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Merry Christmas



From

Lonnie and Debra Bennett -- Joe Bennett
And Correspondents
The Deadline for News for the Progress is Monday, Dec. 24th at Noon.
Sorry for the inconvenience

Gorman Livestock Raisers Association

Wishes To Thank The Ones Who Helped With Our Local Stock Show

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association would like to take this time to thank everyone who was involved in making our local stockshow this past weekend a success.

We are so fortunate to have such kind and generous people among us. A big thank you to Justin Underwood who so unselfishly donated his time, labor and equipment to cook up one awesome breakfast, and you too Kris Scitern. We want to thank our gracious donors, WB Byrd & Associates, Bob Dasavitch & Associates, Jake Byrd & Associates, Gorman Pharmacy, Simmons Propane, Mrs. Billy Earl (Francis) Simpson, Kris and Kris Scitern, Golden Oak Milling DeLeon, Cunningham Ranch Cisco, T's Blankets of Breckenridge and C & H Monogramming of Eastland. And we also wish to thank those of you who came only to watch and show support for our kids. Your presence was a great gift. If we have left anyone out, please accept our sincere apology, we appreciate each and everyone who helped us in any way possible. We will be getting our pictures to the paper in the next week or so. Thanks to Donna and Halie for taking our pictures! We, The GLRA, would like to wish everyone on our community and area a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you all for always supporting our fund raisers.

Thank You

A sincere Thank You to everyone that called, sent food or flowers in honor of Melvin. To Homestead Nursing and Rehab, thank you for the special care your gave Melvin through the years. He loved you all. A Special Thank You to Carolyn, Marjie Nell, Ronald and Pete. Shanda for the beautiful flowers; the ladies of First Baptist Church for the food and to Bro. Barry for his kind words. Again Thanks so much.

Ray and Shirley Daniels
April and Doug Shanafelt
Cari Daniels
Kassis and Jayson Shanafelt
Cheyenne and Ciara Philips

Christmas

Band Concert

The Christmas Band Concert will be Held Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m. The Beginner Band, Junior High Band and High School Bands will perform. Everyone is Invited To Attend.

Lady Panthers Win Consolation In Gorman Hot Hoops Tournament



The Gorman Lady Panthers won Consolation at the Gorman Basketball Tournament Saturday. thought maybe you could put that as a headline for the group picture. And girls in order in the group picture are Yulissa Madera (fr), Vanessa Longoria (fr), Lauren Spivey (soph), Rasha Rainey (jr), Coach Byrd, Kinsey Johnston (jr), Megan Gray (soph), Melissa Ramirez (jr), Rachel Tucker (sr), Jacquelynn Rainey (soph), and Alexia Madera (fr).

Lady Panthers Win Three of Four Games This Week

Tuesday December 11th

Gorman Lady Panthers - 38 — DeLeon Bearcats - 37

The Lady Panthers were able to avenge last week's one point loss to the Lady Bearcats this week with a 1 point victory of their own Tuesday night by the score of 38-37. Melissa Ramirez led the team both in rebounds (14) and points scored (20). Rachel Tucker had an outstanding game as well with 9 points and 13 rebounds. Vanessa Longoria had 4 points, Rasha Rainey and Lauren Spivey each had 2 points apiece, and Yulissa Madera had 1 point. Kinsey Johnston led the Lady Panthers with 5 steals.

Gorman Hot Hoops Tournament

Thursday December 13th

Gorman Lady Panthers - 28 — Blanket Lady Tigers - 42

The halftime score was 19-19, but the Lady Tigers came out hot the 2nd half and ran away with the Lady Panthers 1st game of the tournament. Melissa Ramirez again led the team in both scoring (11) and rebounds (10). Rachel Tucker had 7 points and 4 rebounds. Yulissa Madera had 5 points, Vanessa Longoria had 3 points, and Kinsey Johnston had 2 points.

Friday December 14th

Gorman Lady Panthers 48 — Newcastle Lady Cats - 23

The Lady Panthers defeated Newcastle by a score of 48-23. Kinsey Johnston led all scorers with 17 points and had 5 rebounds. Melissa Ramirez led all rebounders with 18, while scoring 16 points. Rachel Tucker had 6 points, Vanessa Longoria had 3 points, Jacqueline Rainey, Yulissa Madera, and Lauren Spivey each had 2 points apiece. The Lady Panthers played outstanding defense giving up a season low 23 points on the afternoon. The Lady Panthers outscored the Lady Cats by a score of 21-6 in the 1st quarter and never looked back.

