

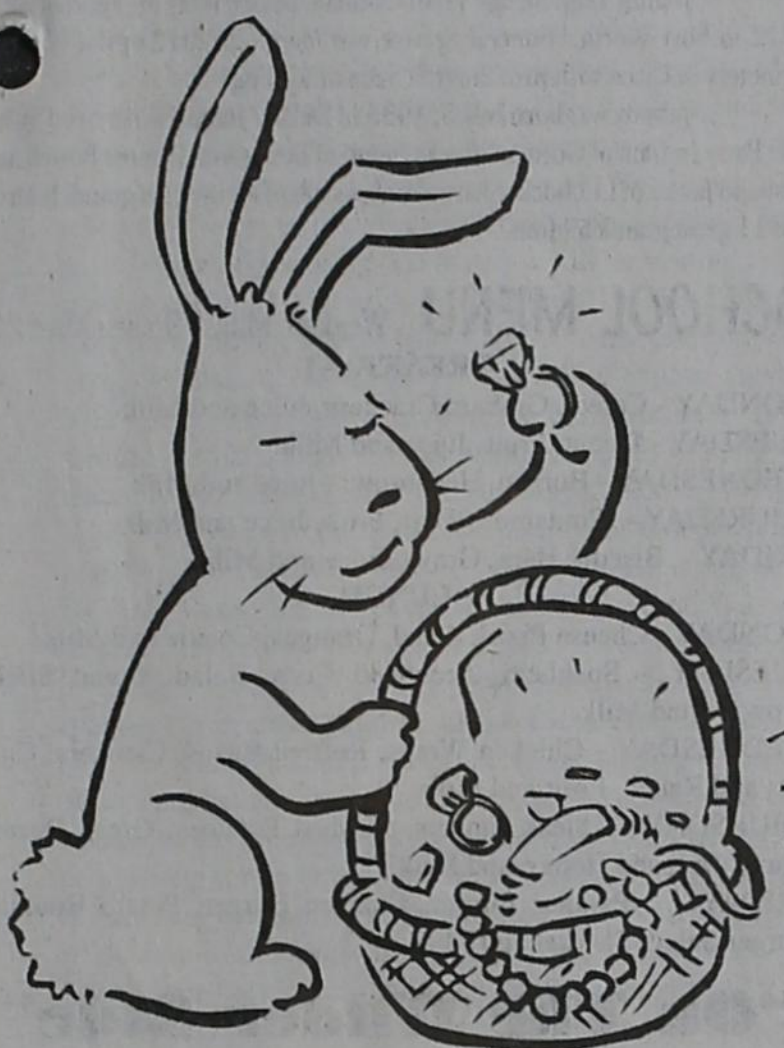
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Easter Treasure Hunt
Saturday April 6th



Easter is just a HOP away. The annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be on Saturday April 6 at the City Park in Downtown Gorman.

Once again Mrs. Bunny is asking for donations to help make this years Treasure Hunt the best ever.

Donations may be left at Bob's Grocery, City Grocery or contact Johnny or Ina Smith at 734-2720. Thank You, Mrs. Bunny

Maxfield Elementary School Honor Roll Fourth Sixth Weeks

First Grade - A - Emma Clark, Caroline Crain, Nash-ton Guthery, Joseph Rainey, Erik Ramirez, Markee Simmons, Michelle Snider and Shaelyn Waters; **B** - Ayden Andrade, Van-essa Davis, Raelena Fenley, Connor Hail, Chasidy Kunze, Lar-issa Massengill, Jerry Murphy, Dalyn Ramirez, Kimie Squyres, Gracie Walton, Kathrine Hair, Gabriyela Herrera, Eli Martinez, Kayle Nichols and Joey Salinas.

Second Grade - A - Aryann Cook, Clarisa Cox, Jacob Harris, Suellyn Hunter, Tony Montelongo, Alan Olivares, Briar Scitern and Natalie Torres; **B** - Brianna Caballero-Satcher, Marco Ramirez, Jasey Rice, Isabella Segura and Breana Shirley.

Third Grade - A - Stacy Gonzales, Hayden Hampton, Skyler Parson, Jessica Rice, Jonathan Rodriguez and Hannah Underwood; **B** - Gustavo Gutierrez, Hallie Hagan, Brylee Johnson, Brylan Laminack, Braeden McDonald and Kaitlyn Morton.

Fourth Grade - A - Rachel Snider and Larissa Hampton; **B** - Dylan Carlton, Caitlyn Clark, Tristyn Davis, Kelsie Guthery, Genaro Madera, Kamren Sparger, Isaiah Landa, Asael Maldona-do, Keaton Moore and Karsyn Scitern.

Fifth Grade - A - Jennifer Cruz and Lauren Underwood; **B** - Rees Byrd, Brandon Hogan, Reece Scitern, Ella Segura, John Warren and Morgan Wright.

