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Cisco Civic League Holiday Extravaganza

Cisco Civic League's 5th Annual Holiday Table Extravaganza will be held December 10th at the Hilton Community Center, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Civic League members will show elaborately decorated Holiday Tables. A salad luncheon will be served.

The cost for viewing the

tables, enjoying the Holiday foods and taking home a recipe booklet is \$10.00. Tickets are available from any Civic League member, or may be purchased at the door.

All proceeds will go to the Civic League's project fund. The public is invited to attend and share the Holiday fun.

Winter Weather Chills County More Expected!

By Thursday, Dec. 3 Eastland County was in the middle of weather systems which had brought rain, snow, sleet and frost to the area.

This was quite a contrast to the bright and beautiful afternoons we had experienced around Thanksgiving.

Although the sun was out some on Thursday, and the temperature rose to 41 degrees, predictions were for snow on Friday and a cold 23 degrees early Saturday morning.

Soaking rains began on Tuesday of this week, and totals varied around the county. City Hall at Gorman reported more than 2.5 inches, with snow on the ground Wednesday morning.

Judy Green at Rising Star City Hall reported good rains Tuesday, with the ground covered in snow on Wednesday morning. She noted a heavy frost on Thursday morning, with ice on her porch. There was an overnight temperature of 25 degrees.

Citizens of Ranger reported a good rain Tuesday and a brisk snowfall early

Wednesday morning.

Southeast of Cisco there was a rain total of .9 inches - very welcome. The winter wheat can really use that. It turned so cold and wet by Tuesday night, however, that Cisco had to cancel its popular Christmas Parade.

Members of the Cisco Writers Club, however, went ahead and met in the warm Community Room at American State Bank.

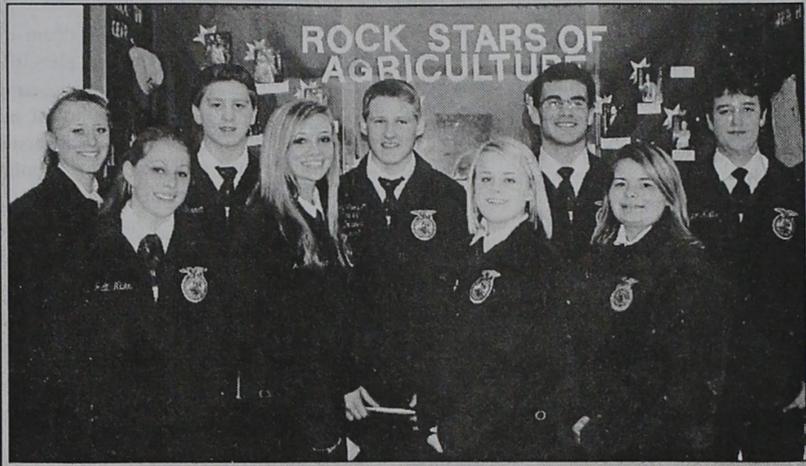
At the Eastland Fire Department, their rain totals were reported as .33. The rains Tuesday were apparently a factor in a roll-over accident on I-20 in the Eastland area.

On Wednesday morning there was some sleet observed in Eastland.

The rains soaked into the dry ground - there had been little moisture in November. Along with current totals, the Fire Department at Eastland reported only 19.90 inches for the year 2009 so far. If this trend continues, the county will run about six inches under its usual rainfall for a year.

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Cisco FFA Chapter Conducting Team Advance To The State Contest



The Cisco FFA Sr. Chapter Conducting Team placed 2nd at the Area FFA Leadership Development Contest on Saturday, November 21st. There are 74 schools in Area IV. They will be traveling to Huntsville this weekend to compete in the State Contest which will be held at Sam Houston State University. Team members are (back row, l-r) Britani Gattis, Levi Garrett, Jeffery Thompson, Josh Martinez, and Clayton Keifer; (front row, l-r) Judith Nicks, Hailey Richardson, Cassidy Lane, and Victoria Knaupp. Not pictured is Jessica Thompson.

Public Invited

The Eastland County 9/12 Project To Meet Tuesday, December 8

By Jon Francis

The day after 9/11, there was a unity of purpose in our country.

On 9/12, we weren't this political party or that. We weren't this race or that. We were Americans... period. We had a different attitude that day. We were reminded of who we are and what we stand for. We started to take a look at things a little differently, too.

If you are like me, you are proud of your country. You are proud of the good this nation has done and continues to do in the world.

If you are like me, you are thankful for the freedoms

and prosperity that are available to all. You realize that freedom also means you are free to fail. There are no guarantees and no free lunches. There is no such thing as "free" anything, let alone health care.

If you are like me, you agree that improvements can and should be made in Washington. But, destroying the foundations that made our freedoms and prosperity possible is not the way to improve on what we already have.

If you are like me, you don't really believe the politicians hear your voice no matter how many times you call or write their office.

If you are like me, you have officially had enough and realize that to fix it... to save the United States as we know it... we have to get involved. We have to educate ourselves so we can educate our children. We have to stand up and say, "enough is enough". We have to insist that the Constitution, the Law of the Land, be treated with the respect it deserves.

For these reasons, the

Eastland County 9/12 Project was formed.

You might say we are "Community Organizers". We are not from just one religious denomination, race or political party. We are from them all. But, we all love this country, its founding ideals and our Constitution. Our primary purpose is to help get our country back on track by following and promoting our list of nine principles and twelve values and to restore the Constitution of the United States.

Our next meeting is this coming Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the new Myrtle Wilks Community Center in Cisco. We plan to meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month.

We have decided to stand up. We would like to invite you to stand up with us. Please bring your children and your neighbors.

P.S. We will discuss specifics in our next column of what we all can do together to bring about change.)

Quotes From 9/12 Web Site
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Toy and Food Drives Set

You may notice that your church has set up a toy and food drive for the Cisco Good Fellows. This areawide church drive will conclude on Sunday, December 6th and all of the items will be picked up the following week. If you need us to stop by and pick up your donation of nonperishable food items or new toys please call Goodfellows at (254)442-4479.

Cisco Food Pantry Hours

The Cisco Food Pantry's distribution days will be December 18th from 3:30

PM to 5:30 PM at 206 West 9th St.

On December 5th Goodfellows plans to have a toy and food drive outside of Walmart in Eastland and on Saturday December 12th we will be in front of Cisco Brookshires.

McMillian State Farm Insurance in Cisco is also collecting toys for the Goodfellows. Also the elementary school will begin their annual food drive for Goodfellows after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you for all of your help this year providing a brighter Christmas for all.

City Council Special Called Meeting Monday

Notice is hereby given that a Special Called meeting of the governing body of the City of Cisco will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Invocation.
- III. Citizen-Council Discussion.

Pursuant to policy set by the City Council a five (5) minute time limit per person is established for anyone wishing to address the Council on subjects pertaining to the City.

IV. Approve minutes of the meeting conducted on: November 13, 2009.

- V. Reports
 1. Financial Report - Peggy Ledbetter
 2. City Manager Report - Jim Baker

VI. The City Council may discuss and/or take action on any of the following agenda items:

1. Consider and discuss property at 604 W. 11th
2. Consider and discuss sewer grease trap regulations
3. Consider and discuss TEAM Building and Long Range Planning.

VII. Personnel Executive Session: The City Council reserves the right to retire into Executive Session to discuss matters regarding employees of the City of Cisco subject to the authority of TGC 551.074

VII. Reconvene into Regular Session and take action, if needed, on items discussed during Executive Session

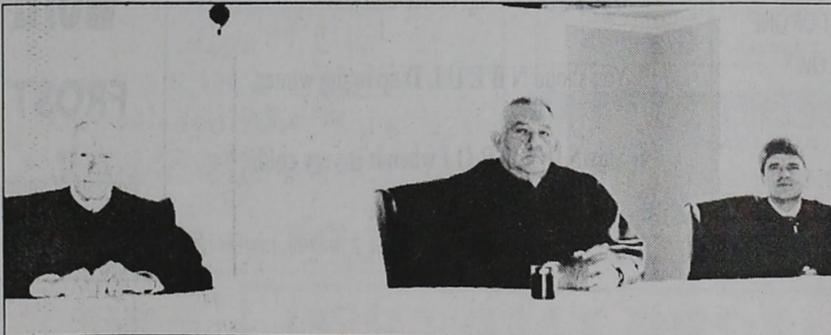
- VIII. Adjournment.

McMillan State Farm Food And Toy Drive

Eddie McMillan State Farm Insurance Agency will be having their 2nd Annual Food and Toy Drive again for the Holiday Season this year. As numerous families in Cisco are struggling during these economic times, it is important for our community to band together and help these people not only year round, but especially during the Holidays.

Eddie's office is accepting nonperishable food items and new, unwrapped toys now till December 11th. All food items will be going to the Cisco Food Pantry and toys will be given to the Cisco Goodfellows for them to distribute.

Items can be dropped off at Eddie McMillan's office at 801 Conrad Hilton, Monday through Friday from 9-5:00. "Santa's Helpers" will be excited to accept your donations. Please help make a difference in these peoples lives and give!



L to R. Justice Terry McCall, Chief Justice Jim R. Wright, and Justice Rick Strange heard two cases Thursday in the Connellee Hotel Roof Garden.

Legal Visitors Get Roof Garden Exposure To 11th Appeals Action: See How It Works

Two 11th Court of Appeals cases were heard Thursday morning at the Roof Garden of the Connellee Hotel. Principals and visitors were also given special tours of the Mediation Center on the Seventh Floor by Retired Appeals Court Chief Justice Austin McCloud.

Chief Justice Jim Wright, Justice Terry McCall and Rick Strange heard two cases Thursday morning. Five cases had been scheduled for the day, according to Clerk Sherry Williamson, but

the afternoon sessions were canceled.

Among the special visitors for this public court action were eight students from Ranger College, who were especially cited for their interest in public affairs.

The visitors had a good look at Eastland including the now-under-construction Austin McCloud Appeals Court Museum, on the Square.

