions to international Salvation Army founder Gen. William Booth: "His letter barrage got so thick that the official word was given and the Salvation Army of Texas opened in 1889."

At first, Janelli preached on street corners. "Janelli gave both material and spiritual help to the poor and homeless," reports the Salvation Army, "and to the people of Dallas he became known as 'Mr. Salvation Army.' The people of Dallas could not recall a time that they did not see Janelli in his uniform. Many people doubted he had any other clothes in his possession."

One man on a Dallas corner eventually rippled out to communities throughout Texas, where the Salvation Army carries out its work today. Janelli is described as "one of the most unassuming Salvation Army personalities Texas and the United States has ever known."

Texas has countless organizations, large and small, founded and staffed by men and women like Adam Janelli. Their selflessness and service, and their willingness to share with those in need, provides an inspiration to all. The urgency of human need takes on greater visibility at year's end, and leads to broad support for the red kettles, Blue Santa and Brown Santa programs, Toys for Tots, food and clothing drives, and other efforts to help people.

The holiday period is a vital time for giving. Our collective generosity now is crucial to the year-round work of many nonprofit organizations, including churches. Many receive most of their annual contributions in the final three months of the year, "the giving season."

Texans are compassionate year-round, but more recently, the introduction of tax deductions for charitable giving has provided yet one more incentive for doing good works, especially at year's end.

While the government can provide a safety net under those who need assistance, there is no substitute for the loving, caring attention of a volunteer. Private efforts are particularly effective in combating hunger, poverty and homelessness.

If a need exists, a willing heart will usually move to help. This includes in education, health care, care for our troops and veterans, and an array of other endeavors at home and abroad. Giving of ourselves is an essential part of the real meaning of Christmas.

There are many faces of need in our world. Sometimes we see them, but often we do not. Nonprofit organizations help identify and call attention to unrecognized and unmet needs wherever they exist. They are on the front lines.

Twenty years ago, President Reagan noted that personal charity provides universal benefits. "And very often, it's the giver who receives the most precious gift," he said. "Personal, private charity humanizes a society. It makes us more aware of each other, of our hopes and needs, and of our sorrows and our joys." For those of us who are blessed to live in this great state, those are words to remember.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

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The Department of Homeland Security issued a new Employment Eligibility Verification form, or I-9, on June 5, 2007. All U.S. employers are responsible for completion and retention of Form I-9 for each individual they hire for employment in the United States.

This includes citizens and non-citizens. On the form, the employer must verify the employment eligibility and identity documents presented by the employee and record the document information on the Form I-9. Acceptable documents are listed on the back of the form. Several documents are no longer acceptable as verification of employment eligibility including Certificates of Naturalization or U.S. Citizenship and Alien Registration Receipt Cards. Other documents have been added such as an Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (I-766). Do not file Form I-9 with U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or USCIS.

Form I-9 must be kept by the employer either for three years after the date of hire or for one year after employment is terminated, whichever is later. The form must be available for inspection by authorized U.S. Government officials (e.g., ICE, Department of Labor).

All employers should use the most recent version of the I-9. While a Spanish version is available it should only be used in Puerto Rico. Spanish-speaking employers and employees in the 50 states and other U.S. territories must complete the form in English. An employee is not obliged to provide his or her Social Security number unless the employer signs and retains Forms I-9 electronically.

The 2007 Form I-9 (in English) is available to download at: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-9.pdf>

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4-H News

By Halee Walton, Eastland County Extension Agent

2007-2008 Community Service Project Sewing Scheduled For January 3rd

Eastland County will start the Clothing and Textiles Community Service Project on January 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. At the Courthouse conference room on the 1st floor. This Clothing Project will consist of making "Cozy Shoulders" to donate to local nursing homes.

Each participant must bring a sack lunch but drinks and dessert will be provided. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up at attend, please call Halee Mitchell at 629-2222.