“Thank You”

The Family of Lora Faye Warren would like to Thank each one that remembered us at this very difficult time. The phone calls, food, flowers, cards and especially your prayers were deeply appreciated. A Special Thank You for Bro. Barry and Sharlene for everything you did for Mother and for her family after her passing. It was such an honor to have the Messengers touch our hearts with their beautiful music. May God Richly Bless Each and Everyone of You.

Linda Stephens and Family
Mike Warren and Family

“Thank You”

The family of Johnny Ingram would like to say Thank You to everyone who was there in our time of need. Thank you for the cards, prayers, flowers, food and keeping the family in your thoughts and prayers. A special thank you goes out to Bro. Barry and Sharlene for always being there. We would also like to say thank you to Charlie Torrez and family for taking care of the yard.

The Family of
Johnny Ingram

2012 Gorman Track Schedule

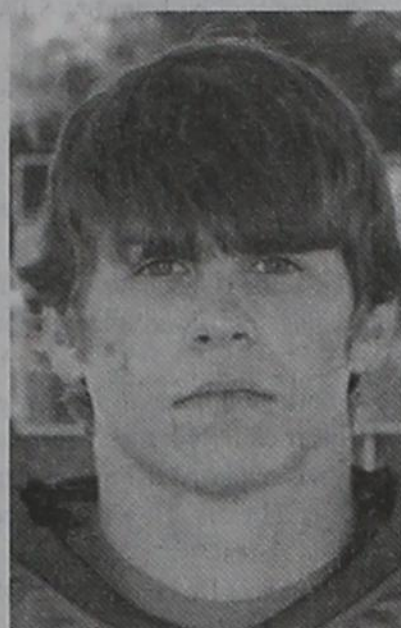
Saturday	March	24	Meridian	Girls/Boys
Friday	March	30	May	Boys
Saturday	March	31	Ranger	Girls
Thursday	April	5	District Track (Blanket)	Girls/Boys
TBA	TBA	TBA	Area Track	Girls/Boys
Fri/Sat	April	27, 28	Regional Track (ACU)	Girls/ Boys
Fri/Sat	May	11, 12	State Track (Austin)	Girls/Boys

2012 Gorman Junior High Schedule

Monday	March	19	May	Girls/Boys
Monday	March	26	Strawn	Girls/Boys
Monday	April	9	District Track (Zephyr)	Girls/Boys

Boys Coach: James Gerick
Girls Coach: Tommy Simmons

Four Panthers Named On All-District 15-1A List



Zach Carlton

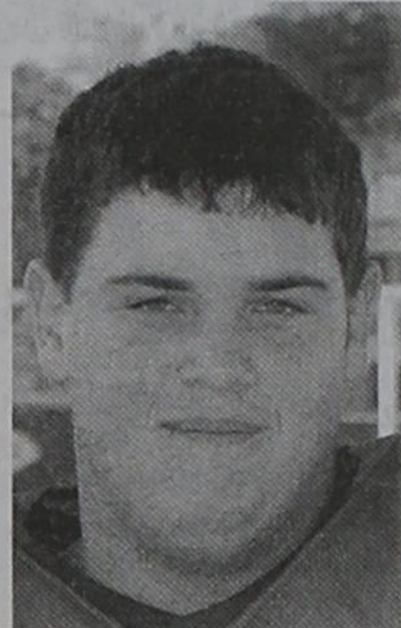
Four Panthers have been named to the All-District 15-1A Teams for the Basketball Season.

Zach Carlton was named as the Most Valuable Player in 15-1A. He is a Sophomore at GHS.

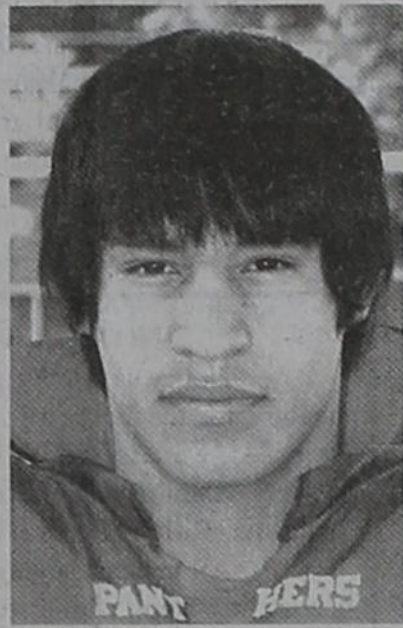
Also making the First Team All-District list was Jon Fenley, Senior and Dakota Pacheco, Sophomore at GHS.

Named to the Second Team was B. J. Ramirez, a Junior at GHS.

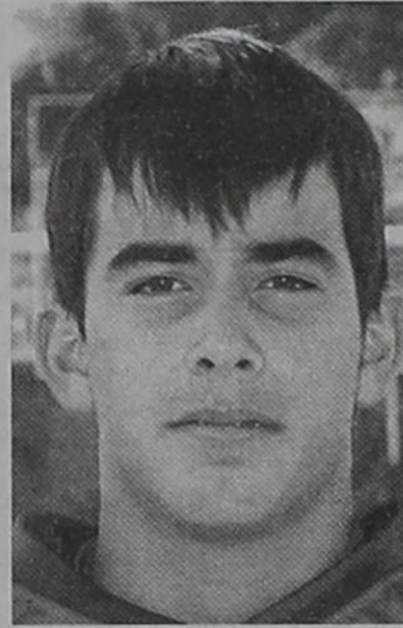
Congratulations to these fine young men.