All county schools were invited to attend this special session, and future sessions

are expected to be held at the Connellee. The Court presently has a program of traveling to various sites including colleges and universities as well as far west as Midland in order to give the public an opportunity to truly examine how the appeals system works. In most cases, it is the last resort, because the

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From Page One Winter Weather

Lake Leon is slowly dropping under its capacity. On Thursday, Dec. 3 it stood at 1368.72 ft., more than 6 ft. down from its elevation when full.

The unsettled weather in Eastland County is a result of a Pacific Front, surges of Arctic air, and warm, moist air coming up from the Gulf of Mexico. This big winter storm has impacted New Mexico all the way south to El Paso. That border city has had an inch of rain and two snowfalls in the past four days.

Now the big weather system is lumbering toward us from the west and northwest, and Eastland County and the area is under a Hazardous Weather Outlook.

The snow was expected to begin in the north portions of Texas on Thursday night (late) and hit here by Friday morning. The snow is forecast to be 1 to 2 inches, with the heaviest to the south of us. It is supposed to be lighter north of 1-20.

Travel could become hazardous.

The snow should end from west to east on Friday afternoon and evening, and there

is supposed to be a gradual warm up during the weekend.

I really dislike the cold, but we could sure use some more moisture!

By Viola Payne

From Page One 11th Appeals

Texas Supreme Court does not accept all cases.

At 10 a.m. the case was of Jim Hill and Gary Horton vs. principals and the Sportsman's World Ranch Owner's Association, Inc., out of Palo Pinto County.

At 11 a.m. the case was Norma Fuqua and Owen Fuqua vs. Oncor Electric Delivery Co., out of Brown County.

Eight cases were submitted on briefs, two from Eastland.

The number of visiting attorneys were reportedly impressed with what they saw in Eastland.

The Court adjourned to Louise's Cafe for "old time sake."

From Page One 9/12 Project

The 9 Principles

1. America Is Good.
2. I believe in God and He is the Center of my Life.

God "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

from George Washington's first Inaugural address.

3. I must always try to be a more honest person than I was yesterday.

Honesty "I hope that I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider to be the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." George Washington

4. The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.

Marriage/Family "It is in the love of one's family only that heartfelt happiness is known. By a law of our nature, we cannot be happy without the endearing connections of a family." Thomas Jefferson

5. If you break the law you pay the penalty. Justice is blind and no one is above it.

Justice "I deem one of the essential principles of our government... equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political." Thomas Jefferson

6. I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no

guarantee of equal results.

Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness "Everyone has a natural right to choose that vocation in life which he thinks most likely to give him comfortable subsistence." Thomas Jefferson

7. I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to. Government cannot force me to be charitable.

Charity "It is not everyone who asketh that deserveth charity; all however, are worth of the inquiry or the deserving may suffer." George Washington

8. It is not un-American for me to disagree with authority or to share my personal opinion.

On your right to disagree "In a free and republican

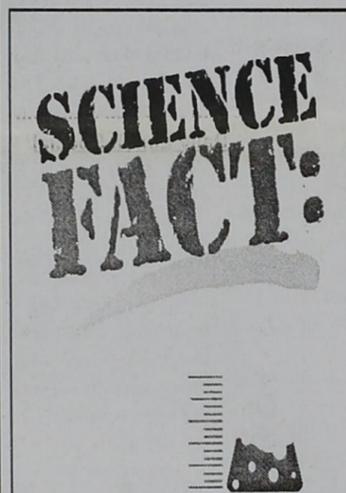
government, you cannot restrain the voice of the multitude; every man will speak as he thinks, or more properly without thinking." George Washington

9. The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.

Who works for whom? "I consider the people who constitute a society or a nation as the source of all authority in that nation." Thomas Jefferson

The 12 Values
Honesty, Reverence, Hope, Thrift, Humility, Charity, Sincerity, Moderation, Hard Work, Courage, Personal Responsibility, Gratitude

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Winter Word Find

Just in time for the winter season, see how many related words you can find and circle in the puzzle.

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| COAT | HAT | SNOW |
| COLD | ICE | TEMPERATURE |
| FLURRY | INDOORS | WIND |
| GLOVES | SCARF | WINTER |

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D R A K I P W N G N X E
E F A H M L T O V W K E
F X S F K T F W G D T J

Cold-Weather Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the sentences.

1. Check your T A I H G E N before winter.
2. S R T E I can slip on ice and snow.
3. You should N B E U L D up in the winter.
4. Stay S D N O R O I when it is very cold.

Answers: 1. heating 2. tires 3. bundle 4. indoors

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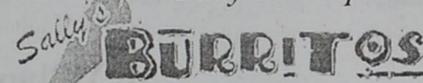
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PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SKI GOGGLES

Eastland County eTeen Community Bible Study To Begin In February

A new student ministry is coming to Eastland County by the way of Community Bible Study. The Ladies Day Class in Eastland started about 18 years ago and now there will be an eTeen class held in Cisco starting February 2, 2010. The eTeen class will be for middle school students from all over the community. The mission of Community Bible Study is "to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities - through caring, in-depth Bible study available to all."

The servant's team that will be the shepherding leaders for the class are Tim McKinney as Teaching Director, Nina Jo Anderson as Associate Teaching Director and Jill Fields as the Coordinator. They each traveled to Colorado Springs, CO for an intense four days of training. Sherry Wright was also at training studying to be an Area Director for the Student Ministry of CBS. Her area will cover a large portion of west Texas to central Texas.

The team is in the middle of the planning stages of this ministry and would appreciate all your prayers for this class. The prayer group started in June 2008 and they have been praying ever



Jill Fields, Sherry Wright, Nina Jo Anderson and Tim McKinney attended leadership training for Community Bible Study in Colorado Springs, CO.

since! God has put this class together and the team wishes to thank the Lord and give Him all the glory of what has been done and what will be accomplished through eTeen. What has been planned so far is that it will take place on Tuesday nights at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center from 6:30 - 8:30. There will be a meal, praise and worship, and core group time for going over the lessons. The beginning spring lessons will last about 8 weeks.

On December 6 there will be an informational gathering. If you feel that God is calling you to this ministry,

please contact Jill Fields at 254-442-4339 for more information on how to attend the gathering.

Eastland Rifle and Pistol Club

The Eastland Rifle & Pistol Club will hold their monthly meeting this Tuesday December 8th at 7:00 P.M. We will discuss plans we have for the 2010 year and seek the input and ideas from our members.

We will also have our yearly HOLIDAY party at this time. We invite members and spouse to come and bring a dish or snack at this pot-luck event.

Thanks to all who have donated their time and services to make the 2009 year a great success. We intend to continue improvements to our facilities in the year ahead. See you at the party.

Sincerely Yours
Robert Latham
Secretary ER&Pistol Club

Smart Financial Moves Can Help Brighten Holiday Season

If you're like many people, you're watching your dollars carefully this year as you shop for the holidays. And that's a good thing, because even in the best of times, it's never wise to go overboard on gifts. But by making the right moves during this holiday season, you can also help ensure that you stay on track toward your long-term financial goals.

Specifically, what steps should you take during these weeks? Here are a few suggestions:

•**Avoid racking up big debts.** The last thing you want is to take on a new debt load. Everyone in your life who is important enough to receives a gift from you will understand if you don't splurge on presents you can't afford. And winter can be gloomy when you're trying to pay off big credit card bills from the past holiday season.

•**Establish a gift fund.** For next year's gift-giving season, you may want to open a special "gift fund". Of course it's not easy for any of us to find "extra" money after we've paid our bills, so the best way to set up your gift fund may be to have the money moved automatically each month from your checking or savings account

to another liquid account - one you don't normally touch for your day-to-day expenses. Even if you can afford to put in only a small amount each month, you might be surprised at how much you can accumulate in a year.

•**Don't touch long-term investments to pay for gifts.** Some people tap into their long-term investments to pay for holiday gifts, telling themselves they'll reimburse the investment when they get caught up - but that rarely happens. In fact, if you cash out part of an investment to pay for a gift or an everyday expense, you can set yourself back in your pursuit of your financial objectives - so do whatever you can to help pressure those investments. Apart from setting up a gift fund, you'll also want to make sure you have a reasonable amount of "cash" and cash equivalents in your investment portfolio.

•**Protect yourself from identity theft.** Victims of identity theft can testify that it's an enormous - and possibly expensive - hassle. Unfortunately, identity theft seems

to go up during the holiday season, so take steps to protect yourself. When you go out shopping, take just one debit or credit card with you - and look around whenever you use it. Identity thieves have been known to copy down credit card numbers and even photograph credit cards with cell phones. Also, if you're shopping online, make sure you're on a secure Web site. One way to check for a secure site is to look for "https" in the Web address, along with the icon of the locked padlock on your browser's status bar.

•**Shop early for bargains.** As you probably know, the best bargains come during stores' "after-holiday" sales. By taking advantage of these sales, you can stock up on gifts for the next holiday season.

By following these suggestions, you may be able to remove a lot of the financial stress that often accompanies the holidays - and that, by itself, can help you enjoy the season even more.

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Bible Software Demonstration At Adventist Church In Eastland

Public Invited

The Cross Timbers Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold a demonstration on Sat., Dec. 5 on how to study God's word using Logos Bible software.

This will be held at the fellowship hall of the church, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be no charge for the demonstration.

The Cross Timbers Church is located at 1233 North Seaman in Eastland,

just north of Morgan Bldg. Center.

Logos helps you take Bible study further than you ever imagined. With its easy technology, Logos can enhance your daily devotions, biblical and theological research, and much more. This software deals with a number of translations of the Bible.

The public is invited to come out to this demonstration, with a special invitation to pastors of all churches in the area.

Gospel Singing In Ranger December 5

Gospel Singing December 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Ranger Church of God corner of Strawn Road and 1st Streets. All singers and musicians are invited to come sing and play at the 1st Saturday of the Month Gospel Singing.

Tracts and live music are both welcome!

If you are not a singer or musician come and listen to some

great music. Come early for a good seat.

