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## T. J. Cummings Incumbent Candidate

### For Eastland Co. Commissioner, Pct. #3

I am T.J. Cummings, the incumbent candidate for Eastland County Commissioner of Precinct 3. I would like to thank you for your support and for allowing me to serve in this office after having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Bill Underwood. This appointment will be fulfilled November 2, 2010 and I am seeking your support in the election at this time.

I was taught the importance of honesty, respect for others, hard work, love for God and family, and to stand firm in what you believe. These are values our great nation was built on and I believe they are still just as important today.

After receiving my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business from Tarleton State University I moved to Eastland County where I have been a resident 24 years, 16 of which I have lived in Carbon.

My past work experience allowed me to become familiar with various pieces equipment, its maintenance and operation, employee supervision, and operating within budgets. Each of these tasks is a fundamental and necessary part of the commissioner's daily activities and responsibilities.

My education and experience in business management have proven to be an asset as the commissioner's court is responsible for the management of county finances, in addition to the maintenance and improvement of the county road and bridge system.

I believe spending should be taken seriously at any time but especially so under the current economic conditions. I pay the same taxes you do and expect the same prudent use of these funds by our government as you.

I have devoted myself to the commissioner's position full time for the past year and believe that is what it takes to do the job efficiently, and, if elected I will continue to do so. The only promise I can make to you is this: I will continue to represent you, the people of Precinct 3, to the best of my ability and in your best interest should you elect me as your commissioner. I work for you now, and I would be honored to continue to do so. Thank you for your time and support.

Pol. Ad. Paid for by T.J. Cummings 620 E. Coal Carbon, Texas 76435

## Veterans Day Fish Fry - Nov. 11th

The Veterans Day Fish Fry will be hosted by Disabled American Veterans - Henry R. Spalding Chapter 43 at Vandyke, Texas on Memorial Day - Thursday, November 11, 2010. Come and enjoy a plate of fried fish with all the trimmings including beans, potato salad, coleslaw and hushpuppies. Cost will be \$6.00 per plate. The event starts at 11 a.m. With Flag Raising Ceremony and Noon will begin serving.

## Ronnie Wilson Announces Write-In Candidacy For Eastland County Commissioner Pct. 3

My name is Ronnie Wilson. I am currently running for Eastland County Commissioner for Precinct #3 as a write-in candidate. I would like to take a moment to, not only introduce myself, but tell you a little bit about myself as well.



I have lived in Rising Star my entire life. I graduated from Rising Star High School in 1992. That same year, I married my current wife, Cheryl Wilson. We have a beautiful 15 year old daughter named Nichole. We currently reside on a small farm located 9 miles north of Rising Star. I have many well known relatives that reside in Rising Star such as my grandparents, Roberta Wilson and the late Clayton Wilson, my parents Gary and Lee Wilson, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. I attend the First Baptist Church of Rising Star. I have chosen to make Rising Star my home town because I enjoy the small town, family atmosphere.

I currently work for Harris Dairies, owned by Jerry Harris. I have worked there for the past 14 years. During my employment at the dairy, I have gained the opportunity to increase my knowledge of operating and working on many different types of heavy equipment such as rubber tire loaders, maintainers, dump trucks, 18 wheelers, many different types of tractors, etc. I am a very reliable and dependable employee. I believe in working hard, and making sure the job gets done right the first time.

Precinct #3 is currently has the largest area of roads in our county. It is going to take someone that works hard, gets the job done right the first time, and will continue to stay committed to Eastland County and the residents that reside here. I know with my experience and hard work ethics, I am the best candidate for the Eastland County Commissioner for Precinct #3 at this time. Remember, I will be listed on the ballot as a WRITE-IN candidate. I would greatly appreciate your vote in the upcoming November 2010 election.

## Carbon Community Center

The quarterly Carbon Community Center officers meeting will be held November 1st, at 7:00pm. Officer elections for 2011 will take place. If you wish to become active in the Center, please be there. All present officers and interested community members are invited to attend. If you have ideas that will benefit the Center and the community, we would like to hear them.

The next Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will be held this coming October 30th. Music and dinner will be offered for \$5 beginning at 5:30pm. On the menu will be spaghetti, garlic bread, green salad, desert and coffee, tea or water. Sandwiches will also be available. Musicians and singers wishing to perform are requested to contact Brenda or T.J Cummings at 254-488-0677 in order to be scheduled.

## Kokomo Baptist Church To Host Fifth Sunday Singing

Everyone is invited to Kokomo Baptist Church at 6 p.m. On Sunday, October 31 for the Fifth Sunday Singing. Come hungry for homemade chili, stew, soup and dessert. Fellowship for All!!!!

## Halloween Costume Pictures

The Chamber of Commerce will be making Halloween pictures in the Community Center starting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30th. Come by for a picture with your costume and we will print and get them ready while you go to the Spook parade and Trick or Treat. Pictures will be \$2.00 each.

## Eastland County Emmaus Community Gathering

Date and Time have changed but the Place is the same. Eastland Co. Emmaus will gather at Leon River Cowboy Church on Monday, October 25, at 6:30 pm. Join us for fellowship and a Pot-Luck meal to be followed by Praise, Worship and Communion. Looking forward to seeing everyone Monday evening. DeColores, Cyndee

## Panthers Host District Leader Baird on Friday

The Panthers are showing a 4-3 record for the season and a 1-1 District Record and will play host to the Baird Bears at Brogdon Field on Friday night. The Bears are leading the District race with a 3-0 record and a 7-1 overall record.

The Bears always give the Panthers a tough battle and this one will be no exception as the Bears are showing a strong season, both on offense and defense.

The Panthers will have a couple of injured players back on the field and will be trying to stay in the running for the play offs. If they can continue their fine play they will have a chance at the playoffs. So come on out and back our Panthers on Friday night.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!!

## Annual Halloween Costume Parade and Treat or Trick Set For Saturday Night

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

Time for the annual SPOOK PARADE!!! Get your costumes on and come out and join us Saturday October 30, for a great time in the City Park. This year we will be having booths of all kinds, Trunk-or-Treat, pictures and as always, the BIG SPOOK PARADE.

Festivities will begin around 4:00. The great Ina Smith and a few of her helpers will be handing out bags for the kids to hold their treats. The parade will begin at 6 and go from the Post Office to the Park. We would like to see EVERYONE be a part of this wonderful night. If you want to decorate your trunk, pick up bed or even wheel barrow, bring it on out to the park and hand out candy to our princesses, superheroes, witches and vampires. There may even be a "prize" for the best decorated "trunk".

If you have any questions, call the City Office at 734-2317 and talk to Tacy or Jill.

## Youth Football Super Bowl In Eastland Saturday Oct. 30, 2010

The schedule is as follows:

Track Field

8:30 am Cowboys Vs Panthers- Flag-SFL

9:30 am Packers Vs Cowboys- 3rd & 4th -MFL

11:00 am Panthers Vs Cowboys- 5th & 6th -BFL

There will be an entry fee to get in to watch the games at the High School Football Field. The Fees are as follows: \$5.00 adults \$2.00 children children 3 under are free

High School Field

8:30 am Raiders Vs Redskins - Flag-SFL

9:30 am Raiders Vs Panthers- 3rd & 4th -MFL

11:00 am Raiders Vs Packers- 5th & 6th -BFL

Trophies will be given after each of the games below:

1:00 pm SFL Consolation

2:15 pm SFL Championship

3:45 pm MFL Consolation

5:15 pm MFL Championship

6:45 pm BFL Consolation

8:15 pm BFL Championship

Come out and watch our young men and women, they have had a great year. Go Panthers!!!!!!!