Saturday December 15th

Gorman Lady Panthers - 48 — May Lady Tigers - 29

The Lady Panthers won the consolation bracket of the 2012 Gorman Hot Hoops Tournament Saturday afternoon defeating the Lady Tigers of May by a score of 48-29. Melissa Ramirez had another outstanding game and led the team with 25 points, 16 rebounds, 7 assists, and 8 steals. Kinsey Johnston scored 14 points and had 4 assists. Megan Gray had 8 points and 2 steals, and Rachel Tucker had 1 point and 4 rebounds. Congratulations to these ladies on an excellent tournament, they have made large strides over the last few weeks, best of luck the rest of your season. The Lady Panthers would like to congratulate the Panthers on winning the Gorman Tournament. They would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!!

Gorman City Office To Be Closed December 24 & 25 and January 1, 2013

Christmas is just around the corner! The Gorman City Hall would like to Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year. We will be closed Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th to spend time with our families. We will also be closed on January 1, 2013 for News Year Day. We would also like to inform our citizens that trash will run on Wednesday, December 26th. May everyone have a blessed and safe Holiday!

Thank You

To each of you who have lifted our hearts so graciously during the loss of our family member, Gary Burgess, we thank you. No matter what your did or said, it was your way of letting us know you loved him and loved his family and each gesture was appreciated. We are especially grateful to Bro. James Hunter, to Kokomo Baptist Church for our family lunch, to the Herrera Family for the meal prepared for us, and to Higginbotham Funeral Home. We appreciate every act of kindness.

Shawnda, Stephen, Garrett and Colton Snider
Ginger and Cashton Burgess
Sonya, Marco, Bryson and Brayden Herrera
Joyce Pence and Family
Durwood, & Aletha Burgess and Family

HELP COMMUNITY KIDS HAVE A BETTER CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR WITH ANGEL TREE

Help Community Kids have a better Christmas this year! We have many in town that are hurting this Christmas. We are trying to provide Christmas presents for our area kids that might otherwise get nothing. This is not a program sponsored by any entity. It is completely dependent on the generosity of the people in Gorman. You can adopt a student or make a monetary donation. For more information or to participate in this project please contact Christian Hunter at (254) 734-6120.



2013 County Stock Show Schedule Released

The Eastland County Livestock Show begins January 9, 2013. All animals must be in place by 8:00 pm on the 9th. Judging will begin at 8:00 am on Thursday, the 10th.

Please note the Presentation of Awards and Premium Auction begin at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 12. ECLRA will be serving hamburgers for our buyers and contributors beginning at 11:00 am that morning. Also, commercial heifers exhibited at the show will be available for purchase at Texas Cattle Exchange the following week. Please watch this space for more information in the coming weeks.

A Rockin' Royal Christmas A Children's Christmas Pageant

First Fruits Christian Fellowship is pleased to present this year's Christmas Pageant, A Rockin' Royal Christmas, preformed by Gorman's Children In Action. A Rockin' Royal Christmas tells the story of King Herod who sends Sherlock Watson to find out why the kings from the East did not return to him. We discover, along with Sherlock, that Jesus is the King of Kings, and if we believe in Him, we answer to a higher calling than to any king on earth. The story is told with songs, dancing, and lighting making it a Christmas event you will enjoy from beginning to end.


This Christmas event will be performed at 6:30 pm on Friday-December 21st, and Saturday- December 22nd. In addition to the festive gathering, refreshments will be served immediately after the pageant. Though this event is free of charge, we graciously request that tickets be reserved for you and your party due to limited seating. Tickets may be reserved by calling 734-3203. Please designate name of party, number of tickets and date of attendance. Thank you and have a very "Royal Christmas."

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Carbon Community Center News

December 29th is the date of our final 5th Saturday Musical for 2012 at the Carbon Community Center. We have dinner and music offered for \$5, starting at 5:30pm. We expect to have several talented musicians from this area, once again performing for your enjoyment.

The meal will be provided by ladies from the Carbon area. We will be offering stew, corn bread, tea, coffee and wonderful homemade desserts!

