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Cisco's Tour Of Homes Tuesday, December 1

Cisco Chamber of Commerce Annual Tour of Homes December 1 from 5pm-9pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the chamber ahead of time or at the homes that night.

601 W 9th St: Home of Landon & Shilo Thompson. Where a traditional & antique Christmas flow together beautifully with Mark Roberts Santa's & Elves, old rose china and various antique traditional décor throughout the home.

404 W 11th St: Home of Curt & Vicki Posey. A delightful & whimsical country Christmas décor. With various tree themes from children's home made items to antique cookie cutters

you can't help but get in the holiday spirit.

4593 Hwy 206: The Davis Home. Go 8 1/2 miles out on Cross Plains Hwy (Hwy 206) gravel drive way on the right. A Christmas theme for every room from Santa to nutcrackers, Angels and more fill this country home with warm holiday wishes.

1906 Hwy 206: The Open Door. Take a break from the cold to enjoy refreshments and traditional home for the holidays décor.

500 Ave L: Home of Scott & Tammy Douglas. The Christmas spirit wrapped up in one stop. Santa, reindeer, snowmen, topiaries and western trees deck the halls throughout this early 1900's gem.

Spirit Of Christmas Food Drive

The 28th annual Spirit of Christmas Food Drive, sponsored by Brookshire Grocery Co. and Cisco Goodfellows, begins Wednesday, Nov. 18.

The food drive provides food for needy families in the Cisco, Texas, area at Christmas.

"We have always had tremendous community response to the food drive," said Sam Anderson, Brookshire Grocery Co.'s director of consumer and community relations. "This has grown into one of the

largest privately sponsored charitable efforts in the region."

Many participating Brookshire's and Super 1 Foods stores are selling \$1 and \$5 coupons and \$5 and \$7 grab-bags full of non-perishable food items, and all proceeds from these sales will go to the food drive effort.

Area residents may make donations by placing non-perishable items in designated bins located in

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Toy and Food Drives Dec. 5 & 12

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.

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



Pictured is the Jr. Chapter Conducting Team which placed third. (Back row, l-r) Sarah Wheat, Tyler Clement, Derek Schaefer, Dalas Vaughn, (front row, l-r) Amanda Briley, Dylan Burris, and Judith Nicks. Not pictured is Cassidy Lane.

Cisco FFA Members Compete In Big Country District FFA Leadership Development Events

Twenty-seven Cisco FFA members participated in the Big Country District FFA Leadership Development Events on Monday, November 16th. The Cisco FFA had 10 teams participate with 5 teams advancing to the Area Leadership Contest which will be held this Saturday in

Stephenville.

Students that participate in the contests demonstrate leadership skills in various ways, all of which involve public speaking abilities.

Other results include:

Sr. Chapter Conducting - 2nd
Public Relations - 1st

Jr. Skills - 2nd

Jr. Creed - 2nd

Sr. Skills - 3rd

Jr. Quiz - 1st

Sr. Quiz - 8th

Radio - 9th

Job Interview - 11th

Jr. Chapter Conducting -

3rd.

Cisco Students Place 1st in Rez'd Gaming Competition

Cisco ISD was represented in the 3rd Annual Rez'd Gaming Competition at Abilene TSTC, November 14, 2009 by five students, Donovan Day, Ian Vinales, Luke Wylie, Justin Phillips and Tomas Hernandez. After

the team was selected in the top five they had to give a ten minute presentation explaining their game. The team received first place in the competition. Each team member received a PS3 Slim gaming system. Also, Cisco ISD received a Smart Board, Smart Document Camera, Smart Voters Response, Smart Airliner and projector for the teams first place showing, a value of over \$3000. The competition involved math,

science, programming and networking skills, allowing students that currently enjoy playing video games to do what they enjoy, but in an educational level. Using software provided by TSTC, the students created a story line with obstacles, traps and transition of difficulty levels throughout the entire game, and showed a great deal of computer "geekness." The students were sponsored and guided by their instructor, Mrs. Charlotte Weiser.