ECLRA Revamps 2008 Stock Show Schedule

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers Association has revised the schedule of events for the January 16-19, 2008 stock show. In an effort to make the show more accessible to the viewing public, ECLRA will start events later in the day and go later into the evening than in years past.

"Hopefully, the community will get a chance to see more events at the upcoming show than the schedule allowed in the past," stated association president, Brian Perry. "For example, the beef cattle show will begin at 11:00 am on Thursday now. We'll show heifers first, so the steer show should begin during the noon hour. We hope that folks will come out, grab a hamburger and enjoy the cattle show."

"The new schedule also ensures that the bulk of two of our most popular events – the market hog and meat goat shows – will be contested in the early evening after most people get off work."

"We will also have new heating units in the show barn this year, so our patrons should be able to enjoy the competition in more comfort than ever before," Perry continued. "We're very excited about these changes and improvements, and we look forward to seeing all our friends and neighbors at the 2008 stock show."

2008 Eastland County Livestock Show Schedule Wednesday, January 16, 2008

8:00 pm - All animals (except rabbits) must be checked in, weighed and in place.

Rabbits must be checked in Friday between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Thursday, January 17, 2008

10:00 am - Broilers

11:00 am - Beef Cattle (breeding followed by market)

2:00 pm - Breeding Swine

4:00 pm - Market Swine

Friday, January 18, 2008

11:00 am - Dairy Goats

12:00 pm - Angora Goats

Rabbits must be weighed and checked in with superintendent

2:00 pm - Sheep (breeding followed by market)

4:00 pm - Meat Goats (market followed by breeding)

Saturday, January 19, 2008

9:00 am - Rabbits (market followed by breeding)

4:30 pm - Hamburger Supper

6:30 pm - Auction and Presentation of Awards

LADY PANTHER CHAMPION VOLLEYBALL SHIRTS NOW SELLING

Championship shirts for the Lady Panther volleyball team are now selling. The shirt will state all levels of success for these girls as well as their name. Please don't miss out on getting your shirt for the first time ever Lady Panther Regional qualifiers!! The shirt is royal blue with red and white trim. Contact the high school office at 734-2614, or Becky Swanner at 734-2480 or Vicki Brown. You won't want to be without one of these if you are a Lady Panther supporter and fan!!!

Super Fruit Smoothies

Berries + Blender = Breakfast Or Snack In No Time

(NAPSA)—No time for breakfast? Fading at four? Need a late-night pick-me-up? With individually quick frozen (IQF) red raspberries, a blender and one or two other ingredients, you can deal with hunger in just minutes. You'll satisfy your rumbling stomach and be getting some good nutrition as well, all for very few calories.

Just start with a bag of individually quick frozen raspberries from the freezer, add some milk, soy milk or juice and let the blender take over. Pour out, sip and be satisfied.

Everybody loves raspberries. In a recent poll consumers named them one of their top two favorite fruits, right after strawberries. The nutrition gurus like raspberries, too, because they are high in antioxidants, are an excellent source of vitamin C and provide a whopping 22 percent of the daily value for fiber, 6 percent of folic acid, 41 percent of manganese and 12 percent of vitamin K. Even more good news—the calorie cost for all those nutrients is just 60 calories per cup of berries, and with no sodium, no cholesterol and no trans fats.

Raspberries in Washington (a leading raspberry producing state) carefully harvest and individually quick freeze only the very best berries, so that you can enjoy top-quality red raspberries all year 'round and at a reasonable price.



Top: Raspberry Chocolate Frappé. Right: Berry Breakfast Smoothie. Left: Red Raspberry Lemon Slush.

So keep a couple of bags of IQF Washington red raspberries on hand in the freezer for blender specials, to add to hot or cold cereal, to stir into muffin or pancake batter, to swirl with yogurt or to enjoy au naturel.

Raspberry Chocolate Frappé (top): In blender, combine 1 cup IQF Washington red raspberries and 1 cup chocolate soy milk. If you wish, use vanilla or coffee soy milk in place of chocolate.