Groups or individuals wishing to sing, play or otherwise perform should contact T.J. Cummings, at 254-488-1249 as early as possible, in order to be scheduled. We extend our thanks, in advance, to all musicians and entertainers for using their talent to provide pleasure for others.

The Carbon Community Center is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens dedicated to providing a pleasant, well maintained location that serves the needs of the community by offering a meeting place with historical significance. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD and is an ideal site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon. If you are interested in using the Center for your next meeting, please contact Janis Keith at 254-639-2210, or LaTonne Rogers, at 254-639-2551.

Classifieds

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17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
30A: CR 389, small barn, water well, steel roping arena, electricity, fenced, has a few trees. \$3,100 acre.
43A: Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced. Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre.
60A: 2-1 ranch house, new windows & Doors/floors/paint, metal roof. Pond, fenced, Coastal/wooded, small barn, well, wildlife. \$189,000.
77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
104A, paved road, 14x26 cabin, insulated, plumbed & wired, a/c, kitchen & bath.
42A Coastal, 42A cultivated, brushy area with pond. \$2,495/acre.
158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/H, fireplace, metal roof, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, 6A Lake, 2 ponds, 6 water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.
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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322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.
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From Heaven to Earth

*If I were there in Bethlehem,
When Christ was born that night
Would I have been with simple folk
Who went to see that sight?*

*Would I have listened extra close
To her the shepherd's call
Or, Would I, like most, that blessed night
Have slept right through it all?*

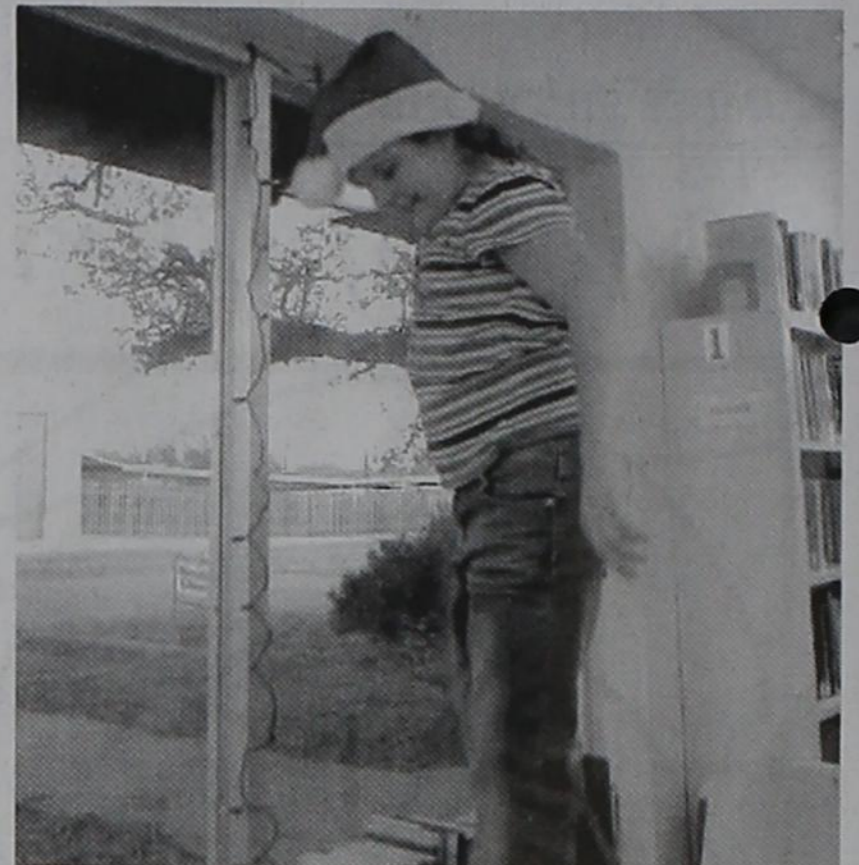
*Would I have missed the awesome sight?
Heard soaring angel's wings?
Hosannas to the new born Child
The heavenly choir sings.*

*I hope I'd be there with the ones
Who gathered at His Birth
To see God's love in human form,
As Heaven touches Earth!*

Darrell Graham

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

It's been another great year at our little library. Big doings for such a small place! We completed the 2 year PEARL project for rural libraries and received the \$1000 monetary award for our participation. Our summer reading project was a big hit and we are looking forward to even more kids and parents participating this coming summer. Through the extra hours our volunteers have put in, we have been able to purchase three new bookshelves and we have filled them with lots of great donated books. Thanks goes to Verganna Holbrook at Prosperity Bank for corraling a large donation of great children and youth books from the Rochelle ISD library, and to James Bruton for helping us get them from the bank to the library.