Jon Fenley



B. J. Ramirez



Dakota Pacheco

Lady Panther Softball News

The Lady Panthers Softball Team defeated Gordon by the score of 14-2 on last Friday in the Ranger Pool Play. The Lady Panthers were led by Melissa Ramirez who hit 2 Homeruns, had 1 Double and 2 Single with 6 RBI's. Kinsey Johnston went 2 for 3, 1 Homerun and 1 Single with 2 RBI's. Megan Gray went 2 for 3 with 2 Singles and 1 RBI. Melissa Ramirez pitched 3 innings with 4 Strikeouts giving up one run. Jacquelyn Rainey pitched 2 innings with 4 Strikeouts and giving up no runs.

In the Second game of Pool Play the Lady Panthers lost to Range 10-4. Lady Panthers were led by Melissa Ramirez with a Double and RBI; Kisha Hampton had RBI Single and Rashea Rainey had a RBI Single.

USDA Reminds Producers of Approaching CRP General Sign-up

WASHINGTON, Mar 7, 2012 — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded landowners, farmers and ranchers that the opportunity to enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up 43 is approaching. Producers who want to offer eligible land for CRP's competitive general sign-up can enroll March 12 through April 6, 2012, at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) service center.

CRP is a voluntary program that assists farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to protect their environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolling in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers in exchange for rental payments, cost-share and technical assistance.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA service center or visit FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp> for additional information regarding CRP.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (Voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD).

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department FISH FRY

The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department will have a Fish Fry on March 31st at the Carbon Community Baptist Church. Menu includes fish, hush puppies, french fries, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink. Serving begins at 5 P.M. and end sat 7 P.M. Cost for Adults is \$8.00 and \$5.00 for Children.

The wives of firemen are reminded to please bring a dessert — any other ladies are welcome to also participate. (Please call Mittie Bledsoe - 254-639-2494.)

Please Come Join Us For A Good Meal And Support A Good Cause.
Thank You For Your Help.

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 BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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
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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 - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

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 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, pond, steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building, nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
 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.
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Obituaries

Ruby Hobbs King

Ruby Hobbs King, 75, of Carbon, passed away March 9, 2012 in a Gorman nursing home. She was born on August 26, 1936 in Rising Star, Texas to Bill and Pearl Thomas Hobbs. She was a retired Food Service Supervisor and was a member of the Church of God. She enjoyed singing and playing her omnichord and playing with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter: Debra England; husband: Tommy McCoy; brothers: Bill Hobbs, Ricky Hobbs, and Bob Hobbs; sisters: Margaret Purdom and Margie Ruilo; and her parents.

Survivors include her husband: Eddie King of Carbon; sons: Tommy McCoy of Arkansas, Calvin Griffin and Dale Griffin, both of Carbon; daughter: Shelley Singleton of DeLeon, Texas; brother: Danny Hobbs of Eastland, Texas; sisters: Ora Hallmark and Velma Bowles, both of Eastland, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were at 2:00 PM, Monday, at Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland, Texas with Pastor Mike McGinn, officiating. Burial was in Eastland City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 - 8 PM, Sunday, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland, Texas.



Larry Durrell Majors

Wednesday, Larry Durrell Majors, age 65 of De Leon, passed away March 7, 2012 at the Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Services were at 2:00 P.M. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Desdemona Cemetery with Masonic Rites at the graveside.

Larry was born June 7, 1946 in Covington, Texas to Wesley Lee Majors and Lois Irene Baxter Majors. He married Jerry Jeanette Sharp on July 31, 1965 in Desdemona, Texas. Larry was employed at Birdsong Peanuts as the local buying point manager for over 21 years. He was a member of the Gorman Masonic Lodge and the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jerry Majors of De Leon; two daughters, Kelli Majors of De Leon and Kim Ryon and husband, Rod of Desdemona; one brother, Johnny Majors and wife, Vickie of Gorman; one sister, Lois Curlee of Cleburne; four grandsons, Eric Ryon, Josh Ryon and Zac Ryon all of Desdemona and Jaron Majors of De Leon; one granddaughter, Ronni Ryon of Desdemona. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Charley Majors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Angela Wanea Burgess Buckley, Deceased, were issued on February 27 2012, in Cause No. 11,585, pending in the County Court of Eastland County, Texas, to: Billy Burgess.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Billy Burgess
 c/o: Lisa Pence, PC
 P.O. Box 1764
 Stephenville, Texas 76401

DATED the 15 day of March, 2012.

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Betty Mathews Arnold

GRANBURY - Betty Mathews Arnold, 81, passed away Thursday, Mar. 8, 2012, in Granbury.