Free food and refreshments for everyone.

For information call 254-647-3500.

Come join us each Sunday Morning at 10 a.m. for Good Ole Down Home Country Gospel Music and the Biblical preaching of God's Word.

Get A Life At The Woodlands

Submitted by June Sportsman

Let's start with the good news first. Our Activity Director, Melody Johnson, has passed her online course with flying colors, and is now certified. Congratulations and we are so proud of you.

Also kudos to the ones responsible for cleaning the yards on East Main St. to I-20. Eastland's front yard entrance looks so much better. Wish we could find a way to utilize the empty buildings along that street. Our neat little city deserves a better entrance. Here is a suggestion to get rid of an eyesore on West Highway 6 almost at the city limits on the North side. Could the Eastland Volunteer Fire Dept. use it as a training site for extinguishing a building fire and also a grass fire? Maybe our VFD neighbors could even participate. It could be a prime piece of property.

Hope you had a chance to ride around and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. The road around Lake Leon was spectacular. The highway to Abilene is still beautiful in the Baird area hills. Almost overnight the crepe myrtle leaves became a brilliant red in our courtyard and elsewhere.

Our Mavs lost, but we were there on the highway with signs and a balloon release as they passed our facility on the way to Cisco. Our day will come guys- Hang in there!

Thanksgiving, family and friends came and went. Hope all of you had a great time. Our lobby was beauti-

fully decorated thanks to the home health agencies. We really appreciate all you do for the residents. Now we are busy with Christmas decor.

In November, we had some great entertainment. Regular scheduled events include Sunday morning church service with Tim Dane, free manicures every other Wednesday for residents, Alzheimer's Support Group, birthday party for those whose birthday falls during the month, bingo and Tarrah Cosmetics with door prizes.

Several attended the USO show at the First Baptist Church. Doug White and Bobbie Wheeler were recognized for serving in World War II.

Family and friends honored Doris Walton on her 90th birthday on November 15th.

The kids from Mulberry School sang to us as did Cindy Mace, a song-writer and composer. We also enjoyed the Country Cloggers one night. They now practice here as we have an ideal wooden floor for them. If you would like to volunteer entertainment, call Melody at 254-629-1001 to schedule a time.

Winter is here so stay warm, get your flu shot(s), and be thankful for the much needed moisture we are getting.

Live Life Longer and Love It At The Woodlands.

Poetry Corner

Christmas

It's Christmas time once again

When God, through Jesus, became a man

To give the world eternal hope

Helping mortals, with life, to cope.

He gave us love and the way to live

So in our lives His love we'll give

To help the weary along life's way

To see a more cheerful, brighter day

If in this world our lives we give

With Him eternally we will live

And praise Him daily with joyful song

To look on His face all day long.

Ron Vaughn
Eastland, TX

Armed Forces Benefit Drive

Security Title is proud to announce that this year will be our first annual Support Our Troops benefit drive. We will be collecting gifts, care-packages, etc. and sending them to our troops overseas. Our military men and women need many things while deployed, and our goal is to attempt to make their lives a little more comfortable.

This is a partial list of categories that are needed:

Canned items, condiments, ground coffee/tea/hot chocolate, microwavable food, powdered drink mix (singles), snacking foods, toiletries, games

Please note that the following items may NOT be sent:

Pork products, alcohol, pornographic materials, liquid

hand sanitizer, aerosol cans

For a complete list, as well as a list of individual items in each category that are needed, please stop by Security Title, located at 115 S. Lamar Eastland, Texas, and pick one up at the front desk or you can contact Crystal Kidd/Belinda Matthews at 254-629-1300 or email Crystal at Crystal@securitytitleco.com or Belinda at Belinda@securitytitleco.com for a complete list.

If you wish to help make a military persons life, a little bit brighter during the holiday season, please drop off your donations to 115 S. Lamar, Eastland, Texas by December 10th, to ensure that we can get their gifts boxed and sent in time for them to be received.

Worship & Praise



Bethel Baptist Church
1306 West Main Eastland
254-629-1052
Jim Andrews - Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 6:30
John 12:32

First Presbyterian Church
Walnut & Valley Eastland
254-629-1548
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Women's Bible Study -
2nd Thursday 9:30 a.m.

Lake Leon Baptist Church
Farm Road 2214 at Lake Leon
Where you will find...
• Warm Worship • Bible Study
• Good Gospel Music • Fellowship
Sunday: Bible Study - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Bryan Patrick
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
P.O. Box 588 Worship 10:50 a.m. Office: 254-629-1022
215 S. Mulberry Eastland, TX 76448
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

MITCHELL BAPTIST CHURCH
services
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Preaching 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Preaching 7:00 p.m. Pastor Terrell Jackson

Christians Against Substance Abuse
A Bible based 12 step recovery group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cisco Church of Christ, I-20 West. For more information contact Jim McIlroy at 817-243-5298. Come join us and see what God's Word has to say about recovery and healing from alcohol, drugs, and other addictions.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
303 W. 8th St. Cisco, TX 76437 254-442-2125
Nondenominational
Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.; Bible Study 4:00 p.m.
Wed.: Kids Club 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bible Study: 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Supper: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. We join in the community service the 2nd Sunday of the month, 6:30 p.m. (church location to be announced)

Calvary Baptist Church
1800 Conrad Hilton Ave. Cisco, TX 254-442-2183
Pastor Zachary Tunnell
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry

First Baptist Church Eastland
"A REAL PLACE FOR REAL PEOPLE WITH REAL NEEDS."
Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:00am & 6:00pm
Wednesday Activities begin at 5:00pm
Youth-Wednesday at 7:00pm
Dr. Shawn Brewer-Pastor 405 S. Seaman St.
www.fbceastland.org (254)629-3355

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Vicar Eric Stinnette
Sunday School 9:15 Sunday
Worship 10:30 Sunday
1711 Conrad Hilton Blvd. • Cisco • 254-442-2090
Redeemer Childhood Learning Center
254-442-1955 Tues. & Thurs. 8:00-2:30

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship 11:00 a.m.
1233 N. Seaman Eastland, TX 254-631-0231

Carbon Community Baptist
Pastor Jody Forbus
515 Arthricite St. Carbon, Texas 254-639-2560
SERVICE TIMES
Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Daugherty St. Church Of Christ
309 South Daugherty Street • Eastland, TX
Minister Larry Roberts
Service Times:
Sunday Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday AM Worship 10:20 a.m.
Sunday PM Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
(Located across the street from the hospital)

First United Methodist Church
405 W. 8th Street, Cisco, TX 76437
Pastor John Beckling 254-442-1334
Open Doors, Open Minds, Open Hearts
Sunday Services
Early Service: 8:30 Donuts & Coffee: 9:30
Sunday School: 9:45 Morning Service: 10:50
Wednesday Services
Fellowship Potluck Dinner: 5:45
Classes (for Men, Women, Youth, Children) 6:30

COUNTRY WIDE CLASSIFIEDS

Cisco Press • Eastland Telegram • Ranger Times • Rising Star • Baird Star

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Sunday, December 6, 2009

Fax: 254-629-2092

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CISCO

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bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car-
port + 24 x 30 metal
shop on corner lot
w/central heat/air
& basement, utility
room & office. Re-
duced \$42,000.00

701 E. 23rd. Hum-
bletown home, re-
done in '02. 3 bdrm,
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ing rm, pantry, utility
w/central heat & air.
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1602 Ave E- 2 lots
\$4,500.

NEW: Rising Star
operating laundromat,
washers, dryers,
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nity. \$27,500.

38 A M/L south
Gorman. Fronts FM
679, about 10 A large
Pond, good fences,
sandy land. \$2,200
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Gorman, 44A,
2-2-2 bi-level frame
home, 1728 sf, central
a/h, metal roof,
covered upper deck,
several wells, build-
ings, coastal. Deer
& other wildlife.
\$250,000

130 A, west
Carbon, app. 40 a
cult. 35 a coastal,
pond, elec., county
water. \$2,400 acre

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Gorman: Part wood-
ed, part old fields,
deer & hogs, 2 nice
ponds, sandy soil,
elec., several water
wells, cabin, \$2,350
acre

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\$319/mo.
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Choice neighbor-
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abled and looking for
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Accessible
**Conveniently
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with the operation
and maintenance of
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at various times. "C" Li-
cense Operator preferred. Be able to ob-
tain certificate within
one year. The City
requires high school
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valid Texas driver's
license. Apply at City
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Immediate Opening
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applications for LVN.
Call or come by 254-
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Cisco Chamber of
Commerce is seek-
ing applicants for the
position of Execu-
tive Director. Please
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Evans 5616 CR 403,
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C101

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A privately owned,
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Competitive wages
Work in a friendly,
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RED STAR TRUCK STOP
Is Now
Hiring
For a
Store
Cashier
Apply at Red Star Truck Stop
Corner of Hwy 6 & I-20 • Eastland

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Cisco College
is accepting
applications for the
position of Library
Technical Clerk:
Cisco Campus:
Circulation/ILL.
Responsibilities
include Circulation
and ILL duties for
the Cisco College
Libraries, as well
as reference for
Cisco Library
Archives. Hours are
Monday-Thursday
3:30 p.m. to 11:00
p.m. and Sunday
7:00 p.m. to 11:00
p.m. Qualifications:
A s s o c i a t e s
Degree. Previous
library experience
preferred. Effective
oral and written
communication
skills. Starting salary
is \$16,770 per year.
Applications may
be obtained on-line
at <http://www.cisco.edu/Files/Admin/staffapp.doc> Review
of applications will
begin immediately.
Position will remain
open until filled.
Please submit
letter of application
and Cisco College
application to:
Amy Browder, PHR
Director of Human
Resources
Cisco College
101 College Heights
Cisco, TX 76437
(254) 442-5121
(254) 442-5100 (fax)
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Cisco College is an
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C98

Valentino's Italian
Restaurant & Pizza
now hiring for the following positions:
Wait Staff
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Apply in person.
E104