Thanks also to Martha Harrington for all the work she has done in the children's section and Dezerec Murphy for her help with sorting and organizing the Rochelle ISD donation. We also enjoyed very much being included in the Gorman City Christmas celebration and having the library volunteers recognized there. Your library volunteers include:

(Board of Directors) Linda Simmons - Chair, Francis Simpson, Suzan Lipson - Librarian, Angela Clark and Aline Garrett - Honorary Member (after many years of service on the board and as a volunteer); (Daily volunteers) Monday - Maria J. Garcia and Carol Ward (temporarily out after surgery), Tuesday - Bobbie Henley, Wednesday - Suzan Lipson, Thursday - Ruth Rodgers, Friday - Martha Rainey, and Lil Brudank (our back-up volunteer). Be sure and thank these people when you see them for the great service they provide our community. Jasey Rice, with the help of her sister, Jessica and some of the volunteers put up the Halloween and Christmas decorations this year. Thank you for a good job on that! Thank you Gorman Progress for always making room for Charlie Garrett Memorial Library info in the paper. The library will be closed during the week of Christmas and New Years. The volunteers will be taking a long, winters rest and be back on January 7th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and thank you for continuing to support your library.

Obituaries

Kenneth Paul Stanley
Kenneth Paul Stanley, Age 55, passed away Saturday in Abilene Regional Hospital. Memorial Services will be at a later date.

Born January 13, 1957 in Odessa he graduated from Carbon High School. He was a welder and a Baptist.

He married Neoma M. Ottinger in January of 2006 in Gorman.

He is survived by his wife Neoma Stanley of Gorman; three children and one sister, Florence Wooley of Burleson.

He is the son of Alba George Stanley and Mary Fawn (Brinegar) Stanley.


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"On The Wilder Side"

Being a Church of Christ preacher, I am often asked a few questions around this time of year about why the Church of Christ does or does not do certain things for Christmas. Actually, I have had three similar questions this past week. Why don't we have a manger scene out front? Why don't we have Christmas lights on the building? Why don't we have a Christmas Eve service? While I cannot speak for every Christian who is a member of the churches of Christ, I think I can try to give a little insight as to why we do what we do.

Let me begin with a scenario. What if you send your child to the store down the road for milk and eggs and they come back three hours later with milk, eggs, and a sack of candy that they also decided to buy with your money. Oh, and they also stopped at the theater to take in a movie. Did that child obey you? Well, they did get what you sent them after but they also bought other things that, technically, you didn't tell them they couldn't buy and watched a movie that you didn't technically tell them they couldn't watch. Being an obedient child means that we do exactly what we are told and not go above and beyond that.

In essence, that is how many in the churches of Christ view Christmas. The truth is, we are never once asked to remember the birth of Christ. Our celebration of Christmas is purely a human tradition that was adopted to compete with pagan solstice festivals. Christ has commanded us to remember his death, which we do every week through the act of communion, but He never asked us to celebrate His birth. That's our thing.

I'm not saying that Christmas is bad. On the contrary, it is a wonderful time of year when people flock to churches expecting to be told about Christ. My point is only that, as a church, we have an obligation to do exactly what we are told to do without adding anything extra.

Does that mean we can't celebrate it privately? Does that mean that I shouldn't have lights on my house? I don't think so, because as Christians, we can take certain liberties such as trees, lights, etc after all. I was in charge of this year's Christmas parade. But it does mean that the elders of the church have an obligation to not force a manmade holiday on those who cannot celebrate it in good conscience, and I have known several who could not.

Our plea is simple: speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent. Since Christmas is one of those areas where the Bible is silent, then we as a church are too.

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

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times
Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

CECA Donates to Food Pantry

Howard Hagood with the Gorman Food Pantry accepts a check and a supply of bags from Comanche Electric Cooperative for the Gorman Food Pantry. The money will be used to purchase food, and the bags will be used for those who walk to and from the facility. CECA encourages the community to please remember the Food Pantry in your gift giving this holiday season.