YELLOW SUNDAY SPECIAL

Businesses, start the holiday shopping season off well, especially for

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Red Gap 4-H To Have Work Day Sunday

ATTENTION: RED GAP 4-H MEMBERS

Red Gap 4-H Community Service Work Day will be held Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cisco High School Ag Building.

Come and help create gifts for our Community Service Project!

If you have any questions, please call Kathy at 254-442-2701 or Kim at 254-643-1707.

Faith Baptist Church Making Free Thanksgiving Meal - Delivered!

Are You Homebound? No Family? Financially strapped? Faith Baptist Church of Cisco is providing a home cooked, free, delivered meal to your home on Thanksgiving day.

No matter the circumstance, if you know of someone that could use a meal, or you are that someone please let us know. The meal will be delivered between 11:00am to 12:30pm.

If you would like a Thanksgiving free meal delivered to your door on Thanksgiving day please call Justin Krieg at 254-442-3762 before the 26th of November. We need your address, a phone number to reach you, and the number of plates needed. Please leave a message if necessary we will confirm your phone

call once we receive it. No one needs to hungry this Thanksgiving.

"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." -Romans 15:1-6 (KJV)



Cisco Rotary Club Donates Dictionaries To Students

Third grade students at Cisco Elementary School had a special visit on the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 12 from the Cisco Rotary Club, who came with a special gift—a dictionary for all third graders. The program is a way for the Cisco Rotary Club to present each student with their own dictionary and tell the story of Rotary. Now in its third year, the dictionary program has distributed almost 500 dictionaries to students in Cisco Elementary. Several Rotarians helped to distribute the dictionaries, including James Ramsay, John Waggoner, Leeann Barron and Amy Evans. Other members who were unable to attend include: Del Brandt, Stewart Cleveland, John Diers, Jerry Dodson, Walter Fairbanks, Rex Fields, Caryn Greene, Craig Kent, Eris Ritchie, Greg Sellers, Colleen Smith and Billy Wright. Members support the organization through regular participation in activities and embody the Rotary motto of *service above self*. They represent a diverse group of business and professional leaders who are united with other Rotarians worldwide to provide humanitarian service and to address various community and international service needs, while promoting world peace and understanding.

Former Cisco Football Player Inducted In Midwestern University Hall of Fame

Rudy Rendall, a former Cisco High School football player, was recently inducted in the Midwestern University Hall of Fame. Rudy is son of the late Annie and Bob Rendall. He graduated from Cisco High School in 1949. While attending Cisco High School he was active in all sports. He was King Lobo his senior year. He also served in many leadership roles.

After graduating from Cisco High, Rudy attended Midwestern University, where he continued to excel in football with the Indians. His coach at that time, Coach Dixie White, said this about Rudy in an interview: "Rudy is one of the finest players I've ever coached. He never complains, never misses an assignment, and gives his

best every minute he's on the field. That's about all a coach can ask from any player. He turned in creditable performances against opponents who outweighed him consistently from 25 to 50 pounds. If his size had matched his heart and desire, he would have been as big as any player in the country."* Rudy married his college sweetheart Pat (Moore) and they live in Midland, Texas. Rudy is a retired oilfield equipment salesman. They

have three children, Robert and his wife Jackie, a lawyer in Midland; Greg and his wife Nanette, a businessman in Edin Prairie Minnesota; Elizabeth (Bitsey) a teacher in Midland and her husband Bobby Lee. They also have eight grandchildren.

* The quote is taken from an article written by Bill Hunter: "Rendall Maintains Indomitable Spirit For Smallest Lineman on the Indians".

Kindergarten Nominations Open Now Through Nov. 24 For Cisco ISD Program For Advanced Learners

Cisco ISD offers special programming for students in Kindergarten who have demonstrated above average potential in academic and creative/productive thinking skill areas. This program is designed to challenge students to accelerate with activities different from those in the regular curriculum. Nominations for this program are open now through Tuesday, November 24, 2009. (Please note: nominations for students in grade levels 1-11 will be advertised and accepted during the spring semester.)

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the elementary school campus office and complete the necessary forms. Those students who are nominated will go through a screening procedure that requires special testing. Parents must give written permission before testing can begin. Questions? Please call Mrs. Alice Saunders at the Elementary school office, 442-1219.