The Gorman Youth Sports Council will be having basketball sign-ups on Nov.4 at the Cubs game from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. A sign-up form will be sent home with your child but do not send it back to school. You can return them to City Hall or when we have a sign up. The other sign-ups will be in later article. The age groups are 1st & 2nd grade, 3rd,4th,5th & 6th grades boys and girls. We hope to see you there.

## SCHOOL MENU Week of November 1 thru November 5

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Muffins, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, Jello with fruit, biscuit and milk.

TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken or Corn dog, pinto beans, macroni and cheese, combread, Oranges, Chocolate Cake and milk. BIRTHDAY TABLE.

WEDNESDAY - Burrito or Soft Taco, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet and milk.

THURSDAY - Sausage Pizza or Ravioli, cheese sticks, corn cobbet, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or Sloppy Joe, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and milk.

## NOTICE:

The County Clerk's Office will be open to conduct election business only on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 and reopen for regular business Wednesday November 3, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

I appreciate your understanding in the matter.

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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 Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

**Food Bank**  
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Several thousand years ago until the 1800's most humans lived in a PREMODERN era. This simply means that truth was wrapped up in mysticism. This thought said truth didn't have to be proven because religion is more powerful than science. If religion said (not necessarily Christianity), then that ended it. For an example, look at the Salem witch scares in the 1800's. Young girls were put to death, not because they were proven to be witches, but because someone's religion said they were witches - so that was truth.

From then until recently, we lived in a MODERN era which stood on science and facts. Nothing was true until it could be proven beyond a shadow of doubt. During this time, religion (which doesn't stand on science) conflicted with the mainstream belief system. Many who searched for truth and intellect came to the conclusion that if God can't be proven, He doesn't exist. Truth existed during this time and no one questioned it - but they did question who had it.

We are now moving into a POSTMODERN era in which truth is subjective. Everyone has their own truth and you can't force your version of truth on anyone. By definition, "postmodernism" can't be defined because everyone has their own definition. Facts don't have to be proven, only felt. If Christianity is true then so is Buddhism, Islam, and every attempt we have to justify guilt free living - "that may be your morals but it doesn't have to be mine."

Call me old fashioned, but I'm not willing to let this worldly lack of truth to plague the church. As I read John 14:6, Jesus is the way, the TRUTH, and the life. - FOREVER!

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder  
 Gorman Church of Christ

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**WARNING**

The building/structure, located at 827 N Kent has been found to be an UNINHABITABLE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURE and in violation of City Ordinance 302 and 302.2 by the Code Compliance Officer or a designated representative. This building is to be vacated immediately. This notice shall be posted in the local newspaper twice within a 10 day period and a placard shall be placed on the property and remain until the property has been repaired or demolished in accordance with the notice dated October 18, 2010, which has been mailed to all known persons having an interest in the said building or property as shown by the County Clerk of Eastland County.

**WARNING**

The building/structure, located at 518 W Lexington (JC Nall AB 1614) has been found to be an UNINHABITABLE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURE and in violation of City Ordinance 302 and 302.2 by the Code Compliance Officer or a designated representative. This building is to be vacated immediately. This notice shall be posted in the local newspaper twice within a 10 day period and a placard shall be placed on the property and remain until the property has been repaired or demolished in accordance with the notice dated August 10, 2010, which has been mailed to all known persons having an interest in the said building or property as shown by the County Clerk of Eastland County.

**ESTATE SALE**

You don't want to Miss this One!! Lots of glassware, kitchen items, milk glass, deco. Pillows, mixer, breadmaker, rocker/recliner, swivel rocker, life chair, dinette w/chairs, lg. Round coffeetable, lots of linens, shoes, purses, men & Women's clothing, boy Toddler clothing, toys, Halloween suits, lots of Misc. All in excellent condition. Friday - 8 a.m. To 6 p.m. and Saturday - 8 a.m. To 2 p.m. Carolyn Mathews residence, 507 S. Pershing St. in Gorman - 1 block East of Nursing Home. ITC

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 Eastland County Offices - - - - \$50.00  
 Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - \$50.00  
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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 General Election, November 2.

**Eastland Co. Comm. - Pct 3:**  
 Incumbent - T.J. Cummings  
 Ronnie Wilson - (Write-in)

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:** Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman are now accepting applications for D.O.N. Please apply in person 600 West Roosevelt in Gorman, Texas FNC

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**NEW - 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 Brick, 1348 sf, central a/c, some new carpet, metal roof, sunroom, large fenced backyard, near school, nice & Clean. \$41,500.**  
**NEW - 56.01 Acres:** Erath Co. N; De Leon, paved frontage, good small acreage recreational place, heavy brush cover, deer, wild turkey and hogs! Over 1/2 mile of creek frontage. \$2,995 per acre, smaller tracts of 15A or more, \$3,495 per acre.  
 S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.  
**NEW - Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000**  
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 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. \$2,950.00 A.  
 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building \$2,350.00 acre.  
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**NEW - 396 A near Sipe Springs** wildlife managed sportsman's dream ranch, lakes, ponds, elevation changes game feeders and blinds, hunter's cabin, remodeled brick ranch house, 30X40 metal shop & More. \$2,750 acre.

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**Tarleton Releases Summer 2010 Graduation Lists**

STEPHENVILLE, TX (10/20/2010)(readMedia)-- Tarleton State University's summer commencement was held Aug. 14. The following candidates have satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual degree programs and have been awarded their diplomas. Honor designations for undergraduate degrees are: Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors), Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) and Cum Laude (Honors).

Jill Huntington of De Leon, graduated from Tarleton State University with a MS degree in Counseling Psychology from the university's Stephenville campus.

Leah Quinn of De Leon, graduated from Tarleton State University with a BS degree in Human Sciences from the university's Stephenville campus.

Koda Reed of De Leon, graduated from Tarleton State University with a BBA degree in Marketing from the university's Stephenville campus.

Amy Swears of Gorman, graduated from Tarleton State University with a BS degree in Communications from the university's Stephenville campus.

Founded in 1899, Tarleton is one of the fastest growing institutions of higher learning in Texas. Just one hour from Fort Worth, Tarleton serves as the educational and cultural flagship of the Cross Timbers Region. It is located in Stephenville, which is included in Norman Crampton's "The 100 Best Small Towns in America" published by Prentice Hall.

**Obituaries**  
**Raymond Thomas Hattox**

Raymond Thomas Hattox, age 78 of Gorman, died of a farm related accident on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 in Eastland County.

Services were at 10:00 A.M. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Steve Clark and Steve Monty officiating. Private burial was in Howard Cemetery near Desdemona.

Raymond was born May 18, 1932 in Ozona, Texas to Clyde Hattox and Electra Richburg Hattox. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Raymond was a rancher and a member of the Cisco Primitive Baptist Church. He enjoyed playing dominoes at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center. He had attended Gorman, Desdemona and Alameda Schools.

He is survived by three sons, Rondol Hattox and wife, Darlene of Monroe, LA, Richard Hattox and wife, Denise of Granbury and Gary Hattox and wife, Kim of Stephenville; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Garvice and Edwin Hattox.

**Monie Faye Warren Craddock**

Monie Faye Warren Craddock, age 85, passed away Saturday, October 23, 2010 at her home in Stephenville.

Services were at 2:00 P.M. Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bryan Wells and Clyde Dodd officiating. Burial was in Murray Cemetery near Carbon.

Mrs. Craddock was born on September 9, 1925 in Gorman, Texas to Homer David Wright and Lexi Pearl Tierney Wright. She married Gailon Warren on May 22, 1942. He preceded her in death on February 13, 1972. She later married Dalton Craddock on April 18, 1980 in Stephenville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Stephenville.