A Letter To The Editor

About Three Christmases
By Henry A. Buchanan

I was a small boy and the red coaster wagon was what I wanted. It was on page 277 of the Sears Roebuck catalog. The price was six dollars and forty-nine cents and I had only four dollars and seventy-two cents. Would Santa extend me credit? He did and on Christmas morning the red coaster wagon was there. It was a Radio Flyer and I rode it around and around until the rubber tires came off the rims of the wheels but my big brother put them back on with Elmer's glue and I rode and rode and rode.

It was the first Christmas after Al was born. His mother and I were very proud of him and the first time I saw him in the hospital nursery I said to her "He is the prettiest baby I have ever seen and he looks just like me." I think the second statement was the reason for the first. He grew and grew and grew and I learned that is always the case with fathers of first and only babies.

It is the first Christmas since I turned ninety and Anne is the age she says she is, but Anne and I are together. We love one another and she looks better to me than any other woman in the whole world and she says that I look good to her. It is our third Christmas together and Christmas with Anne is better than a red coaster wagon with Radio Flyer painted on its sides.

It is better even than having a new baby in the house because now we do not have to get up to see if the new baby is wet or something worse.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 12/16/2012

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE IN GORMAN FOR LICENSE PLATE RENEWALS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

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

Food Bank

New Hours - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Fourth Thursday

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. Stan Harper, Master - Jerry Napoli, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to Prosperity Bank, 115 S. Fisher - Gorman, Texas 76454

Chamber Cookbook Holiday Offer

The Chamber of Commerce is offering the new cookbook on a Holiday special of One for \$15 or Two for \$25. These will make great Christmas gifts.

They are available at Panda's Flowers, City of Gorman, Prosperity Bank, Housing Authority, and at the Gorman ISD Administration Office.

First Grade Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like an ipod, an American Girl Doll, new shoes, an a Barbie.
Thank you?

Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa
How are you? I miss You! I would like some makeup, a baby, and some baby clothes.
Thank you!

Love, Brooke Gillen

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? I would like a Kindfire that has sparkles and an American Girl doll.
Love, Kyndall

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a PS3, a fortune cookie Maker, a puppy, trampoline, four wheeler. Thank you
Love, Hayden

Dear Santa,
I would like a fortune cookie maker, a 3DS, an Xbox 360 and The game Cars. Also, I would like a Dsxl game and Pokemon Contest.
Love, Triston

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I would like a puppy, a four wheeler, and a Ps3 game.
Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a trampoline, an American Girl Doll, and shoes. Thanks Santa!
Love, Emma Little

Dear Santa,
How are you. I would like a Ps3, a transformers, sword, and a batman county jail.
Thank you Santa!
Love, Mason

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a 3Ds and some Wii games.
I love you Santa Claus.
Love, Lane

Dear Santa,
I would Like a BBgun, a bulldog puppy, and an Xbox 360.
Love, Justin

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? I would like an ipad, a puppy, and a trampoline. I Love You, Santa. Thank you!
Love, Mariella

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like some video games and a computer.
Love, Preston

Dear Santa,
I would like a Fortune Cookie Maker and some video games.
Love, Destinee

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a bike and a doll.
Love, America

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a ps3 and a phone.
Love, Emma M

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How are the reindeer? I would like a girl puppy and a doll. Also, I would like an Easy Bake Oven and roller skates.

Love, Bailey

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like a PS3, some video games and a computer.
Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? How are the reindeer? I would like an Ipod.
Thank you!
Love, Ceidy Guzman

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How are you? I would like an Ipod, a trampoline and a four wheeler. I love you Santa!
Love, Esmeralda

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? I would like a PS4 and some video games.
Love, Kaz

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like an ipod, a Puppy, a Fortune Cookie Maker,
A Ps3, and a Four wheeler. Thank You!
Love, Mary

Dear Santa,
I hope you can bring me a doll, and a toy Dora, clips for my hair and a toy phone.
Love, Mya

2013 Eastland County Livestock Show Schedule

ECLRA Show Grounds
475 FM 3101
Eastland, Texas 76448

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

4:00 pm - Scales open. (Livestock & Cattle Barns)
8:00 pm - Ag Mechanics projects must be checked in. All animals must be weighed and in place.