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Food service
career with salary
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continued growth.
Responsible, honest
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and drug test
required; smoke
free. Richeson Home
Office 940-549-5041,
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Other times leave
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E98

The City of Eastland
is currently accepting
applications for
a Wastewater
Plant Operator.
Under general
administrative
direction, the
Operator supervises
and participates
in the operation
and maintenance
of the wastewater
treatment plant; all
lift stations, and the
collection system.
Applicant should
have the ability to
inspect and diagnose
maintenance and
repair needs; ability
to supervise the
work of others; ability
to teach and train
subordinates in the
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ability to maintain
records and prepare
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Requirements: High
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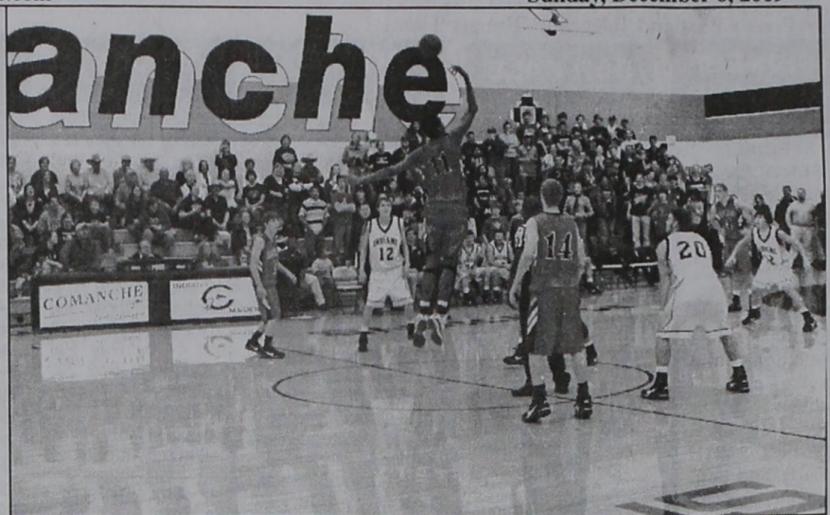
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1st Team Offense:
 All Purpose - Tyler
 Johnson, Senior - Gorman
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 RB Justin Little, Senior -
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 OL Garrett Arnold,
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 Alex Giles - Gorman
 Brett Thompson - Ranger
Academic All-District:
 Alex Giles - Gorman
 Tyler Johnson - Gorman
 Garrett Arnold - Ranger
 Bray Eddleman - Ranger
 Ethan Neely - Ranger
 Brett Thompson - Ranger
 Shaun Young - Ranger

Mavericks Prevail In Catfight

After rolling over Rio Vista, Kopearl and Hico in the Hico Invitational Tournament last week, the Mavericks made their home debut to play before a full auditorium of Maverick fans on Tuesday night. However, the ease of victory was short lived as the Mavs found themselves before a quick and physical Dublin Lions team. And a catfight it was. The tough defense of the Mavericks held the Lions to only 9 points in the first and only 18 by the end of the half. Mavericks scoring came primarily from Junior post Forrest Robinson and the hot hand 3-point shooting of Billy Bob Brown. But the Lions came out of the locker room ready to play the second half. Dublin outscored Eastland in both the 3rd and 4th quarters pulling them within 4 in the last 3 minutes of the game. In the end, Maverick charity shots sealed the victory, Eastland 54, Dublin 47. Maverick scoring was lead by Robinson with 21 points and Brown with 15. Jarred Moylan and Corey Howie rounded out the field with 9 each. The Mavericks next home game will be Tuesday night, December 8 as they take on the Breckenridge Buckaroos.



Pictured is 6'9" Junior Forrest Robinson who had 38 point in the Mavericks win over the Comanche Indians.

Mavericks Hold On In Final Minutes To Beat Comanche 56-54

The Eastland Mavericks have surely been tested in this preseason to determine if they deserve their #17 state ranking. Tuesday night the Mavericks traveled to Comanche to face a team just coming out of football. The Comanche Indians came out with a full court press and a running offense which presented the Mavericks trouble all evening. However, the Mavericks proved once again that they belong. With a team mindset and unselfish play, the Mavs shared the ball with 18 assists to keep the Indians in chase mode

through the entire contest. Junior post Forrest Robinson scored from all over the floor and finished with 38 points and 7 rebounds. Other Maverick contributors were Jarred Moylan with 7 points and 8 rebounds, Billy Bob

Brown added 5 points, while Corey Howie, Jett Johnson, and Austin Felts each had 2 points. The Mavericks travel to Dublin for the Dublin Dr. Pepper Tournament slated for Dec. 3-5.

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On The Hill

By Norm Logan

Howdy folks and welcome to this week's edition of "On the Hill". Don't have a lot this week as I have been out a lot. Took a chemo Monday and got sick Wednesday and Thursday. But I am back today and am trying to get this in before ten.

Mrs. Coffee told me that Howard Payne University Representatives will be at EHS this coming Wednesday (9th). And parents--did you know that they offer a \$6000 a semester scholarship renewable for 4 years (\$48,000 total) for any student graduating from an Eastland County high school! Their tuition is \$6600 a semester so that is almost free college tuition! See Mrs. Coffee for more info or drop by to talk to the representative on Wednesday.

Heard that the boys and girls basketball teams are still doing well, with the

boys remaining undefeated. The band is going to have their winter concert on December 13th, at the Marshall gym.

We will have an Art exhibit as well with lots of refreshments served by the Band Boosters.

The Art department is working on some new decorations for the courthouse, hopefully we can finish them next week.

Oh well, guess I better go. Will have more next week I promise. *Norm*

Eastland All-District Selections

Submitted by Russell Maynard

Eastland All-District Selections:

Offensive MVP - Jarred Moylan - SR.
Offensive Newcomer - Dominique Segura - Soph.

1st Team Offense:
OL David Burrus - SR.
WR Jett Johnson - JR.
WR Austin Felts - SR.
TE Brandon Berry - SR.
K Julio Delgado - Soph.

2nd Team Offense:
OL Joe Copeland - SR.

WR Caleb Hullum - Soph.
P Brandon Berry - SR.

2nd Team Defense:
DT Levi Cagle - SR.
ILB Brian Broyles - JR.
OLB Josh Lowrance - JR.
DB Trent Brittain - Soph.
Honorable Mention:
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ILB Phillip Gosnell - Soph.
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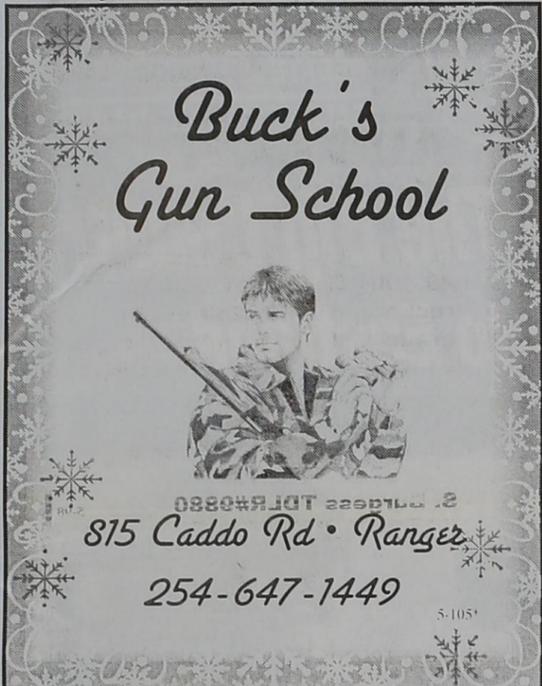
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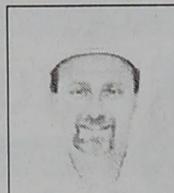
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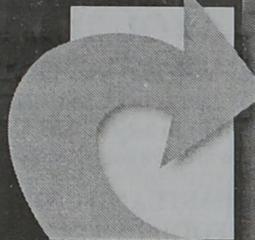


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Obituaries

Mildred 'Tootsie' Whitt



Mildred Whitt, known by her family and friends as "Tootsie", passed away on November 23, 2009, in Midland, Texas.

Tootsie was born on December 20, 1920, in Groesbeck, Texas, the daughter of Luther and Willy May Davis. Tootsie married Keith Whitt in August 1940, and they moved to Gorman, Texas in 1948. Tootsie graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Shannon School of Nursing in San Angelo, Texas in 1944. After raising her two children, she returned to nursing, most recently as the Director of Nurses at Dublin Hospital. She enjoyed her years in the training program for the LVNs that she founded at the Dublin Hospital, and was proud of the success of her students, not one of which failed their State Boards. Tootsie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Gorman, Texas, for fifty years. She enjoyed a life-long love of playing bridge, reading, dancing, daily crossword puzzles, and Bible study.

Anna Mae Foster Brazell



Anna Mae Foster Brazell was born on June 18th, 1921 in Sedan, NM. Her parents were Leonard D. and Berta E. Foster. She "Moved to Heaven" on November 14, 2009 of natural causes. Anna is preceded in death by her husband, George E. and her brother, Riley Payton Foster, MD. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Brazell Nichols, and son-in-law, David R. Nichols.

A memorial service will be held in honor of Anna on December 12th. The service will be conducted at the De Leon Assembly of God Church 523 N. Travis Street in De Leon, TX. The memorial will begin

Margaret Blackman

Margaret Ann Huddleston Blackman, 49, of Mingus, died Monday, November 30, 2009 at her home.

Cremation services are under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, OKC, OK 73123-1718. www.cancer.org.

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Peter Simas



CISCO--Peter Simas, 53, loved by all who knew him, tragically passed on to better places on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Peter was born in Marlboro, Massachusetts on April 1, 1956, to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Simas, Sr.

Throughout his life he had many occupations which included Bartending, CAN Assistant, Kirby Salesman and Home Health Care. He completed many positive tasks along his journey.

He worked many years raising his daughter, Christie, and involving himself in the lives of his grandsons. He loved music, concerts, food, friends and animals. He always had great stories from the past and was crazy about getting a job well done. Peter was very impatient and always complained and pressured others to do the right thing. He made people laugh, and always helped people in need. He was devoted to his family and his community.