Keep Cisco Beautiful Plans Downtown Lighting

Once again we have HIGH hopes for lighting the downtown area. The Cisco Development Corporation, Cisco Civic League, and ASB gave donations so we could expand the lighted areas and we hope to continue with more each year. New lighted places to look for this year include Ted & Rex's One Stop, Cross Ties, Mexico City, and the 5 story building on the corner of Conrad Hilton & 6th. And we hope to have a few more before we run out of lights. Several of the downtown buildings either replaced roofs or painted which meant the lights were removed and had to be

put back up. Plus we had problems with some of them just falling down. There were several people helping get them back in place along with the help of Cisco High Lift who brought equipment so the high places could be reached. Most have been stuck back in place. We need to remind those in charge of plugging in their section to get those extension cords and timers going by Thanksgiving. There will be lots of travelers through our area and we want them to have something to remember about our fair city. Thanks to all who are keeping this new tradition going and may your Christmas season be merry and BRIGHT!



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Eastland County Commissioners To Meet Monday

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioners' Court will meet in a Regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009 in the Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Read and Sign Minutes – County Clerk
 2. Discuss and execute Contracts with/through Netdata to use Credit Cards for County Court payments – Cathy Jentho
 3. Discuss and consider adoption of policy concerning fencing along county roads and rights of way – Rex Fields
 4. Discuss and declare old refrigerator and microwave from County Clerk's Office as salvage. – Cathy Jentho
 5. Discuss and donate salvaged refrigerator and microwave to the Eastland County 4H organization. – Cathy Jentho
 6. Request approval for expenditure of funds from the County Clerks Record Management Fund- Cathy Jentho
 7. Discuss and consider adopting and signing memorandums of understanding with county fire departments
 8. Commissioners' Court may enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. – Loretta Key
 9. 911 Update
 10. Update on County Burn Ban
 11. Cooperative Dispatch Update
 12. Personnel Matters
 13. Budgetary and Appropriative Matters
 - a. Certification of additional revenue
 - b. Emergency Amendments
 - c. Line item adjustments
 - d. Auditor/Treasurer report
 - e. Financial reports
 14. Bills, Claims and Accounts
- Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioners' Court
- Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioners' Court.

Lobo Salute

Richard Kurklin '62
Margaret Hallmark '68
Ladonna Latham '86
Vanessa Clement '89
Bryan Campbell '94



Cisco Elementary Honor Rolls

"A" HONOR ROLL

Third Grade: Carmen Ball, Bowen Daniel, Jeremy Dodson, McKenzie Gibson, Leah Jacobs, Paxton McGlinch, Caleb Owens, Lexi Owens, Jake Peace, Clint Petree, Bailey Posey, Aaron Reid, Jolee Reynolds, Daisy Russell, Alex Stinnette, Cooper Witt.

Fourth Grade: Hunter Busby, Abigail Fields, Jaxon Hearne, Tabitha McKinney, Jinger Posey, Ronell Sitton, Damyon Sneed.

Fifth Grade: Kobe Conring, Dalton Cozart, Conlin Dempsey, Jordan Duck, Sterling Durning, Savannah Forester, Kase Gayle, Gypsy Gray, Christopher Hillis, Baleigh Hudman, Jaimilynn Humphries, Steven Hurley, Silas Ingram, Harley Kendall, Evan Martinez, Michael Medina, Hope Melton, Shaylynn Murk, Tyler Murray, Lyndsey Peace, Sterling Phillips, Jared Reynolds, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Darian Rogers, Emma Stinnette, Hallie Taylor, Nicholas Thompson, Austin Waggoner, Duane Walkingstick, Alexis West.

"A- B" HONOR ROLL

Third Grade: Ashley Alvarez-Russ, Eli Batteas, Jasmine Burks, Kyler Burleson, Stanley Callahan, Emily Clark, Tyler Cooper, Eden Dempsey, Rileigh Dunlap, Annie Flores, Douglas Forester, Austin Fullerton, Laine Gary, Shelby Graham, Bryce Hudman, Aspen Navarrette, Auston Oliver, Dalton Pevey, Payton Porter, Allyson Rogers, Chloe Taylor, Dalton Walker, Erika Wilks, Jessica Williamson.