Thursday, January 10, 2013

8:00 am - Rabbits - Market followed by Breeding (Moylan Exposition Arena)
9:00 am - Art, Photography & Sewing Exhibits on Display (Hutto-Humiston Building)
9:00 am - Food Show (Hutto-Humiston Building)
10:00 am - Broilers (Moylan Exposition Arena)
12:00 pm - Bucket Calves (Moylan Exposition Arena)
12:30 pm - Beef Cattle - Heifers followed by Steers (Moylan Exposition Arena)
2:30 pm - Commercial Heifer Show (Commercial Cattle Pens)
3:30 pm - Swine - Breeding followed by Market (Moylan Exposition Arena)

Friday, January 11, 2013

10:00 am - Ag Mechanics Show (Hutto-Humiston Building)
11:00 am - Dairy Goats (Moylan Exposition Arena)
12:00 pm - Angora Goats - Breeding followed by Market (Moylan Exposition Arena)
2:00 pm - Market Lambs followed by Market Meat Goats (Moylan Exposition Arena)

Intermission

Breeding Sheep followed by Breeding Meat Goats (Moylan Exposition Arena)

Saturday, January 12, 2013

11:00 am - Hamburger Lunch for Donors (Hutto-Humiston Building)
1:00 pm - Auction & Presentation of Awards (Moylan Exposition Arena)

Don't forget to check out the 4-H Adult Leaders Concession Stands!

FUND SET UP FOR SEAY FAMILY

There is an account set up at Prosperity Bank (American State Bank) for donations to the Seay family for medical and travel expenses.

If you would like to donate to them, you can make your check payable to City of Gorman, Vicki Seay Benefit Fund and drop it off at the City Office or the Bank, or mail it to Prosperity Bank, 115 S Fisher, Gorman, TX 76454. Thanks goes to everyone for your prayers, phone calls and concern. Vicki is expected to make a full recovery; she just has a long road ahead of her.

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Parents and Concerned Citizens,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by the senseless act of violence that occurred in Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut this past Friday. We realize that assuring the safety and security of every student and faculty member each day is a prerequisite to teaching and learning. The mission of GISD is to assure every child an excellent education, but our main goal is to make sure that every child and faculty member are safe.

When events such as this past Friday occur, we are reminded of the importance of our safety procedures and our check in and screening process for all visitors and vendors. I understand it can be a hassle from time to time, due to doors being locked or the screening process when you are in a hurry, but again Friday is a reminder that there is nothing more important than the safety of each child. We will continue to route visitors to check in stations on all 3 campuses. We require that all teachers refer any visitor without a visitor's badge to the office immediately. Please do not take this personal and understand that they are following a direct order from me and it is for the student's safety. We will conduct regular drills, including those of a lockdown. We will continue to research and educate ourselves with the latest and best possible procedures to assure student safety. We have partnered with both the Eastland County DPS Office and Region 14 to be as safe as possible.

We do require that all media, vendors, and delivery trucks check in as well. Exits and entrances are locked throughout the day. If you should spot a specific weakness or area of concern, please notify the superintendent's office immediately.

There is no way in this day and age to be 100% protected against all circumstances, but we will train our staff and rely on parents to help ensure we are enforcing our own procedures.

As a parent of 3 school aged children, I was extremely affected by the tragedy in Connecticut. I hope that we will all remember these lost students, the teachers that sacrificed their lives for their students, and all of their family members in our prayers throughout the holiday season. Please hug your child a little tighter tonight and let them know you love them, I know that I will.

Thank You for Your Time,

Superintendent of Schools GISD

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Robert and Ima Brown was in Stephenville over the past week-end to attend the graduation of their grandson, Preston Brown from Tarleton State University. He received a BSN Degree in Nursing. Also Preston served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Nursing Pinning Ceremony in the Fine Arts Building. "Congratulations" to Preston.

Isaac Diaz of Desdemona was in the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada over the past weekend where he won 3rd Place in Saddle Bronc Riding, won 8th Place in Average Over the World and 10th Place in World Competition. "Congratulations" to Issac.

This reporter has recieved Christmas Cards and Notes from several formal students of Desdemona. They are Juanita Hoskins, Bruce Browning, Alene Fonville, Ella Guthery, Carol Sue Hall, Melinda Buckley and Bobby Koonce. It is always good to hear from former students.