Survivors include, husband, Dalton Craddock of Stephenville; daughter, Debbie Prater and husband, Danny of Dublin; sister, Rena Robertson and husband, Cecil of Lake Brownwood; six grandchildren, Michael Warren of Georgetown, Greg Warren and wife, Donna of the Kokomo Community, Monica Anglin and husband, Tim of Haltom City, Darren Prater of Waco; Kayla Carlock and husband, Jim of Wichita Falls and Kristi Thompson and husband, Larry of Gorman; five great grandchildren, T. J. Warren, Kori and Maddux Warren. Stetson and Stratton Thompson; two daughter-in-laws, Sandy Warren of Gorman and Kay Warren of Eastland; extended family, Danny Craddock and Wife, Marisa, Randy Craddock and wife, Lesia and Gary Craddock all of Bangs, Neal Craddock and Sherry French both of Brownwood and Mary Idaho of Cedar Park as well as a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jimmy and Tim Warren, brother, Vernon Wright and granddaughter, Melissa Warren.

**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS** • Universal Blanchers LLC, a custom peanut processing company located in Dublin, TX is now accepting applications for a Production Supervisor, 2nd Shift. Seeking ambitious, motivated individual with good communication and leadership skills. Apply at office located 4.5 miles west of Dublin on Hwy 6 & County Rd 343 (Mt. Airy Exit); Dublin, TX Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm 3TC

**Eastland Community Health Center**  
 is accepting applications for:  
**Bilingual Medical Assistant or Bilingual LVN**  
 To apply: Come by Eastland Community Health Center, 404 W Commerce, Eastland, TX to pick up an application or download an application at www.crosstimbersinc.org and fax to 254.893.5222

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## A Letter To The Editor

### The First Twenty Weeks Of Life

By Henry A. Buchanan

In Nebraska if you make it for twenty weeks you are safe from being aborted. That's because when you are twenty weeks old you can feel pain. Senator Mike Johanns wants a federal discussion on this issue. Other places than Nebraska you have to stay inside your mother twenty-two or twenty-four weeks because that's the age when you can survive outside that safe place - if somebody will feed you and change your diaper.

If somebody notices that you are there in the first twenty weeks you may be wiped out and feel no pain. Make it to twenty-two or twenty-four and you are safe and can be registered for Social Security because you now can live in the outside world, provided someone will respond when you cry.

The whole matter of how many weeks for the human fetus to gain the right to live is silly. We are talking about killing little babies, human beings, and justifying the killing by saying they don't feel pain or can't support themselves.

By this line of reasoning, we can get rid of unwanted members of society and those incapable of taking care of themselves by anesthetizing them, then killing them painlessly.

If you want to get ride of a moral problem, simply change it to something you can handle. Like counting weeks and determining the age of self support. What happened to turning twenty-one and being a responsible man?

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
1131 N. Kent St. -- Gorman, TX 76454  
254-734-4569  
October 17, 2010

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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 Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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

**Boy Scouts**  
Meeting Weekly  
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.  
Methodist Church

## MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL 1st SIX WEEKS

2ND  
Stephanie Gonzales name was printed as Crystal Gonzales under the A Honor Roll. Sorry for the mistake.

## OMNIFLIGHT HELICOPTERS' NATIVE AIR INTRODUCES NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, OMNIADVANTAGE

Affordably Priced Program Ensures Air Medical Transport for Members and Their Families in the Event of an Emergency; Bases in Snyder, Abilene and Midland Now Offering OmniAdvantage Snyder and Abilene, Texas ... September 23, 2010 ... Omniflight Helicopters, Inc., a leading national provider of air medical services, and its Native Air subsidiary, announced today that it has introduced a membership program, OmniAdvantage, which provides air medical transport services to members and their family in the event of an emergency.

Locally, Omniflight operates as Native Air from three bases: one each in Snyder, Abilene and Midland. Snyder and Abilene each operate one helicopter while Midland boasts a fixed-wing aircraft. These bases are all offering the program, which extends to residents in the aforementioned cities as well as others throughout West Texas including Albany, Colorado City, Sweetwater, Rotan, Eastland, Breckenridge, Baird and Putnam.

OmniAdvantage membership alleviates the high costs typically associated with air medical transport services in the event they are required by a member and/or their dependent. Membership encompasses all family members listed as dependents on an official tax return. With the OmniAdvantage membership, if a member and/or their dependent(s) require a medically necessary air medical inter-facility transfer or transport from an emergency scene by an Omniflight program, insurance payment to Omniflight will be accepted as full payment for the member's transport. No additional air transport costs will be incurred for the transfer. However, insurance is not required to be an OmniAdvantage member. Ground ambulance transports, are not covered under the OmniAdvantage membership program.

OmniAdvantage is \$49.00 per year per family for standard membership and includes transport by an Omniflight or its affiliated program helicopters, which will provide transport services to the nearest applicable medical facility base deemed appropriate by an attending medical professional. Other benefits include a wallet card with program information and a vehicle sticker that enables emergency medical workers to easily identify the member's OmniAdvantage affiliation in the event of an accident. A special rate of \$39.00 annually is available to groups of 10 or more as well as fire/police/EMS/hospital personnel and Automobile Association of America (AAA) members.

The OmniAdvantage program is offered in all markets served by Omniflight, which include specific areas in Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, New Mexico, South Carolina, Texas and Florida. For program information and coverage details, please visit <http://www.omniadvantagemember.com/about-us.php> or call 972-715-4637.

For more information, please visit [www.omniflight.com/nativeair](http://www.omniflight.com/nativeair).

Addison, Texas-based Omniflight Helicopters, Inc. is a leading provider of air medical services throughout the U.S. The company operates about 100 aircraft nationally from 77 bases in 18 states, with a strong presence across the Southwest, Midwest and Southeast regions as well as certain Mountain State areas. Its focus is primarily on inter-facility and on-site emergency scene response using both rotor- and fixed-wing aircraft. For more information, please visit [www.omniflight.com](http://www.omniflight.com).

## Happenings At FBC!!

One! The Bible tells us that there are many children of God, yet there is only one Son of God. Jesus is the One Son and the One Way to the Father.

Mark your calendars:

Oct. 29th - Fifth Quarter @ FBC following Panther Football Game.

Oct. 30th - Trunk or Treat - City Park following Spook Parade.

Oct. 30th - 2pm to 4pm -73rd Wedding Anniversary Celebrate at Hotel -Tommy & Jewel Dennis

Oct. 31st - 6:00pm - Fifth Sunday Singing at Kokomo Baptist Church.

WEDNESDAYS: Come join us for fun learning about Jesus - TEAMKIDS at 6:00pm, MISSION FRIENDS at 6:00pm, and YOUTH at 6:30pm.

Children's Sermon: Fall brings things such as football games, baseball World Series, fall festivals, and pumpkins. Traci brought a pumpkin from her porch, the children touched it and it was cold and kind of dirty. We find lots of yucky stuff inside of a pumpkin that we must clean out before we can put a light inside. God picks us like we pick our pumpkins. God cleans out all of our yucky stuff, like seeds of doubt and seeds of guilt. Knowing Jesus puts a smile on our face and a light in our heart to shine for all the world to see.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Where Do Broken Hearts Go?" - Psalm 34:17-18 - Lifetimes are made up of "broken heart quotes" such as: "A life with love will have thorns, a life without love will have no roses" and "Don't make the mistake of thinking the one whom hurt you the most won't hurt you again".