Fourth Grade: Chloe Alford, Hagen Black, Evan Brooks, Faliciti Burns, Daniella Castro, Joseph Clark, Trinity Cribbs, Ruby Echarria, Leslie Edgar, Avery Elliott, Ethan Everett, Paige Haggard, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Kiley Lane, Jillian Lobstein, Brandon Mosley, Ashton Oliver, Braden Proffitt, Adam Reid, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Trinity Shimp, Liberty Stone, Orson Sylva, Lane Watson.

Fifth Grade: Aubree Baker, Lupita Bernon, Dylan Brunson, Cameron Burleson, Michelle Cooper, Cheyenne Fields, Courtney Gowan, Maegan Green, Britney Griffith, Riley Hendricks, Allison Jackson, Summer Longoria, Juan Lopez, Shoshawna O'Keefe, Adam Reynolds, Jewel Sharp, Jared Stamey, Cierra Sutton, Joel Trice, Pecos Vaughn.

Cisco Jr. High Honor Rolls

A Honor Roll

6th Grade: Reece Cary, Kelsey Kent, Cord Lewis, Mason Millican, Loryn Peace, Seth Saunders, Chelsea Walls, Camille Webb.

7th Grade: Tyler Archer, Kyler Gayle, Jali Greene, Sam Seay, Jonathan Thompson, Ashtyn White

8th Grade: Chine Biscamp, Lisa Blakeley, Molly Blankenship, Colton Kent, Ryan Martinez, Ashlyn Mellette, Tanner Millican, Clayton Muckelroy, Darci Preston, Mary Seay, Damian Walls, Jackson Witt.

**A/B Honor Roll
(no more than 2 B's)**

6th Grade: Cooper Conger, Lillie Harper, Alexandria Hodge, Chance Ingram, Byron Lee, Ian Leker, Kailee Pence, Clare Ramos, Alexis Rollins, Chelsea Spann, Dillanger Sylva.

7th Grade: Devin Caraway, Jamie Dodson, Bret Hudman, Marcus Hurtado, Rachel King, Ashlyn Pevey, Oscar Rodriguez

8th Grade: Breeanna Briggs, Mackenzi Busby, Tanner Eherlich, Aaron Hurley, James King, Jenna Koenig, Peri McAnnally, Kassidy Payne, Kaleb Rains, Kalle Ramos, Meagan Roberts, Heather Thomas, Brett Webb, Kaylee Weikel, Kira Wells

Cisco High School Honor Rolls

A Honor Roll

9th Grade: Megan Batteas, Alexis Green, James Guerin, Cassidy Lane, Judith Nicks.

10th Grade: Amber Kelly, Austin Kent, Logan Lewis, Dylan Murdock, Makayla Norris, Kendra Parsley, Jaycie Scott, Reid Scroggins, Elizabeth Shawver.

11th Grade: Donovan Day, Tomas Hernandez, Aaron McAnally, Sadie Pittman, Dorothy Prickett, Riley Scroggins, Colin Wilcoxon.

12th Grade: Russell Adams, Sammy Chavez, Andrea Chriesman, Sheridan Davis, Emily Edwards, Jessica Friend, Tanner Garcia, Britani Gattis, Allison Guitierrez, Taylor Jessup, Victoria Knaupp, Jaryn Koenig, Thomas Nicks, Karlie Norris, Kaitlin Parsley, Carrollee Sitton, Ashley Stegemoeller, Jordan Stovall, Jeffery Thompson, Bradley Toler, Candace Webb, Whitney Weikel, Whitney Wilks, Brooke Witt.

A/B Honor Roll

9th Grade: Jacob Christopher, Tyler Clement, Amber Graham, Kallie Pittman.

10th Grade: Azalea Ellis, Isaac Hamilton, DJ Lambeth, Erika Lopez, Josh McBride, Richard Riggs, Felisha Schull, Ethan Wells, Luke Wylie.