Merry Christmas to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Vicky Seay has been moved to Kindred Hospital Ft. Worth 815 Eighth Ave. #232 Ft. Worth, Tx 76104 She would enjoy hearing from friend and neighbors.

COMANCHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNOUNCES \$4,000 YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

Comanche Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, announces the launch of the 2013 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest. For the fourth consecutive year, Comanche Electric Cooperative and Texas Co-op Power will award up to \$4,000 in cash prizes for winners of the competition.

Students in grades 6 through 12 whose parents or legal guardians are current members of an electric cooperative in Texas can participate. This year, students are asked to create a five to 10 minute video interviewing someone who remembers the era when the lights came on, when electricity first came to their home. The video will serve as an oral history of the time before the interviewee received electricity and how life was changed afterwards. All videos have the potential to be included in a full-length documentary to be produced by Texas Co-op Power at a later date.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,500 and be profiled in Texas Co-op Power magazine. If a school is involved as a sponsor of the first-place winner it will receive \$1,000. The second-place winner, determined by the most YouTube views, will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for best performance in one of four judging categories: creativity, educational value, video editing and technical quality.

The contest opens November 1 and ends April 1. Winners will be announced April 23.

For full contest rules and entry forms, go to www.TexasCoopPower.com, scroll down and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas button on the right side of the page.

Ryan Paskewitz of Zephyr, whose parents are Comanche Electric Cooperative members, was last year's \$1,500 winner. Zephyr school was awarded \$1,000 for their sponsorship. See Ryan's winning video at www.youtube.com/TXCOOPPOWER. For contest updates and tips, "Like" Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook or follow on Twitter @TexasCoopPower.

Texas Co-op Power is a monthly magazine published by Texas Electric Cooperatives and distributed to 1.3 million households and businesses receiving electricity from electric cooperatives in Texas.

Eastland County Museum

"The Way Things Were: Texas Settlers and Their Buildings, 1860s-1930s"

(EASTLAND, TEXAS) - Beginning January 3, 2013, the Eastland County Museum, located at 114 South Seaman Street, Eastland, Texas, will present "The Way Things Were: Texas Settlers and Their Buildings, 1860s-1930s," an exhibition by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"The Way Things Were" focuses on the family and community life of Texas settlers as reflected in historic buildings. The exhibition looks at early Texas buildings for information about settlers' visions of community and progress and their accommodation to the physical demands and economic realities of everyday life. Print resources that accompany the exhibit help audiences explore our cultural heritage, modern attitudes toward the past and our duty to future generations.

The exhibition will be available to the public during normal Museum hours of 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays until January 31, 2013. For more information about viewing hours or to arrange group visits, contact 254-631-0437.

Humanities Texas develops and supports diverse programs across the state, including lectures, oral history projects, teacher institutes, traveling exhibitions and documentary films. For more information, please visit Humanities Texas online at <http://www.humanitiestexas.org> or call 512.440.1991.

Eastland County Museum, Inc. is a Texas incorporated non-profit charitable organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3). All monetary donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Eastland County Museum, Inc. is always seeking persons to be Team members. Team members assist as Museum Docents and more. To begin your Team membership, contact any Eastland County Museum, Inc. board member, or drop by Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and add your name to the list.



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AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

Avoiding Frozen Pipes

The last couple of days we were exposed to some very cold temperatures, so I felt we need to refresh our memory on avoiding frozen pipes. Most of us will do some traveling during the holidays. Leaving your home during a month like December or January can result in a huge problem. A fast-moving cold front can cause temperatures to drop below freezing within hours. Outdoor pipes, pipes in unheated areas, and pipes that run along un-insulated exterior walls can burst if the water in them freezes and expands. This can shatter pipe seals or the pipes themselves, sending water pouring through your house. You can avoid thousands of dollars of damage to your walls, ceilings, carpets, and furniture by taking a few simple measures to protect your home.