When tragedy strikes in our life we can remember where we were when we heard about it. Bro. Barry was in Mr. Johnson's Economic Class when he heard that President Kennedy had been assassinated, the whole country mourned. Bro. Barry shared some of his personal testimony, and his broken arm started his journey with a broken heart. Only God could heal Bro. Barry's heart and call him to Preach.

We are told in Psalm 34:17&18 - "The Lord hears His people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

WHY SO MANY BROKEN HEARTS TODAY:

I. God is willing to hurt your feelings to save your soul! - What you do in this life decides your eternity. What is your choice? In Isaiah 61 the Lord sends comfort to the brokenhearted, God will free them from their enemies and take care of them. Righteousness is likened to great oaks that can't be brought down and the Lord has planted for his own glory.

II. We are not getting the Word out! - It's a simple message. We find promise from God in His Holy Word that He will help us through everything we face in life, and heal our broken hearts. Some people are given a special platform in life to share Jesus in a mighty way - Josh Hamilton from the Texas Rangers received the Most Valuable Player Award and took this opportunity to proclaim the changes Jesus made in his personal life and gives all glory to God. (Josh Hamilton is one of many to share their testimony on "iamsecond.com".) If you sit there Brokenhearted, please stop the suffering and seek Jesus!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

Remember: God loves you like no one else!

Email us at [fbcgorman@hotmail.com](mailto:fbcgorman@hotmail.com)

## Write - In William Kelcy FOR County Commissioner - Precinct No. 3

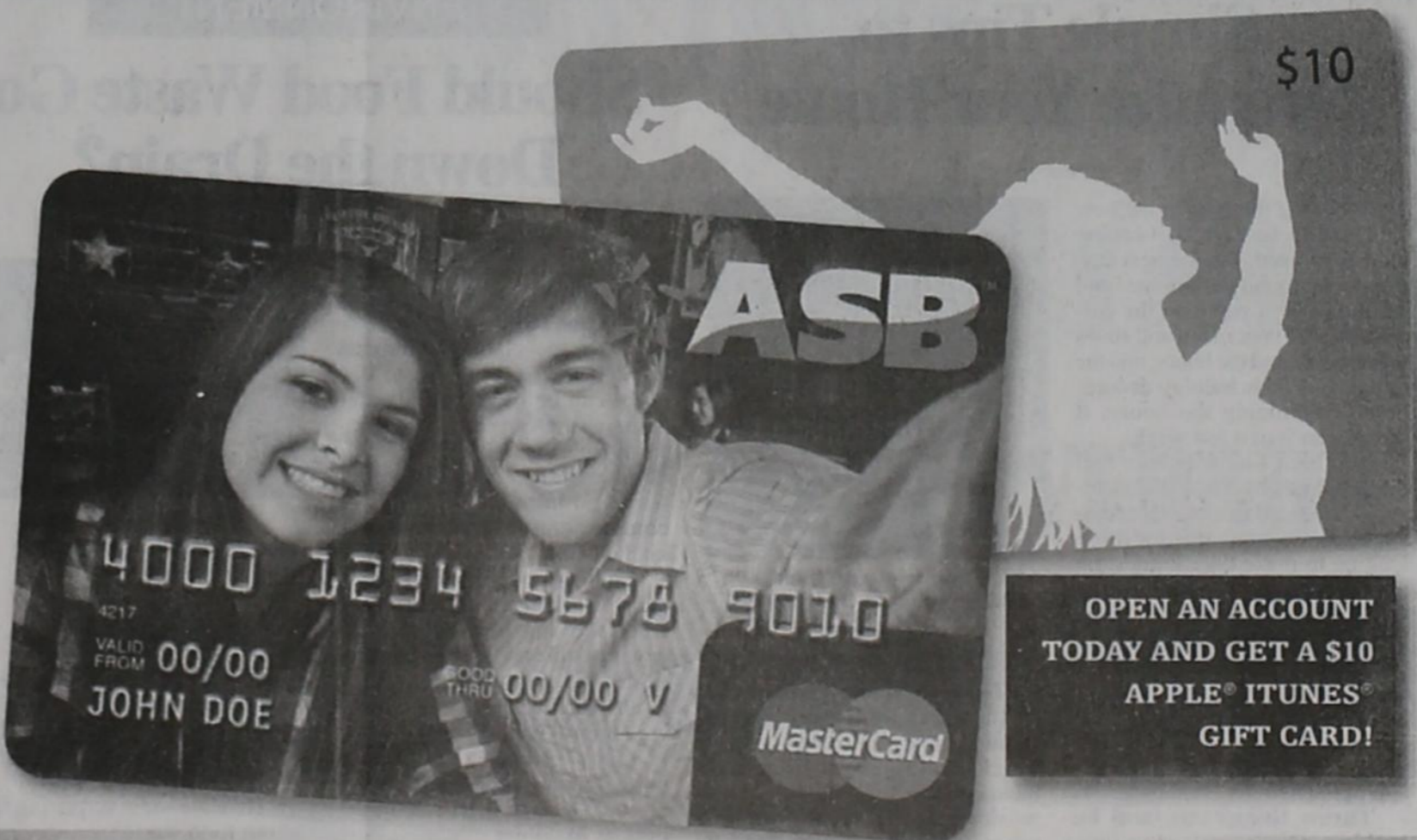


Hello Citizens of PCT #3, I am William Kelcy and I am seeking your support as a WRITE-IN candidate for Eastland County Commissioner Pct. #3 in the November 2, 2010 election. I reside in Rising Star with my wife and 3 daughters. I have lived in Eastland for the past 2 years. I grew up in Early, Texas all my life until I moved to Rising Star. I grew up in the Paving Construction business with over 20 years experience in paving, rebuilding roads, and management. I am a member of the Countryside Baptist Church in Early, Texas. I am the director of the 4H Shooting sports program, Anti-Drug Program, KICS, and the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department. I served 3 years on the Early City Council until I moved to Eastland County. I currently work closely with the Rising Star VFD, Rising Star City Council, Eastland County Sheriff's Office. I will work hard to serve citizens of PCT #3 to do what is best for the PCT. I would appreciate your vote!

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# Gorman City Minutes

Unapproved

OCT 21, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Joe Casey, Nathan files and Durward Webb. Others present were Bill Miers, PWD Glenn Scitern, Chief Barbara Fenley, Ann Warren, Josh Nichols, Cody Hodges, Curtis Gilder, Bill Barrentine, William Kelsy, Jill Rainey, and Ethan Torres.

Nathan led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Durward made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ervin moved to item 7 on the agenda. Mr. William Kelsy wanted to introduce himself to the Commission, as he is running as a write-in candidate for County Commissioner Pct. #3. He briefly told the Commission about himself and his family. No action was required for this agenda item.

Bill Miers briefed the Commission on the sidewalk project between him and the First Baptist Church. He had a construction company look at it, and they submitted a bid, which all agreed was too expensive. Mayor reminded everyone to remember that gas and water lines run through this area. More efforts will be sought to get this project completed as soon as possible.

At 5:30 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:30 p.m. David made the motion to go out of Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. No action was taken upon adjournment. Commission met with all city employees.