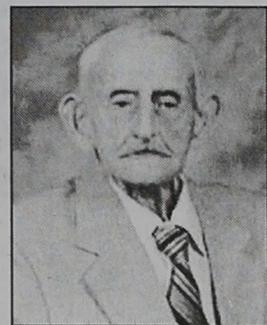
Peter was married many years to his first wife, Pamela Perrier. His second wife, Catherine (Peirce) Simas passed away April 2, 2004. Peter had many extended family members and many friends who loved him.

Peter is survived by his daughter, Christie Simas, two grandsons, Christopher, 10, and Nicholas, 5, soon-to-be

granddaughter; dog, Baby-girl; brother, Jim (Boston) Simas and sister-in-law, Judith Roy; sister, Carol Morgan, and husband, Richard; nephew, Derek Marchetere, serving in Iraq and nieces, Krystal & husband, Chris Burns, Amanda Simas, Sherry Holmes and Christina Gross.

Memorial services will be Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 11:00 AM at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church located at the corner of West 12th and Avenue F in Cisco. Following the service a Potluck Dinner and a gathering to celebrate the life of Peter Simas will be at the American Best Value Inn (formerly the Old White Elephant). For room reservations call 254-442-3735. For more information, call Christie at 254-442-1725.

Willie 'Bill' Ziehr



Willie "Bill" Ziehr June 19, 1918 - December 2, 2009

Funeral services for Willie "Bill" Ziehr, 91 of Manheim, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas with Rev. Paul Hartfield officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Serbin.

Visitation was held Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings, Texas.

Mr. Ziehr passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at home in Manheim.

Willie John Rienhold Martin Ziehr was born on June 19, 1918 in Serbin, Texas to John M. & Theresia (Nitsche) Ziehr. He was a farmer and rancher who loved the outdoors.

Mr. Ziehr was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Reinhold Ziehr; sisters, Elsie Ziehr, Lillian Ziehr and Esther Brade and a brother-in-law, Herbert Brade.

He is survived by his nephew and niece, Douglas & Janet Brade of McDade and his special niece and nephew, Nancy & Ronald Schautschick of Manheim; great nephews and nieces, Marshall & Angela Schautschick of Serbin, Randolph Schautschick of Hastings, Minnesota, Susan & Ryan

Thank You

On behalf of Cathy Jentho, Kim McLearn and Teresa Hallum, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your love, support and prayers during the loss of our father Freddie Pevehouse. Dad went to be with his Lord on November 21, 2009.

Our special thanks go to Pastor Ray Rogers and Judge Jim Wright for the kind words and spiritual support shown to the family. We would also like to thank Dr. DeLuca and his staff for the compassionate treatment given to Dad during his illness. Heartfelt thanks go to Edwards Funeral home for the warm-hearted sympathy to our feelings during an extremely difficult time. We are especially thankful to Officer Grissom, Officer

Sailors and Officer Russell for their immediate response to our call in our time of need and the professional and respectful manner they responded. Warm sentiments go to Olden Baptist Church for many years of preparing Dad for Eternity and serving the family and friends the delicious meal following the service. Many thanks go to all that sent flowers, brought food, shared memories while attending the funeral or visiting with the family. Dad was very proud of this community and loved his Church family. We are honored by the love and sentiments shared with us for our Father. May God Bless you all.

Family of
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Sweeney of Yoakum, Stacy & Thomas Goodson of Giddings, Melany & Riley Whitsitt of McDade, Clifford Brade of Dallas and Joseph Brade of McDade; great, great nieces and nephews, Madison Rooks, Makayla Schautschick, Maison Schautschick and Malynda Schautschick all of Serbin, Rachel Schautschick of Hastings, Minnesota, Lydia Goodson of Giddings and Randon Whitsitt and Alexis Whitsitt both of McDade.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ronald Schautschick, Marshall Schautschick, Ryan Sweeney, Thomas Goodson and Randolph Schautschick.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund, 1572 County Road 211, Giddings, Texas 78942.

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The State of Texas vs. Michael Keith Gray, Driving while intoxicated
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The State of Texas vs. Whitney Anne Willis, Driving while intoxicated/open alch container
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nerva Moreno, Assault causes bodily injury family violence
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- Point one point N. of due E.
- Public lecture halls
- Clairvoyance
- Departure
- Egyptian statesman Anwar
- Reverence
- Pinna
- Lip gently
- Mother of pearl
- Dhabi, Arabian capital
- Doctors' group
- Mahatmas
- Command right
- Resin-like insect secretion
- Arm bones
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Type of pension account
- Am., sufficient
- Satisfies fully
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- Senior officer
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CLUES DOWN

- Price label
- Frank's diary
- Ancient Dead sea kingdom
- Gained through work
- Electronic countermeasures
- Vietnamese revolutionary Le Duc
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- October holiday
- Beige
- Polite interruption sound
- A large amount
- One who receives money
- Female sheep
- Atomic #24
- Diego or Francisco
- Pesetas
- Used mouthwash
- 1st Philippine island discovered
- Manila hemp
- US 10 dollar gold coin
- In a wag, assists
- Regretted
- Spanish artist Salvador
- Witch's boiling vessels
- Impertinence
- "Jurassic Park" actor Neill
- Workers held in low esteem
- Knight's garment
- Rural delivery
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- Brid. aid attendant

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LIFE PLANNING ISSUES
By Jim Kennedy



9 Issues to Address Inside Your Current Estate Plan Part II

Because the future of the estate tax rates, the estate tax exemption amount, and the 'step up' basis is currently up in the air, the only planning that can be done now should be based on current rates and regulations. But that doesn't mean to stop planning or maintaining your estate plan altogether - there are many important reasons you should take a closer look at your current estate plan now. Last week we covered the 5 most common issues that need to be addressed inside an existing estate plan. (If you missed this article, you can view it on our website: www.kennedy-financial.com.) This week we will look at 4 issues involved with trust planning. I encourage you to brief your legal documents and discuss these issues with your Life Planner and attorney.

1. You would not believe how many trusts and sub-trusts are set up to complete an estate plan, but it either remain s unfunded or are funded incorrectly - which means all the planning you did was ineffective. Why? You don't know what you don't know. Funding a trust is primarily about two things: the language used in the legal documents and how you title your assets after you finalize your estate plan. So what is the language used in your documents? Often times, your documents will state a fixed dollar amount, percentage

or fractional shares. This might not allow you to take advantage of current laws such as the federal estate tax exemption amount. Consider speaking with your attorney about revising the terminology in your documents to consider the full extent of the law. The second part of funding a trust is retitling your assets. If you have not retitled your assets to coincide with your trust, chances are your trust is unfunded. Gather a list of your assets and how they are currently titled. Then visit with your Life Planner to determine which assets you will need to retitle and how.

2. Is your spouse in danger of being unable to access the assets that he or she needs from your testamentary trust after you die? Many by-pass and QTIP trusts are set up just to provide income to a spouse in order to keep trust assets out of the surviving spouse's estate; however, is income enough? What about emergencies? Talk with attorney about an HEMS (health, education, maintenance and support) provision in order to ensure your spouse is truly provided for.

3. Do you want the assets you pass to your children to be protected from bankruptcy, divorce, and/or creditors? My guess is, yes. But if the trust you set up for your children distributes these assets outright either as a lump sum or in installments, you can say good bye to this protection. An alternative is to establish a lifetime beneficiary-controlled trust and have a family meeting to dis-

cuss the risks of taking these assets out of the trust. This type of trust will allow the child to become the trustee of his or her own trust and can include a provision that allows the child to step aside as trustee if there is a need to protect these assets from creditors.

4. On the topic of children; there is another issue I feel should be brought to the table. I have often said, "every family is dysfunctional; it is just a matter of how dysfunctional each one is." I'd like to add that who and how dysfunctional one member might be today may not be the same tomorrow. One of your children could develop an addiction or habit that you do not want to facilitate with money. A commonly overlooked provision that may be added to bypass and QTIP trusts is for the spouse to have limited power of appointment over the remaining assets in this trust after you are gone. In other words, it may be extremely valuable to allow your surviving spouse to have the ability to change the distribution, at least among your children and grandchildren.

Unfortunately, estate planning is extremely complicated and it is impossible to touch on every issue out there, much less go into enough detail for each family's unique situation. If you question any part of your estate plan or you have not had your estate plan reviewed by an attorney in the last 3 to 5 years, I strongly recommend you consult with your Life Planner and

Cisco Writers Club Meeting

By Patrick Ready
The Cisco Writers Club meeting took place at the American State Bank in Cisco on Tuesday, December 1st. There were new people there to enliven the meeting. A theme of this gathering was "play writing," and there were handouts available on markets and on developing talent at writing stage plays or screenplays. Later, the subject of suspense and mystery brought out ideas from many who attended. The club has started an exercise program to hone skills and have fun with given sets of parameters to build works around.

The participants were given two scenarios to write up and bring to the next meeting.

They will pass them around to see what each did with the set of facts. The first was to write a one-page play. The theme will involve little Mary Rogers and her Aunt Jane. They are together on the coast in a "cool weather November." What do they say? What do they do while together on this trip? The second exercise was to write a short story based on these beginning facts: Otto Krackit was in his room, and had rarely left in years. He communicated by internet to Mary Krackit and to Joseph Graham. What did they say to each other about the moon they

last saw together years ago?

After the formal meeting the club members enjoyed refreshments together and talked about various projects. The Cisco Writers Club meets at the American State Bank in Cisco on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

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Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Hamburger Pizza, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Peaches, Toffee Bars, Milk.

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce & Pickles, French Fries, Jello, Milk.

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Fruit Cup, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Chicken Noodle Soup, Grill Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Crackers, Carrots & Celery Stick.

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: Rice, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cookies, Milk.

Friday, December 11

Breakfast: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Taco Salad, Lettuce & Tomato & cheese, Mixed Fruit, Brownie, Milk.