Nutrition: 200 calories; 4 g fat; 18 percent of calories from fat; 8.5 g protein; 3 g fiber; 139 mg sodium.

Berry Breakfast Smoothie (right): In blender, combine 1 cup IQF Washington red raspber-

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Teens Trade Time Off To Become Global Citizens

(NAPSA)—Every year, students plan how to spend their summer vacations—and for many, it's not just about "fun in the sun." According to a study by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the number of teen volunteers has more than doubled—and this year will be no exception.

The United Nations Association of the United States of America's (UNA-USA) HERO campaign—in partnership with beinggirl.com—is currently searching for 20 students (ages 16-19) to be selected as 2008 HERO Youth Ambassadors. The campaign is dedicated to providing comprehensive, school-based support to orphans and vulnerable children living in HIV/AIDS affected communities in sub-Saharan Africa.

Students chosen will travel to Africa in 2008 to work on projects supported by Protecting Futures, a program created by beinggirl.com founding brands, Tampax and Always, dedicated to helping keep girls in Southern Africa in school.

Cause and Effect: More than 12 million African children have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS, and the number is expected to grow to 20 million by 2010. This past July, 24 teens from across the country were selected as HERO Youth Ambassadors and traveled to Namibia and South Africa. The Youth Ambassadors helped make a difference in the lives of children at the HERO-sponsored schools by building kitchens, installing security fencing and playground equipment, laying the foundation for new classrooms and dormitories, and spending time teaching classes.

Race for a Place: Now you have the opportunity to see if you have what it takes to become a real HERO. Students interested in getting hands-on experience as a



A great program encourages teens to help make a difference around the world.

HERO Youth Ambassador this summer can apply online at beinggirl.com/hero through February 15, 2008. The application includes submitting a 300-word essay and two letters of recommendation. If you are awarded the title of HERO Youth Ambassador, you will be required to raise a minimum of \$5,000 to cover your trip expenses.

Dig Deep: Getting people to hand over their hard-earned cash for a good cause may seem like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be. There are a number of different ways to raise money without having to go door to door. Host a virtual yard sale—ask friends and family to donate items and put them up for auction on eBay. Or host a fundraising 50/50 raffle at school, with permission from your teachers. Half of the money raised will go toward the charity and the other half will go to one lucky winner.

To learn more about the 2008 HERO Youth Ambassador program and Protecting Futures, log on to www.beinggirl.com/hero or www.heroaction.org. You can also view the previous Youth Ambassadors' personal experiences from Africa in a series of webisodes that help encourage and empower all teens to become global citizens.

Health Facts You Can Use

Separating Fitness Facts From Fiction

(NAPSA)—The first step to a toned and firm body may be figuring out which fitness tips really work.

Once you separate the myths from the facts, you may discover that getting in shape is a lot easier than you might imagine.

Here are a few myths and the facts to counter them:

Myth: A firm, tight midsection can only be attained through 90-minute abs classes and conducting hundreds of abdominal crunches every day.

Fact: Sixty percent of Americans want toned abs more than any other physical trait. A combination of exercise and diet is the most effective means of attaining a toned, fit abdomen.

Myth: The best way to diet is to eliminate snacks and live on salads.

Fact: Don't deprive yourself. Replace unhealthy food with healthy alternatives. Say no to processed carbs; choose whole grains. Say no to bread; replace with rice cakes. Don't eliminate snacks; eat carrots, grapes or almonds. Say no to traditional three meals a day and practice eating five small meals daily.

Myth: Being fit means spending three hours in the gym every day.

Fact: Too much exercise too soon can cause injury and burnout. It's best to create a well-rounded plan with goals and rewards to work all body parts, not just one or two target areas.

Ideally, a workout plan should include spending 10 to 20 minutes three times each week on the treadmill for a good, solid cardio exercise.