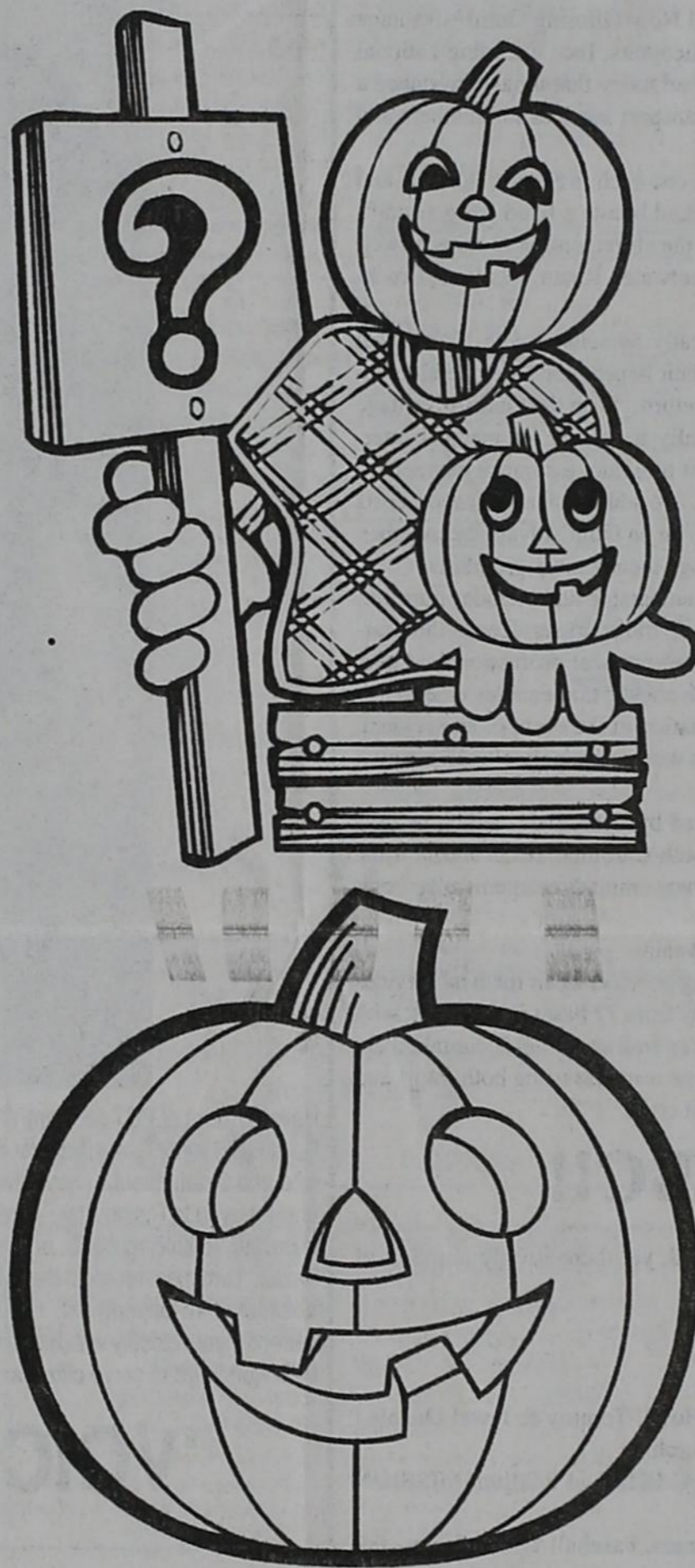
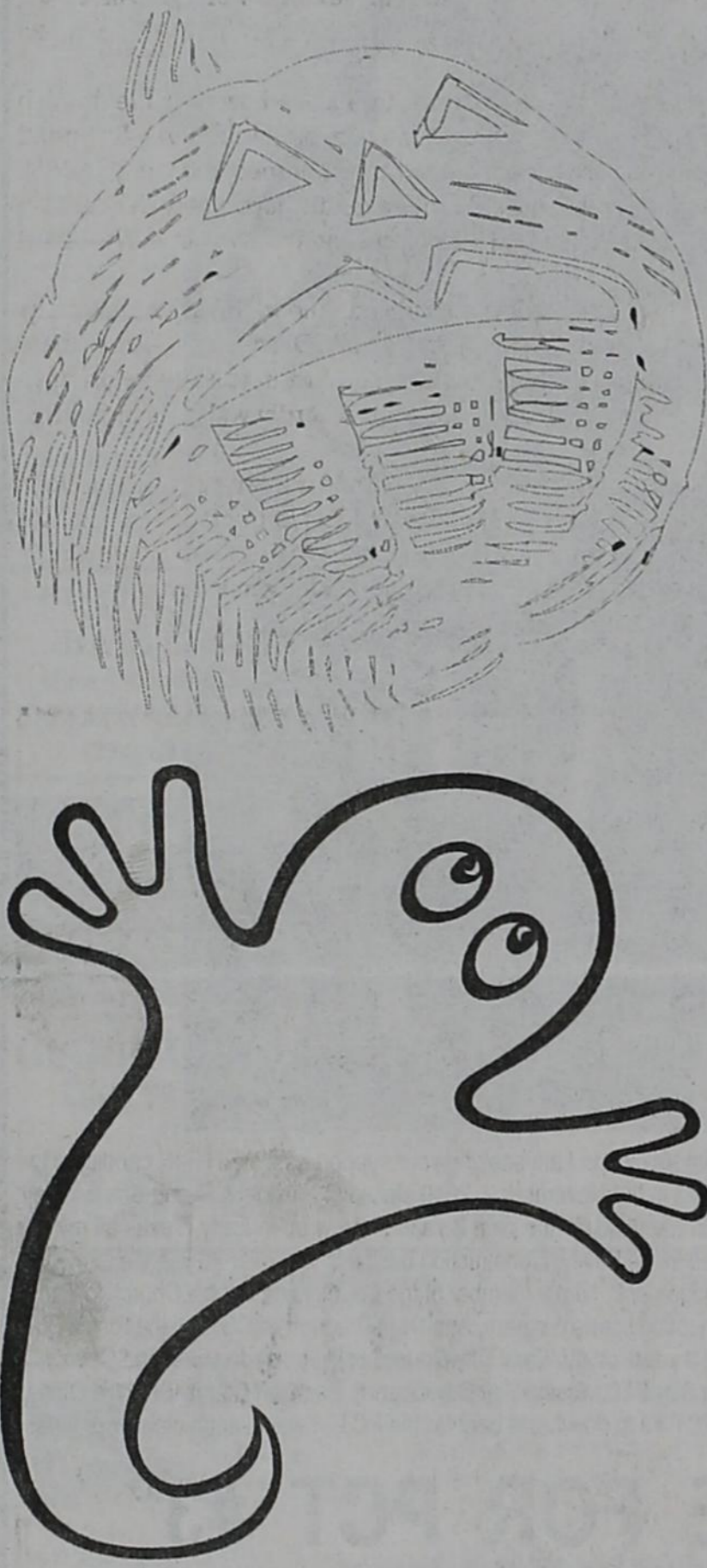
Barbara requested under New Business that the City Commission adopt the ordinance prohibiting the use, sale, possession, or purchase of the product known as K-2. David made the motion to move forward with adopting this ordinance. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2010-06 was read at this time. David made the motion to pass, approve and adopt this Ordinance. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion to cut the water discounts back on some of the accounts beginning in January. These accounts were for the Volunteer Fire Department members. Other efforts are being sought to accommodate some form of appreciation compensation. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0. A letter of explanation will be sent out by mail.

There being no further business for discussion, Nathan made the motion to adjourn, Durward made the second. Motion carried, time was 6:50 p.m.

## HAPPY Halloween - Coloring Page



## HOME

### Product Innovations Make DIY Painting Easy and Convenient

NewsUSA

(NU) - It's a DIY world. Whether it's to save a little money or just a desire to personally express one's own style, more people are doing it themselves. And nowhere is the DIY trend more apparent than in interior painting. Now, thanks to some innovative product breakthroughs, what once was considered a chore is now a whole lot easier and convenient.