Gorman School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Burrito, chili beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, crackers, frozen yogurt, milk.

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, oatmeal cookie, milk.

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, baked potato, english peas, roll, gravy, fruit, milk.

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: French toast, fruit, juice, milk.
Lunch: Ham & cheese stromboli, tossed salad, fresh carrots, chips, fruit, milk.

Friday, December 11

Breakfast: Ham, biscuit, gravy, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream, milk.

Eastland School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, Jose breakfast burrito, picante sauce, cinnamon buns, french toast sticks, syrup, pancake, milk, fruit juice.
Lunch: Steak fingers, low fat gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot sticks, hot rolls, sliced peaches, milk, or popcorn chicken honey mustard, trail mix.

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Biscuits on the hill, turkey sausage, fat free gravy, jelly, cinnamon buns, orange juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken pattie melt, lettuce & tomato, sliced pickles, carrot sticks, golden corn, royal brownies, rosy applesauce, milk or super slice pizza, ranch dressing.

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, picante sauce, cinnamon buns, french toast sticks, sausage, turkey, syrup, pancake, orange juice, milk.
Lunch: Stuffed bread sticks, corn on the cob, round up salad, ranch dressing, oranges, milk, or hamburger, sliced pickles, trail mix.

Thursday, December 10

Breakfast: Ham & cheese rollups, picante sauce, cinnamon buns, orange juice, milk.
Lunch: Turkey and gravy, Eastland's dressing, seasoned green beans, candied yams, cranberry sauce, bread, fruit salad with bananas, milk, steak fingers.

Friday, December 11

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, Jose breakfast burrito, cinnamon buns, pancakes, syrup, pancake, orange juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburger bun, beef burger, sliced cheese, lettuce & tomato, sliced pickles, potato wedge, catsup, snickerdoodles, orange cream, milk, or BBQ chopped turkey.

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By Stephen Forester

December is Here!! It feels like winter even though we still have two weeks left of fall. The kids are pretty anxious about Christmas; Santa was on our campus this past Thursday. Here's what's going on at the elementary:

UIL Competitions...

Thursday, December 10th is the day for the UIL Competition. Our students have been working quite diligently the past couple of months, getting ready for their individual events. Here's a list of those students and their events...

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Megan S.
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Jolee R.
Chloe T.
Mary T. | 3 rd Grade Ready Writing:
Annie F.
McKenzie G.
Paxton M.
Clint P. | 4 th Grade Art:
Jillian L.
Jinger P.
Adam R.
Liberty S. | 4 th Grade Number Sense:
Jaxon H.
Tabitha M.
Damyon S.
Orson S. | 4 th Grade Ready Writing:
Abigail F.
Kiley L.
Tabitha M.
Ronell S. | 5 th Grade Art:
Jared R.
Alexius R.
Jared S.
Nick T. | 5 th Grade Listening:
Graphs
Tyler B.
Michelle C.
Allison J.
Harley K. | 5 th Grade Music Memory:
Brooklyn G.
Jaimilyn H.
Lyndsey P.
Alexius R. | 2 nd Grade Oral Reading:
Grif H.
Jailynn H.
Kayton P.
Dawson W. | 3 rd Grade Oral Reading:
Eden D.
Jeramy D.
Cooper W.
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Taylor W.
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Amy J.
Elizabeth R. | 4 th Grade Oral Reading:
Hunter B.
Avery E.
Kiley L.
Tabitha M. | 4 th Grade Spelling:
Chloe A.
Hunter B.
Braden P.
Ronell S. | 5 th Grade Dictionary Skills:
Dalton C.
Kase G.
Evan M.
Shay M. | 5 th Grade Maps, Charts &
Dalton C.
Christopher H.
Michael M.
Cheyenne R. | 5 th Grade Number Sense:
Gypsy G.
Jared R.
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Nicholas T. |
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Kobe C.
Michelle C.
Harley K.
Emma S. | 5 th Grade Ready Writing:
Michael M.
Hallie T.
Jared S.
Tyler M. | 5 th Grade Spelling:
Savannah F.
Kase G.
Lyndsey P.
Steven H. |
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PTO Santa Shoppe

To follow up after last year's Penguin Patch, the PTO is having Santa's Shoppe next week. The students will be able to preview what's on sale on Monday and then purchase what they want from Tuesday thru Friday. The kids will have great time buying little gifts for mom and dad, brothers and sisters, grandparents, and whomever else they want to buy gifts for. The Shoppe will open Tuesday, December 8th and close Friday, December 11th.

3rd grade field trip to Safety City

The third graders will make their annual trip to Abilene's Safety City this Wednesday. They will leave right after announcements in the morning and return in the afternoon. Sack lunches will need to be brought unless buying a lunch from the cafeteria. This is always a great time for the students to learn about safety.

Progress Reports

This 3rd 6-Weeks period is a little short. Progress reports will be going home on Tuesday, the 8th.
What else is going on at CES??

Goodfellows Food Train

Once again, each class at Cisco Elementary will be collecting non-perishable food items for our "Goodfellows Food Train." Each class has a decorated "car" in the train where food items are placed. We appreciate our students and parents for their cooperation in this worthy endeavor during the Christmas Season. The students may bring food items through December 18.

Friday dismissal

For the rest of the school year, Friday dismissal times will be:
2:45 for Kinder and 1st
3:00 for PreK, 2nd thru 5th

Library ~ Bluebonnet Books Banquet

Hooray!! for Cisco Elementary. It has been chosen to be among 10 other schools from across the state of Texas to have a representative interview a Bluebonnet Book author at their Spring Banquet. Mrs. Lane, our school librarian, has done a wonderful job getting our school recognized for this prestigious award. Students from 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who have read at least 5 of the Bluebonnet Books have been asked to fill out an application to be our school representative. The one student chosen will be able to attend the Spring Banquet and interview their favorite Bluebonnet Book author. Koodos to Mrs. Lane and those students who are applying.

Videos

At the top of the Cisco Elementary website, there are links to click to enjoy some videos of the pictures that are taken at many of the events at our school. These videos are produced by an internet site, animoto.com. Please check these out!!!

The History Club

The clubbers are diligently working on their poems concerning the "Santa Claus" bank robbery. This poem is to be read in conjunction with the Christmas program on the 15th of December. The 5th graders are really looking forward to this presentation. Their will be one member of each group to read their particular poem, 6 poems in all are to read.

Recycling

Cisco Elementary will continue to go "green" this year. We are recycling aluminum cans, the tabs off of those cans, old cell phones.

Box Tops, Tyson, Campbell's

Along with the "green" recycling, the "green" money is being raised, too, through **Box Tops** and **Tyson 123 labels**. Our goal for Box Tops this year is \$2000. With your diligence and support, the goal can be reached!!! **Campbell's soup labels** are also being collected.

With the 1st semester winding down, the Box Tops contest is heating up. The 3 students who bring in the most Box Tops will get a chance to play Deal or No Deal on December 18th at 8:30 am. The cutoff for bringing in Box Tops for the contest is 3:15 pm on December 16th.

A new contest has begun involving each grade level. The class who brings in the most Box Tops in each grade level will get to have lunch on the stage with a special guest. This lunch will take place early January. The Lunch on the Stage contest will be for each of the remaining six-week periods. They will also receive a spirit stick that they will keep for the six weeks.

Upcoming December activities...

- Dec. 15...3rd grade Christmas program/History Club presentation
- PreK, Kinder and 1st ~ 1:30
- 2nd, 4th, and 5th ~ 2:15
- The History Club presentation will be after the 2:15 program
- Dec. 17...Wear Red and Green/Christmas parties/AR Shopping Spree
- Dec. 18...End of 3rd 6-Weeks/Warm up to Reading/Deal or No Deal @ 8:30 am
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 1...Christmas Holidays
- **Classes will resume Monday, January 4, 2010 at the regular time**

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Ranger School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 7

Breakfast: Select one item: Pancakes w/syrup, Dry Cereal, Yogurt; Side items: Ham Slice, Fruit Juice, Assort., Milk
Lunch: Select One Entree: Chicken Nuggets w/gravy, Baked Potato, Pepperoni Pizza; Select 3 Side Dishes: Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Bread Sticks, Chocolate Pie, Milk - Variety Lowfat

Tuesday, December 8

Breakfast: Select one item: Breakfast Taco w/sausage, Dry Cereal, Yogurt; Side items: Sausage, Fruit Juice, Assort., Milk
Lunch: Select One Entree: Hamburger, Baked Potato, Pepperoni Pizza; Select 3 Side Dishes: French Fries w/ketchup, Cheese Slice, Lett, Tom, Pickle, Onion, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, Milk - Variety Lowfat

Wednesday, December 9

Breakfast: Select one item: Breakfast Pizza, Dry Cereal, Yogurt; Side items: Pears, Fruit Juice, Assort., Milk
Lunch: Select One Entree: Beef Taquitos, Baked Potato, Sausage Pizza; Select 3 Side Dishes: Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tortilla Chips, Peach Cup, Milk - Variety Lowfat

Thursday, December 10

Select one item: Oatmeal w/butter, Dry Cereal, Yogurt; Side items: Toast & Jelly, Sausage, Fruit Juice, Assort., Milk
Lunch: Select One Entree: Toasted Cheese, Baked Potato, Sausage Pizza; Select 3 Side Dishes: Turkey Salad w/lettuce, Tomato Soup, Brownies w/walnuts, Milk.

Friday, December 11

Breakfast: Select one item: French Toast w/syrup, Dry Cereal, Yogurt; Side items: Pears, Fruit Juice, Assort., Milk
Lunch: Select One Entree: Ham & Cheese Hot Pocket, Baked Potato, Sausage Pizza; Select 3 Side Dishes: Broccoli w/cheese sauce, Baked Beans, White Bread, Gelatin w/topping, Milk - Variety Lowfat



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There is both primary as well as secondary lung cancer.

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Secondary lung cancer occurs when cancer from another part of the body travels, or metastasizes, to the lungs. This is referred to as secondary because the lungs are secondary when compared to the primary location of the cancer.