Funeral was at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Granbury First Baptist Church. Burial was at 3:00 p.m. Saturday at Lanes Chapel Cemetery in Clifton, Texas.

Betty Jean was born Dec. 19, 1930, to James Leonard Mathews and Ida Ziegelt Mathews, in Mosheim, Texas. She married Erich Rubben Arnold, Dec. 29, 1951, in Gordon, Texas. She retired from the Kerrville State Hospital after working for many years. She was a member of Granbury First Baptist Church. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, sister, Mary Crawford, and grandson, Grant Burgess.

Survivors: Children and spouses, Dorenda and Wesley Rogers, Mark and Connie Arnold, Kirk and Melanie Arnold, Cheryl and Billy Burgess, all of Granbury; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; sister, Valeria Whitney of Valley Mills; and a brother, James Mathews of Valley Mills.



Johnny Ingram

Johnny Ingram, age 76 of Gorman, passed away on February 27, 2012 in Fort Worth. Funeral Service was March 2, 2012 at the Mitchell Cemetery in Cisco with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating.

Johnny was born July 5, 1935 in Dallas. Johnny is survived by his wife Patsy Ingram of Gorman, Becky Smith of Benbrook, Donna Powell and husband James of Lubbock, Sharon Ambrosiani of Merkel; six grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Mar. 19 thru Mar. 23

BREAKFAST
 MONDAY - Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice and Milk
 TUESDAY - Donut, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Biscuit, Ham, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH
 MONDAY - Cheese Pizza, Salad, Oranges, Cookie and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Spaghetti, Seasoned Corn, Salad, Bread Stick, Brownie and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Chicken Wraps, Refried Beans, Crackers, Carrots and Ranch, Fruit and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Roll and Honey, and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Panther Burger, Chicken Burger, Potato Rounds, Burger Salad, Sherbet and Milk.

"On The Wilder Side"

I know it's a bit brainy, but I thought you might be interested in how the Greek-English Lexicon defines the various words for "love"

Eros is passionate love, with sensual desire and longing. The Modern Greek word "erotas" means "(romantic) love". However, Eros does not have to be sexual in nature. Eros can be interpreted as a love for someone who you love more than the Philia love of friendship. It can also apply to dating relationships as well as marriage. Plato refined his own definition. Although eros is initially felt for a person, with contemplation it becomes an appreciation of the beauty within that person, or even becomes appreciation of beauty itself. It should be noted Plato does not talk of physical attraction as a necessary part of love, hence the use of the word platonic to mean, "without physical attraction".

Philia, means friendship in modern Greek, a dispassionate virtuous love; was a concept developed by Aristotle. It includes loyalty to friends, family, and community, and requires virtue, equality and familiarity. In ancient texts, philia denoted a general type of love, used for love between family, between friends, a desire or enjoyment of an activity, as well as between lovers. This is the only other word for "love" used in the ancient text of the New Testament besides agape, but even then it is used substantially less frequently.

Agape, In Ancient Greek it often refers to a general affection rather than the attraction suggested by "eros"; agape is used in ancient texts to denote feelings for a good meal, one's children, and the feelings for a spouse. It can be described as the feeling of content or holding one in high regard. The verb appears in the New Testament describing, amongst other things, the relationship between Jesus and the beloved disciple. In biblical literature, its meaning and usage is illustrated by self-sacrificing, giving love to all--both friend and enemy. It is used in Matthew 22:39, John 15:12, and in 1 John. However, the word "agape" is not always used in the New Testament in a positive sense. II Timothy 4:10 uses the word in a negative sense. Thus the word "agape" is not always used of a divine love or the love of God. Christian commentators have expanded the original Greek definition to encompass a total commitment or self-sacrificial love for the thing loved. Because of its frequency of use in the New Testament, Christian writers have developed a significant amount of theology based solely on the interpretation of this word.

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

A Letter To The Editor
 By Henry A. Buchanan

Iran poses a problem for America, and for a large part of Europe, because Iran needs nuclear energy, and America and a large part of Europe don't want Iran to have nuclear energy. Why? Because we are all afraid that Iran will use that nuclear energy to make a bomb and will hurt us with it.

Hurt Israel first, because there is bad blood between Iran and Israel. And hurt us because the United States had adopted a protective role toward Israel. That U.S. has Israel's back. The reason for this is partly guilt because of the Holocaust, and mostly religious because American Christianity has never give up its Old Testament roots in Judaism.

But let's get to the root of the problem: It is a lack of trust. Iran has stated plainly and repeatedly that Iran wishes only to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes but we don't trust Iran; we fear, and believe, and acting on our fears, that Iran will build a bomb to drop on Israel - or even Washington D.C.

Trust is now the key word in this matter of what to do about Iran. Trust. It is the basis of the human relationship. In marriage, trust is the necessary element; in the family the children must trust their parents. In business we have to trust. In the functioning of the city, the state, the nation; we must be able to trust.

The same is true of international relationships. We must trust those with whom we live, trade, work and fight. In the matter facing us, we must TRUST the Iranians.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 3/10/2012

It's official! Our name is now just Eastland County Museum. We dropped the "& Historical Society" to prevent confusion with the Eastland County Historical Commission.