**Goodbye to the Painting Season**  
For a majority of the country, painting projects were scheduled for the "honey-do" list only during months when it was bearable to keep the windows open rather than be fumed out of the house. With the dawn of low- and no-VOC paints, there's no more putting off what can be painted today.

No-VOC paints, like Olympic Premium or the Freshaire Choice, contain no volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are what cause paint to have such a strong and lingering odor. No VOCs. No smell. Feel free to paint whenever inspiration strikes, no matter the temperature or weather outside.

**Release Your Inner Designer**  
If it's as simple as covering the edges of a chair rail or as complicated as creating intricate stripes, keeping paint only where you want it is the key to professional-looking results. To keep the paint where it belongs, a good painting tape is a must. Look for a tape that adheres well, peels off cleanly and, most importantly, stops paint from bleeding under the tape.

FrogTape brand painter's tape (www.frogtape.com) is treated with PaintBlock Technology, which allows the tape to absorb and retain liquid, forming a barrier between the tape and the paint. This technology helps to ensure clean, crisp lines, while limiting the time needed for touching up.

**Sometimes It's Best to Stick With the Classics**  
Yet, even with the best inventions, there is still no substitute for a good paint and roller to get the paint job done right. For latex paints, use a brush with synthetic nylon or polyester bristles. Natural bristles will absorb the water in latex paints, causing them to droop. Keep the natural bristled brushes for oil-based paint applications.

For larger applications, like walls, a roller is a great time saver, but again choosing the right one will make all the difference. For smooth or lightly textured walls, select a roller cover with a 3/8-inch nap. For rougher walls such as textured plaster or concrete, go with a 3/4-inch nap. Check out Wooster Brush (www.woosterbrush.com), which covers all nap lengths and offers most with a plastic core to help the roller remain sturdy throughout the paint project.

So, no matter the reason and no matter the season, if now is the time to DIY, rest assured, painting like a pro has never been easier. From start to finish, tools available today allow DIYers to create a pro look - without the pro.

## HOME

### Humidify Your Home to Ease Winter Dryness

NewsUSA

(NU) - During the winter months, many people notice bloody noses, itchy dry skin, painful static electricity shocks and respiratory health issues - signs that the air in their home is too dry.

Having too little moisture in the air can cause health problems and home damage. However, adding the appropriate level of moisture into the air of your home will actually keep your family healthy and protect the condition of your home.

By using a humidifier attached to the heating system, you can provide continuous moisture throughout your entire home at an optimal humidity level of 30 to 50 percent. Whole-home humidifiers continually monitor relative humidity levels in the home, then work to deliver the right amount of moisture - never too much or too little - to the entire house.

This constant flow of moisture into the air will provide multiple benefits, including:

- **Well-being.** The American Society of Otolaryngology reports that being in an overly dry environment can make people more susceptible to infection. A humidifier keeps the respiratory system moist and running healthy, thereby reducing the chances of upper-respiratory problems caused by dry air.
- **Energy savings.** When moisture is added to the air, the human body actually feels warmer at lower temperatures. A whole-home humidifier allows you to feel comfortable at a lower thermostat setting and helps decrease energy costs.



Dry air can make you more susceptible to infection.

Aprilaire offers a drainless humidifier (Model 400) that needs only eight ounces of water to operate, utilizes 100 percent of the water in the unit and uses virtually no electricity, making it the most environmentally friendly humidifier on the market.

- **Preservation.** Winter can cause extensive damage to the building materials of your home as well as the personal belongings inside. Added humidity protects against shrinkage and cracking in furniture, moldings and hardwood floors.
- **Comfort.** Dry air takes moisture away from your body and can cause discomfort from dry nose, dry throat and itchy skin. Adding humidity into your home helps to eliminate those problems as well as reduce static electricity.

A heating and cooling contractor can help homeowners determine which unit is right for them. For more information, visit www.aprilaire.com.

## HOME

### Simple Tips to Organize Your Home

NewsUSA

(NU) - At the start of the new year, many resolve to become more organized. But the next day, they look around their homes and see the piles of paper on the coffee table, the coats, toys and shoes scattered around the house, and the remains of their holiday decorations. Organizing the house, it seems, can wait a few weeks.

But there's no reason to feel overwhelmed by a task that is, after all, intended to make lives easier. Here are some tips for those looking to make their homes run more smoothly:

- **Take it one room at a time.** Clear a space in the room you want to organize. Place all unorganized items, like magazines, books, DVDs and remote controls, in one space, so you can categorize the items before storing them in their appropriate bins and cabinets.
- **Throw things out, and be ruthless.** Don't waste your time and space on items you don't need. Toss out or recycle old magazines and papers. Donate outgrown or unwanted clothes and toys, as well as other household items, like the fondue set you never use.
- **Find unused space.** Your home probably has more storage space than you think. For example, decorative under-bed storage boxes, like those from The Company Store, allow you to use every inch of available space.
- **Teach the kids to clean up after themselves.** Make organizing a game by making "special" spaces. For example, children might remember to hang up their coats and scarves if they have their own, fun coat hooks. Company Kids makes coat hooks shaped like flowers, ponies, pirates, trains and safari animals.



Kids enjoy having their own places to store their things.

- **Teach children to take pride in their belongings by giving them their own storage areas.** Try clearing a space in your entertainment unit for your children's movies and video games. For toys, use colorful bins, like the Kendall Storage Collection, to separate hard toys from plush and put away arts and crafts supplies.
- **Designate spaces for different activities.** For example, all board games, entertainment units and DVDs should be in the same area. This will help keep items from being scattered throughout the house.
- **Create a master calendar for the family.** Put it on the refrigerator or beside the computer desk. Time management is an important skill, and kids should learn it early.
- **Make cleaning and organizing a family affair.** After all, your family helps make the clutter, so they should help organize it, too.

For more information, visit www.thecompanystore.com and www.companykids.com.

## ENVIRONMENT

### Should Food Waste Go Down the Drain?

NewsUSA

(NU) - Americans hoping to live "greener" lives often tackle the kitchen first - after all, separating the recyclables seems easy enough. But proper waste disposal can be more complicated than tossing cans in a blue box.

What's the best way to get rid of table scraps? Should the food waste go in the trash bag? The compost pile? Or down the kitchen sink?

Putting food waste in the trash means it will be trucked to a landfill. Trucking food to landfills generates diesel fumes and emissions. And as food decomposes in landfills, it releases methane, a greenhouse gas.

Composting is a good option but not always practical for people who live in high-rise buildings or in colder climates. Plus, experts advise against composting certain types of food, like meat and dairy.

Numerous independent studies show using a garbage disposer is an environmentally responsible option. More than half of American kitchens have a disposer. On average, they cost less than 50 cents a year in electricity to operate and account for less than one percent of a household's total water consumption. Recent advances in disposer technology, including the InSinkErator Evolution Series, make it possible to discard virtually any kind of food waste without concern about clogs or loud noises.

Once food waste enters wastewater treatment plants, it can be recycled into methane and used as a renewable source of



Using your garbage disposer keeps food waste out of landfills.

power for the plant. Also, many wastewater treatment plants can process food waste into bio-solids, which can be used as fertilizer.

Here are some surprising facts about food waste:

- The average U.S. family of four produces about 2,000 pounds of food waste each year.
- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, food waste is the third largest category of municipal solid waste (MSW) in the U.S., accounting for about 13 percent of MSW material.
- Americans throw away more than 25 percent of the food we prepare, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Those scraps are 70 percent water, which makes it easy for disposers to pulverize waste and send it through sewage pipes.