Secondary lung cancer actually has a different course of treatment than primary lung cancer, and that's because secondary lung cancer is not actually lung cancer. Rather, secondary lung cancer is considered to be whichever type of cancer initially invaded the body.

For example, a woman who is

diagnosed with breast cancer and then has that cancer metastasize into the lungs is not considered to have lung cancer. Rather, the metastasized cancer is still considered breast cancer, even though it has since spread to the lungs. To learn more, visit the American Cancer society Web site at www.cancer.org.

Lighthouse Hospice Bereavement Support

Please plan on joining us for this month's Grief Support Group.

We will be meeting on December 8, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Lighthouse office, 957 E. Main in Eastland.

Our bereavement services are open to the public so please feel free to invite anyone you

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All veterans who have been in combat areas a suffer from Post Trauma Stress Disorder (PTSD) are welcome to attend.

Please bring your DD2 (discharge papers) with you if you haven't attended before.

Larry Monroe, Disabled American Veterans Public Affairs Officer Chapter 41

Alzheimers Meeting

The Alzheimers Support Group will be held December 10th at 3 p.m. at The Woodlands in Eastland.

think may be interested in attending.

The meetings are very informal and dress is casual.

Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions or for more information please call 254-629-8017 or 1-866-643-5718.

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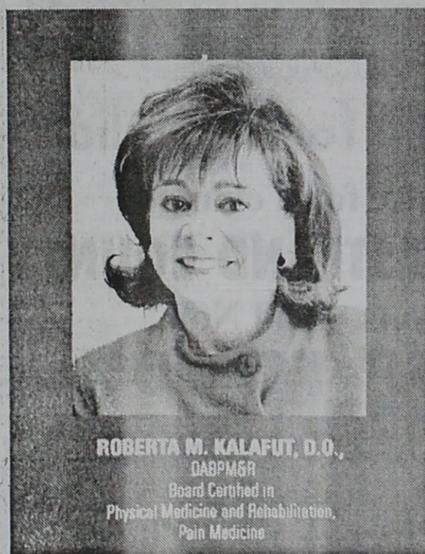
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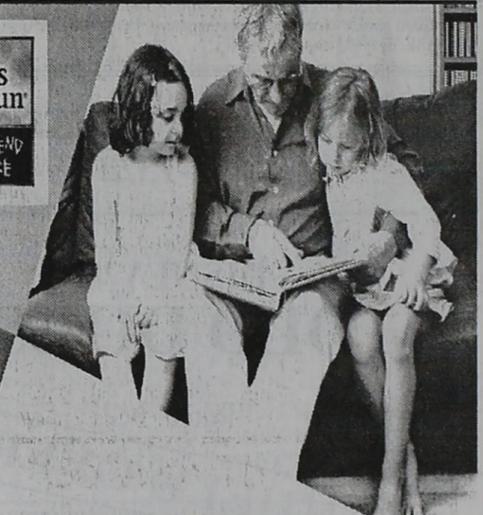
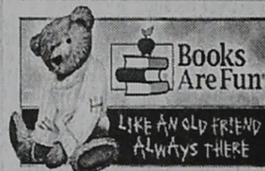
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Leon River Cowboy Church

By Pastor Paul Howie



A cool front blew in over the weekend. I know many of you were really looking forward to that day. But none of you enjoyed the crisp air as much as my horses. I went out to feed and here they came, ears laid back, necks stretched out and tails in the air, running as fast as they could around the horse pasture. One ran past me and kicked up just as another slid to a stop, only to immediately take off again. To say, "they love the cool air" would be an understatement.

What makes you feel that good? Maybe a relationship brings you joy. Maybe your ability to perform a certain task brings you happiness. Maybe for you, peace comes from just a nice nap. Jesus said that He was "full of joy" because of the Holy Spirit (Luke 10:21). Jesus was teaching us that all our joy comes from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals the hidden things of Heaven and Earth to His children (Luke 10:21). So for many struggling for happiness, they don't understand that real joy found in the things of God. And for you, Christians, maybe today you ought to just stick your tail up in the air, stretch out your neck and run as hard as you can, telling the world, "My God is awesome!"

Paul Howie

Veterans Support Group News

Meeting To Be Held

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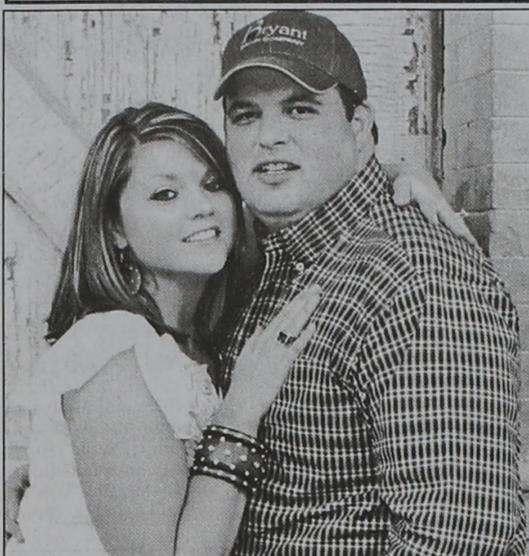
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Larry Monroe, Disabled American Veterans Public Affairs Officer Chapter 41, call 254-631-9226

Pearl Harbor Day is Dec. 7th. Flags are to be flown at half mast until sunset.

Thank you goes to Rodney with Higginbotham Bartlett for donating all pipe and fittings for the water lines at Ranger Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park.

Engagement



Gaber - Keith

Joe Gaber of Weatherford, Texas and Victoria Gaber of Kansas City, Missouri are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jacquline Nicole Gaber, to Michael Brandon Keith of Aledo, Texas. Michael is the son of Harold and Janis Keith of Carbon.

The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Roof Garden Room of the Connellee Hotel in Eastland, Texas. David Locke, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church near Dublin, will officiate the double ring ceremony.

Jacquline is a graduate of Weatherford High School and will be a December 12, 2009 graduate of Tar-

leton State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a Major in Marketing.

Michael is a graduate of Eastland High School and Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and a Master of Science degree in Animal Production.

After a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada the couple will be at home in Aledo where Michael is Director of Sales and Nutrition for Bryant Grain Company.

Ranger Ministries United Christmas Service To Be Held December 13

"The Ranger Ministries United (RMU) is happy to announce their upcoming Annual Christmas Service that is to be held on Sunday evening December 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and will be hosted this year by the First United Pentecostal Church located on Austin Street in Ranger, Texas. The evening's message will be given by the host church's Pastor the Reverend Gerald Gunstanson. There will also be various specials sung by the other Community

churches along with a great time of prayer, fellowship, and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ the "True Reason for the Season." The Ministry is asking all of their friends and neighbors to place this date and time on their churches calendar and plan to join us that evening for a fulfilling and blessed time of celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at this joyous and wonderful time of the year. God Bless everyone and hope to see you there. Have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas."

Angel Food Ministries December Menu

Angel Food Ministries December cut off date is Tuesday, December 8th. Online ordering is December 9 and delivery date is Saturday, December 19. The signature box has the following items: NY strip steaks, boneless pork roast, chicken breast fajita strips, ground beef, white meat chicken tenders, fish sticks, center cut ham, lima beans, green beans, french fries, fresh apples, flour tortillas, shelf stable milk, eggs, dessert, all these items for only \$30.00.

5 lb. Allergen free food box for \$23.00; Senior & Convenience Meals - ten fully cooked meals for people on the go \$28.00. Specials this month are assorted meat grill box for \$22.00; steak combo box for \$21.00; 10 lb. unbreaded poultry box for \$20.00; Holiday meat and cheese special for \$18.00; fruit and veggie box for

\$22.00; Assorted holiday fruit special for \$26.00. You may order any of these food items at Readers Choice 631-0063; Cross Plains Sr. Center 725-6521; FBC Ranger 647-3261 and in Cisco 442-1969 or by mail if received in Cisco before cutoff date. Make check or money order out to Angel Food Ministries and mail to Ilene Cotton 300 W. 8th St., Cisco, TX 76437. Also you can order on line at www.angelfoodministries.com and put in 76437 and pay by debit or credit card.

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Submitted by Ilene Cotton



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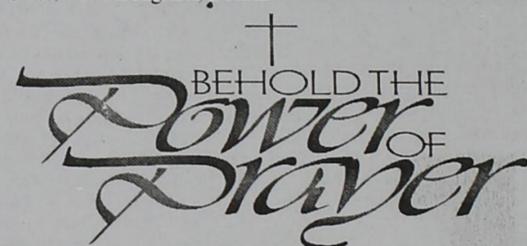
Monday Night Singers

We had a good time of singing and sharing. We all feel so blessed because of the opportunity we have to be a part of this.

Singers this week were: Dave Goodnight, Betty Lucke, Odesa Collins, Lynette McQuain, Mary Hightower, Neoma Ingram, Donna

Parrigan, Gilbert Copeland, Claudine Wilcoxon, Violet Edwards, Robert Spaulding, Pearl Honea, Lavern Ballinger, Glenna Morgan and David Price.

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Some 125 persons of the early members of the church are shown in the picture taken in 1927 or 1928, and published in the *Eastland Telegram*, December 6, 2009, are: J.M. Smith and family, Dora Pearl Smith, Lula Mae (Basham) Smith, Evelyn Smith, Barney Smith, Mr. Edward F. and Minnie Ganow, Oscar Parr, Gus and Ada Falk and Gene (baby), W.E. Hallenbeck, Sr., W.E. Hallenbeck, Jr., Tommy Self, Judge R.L. Rust, J.W. Horn (Grandma and Grandpa) and family, Stella (Horn) Hazard, Wyona (Hallenbeck) White, Bessie Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. D.K. Williamson, Ella Massingale, Mildred Kirby, Frances Daffern, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Terry, Clyde Johnson, Ruth Price, the Parson family, Vera, Joseph, Luda, Rebecca, and Liza, Willie Hallenbeck, Mrs. Spalding, Oral Young, Mr. Covington, Mr. Coody, Sis. Laffon, Sis. Megan, Mr. Taylor, Rev. W.S. Hancock, wife, and daughters Bonnie, Willie Mae, unnamed, Rankin Hancock. We could identify less than half the persons in the picture. Only 2 persons in the picture are still living (as far as we can tell). They are Gene Falk, presently living at The Woodlands Assisted Living in Eastland, and Barney Smith, living in San Antonio.