We continue to receive calls and messages from families who have artifacts, photos, documents, etc. to donate originals or copies to the Museum. The latest is from a member of the Tuder (now spelled Tudor) family who settled in eastern Eastland County around 1868. We're excited to be receiving this family history along with items from Mrs. Ladell King Randle. Mrs. Randle is providing information and photos about the black community in Eastland including much on the black Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. These will be great additions to the Museum.

The board of the Eastland County Museum welcomes our newest board member, Jeff Clark. Jeff is well known in the area for his diligent county research, especially in the Alameda and Chaney communities and writings of Eastland County history printed in past editions of these newspapers. Jeff is associated with Ranger Realty in Ranger and has already shown great enthusiasm as a board member.

Work began Thursday by Mike McClure Construction on sealing the windows at the Museum. Work continued Friday with the installation of window tinting and UV film. This work should help protect the exhibits from UV exposure and fading, as well as keeping the Museum cooler this summer.

Arrangements been made with Humanities Texas to schedule a series of travelling exhibits to be displayed at the Museum. Hopefully starting this May we will be hosting one exhibit every other month through the end of 2013. Here is a tentative schedule of these exhibits: May 1, 2012 - Annexation: Celebrating Texas Statehood, July 1, 2012 - The Bill of Rights, September 1, 2012 - Lone Star and Eagle: German Immigration to Texas, November 1, 2012 - Texas Writers, January 1, 2013 - The Way Things Were: Texas Settlers and Their Buildings, 1860's-1930's, March 1, 2013 - Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence, May 1, 2013 - The Dust Bowl, July 1, 2013 - The Blessings of Liberty: The U.S. Constitution, September 1, 2013 - Rural Texas Women at Work, 1930-1960, November 1, 2013 - Alamo Images: Changing Perspectives of a Texas Experience. If you would like to help sponsor one of these exhibits, please contact the museum.

The Museum is still working on securing the funds needed to bring the elevator up to state code. We are waiting on confirmation of the estimated \$85,000 cost from Otis and then we will be applying for an Otis grant. We still need to have a backup plan in the event the grant is not approved. If you can help by making a donation to this cause the Museum will be extremely grateful. At this time the elevator cannot be used by the general public and this prevents some from being able to visit the Community Rooms on the 2nd floor. Also this issue is putting an indefinite delay on the plans for the arts incubator on the 4th floor as well as the Museum board preparing the office spaces on the 3rd floor for rental that can bring monthly income to the Museum building fund. The Eastland County Museum is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated!

The Museum hours of operation are Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Want to volunteer?? Stop by the Museum and sign up!

See you next week!
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Cattle Industry Trade Show Showcase

More than 200 exhibitors will showcase the newest products and services to cattle producers across the state at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) 37th Annual Trade Show during the TSCRA Convention Weekend March 30 - April 1, 2012 in Fort Worth.

As the largest cattle industry exhibition in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for anyone involved in livestock production. Whether you own cattle, horses or simply own land the TSCRA Trade Show has something for everyone.

"The TSCRA trade show offers endless opportunities for cattlemen and women to experience some of the most exciting innovations in the industry," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "Not only does the trade show provide ample opportunity for businesses and clients to connect, it's a great way for convention goers to stay current on all the issues affecting cattle raisers."

Exhibitors will showcase the latest in ranch equipment and management tools, animal health products, animal identification, herd management, real estate, veterinary services, seed products and more. Exhibitors will offer door prizes, drawings and giveaways to all Trade Show attendees.

The trade show opens Friday, March 30 at noon. Day passes are available. For information including a complete schedule of events and registration information, visit www.tscra.org/convention.

U.S. Department of Justice Refuses Approval of Photo Identification Law for Texas Voters

The United States Department of Justice today refused to approve Senate Bill 14, passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law in 2011 for the purpose of voter fraud prevention. SB 14 requires voters in Texas to provide certain government issued photo identification when voting to help ensure positive identification at the polls.

"The Dept. of Justice's decision is extremely disappointing, especially since the data they demanded came from matching two separate data sets never designed to be matched, and their agency was warned that matches from these data sets would be misleading," said Secretary of State Hope Andrade. "My office will continue working with the Texas Attorney General's Office in seeking to implement the will of the citizens of Texas, as enacted by our duly elected representatives in the Texas Legislature."

As a result of the Dept. of Justice's refusal to allow implementation of SB 14, current law pertaining to approved documentation required for voting, meaning a Texas Voter Registration Card, will apply in the May 12, 2012 Uniform Election and the May 29, 2012 Primary Elections.

Approved documentation in addition to, or in lieu of a voter registration card includes at least one of the following:

- A driver's license or personal identification card issued to you by the Texas Department of Public Safety. You may also bring a similar document issued to you by an agency of another state, even if the license or card has expired;
- A form of identification that contains your photograph and establishes your identity;
- A birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the person's identity;
- Your United States citizenship papers;
- Your United States passport;
- Official mail addressed to you by a governmental entity; or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

For additional voter information, please visit www.VoteTexas.gov.