For more information on how grinding food waste in a food waste disposer is environmentally responsible, visit www.insinkerator.com/green.

## HOME

### Do-It-Yourself Projects That Offer Big ROI

NewsUSA

(NU) - The road to homeowner bliss may involve necessary upgrades, but don't rush into large home improvement projects. Small upgrades can significantly boost the value of your home.

According to the 2009 HomeGain.com Home Sale Maximizer survey, updating a home's lighting costs \$200 to \$300 on average but increases home value by \$1,000 to \$1,500 - that's a 572 percent return on investment. Repairing floors amounts to a 250 percent return on investment, while updating bathrooms means a 172 percent return on investment.

Some products enable homeowners and DIYers to tackle home improvement projects without spending money on multiple tools. For example, the new RZ2000 Spiral Saw from RotoZip can be paired with attachments that enable it to quickly and easily cut through a wide variety of materials, including wood, metal, Plexiglas, drywall, ceramic wall tile and even porcelain floor tile.

Not sure where to start? Try the following home improvement projects to enjoy small investments with big returns:

- **Install can lights.** Recessed lighting is a great way to transform any room. To make perfect circle cuts, pair your RZ2000 Spiral Saw with the drywall XBIT and a circle cutting guide. Select the desired hole size, make a pilot hole, tilt the tool at a 45-degree angle and plunge it into the



Versatile tools make it easier for DIYers to make home improvements, such as installing hardwood floors.

material, lining up the center point. As you plunge, bring the tool to a vertical position and cut in a clockwise direction using steady, even pressure.

- **Update your bathroom.** Decorative tile backslashes are a natural choice when updating a bathroom. For wall-tile work, install a Wall Tile XBIT on the RZ2000. Start the tool away from the work-surface and then plunge the tool at a 45-degree angle into the tile while bringing to a vertical position. Follow a clockwise motion.
- **Install hardwood floors.** From shaping hardwood to cutting openings for heating registers, use the RZ2000 combined with a Jigsaw Handle Attachment and a multipurpose XBIT. Start by tilting the tool at 45 degrees and bring it upright as you plunge through. Finish with the tool vertical to the surface, and cut in a clockwise cutting motion.



# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**First Baptist Church of Desdemona** had attendance of 75 on Sunday. Jana Johnson led the song service with Karen Fair at the organ and Gary Shirley at the piano. Bro. Charlie Johnson brought a wonderful message. Visitors are welcome to attend Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Morning Service at 11:00 a.m. Bar-B-Que Lunch followed at noon at the Annex.

Marva Gentzel of Gorman and Elise Duke of Early visited on Sunday afternoon with Humpy and Betty Duke

**Desdemona Monthly Musical** was held on Saturday night at the Community Center. Thanks to all the musicians and singers that attend each month. Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month. Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. Next Musical will be on Saturday, November 27th at the same location. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Bruce and Mickey Browning of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania visited on Saturday afternoon with his cousin, Pug and Vonnie Guthery. Bruce and his twin sister, the late Emma Lou (Browning) Isbell attended school in Desdemona. Emma Lou graduated with the Class of 1947 and Bruce with the Class of 1948. The Browning family lived in the Jakehamon Community. Bruce enjoys his annual trip back "Home in Texas" to visit with family and friends in this area.

Betty Duke was in Abilene on Friday for an eye check-up with her doctor. She had recent surgery and got a good report. Her grandson, Rusty Duke drove her to Abilene. Rusty has completed Nursing School.

**Desdemona Annual Thanksgiving Supper** will be held on Saturday, November 13th at the "Old School Gym". Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Make plans to attend for good "Home Cooking."

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Ruby (Lewis) Stewart, 63, of Olden. Survivors include her husband, Joe Stewart; three sons; two brothers, David Lewis of Lampasas and Eugene Lewis of Abilene; a sister, Doris Faith of Midland; several grandchildren and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her parents, Jody and Omata (Roberts) Lewis; a brother, Larry Lewis. The Lewis family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Have a great day, Coon.

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There were only fifteen here at the Center for our weekly lunch on the 20 of October. It sure was nice to have Bro. Frank and Beth Shirley here with us. We had missed them, glad they are feeling improved. She treated us to some pizza. Good. Bro. Frank gave the blessing for us all with his great words.

Even though our numbers were small we had a great time with Anne Buchanan and her sisters Betty Ellis and Shirley Rambeck. The ladies are on a cross country trip to the Florida and Georgia border. Betty will be home in Georgia and Shirley will go on to Fort Pierce, Florida to meet her husband. He is on the bike ride across America with four other men. They started in San Diego, CA. What a trip for all! The Rambeck's live in Washington State. I'm sure the Buchanan's had a great time visiting with the sisters.

Also enjoyed visiting with James Bruton, T. J. Cummings and Lil Brudnak. Always good to see Lil, she brightens our day. Mr. Cummings has become a regular, we must vote for him at Pct. 3. A very nice man. I even put him to work. HA!

Our meal was tasty with meat loaf, salmon patties, pizza supreme, cabbage, mixed vegetables of Cauliflower, broccoli and carrots. We also enjoyed deviled eggs by Daisy Slaton, ranch style beans, cornbread and french garlic toast. Our desserts were Jello and fruit, peach cobbler, and a good pineapple upside down cake by Anne Buchanan. No burned toast this time. HA!

We are all so very sad about Raymond Hattox passing. I know how horrible this can be to a family as I lost a sister in a horse back accident. It's a terrible nightmare. Raymond was such a vital, kind and a gentleman. He carried out the trash, helped me carry food in and pots out. I will personally miss him, still can hardly believe this happened. A crushing accident like this is a freak accident. Many have done the same and got by with it. We all will miss him.

Hope Ellen Parker and Sandy Warren will be here next time to tell about their trip. They went on a bus tour to Branson, Missouri. A fun place to visit. Daisy and I toured there several times. We just can't do like we use to. My daughter and I went to Abilene on business, shopping, etc. for the day. I was literally wore out and could hardly walk. No more trips for me.

Well we finally had a 1/2 in rain on the 23rd. How wonderful it was. This has been such a dry October. Maybe we will get more soon, doesn't look to good in the weather reports. Hardly any of my bluebonnets are up due to the dryness. They always sprout in October and then really start growing in March. Just lay flat all winter when cold.

Hope to see more of you out for our dinner. Carol

## Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk Early Voting Set Oct. 18 thru 29

People may begin calling my office to see if they qualify to vote by mail procedure  
The number is 254.629.1583  
Early Voting in person at the County Courthouse is October 18, 2010 through October 29, 2010 - 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM  
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## -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
October 25, 2010

### Welcoming Home the 317th Airlift Group

This weekend, I had the honor of helping to welcome home approximately 170 Airmen from the 317th Airlift Group at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. These Airmen returned from a four month rotation in southwest Asia where they performed operations in support of overseas contingency operations including Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom. It was a blessing to be at Dyess to greet them along with their family and loved ones.

While at Dyess, I was reminded of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces and their families. Whether or not you agree with the wars we are fighting abroad, I hope you will continue to offer your support to our brave men and women in uniform. It's because of their sacrifices, and the sacrifices of those before them, that we have many of the freedoms we enjoy today. I thank God for the safe return of these men and women to Dyess and ask that He will continue to bless our troops both at home and abroad.

### Congressional Page Program

This year, I am honored to have the opportunity to nominate one student from the 19th Congressional District of Texas to the U.S. House of Representatives Page Program. Serving as a Page in the House of Representatives is a truly unique experience. The Page Program is an ideal opportunity for students who want to get involved and participate directly in the legislative process.