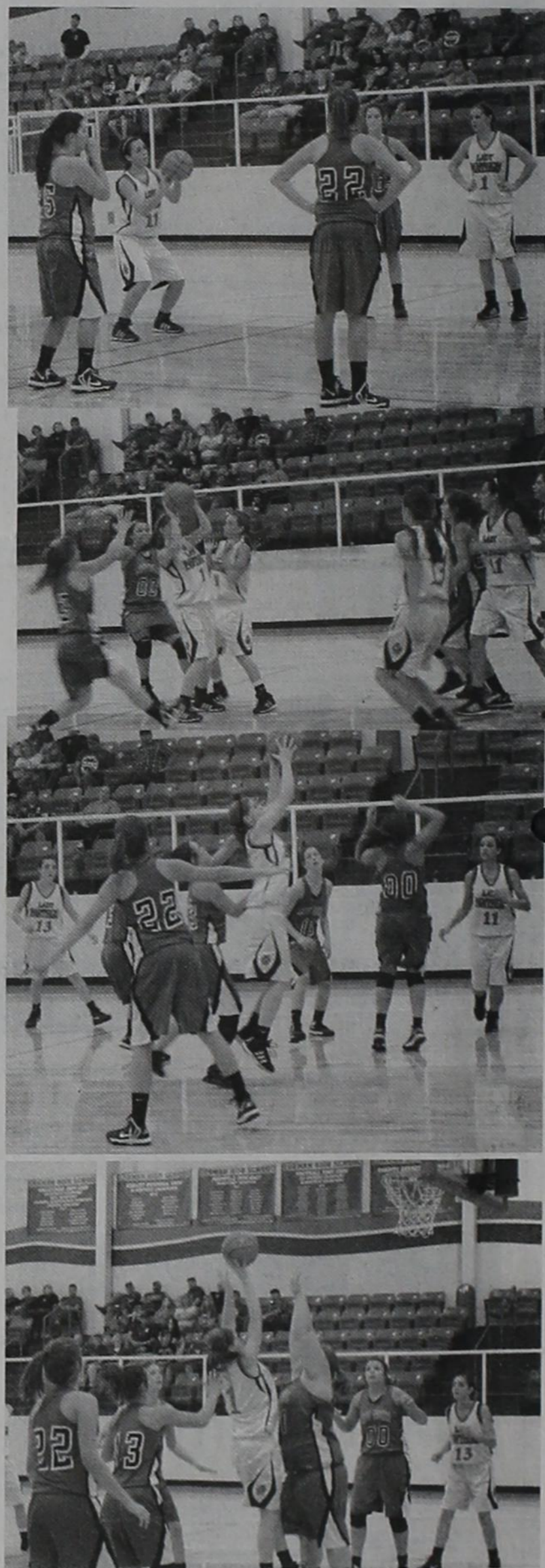
BEFORE THE FREEZE

- * Protect faucets, outdoor pipes, and pipes in unheated areas by wrapping them with rags, newspaper, trash bags, or plastic foam.
- * Insulate your outdoor water meter box and be sure its lid is on tight.
- * Cover any vents around your home's foundation.
- * Drain and store water hoses indoors.
- * Protect outdoor electrical pumps.
- * Drain water sprinkler supply lines.
- * Open the cabinets under sinks in your kitchen and bathrooms to allow heated indoor air to circulate around the water pipes.
- * Set your thermostat at a minimum temperature of 55 degrees, especially when you are gone for the day or away for an extended period.
- * Let indoor faucets drip, but do not run a heavy stream of water.
- * Make sure you know where your home's shut-off valve is and how to turn it on and off.
- * If you leave town, consider turning off your water at the shut-off valve while faucets are running to drain your pipes. Make sure you turn the faucets off before you turn the shut-off valve back on.
- * If you drain your pipes, contact your electric or gas utility company for instructions on protecting your water heater.

IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE

- * If a pipe bursts and floods your home, turn the water off at the shut-off valve. Call a plumber for help if you cannot find the broken pipe or if it is inaccessible. Do not turn the water back on until the pipe has been repaired.
 - * If the pipe has not burst, thaw it out with an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater, or towel soaked with hot water. Apply heat by slowly moving the heat source toward the coldest spot on the pipe. Never concentrate heat in one spot because cracking ice can shatter a pipe. Turn the faucet on and let it run until the pipe is thawed and water pressure returns to normal.
 - * Do not use a blow torch or other open-flame device. They are fire risks and a carbon monoxide exposure risk.
- If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact the County Extension Agent, Makenzie Wyatt at the Eastland Texas AgriLife Extension Office in the Courthouse or call at 254/629-1093 or email at mawyatt@ag.tamu.edu

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