WASHINGTON, Mar 5, 2012 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced revised loan rate ranges and base-quality ranges for upland cotton strength and length uniformity, and changes to the staple lengths for which distinct color and leaf loan rate differentials are provided.

CCC uses measures of strength and length uniformity in determining the price support value of a bale of upland cotton. The base-quality ranges for these factors are those for which loan rate premiums and discounts do not apply.

Effective with the loan schedule for 2012 crop upland cotton, the value ranges for strength and length uniformity loan rate adjustments will be denoted in whole units, consistent with the price reporting of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). For example, the 2011-crop loan adjustments were provided for ranges such as 25.5 - 26.4 grams per tex for strength and 79.5 - 82.4 percent for length uniformity. Effective for the 2012 crop, whole-unit ranges are established such as 25.0 - 25.9 grams per tex for strength and 80.0 - 80.9 percent for length uniformity.

Effective with the 2012 crop loan schedule, the base quality range for strength is established at 26.0 - 28.9 grams per tex and for length uniformity at 80.0 - 81.9 percent. These new ranges are consistent with AMS price reporting and the objectives of the marketing assistance loan program.

CCC is also revising the upland cotton staple lengths for which distinct differentials are provided. All upland cotton having staple lengths of 31/32-inch and shorter will be subject to one distinct schedule of color grade and leaf differentials. Additionally, upland cotton of staple length 37/32-inch will be subject to color grade and leaf differentials separate from those applicable to all upland cotton of staple lengths of 38/32-inch and longer.

To inquire about these revisions to loan rate base-quality ranges, please contact Gene Rosera, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff at (202) 720-8837 or by e-mail at Gene.Rosera@wdc.usda.gov.

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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Covered in Red Tape

A few days ago, I was honored to speak to the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Policy Focus Luncheon entitled "Covered in Red Tape? The Regulatory Burden on Business and Industry." I spoke about over-regulation by the federal government which impacts business development and job creation. Entrepreneurship and innovation are crippled by the complexity of regulation compliance, and distracts small businesses from focusing on the innovative ideas that move a business and society forward. This problem is getting worse every day.

Reining in spending is also vital to the future of our children, graduating college students, and small business owners who are pursuing the American dream. If spending is not reduced, the taxes that will be needed to pay off our debt will lower the standard of living for future generations. I will continue to vote against bills that only seek to expand government's influence into all facets of Americans' lives. We must scale back redundant government agencies, eliminate waste, and begin to reform the tax code to make it more simple and fair. I am ready for these challenges, and will continue to advocate West Texas values here in Congress.

Dodd-Frank by the Numbers

On March 7th, I went on the Willis Report on Fox Business to discuss the research my subcommittee, Oversight and Investigations on House Financial Services, has done on Dodd-Frank rules and regulations. Among other information, we've found that the first 140 rules of Dodd-Frank (out of 400) will take an estimated 22.6 million man hours per year to comply with. Watch the full interview here.

President Obama's Wavering Support for Israel

Last week, I signed a letter with 85 of my colleagues to President Obama requesting his unequivocal support for Israel. America has resolutely stood beside the Israeli people since Israel was first recognized as a state in 1948. The letter questions President Obama's commitment to Israel, and adamantly requests that he quit downplaying the importance of Israel's right to defend itself. The United States must remain staunch friends with Israel to ensure that freedom, democracy and security in the Middle East ultimately prevail.

What a blessing all the rain was! I was really glad to see the sun, though.

We now know who the really die-hard dance enthusiasts are - all who came to the DAC dance last Saturday night! It was amazing how many folks came out in that cold, rainy weather! Thank you for coming.

Are you all ready for another experiment at the DAC? On Saturday, March 24, we will have an Italian dinner. The serving will start at 6:00. The Mexican dinner was sooooo good and I feel sure the Italian dinner will be, too. The cost is by donation.

On April 5th, there will be a defensive driving class for seniors here at the DAC. Watch Pig Tales for more information.

The next 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be April 7th.

Let's all give thanks for the wonderful rain!

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Carbon Community Center News

The Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will not be held March 31st, due to a scheduling conflict with the Carbon Volunteer Fire Department's Fish Fry. The next 5th Saturday Musical will be held June 30th, with music and dinner offered for \$5 beginning at 5:30pm.

The Musical held December 31st was enjoyed by all. Enthusiasm was evident when drawings were held at various times throughout the evening. Local merchants donated a wide variety of items that were awarded to lucky recipients.

Donations given away were provided by Fullen Motor Company, Francie's Fountain and Deli, Amber's, Bryan's Auto Supply, Valentino's Restaurant, McDonald's, Randall Ford, Fullenwider Dodge, Gold Lantern, Hallmark Cards, Majestic Theater and Tractor Supply Company. These donations were won by Billy Mitchell, Doug Sessums, Bernice Mitchell, Janis Keith, Gayle Blacklock, Buddy Notgrass, R.L. Miller, Margie Lassiter and T.J. Cummings.