To be qualified to serve as a Page, the applicant must be at least sixteen years of age, a junior in high school at the time their appointment begins and have a cumulative grade point average of at least a "B" in five major subjects. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen and reside in Texas. This appointment will begin January 24, 2011 and continue through May 27, 2011.

All applications must be received by mail to my Lubbock office or submitted in person to any of my district offices by November 4, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. CT. Please visit my website to download the application or contact Lindsey Shackelford in my Washington office at 202-225-4005 if you should have any additional questions about this opportunity. I encourage any eligible high school junior to apply for this position and look forward to nominating a student from West Texas and the Big Country to serve as a Page.

### Service Academy Nominations Deadline November 15th

The deadline for those wishing to be nominated to one of our nation's military service academies for the summer of 2011 is November 15th. The service academies include the Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, the Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

All applications must be submitted in-person to one of my district offices by November 15th. Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked by November 15th. For more information on this process and application requirements, contact Mary Whistler in my Lubbock office toll-free at 1-888-763-1611. To learn more about the service academies or download a copy of the application, please visit my website.

### District Work Period Schedule

As October draws to an end, I will continue my tour across District 19. To start the week out I will be in Fisher and Nolan Counties. On Tuesday, I will spend the day in Abilene visiting the Rose Park Senior Citizen Center and taking a tour of Abilene Christian University and visiting the Southwest Rotary Club. On Wednesday, I plan to attend the Abilene Redistricting Hearing and then head out to Borden County for a meeting with local officials. To see where I've been traveling and who I have been visiting with during the October Work Period, check out my photos on Facebook. As always, I'm looking forward to seeing you around town.

### "Question of the Week"

Following the recent firing of Juan Williams from NPR, do you think NPR should continue to receive taxpayer funds?

Please visit my website to submit your answer to this week's question.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005.

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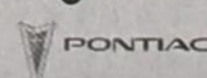
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**CHARITY**

**25 Years of Achievements – Charity Still Going Strong**

NewsUSA

(NU) - One charity, Christian Relief Services, has been using community partnerships to fight poverty, not only in the United States, but all around the world. As the organization celebrates its 25th year of service, it's clear that its philanthropy has made a notable difference in communities in the United States, Africa, Haiti and Lithuania to name a few.

Christian Relief's efforts improved thousands of lives in 2009 alone. For example, Christian Relief teamed up with Bread and Water for Africa, to ship medical supplies, hygiene items, shoes, clothing, tools, and school supplies, including textbooks, all valued at over \$9 million to partner organizations in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone and Zambia. Christian Relief also supports sustainable grassroots programs in Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Burundi and Cameroon.

Along with Americans Helping Americans (AHA), Christian Relief distributed over 1,000 pairs of new boots and 1,000 warm blankets to Appalachian children in West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina in 2009. Since July 1, 2009, Christian Relief and AHA have also provided special food boxes to 8,995 individuals in the Appalachian region of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. For the holidays, Christian Relief gave Appalachian families over 10,000 whole turkeys and supplemental food, including fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and a dessert item. Christian Relief continued its sup-



Christian Relief Services distributed millions of pounds of food in 2009.

port of service-enriched housing and community centers, as well as local affordable and transitional housing programs.

On American Indian reservations, Christian Relief worked with American Indian Youth Running Strong to distribute food and supplies to 12 American Indian-run churches and community food banks and food pantries. In 2009, Christian Relief provided over 2 million pounds of food for over 29,000 individuals, as well as 32,000 holiday turkeys and 162,000 pounds of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals.

Over 3,000 children received 5,000 new winter coats, 7,000 new blankets, 5,000 pairs of new shoes and school supplies. In addition, Christian Relief funded the construction of water wells, community gardens and emergency heating.

For more information, visit [www.christianrelief.org](http://www.christianrelief.org).

**AUTOMOTIVE**

**Take Action Before You Hit the Road**

NewsUSA

(NU) - Checking mirrors and seat belts every time you get in your car might seem overly cautious, but driving experts say that what you do before you turn on the ignition may mean the difference between life and death.

"So many accidents can be traced back to bad decisions before you even get behind the driver's seat," said Jeff Purner, a professional driving instructor for Porsche Cars North America.

Routine maintenance is critical to your safety. For example, under-inflated tires are the primary cause of tire failures and can adversely affect your car's handling and fuel mileage. Check your tires, including your spare, at least once a month.

You should check your wiper blades monthly as well. Worn blades impact visibility and create glare on the windshield, even when they are not in use.

What you bring with you into your car could be the most critical decision of your day. Cell phones are one of the most dangerous items to use in your car. Anything you're talking, texting or using GPS applications, you're not paying attention to the road. Purner says that using cell phones while driving, especially to text message, is as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Do yourself a favor, and turn your cell phone off.

After switching off your cell phone, you should check and ad-



Check your seat belt every time you get in your car.

just your seat belt. The lap belt should rest low across your waist, and the shoulder strap should come over your shoulder and across your chest. Never put the shoulder strap under your armpit.

Before turning on the ignition, adjust your rear-view and side-view mirrors. According to Purner, too many drivers set their mirrors to reflect the outside of their own car instead of the road.

"You already know where your car is; you should be concerned about where the other cars are so that you can avoid them."

When positioning your hands on the steering wheel, hold the wheel at 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock. In this position, you can turn the wheel the furthest without your hands crossing over. This hold also allows for a better "feel" and faster response time.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT**

**Re-insulation Projects Offer Year-Round Rewards**

NewsUSA

(NU) - Homeowners seeking to pad their homes and wallets should consider re-insulation projects that maximize energy efficiency year-round. Simple, energy-saving practices will not only reduce heating and cooling bills every month, but also will result in a higher tax return next year.

The federal government expanded the scope of a tax credit program that rewards homeowners for energy-efficiency improvements, giving homeowners a prime opportunity to increase their homes' efficiency. Homeowners are eligible to receive a 30 percent federal tax credit up to \$1,500 for weatherization improvements in their homes through Dec. 31, 2010.

And as far as energy-efficient improvements are concerned, re-insulation is a smart solution for the near and short term.

"Most of the steps you can take to improve your home's energy efficiency in the cooler winter months are equally as effective in the warmer summer months, when the thermal flows are simply reversed," said Bohdan Boyko, building science manager with GreenFiber, a natural-fiber insulation product made from 85 percent recycled materials. "In most areas of the country, winter has the greatest temperature differences between inside and outside temperatures, but in either situation – summer or winter – a properly insulated home is one that will help cut energy bills, lower the home's carbon footprint and help keep a family comfortable."

Homeowners can find information on the benefits of re-insulation, including R-Value education, how to's and tax credit information from the American



Home re-insulation projects can reduce heating and cooling costs.

Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, at [www.greenfiber.com](http://www.greenfiber.com), where researchers engineered a special new blow-in product that aids in retro-fit projects. Older homes or homes where current insulation is inadequate can benefit from attic air sealing, duct sealing, attic insulating and side wall insulating. Because the insulation is literally "blown in" through a tube, it can reach high crevices and deep places in walls.

"Re-insulation is a fast and easy way to improve a home's energy efficiency, often with little up-front cost," said Boyko. "A blow-in insulation product will perform better than material that is cut to fit, because it provides complete coverage and fills gaps, unlike fixed-dimension insulation products."

Do-it-yourselfers should have no difficulties renting equipment and tackling a blow-in natural-fiber insulation project in an afternoon. And because natural-fiber insulation is made from recycled content, it provides the greatest benefit to the environment, diverting materials from local landfills and reducing the energy a home could draw.

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