Weight training is also recommended but don't overload your-



Sixty percent of Americans want toned abs, but many might be surprised to find out how easy it can be to achieve them without spending three hours a day at the gym.

self. Five-, 10- and 15-pound dumbbells used in repetition can do more good than lifting 100 pounds and are less likely to cause injury.

You can also get a good workout on an exercise ball that works arms, legs, glutes and abs. "Another great little secret used to strengthen abdominal muscles is electro-muscle stimulation (EMS) medical technology," said Melissa Hall, former Miss Bikini Universe, a certified personal trainer and co-owner of a fitness club. "EMS products such as System-Abs, System Arms and System Mini from SLENDERTONE offer an integrated workout for abs, arms and glutes." The EMS technology in SLENDERTONE products is cleared by the FDA and clinically demonstrated to work in a study conducted in 2004 by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Karen Fair and Lorin hosted Christmas Family Dinner on Tuesday. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Webb, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan; Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane; Gary and Jody Walston and Grant Walston. Other visitors in the home during the holidays were Lee and Sonja Hornback and sons, Justin and Kennon; Donal and Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Taiyah all of Desdemona.

Benard and Ann Keith spent the Christmas Holidays in Louisville, Kentucky visiting with their son, Brand and Pris Keith and their children, Brett, Jenna, Brian and Andrea.

"Congratulations" to Travis and Missy Walston on their recent wedding. They spent a wonderful honeymoon touring in England. This couple will reside in Arlington. Travis is the son of Gary and Jody (Wilcoxson) Walston of Desdemona and the grandson of Alta Mae Wilcoxson of Odessa. Family and friends in Desdemona sends "Best Wishes" to this couple as they begin a new life together.

Colin and Kaley Garcia spent the Christmas Holidays in Cleburne visiting with their dad, George Garcia and family.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Ida Myrl (Hogg) Carter, 81, of Eastland. Ida Myrl attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1944. Burial was in Eastland Cemetery.

Bro. Tim and Laura White and son, Ryan spent the Christmas Holidays visiting with their family in Arkansas. Bro. Tim is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona.

Friends in Desdemona send "Get Well" wishes to Nell Ridens who is slowly recovering from recent heart by-pass surgery.

Karen Fair hosted a Birthday Party for her granddaughter, Lorin Kaye on Saturday, December 22. Lorin celebrated her 14th Birthday with several family members and friends. Those attending enjoyed a stew and cornbread supper followed by a big birthday cake and ice cream.

"Congratulations" to Bob and Dolores Tucker of Desdemona. They will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, January 5, 2008 with a reception hosted by their children at the Desdemona Activity Center. Family and friends are invited to attend. Hours 2:00 p.m. To 4:00 p.m. No Gifts Please.

Visitors with Rudolph and Betty Duke during the Holidays were Rodney Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Midlothian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona. Ronda, Emily, Katie and Elise stayed on several days for an extended visit.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery hosted a late Holiday dinner last Sunday for the Guthery Family. Those attending were Frank and Ella (Guthery) Reeves, Richard and Glenda (Foreman) Garrett, Ron and Marquita (Guthery) Barham, Eula Beth Guthery and Jr. Guthery all of Irving; David and Martha Guthery, Jim and Karen Guthery, all of Gorman; Phyliss (Guthery) Autry and Bobby Koonce all of Stephenville; Karen (Guthery) Fair, Belinda (Guthery) Webb, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade and Angela Powledge all of Desdemona. Everyone enjoyed visiting with plenty of food for the meal.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. It is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon each Monday morning. Your help will be appreciated.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers.

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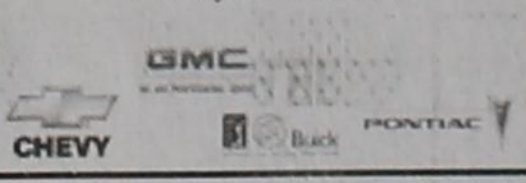
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