Additional donations have been received from The Silver Bullet, Higginbotham Brothers, Greer's Clothing and Radio Shack, and drawings will be held to determine lucky winners during the next Musical in June.

Groups performing were well received by the audience. We extend our thanks to these musicians for using their talent to provide pleasure for others and we offer an open invitation to other individuals or groups to participate.

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 value. 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.

Our 5th Saturday Musicals are held to provide an occasion for folks to enjoy music played and sung by local folks, to appreciate good meals and to make funding available that helps with repairs and maintenance to the building. Make long range plans to invite your neighbors and bring your family to our June Musical.

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HEALTH & NUTRITION

Portion Control: The Key to Weight Loss

NewsUSA

(NU) - The rigors of appearing on the reality TV show *The Biggest Loser* led Lisa Mosley to the emotional breakthrough that empowered her to lose almost 100 pounds. But it was portion control that kept her losing weight when she returned home from the set.

"I live on the motto 'Moderation not deprivation,'" she says. "As soon as I got home from the ranch, I started using a small plate instead of big dinner plates. It has been extremely successful for me."

Mosley didn't start gaining weight until she was about 20, when she began taking medication for a chronic anxiety disorder. The medication made her feel like a new person, but within six months she began to gain weight. Over the next 10 years she gained about 120 pounds.

By 2010, Lisa had suffered several personal setbacks. She had been laid off from her job, had lost her home and had no prospects to find work. The defining moment in her struggle to lose weight came when she discovered that her daughter had stopped eating and drinking because she didn't want to be heavy like her mom.

That spurred Lisa to take action, including her willingness to bare her soul on *The Biggest Loser*.

When Lisa left the show, she had dropped 60 pounds. But she continued to lose weight, dropping another 37 pounds at home after she learned to control the size of her portions.



Moderation, not deprivation, is the key to losing weight.

She recently became the national spokeswoman for Yum Yum Dishes, sets of hand-painted 4-ounce ceramic bowls. Tracy Adler, mother of two and former restaurant owner, created the bowls to help parents and kids control the size of their snacks.

"The idea for these dishes is what got me through this," Mosley says. "A lot of times when I have entered into diets in the past, I went into it thinking I am never going to get a cookie, ice cream, or a piece of cake again. I was never successful with that," she adds. "These dishes remind you that your life isn't over and you are not going to be missing out."

Today Mosley works as a fitness boot camp instructor and personal trainer. She weighs about 190 pounds, wears a size 12 and is happy with herself.

"I am literally a different person," she says, "not just in how I feel physically but also how I feel mentally and emotionally."

For more information, visit www.yumyumdishes.com.

HOME

De-Junk Before Spring Cleaning

NewsUSA

(NU) - Spring is rounding the bend - meaning we're shedding the winter blues and leaping at the chance to glimpse real sunlight. It's also when the age-old practice of spring cleaning comes a knocking.

Some say spring cleaning originated with the Chinese, who roll up their sleeves and sweep their floors to clean out the bad luck and misfortune of the previous year.

Others say it's just biology. Winter's lack of sunlight causes us to produce hormones that induce sleep, and spring cleaning is our way of waking up from a melatonin lethargy.

Regardless, we feel compelled to kick out the dirt and grime and open our windows. To help give you a head start, we consulted the removal specialists at 1-800-GOT-JUNK? The experts say you must first get the junk out in an environmentally friendly way so the real cleaning can begin.

"We're heading into our busy season now, and every spring our customers tell us the same thing: 'I'm trying to spring clean, but I have so much stuff!'" explains 1-800-GOT-JUNK? public relations director Tania Venn. "Over the years, we've accumulated the best tips to help people get prepared for spring cleaning."

Read on for de-junking 101:

- 1. Set goals.** Your clear vision will help keep you motivated.
- 2. Plan ahead.** Where will you take recyclable items? Donatable items?



Before you can spring clean, it helps to get rid of the junk accumulated over the year.

- 3. Take advantage of family and friends.** Hold a house spring cleaning, and offer to return the favor! Perhaps find a new home for some of your things?
- 4. Focus on one room at a time.** The success of finishing one room will drive you on to the next.
- 5. Remove unwanted items.** Create a staging area, or remove them to preserve clarity.
- 6. Be ruthless.** Anything that you don't use regularly or has no sentimental value should get taken away.
- 7. Organize the room.** Use existing organizing units, or purchase new ones.
- 8. Clean.** It's beyond satisfying.
- 9. Reward yourself.** If you're following the list, you deserve it.
- 10. Professionalize.** Consider using a professional service to remove junk, organize or clean if you feel overwhelmed.

To learn more about de-junking and eliminating clutter the environmental way, go to 1800gotjunk.com.

Happenings At FBC!!

Hallelujah! Our Worship Service began with the privilege of witnessing a fine young man that was saved at camp several years ago follow Christ in Baptism on this special day. God's timing is perfect. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:

March 14th - Youth, Mission Friends, & TeamKids Out for Spring Break.