First Church of God in Eastland before it was recently torn down

After 86 Years Historic Eastland Church Razed For Modern Use

By Darrell Basham

The First Church of God, Anderson, Indiana Affiliation, was located at 501 South Lamar, at the corner of Valley Street. The plot of ground where the church building was located has been owned by the following in order: Joseph B. Ammerman, J.S. Daugherty, C.U. Connellee, Anna Woods, J.L. Tindall, W. H. Parvin, George H. Parvin, R. E. Jones, Charlotte, Parvin, Mamie Parvin Hill, Church of God, First Church of God, Word of Life Church, and presently First Baptist Church, of Eastland.

The Church of God bought the property October 24, 1922. The Church of God built the present building in 1923. At this time a very old historical bell was placed in the belfry.

The bell was cast in St. Louis, Missouri, by the L.M. Rumsey Co. around 1850. It was transported to Eastland County in a covered wagon from Bowling Green Kentucky, by John T. Townsend in 1869. The bell was used on the Townsend Ranch until around 1900. The bell was then used at the First Baptist Church in their building on the Northeast corner of Plummer and Seaman Streets, (where Aaron's Insurance is located today.)

When the First Baptist Church built their new brick building at the corner of Lamar and Plummer Streets, in 1923, they gave the bell to the Church of God. The bell was placed in the belfry and remained there until 1981. The bell was rung on Sunday mornings for a time, by different members of the church. The bell measures 36 X 36 inches and weighs 640 pounds. The bell was moved to Camp Inspiration when the building was sold to the Word of Life Church, in 1981. It was first placed in the gazebo and later it was displayed on a pedestal next to the gazebo. It was rung the first time at the

Camp on December 20, 1981. In 2004 the bell was donated to the EEDI to be placed in the Old Rip Park, on west Main Street. It was placed on its special pedestal June 16, 2005, where it remains a part of the area history.

The Church of God had a congregation around 150 in the late 1920's. Due to the strength of the area churches, and the cooperation of the City of Eastland, Eastland was chosen to build the WARNER MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, on the grounds most recently known as CAMP INSPIRATION. This was the only university in Eastland County and the first school that opened with university status in the church. It failed financially in the depression.

In the 1932, Church of God Yearbook, the Eastland Church was the largest congregation in Texas. Other early congregations were in Cisco, Gorman and Del. Leon. By the mid 1950's the Eastland church had dropped to around 50. In the 1960's the Gorman and Del. Leon Churches closed and the Cisco and Eastland churches were down to around 20. The Eastland Church building was remodeled outside, in 1962, at which time the Spire was added.

The church at Eastland incorporated as THE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD, EASTLAND, July 12, 1966. The inside was remodeled in 1967, with carpeting, paneling class rooms and new baptistry and pews. Some of the early ministers of the church came from the University. Pastors that have served the Eastland Church are T.H. McNeal, E.W. Barnett, Rev. W.S. Hancock, J.W. Batdorf, Robert E. Bowden, L.B. Morrison, Rev. Gerold, W.E. Hallenbeck Jr., Joseph L. Downs, T.N. Minix, Ben Stewart, William Gates, T. S. Whitsel, Charles Whitton, O. R. Williams, and Sam Wilson.

Some 125 persons of the early members of the church are shown in the picture taken in 1927 or 1928, and published in the *Eastland Telegram*, December 6, 2009.

are: J. M. Smith and family, Dora Pearl Smith, Lula Mae (Basham) Smith, Evelyn Smith, Barney Smith, Mr. Edward F. and Minnie Ganow, Oscar Parr, Gus and Ada Falk and Gene (baby), W. E. Hallenbeck, Sr. W. E. Hallenbeck Jr., Tommy Self, Judge R. L. Rust, J. W. Horn (Grandma and Grandpa) and family, Stella (Horn) Hazard, Wyona (Hallenbeck) White, Bessie Kirby, Mr and Mrs D. K. Williamson, Ella Massingale, Mildred Kirby, Frances Daffern, Mr and Mrs Wiley Terry, Clyde Johnson, Ruth Price, the Parson family, Vera, Joseph, Luda, Rebecca, and Liza, Willie Hallenbeck, Mrs Spalding, Oral Young, Mr. Covington, Mr Coody, Sis. Laffon, Sis. Megan, Mr. Taylor, Rev. W. S. Hancock, wife, and daughters Bonnie, Willie Mae, unnamed, Rankin Hancock. We could identify less than half the persons in the picture. Only 2 persons in the picture are still living, (as far as we can tell) They are

Gene Falk, presently living at The Woodlands assisted living in Eastland, and Barney Smith, living in San Antonio.

Some of the other members not shown in the picture are: Harvey Basham, Darrell and Darlene (Johnson) Basham, Delaine (Basham) Vittitow, Darrell Lynn Basham, Lonnie Joe Basham, Roy Lee Smith, Jim and Ruth (Justice) Horn, Jimmy Dean Horn, Paul Horn, Valerie Horn, J. T. and Linda (Hallenbeck) Horn, Marlyn and Tia Juana Jackson, C. B. and Nona Harris, John Roger Harris, Wayne Harris, Steve and Arvin Wilson, Margaret Parsons, Clemma Parsons, Jesse Hagar, Juanita Hagar, Betty (Hagar) Rose, Clarence and Leta Penn, Jerry and Joyce Penn, H. B. and Nettie (White) Grizzle, Pattie Grizzle, Denice Grizzle, Tom and Dessie Tucker, Joyce Tucker, Ester Mae Jumper, Joy Marie (Jumper) McAfee, Grace, Randy McAfee, Jimmy Jumper, Doris Ann Jumper, Margie Green, Gladys Green, Hazel (Spindle, Adams.) Stone, Marcus and Laura (Harris) Horn, Bill and Pat Horn, Harold and Elouise (Horn) Justice, Margaret (Horn) Olsen, Truman Horn, Lori Horn, Beulah (Horn) Eddy, Ruth Bryant, Hattie Minix, Stella George, Ethel Roweh, Mrs A.W. Sabin, Delphia Huddleston, Reese Huddleston, Donnie Daniel, Mr and Mrs Barney Shoemaker, Orval and Mildred Johnson, J. W. and Nina Mae Greathouse, Homer and Ethel Stiffler, Johnny Stiffler, Leonard Todd, Dean and Dorothy Todd, Sharon Todd, Vanissa Todd, Elvis and Ferry Lynn Paschall, Mr and Mrs Powers, Elizabeth Creager, Aubrey Forest, JoAnn Swinson, Randy Swinson, Deborah Swinson, Tanya Swinson, Mrs G.A. Barker, Mrs Elizabeth Brannon, Mrs Stella Goodman, Lucille Sutton, Mrs Ada Jackson, Mrs Virgie Edwards, Nell Downs, Alta Bowden, LaVaughn (Bowden) Goss, Donald Bowden, Hollace Bowden, Don Morrison, Mr and Mrs Ed Hunter, Charles Hunter, Clyde Hunter, Frances Hunter, Kimble Young,

Eva Jean (Hunter) Young, Foster Family, Murry Family, Stella Hallenbeck, Burnice Wilson, Opal (Holliday) Powell, Janie Powell, Carson Woodall, Sharon (Johnson) Russell, Judy (Johnson) Willard, Gary Johnson, Ricky Johnson, Joe and Viola Bowles, Jody Bowles, Gene Bowles, Mary Jo (Jesse) Fox, Vivian Fox, Elizabeth Fox, Carol Fox, Mr and Mrs Gene Milligan Sr., Gene, Dwayne, Gwinn, Doris Kay, Barbara, Paula, Milligan. The list does not include the new members that started after the move to Camp Inspiration. I'm sure we have missed as many as we remembered.

By the mid 1970's the membership had dropped to around 15. This congregation decided on August 28, 1977, to combine with the Church of God in Cisco, to form the Inspiration Church of God. The properties in Eastland and Cisco were sold and the moines used to build the Church building at Camp Inspiration, West of Eastland.

In 1978, The Inspiration Church of God opened and operated the Inspiration Child Care Center in the property on valley and Lamar streets, until the property was sold to the Word of Life Church, in 1981.

The house located at Valley and Mulberry, was used for the church parsonage, and later as part of the Inspiration Child Care Center.

The last church to use these buildings was First Baptist Church-Eastland. Of all the people that have labored in the Church of God, through the years, only seven remained at the Inspiration Church, in 2004, when the decision was made to sell Camp Inspiration. These were: CB and Nona Harris, JT and Linda Horn, Norma Gail Dennis, and Darrell and Darlene Basham.

The church building, built in 1923, located at the corner of Lamar and Valley streets, was torn down November 30, 2009.

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Letter To Editor

Today I was saddened when the old Church of God building was torn down.

Of the memories that it represented, and how many friends that were made and how many needs that were met?

It took many hours to build and maintain. The church served this community for near 100 years. The memory list, it can go on and on.

I can remember in the mid-thirties attending this church, in my scrap book I still have one of the Sunday school lessons. Before 1938 our family attended this church, in your paper the picture of the church and its congregation had my mother, dad, two sisters and a brother in it. It was taken 3 years before I was born.

Some of our family attended this church until its sale and moving to Camp Inspiration.

I can quote many a story about the people and the church building itself.

The bell was brought to Eastland by some of my kinsmen.

I installed the plumbing in the building.

The county singing was held in the building. Some of the states best and most famous singers sang there, such as the V.O. Stamps Quartet, and many others.

In the picture we have named many that we personally knew. And many of the church members and families have named some. Do you know any of the people in the picture?

I believe that there is only 3 or 4 still living that are in the photo.

I would like to know any name you may know and any of your memories.

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