March 18th - World Hunger Day - Bean & Rice Luncheon after Morning Worship Service.

March 25th - Sunday School Live - Youth Teach All Children's Classes.

April 1st - Youth Ugly Tie Contest - Bro. Barry gets to wear the "Winning Tie"!!!

April 8th - Easter - The Messengers, Baby Dedication, Youth Egg Hunt, Family Pictures, Bunny.

Children's Sermon: Nikki showed the children puzzle pieces so, naturally, they wanted to put it together. There was a piece missing and it wouldn't be complete without it. It was a lamb, they put the piece in to complete the puzzle. We are like puzzles with different parts and pieces. Our minds make decisions, our muscles make us strong, and our feelings make us happy or sad. When we ask Jesus to come into our heart He makes us complete. Thank you, God, for giving us Your Son to make each one of us complete. Amen.

Special Music: Jill Rainey and Joe Williams led us in Worship through song. "Word of God Speak" so appropriately and magnificently prepared us for the Word Bro. Barry was to Preach.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Doxology" - Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT) - Documentaries tell us the most powerful thing on earth was the atom bomb, and in recent times it's weapons of mass destruction. Words can be hurtful and destructive. It only takes one word to send the weapon. Where do words come from? National Geographic tells us that new words are tracked for ten years before they can be entered into the Oxford English Dictionary. Bro. Barry amused us with new words like floordrobe: the clothes discarded on the floor of your bedroom.

"DOXA" - Sense of God's love for you.

1. Kings Majority.
2. Supreme Rules.
3. God's Absolute Perfections.
4. Splendour.
5. Glory.

"LOGOS" - Finishes the word; heart to brain then out of your mouth.

1. Collection.
2. Collecting Thoughts In the Mind.
3. Expressing Those Thoughts Through Words.

DOXOLOGY:

1. A Word of Glory.
2. Word of Praise. Words no good will soon find you out.

PAUL PRAYS FOR THE CHURCH:

1. Be Filled With God's Power (Ephesians 3:16) - Filled with presence like no other.
2. Live Out the Awesome Love of God. - Majesty can't be explained.
3. Experience the Fullness of God Himself. - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.

Ephesians 3:20) Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21) Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

God Is Able To Do Exceeding Abundantly Beyond All That We Ask Or Think. The most powerful thing on earth is His Word, The Word, The Holy Bible.

What you are as a Christian and what we are as a Church means nothing if it's not done with Praise and Glory to God. The Congregation reverently sang together, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Gohst." Live in Jesus, make your life an instrument of praise and glory to Him!

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!

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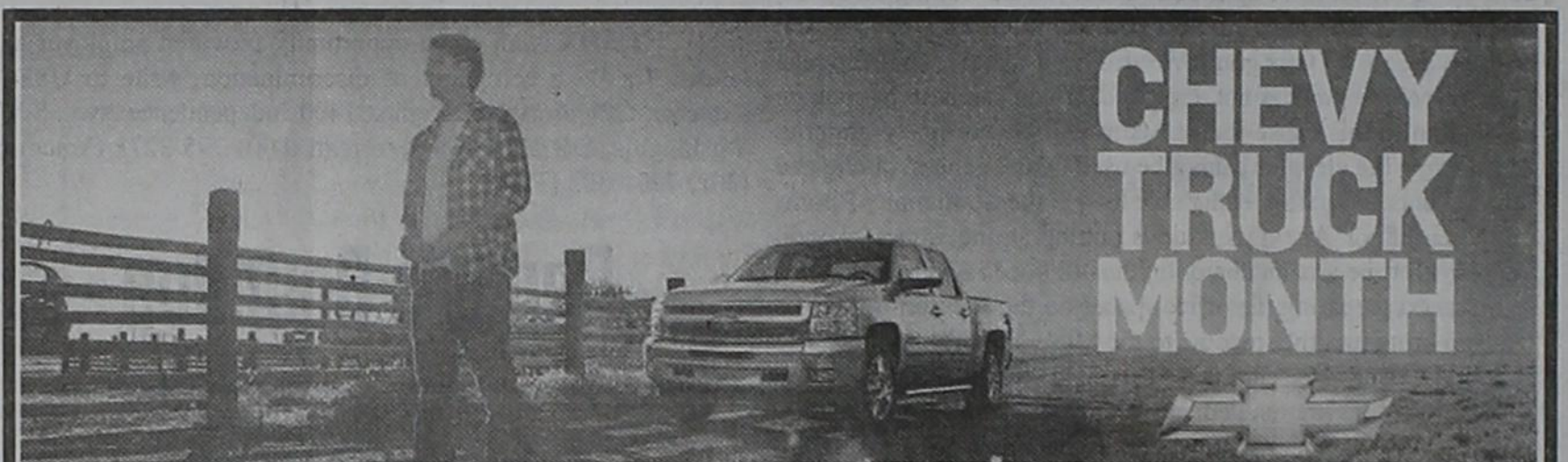
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