11th Grade: Carina Alcantar, Amber Carney, Colton Conger, Taylor Conger, Lindsey Elliott, Levi Garrett, Lindsey Hennington, Heather Leker, Josh Martinez, Andrea Maxwell, Hailey Richardson, Ana Rodriguez, Sarah Schaefer, Tori Stuart, Courtney Villebrun.

12th Grade: Jared Anderson, Capri Berry, Heather Briley, Austin Busby, Aerirole Flores, Jessica Gattis, Dona Grace, Vegas Hastings, Trevor Honea, Cody Joyner, Cassandra Justice, Brady Murray, Dillon Shawver, Donnie Toof, Vicky Villa, Shareah Wheat.



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LIFE PLANNING ISSUES

By Jim Kennedy



Forced to Tap Your Retirement Funds?

In today's economy, more retirement plan owners are being forced to tap into their retirement plans prematurely. You may know that in order to accomplish this you must set up a 72(t), which is art of the IRS tax code; but what you may not know is exactly what a 72(t) entails. Therefore, I would like to take a moment to share the basic structure of a 72(t) and answer some commonly asked questions pertaining to this strategy.

A 72(t) plan allows an individual under the age of 59 1/2 to take distributions from the following retirement accounts without incurring the 10% early withdrawal penalty: IRA, 401(k), 403(b), TSA or 457. However, this is only an option for an individual who will have an ongoing need to pay for everyday living expenses, not for an individual looking to find a temporary source of cash flow or one-time lump sum. A 72(t) is defined by the tax code as a series of "substantially equal periodic payments" that must continue for at least 5 years or until the individual attains the age of 59 1/2, whichever is a longer period of time. Additionally, the individual

cannot make contributions to the retirement plan during this time. If any of the rules of a 72(t) plan are violated, the plan will be terminated and recapture tax will be assessed. In other words, all those distributions taken prior to the individual turning age 59 1/2 will be subject to the 10% penalty plus interest.

How are the substantially equal periodic payments calculated? There are three approved methods: the required minimum distribution method, the fixed amortization method, or the fixed annuitization method. While all three are structured from the account balance, the similarity ends there and the decision making begins. Choosing which method is best for your situation is not as easy as a flip of a coin. I strongly recommend working with a qualified professional, who is knowledgeable of your present and future situation and family dynamics as well as the laws of the 72(t) plan to assist you in this crucial life choice.

So, let's go through a couple scenarios to help you visualize this strategy: Bill, who is 56 years of age, was just laid off by his employer of 22 years. The job mar-

ket for his line of work is extremely tough in today's economy and there is no guarantee he can replace his job anywhere in the near future. Fortunately, Bill was a very disciplined saver and has built a substantial nest egg in his retirement plan. After working with his Life Planner to assess his budget and income needs over the next 5, 10 and 50 years, Bill decides it is in his best interest to retire early and begin taking distributions from his retirement nest egg and sets up a 72(t) plan. Over the next 5 years, until age 61, Bill will be required to take substantially equal periodic payments.

Jane, who is 52 years of age, is just tired of working for her current employer and quits. The bad news is that in today's economy, she can't find another job and is forced to use her retirement account as a source of cash flow and sets up a 72(t) plan. Under the rules of the plan, Jane must take substantially equal periodic payments until she reaches age 59 1/2. Unfortunately, Jane is not working with an advisor and takes an extra distribution at age 57 that didn't qualify for any other retirement distribution exception (first-time

home purchase, qualified higher education expenses, medical insurance). This misstep not only terminated the 72(t) plan, but created a 10% penalty plus interest on all of her previous distributions from age 52 to 57.

That may all sound like double-talk, but it is crucial that you develop an understanding. And let me repeat what you may have heard me say before: You don't know what you don't know. And it is often times what you don't know that will hurt you. If you are being forced to retire early or take distributions from your retirement account prior to age 59 1/2, get help. Odds are this is the first time you have done this and you will only have one chance to do it right. This is truly a point in life not to brush off those simple words of wisdom we learned during our childhood: It is always easiest to learn from others mistakes. And fortunately for you...as a Life Planning Firm...we have been there and done that!

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Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree will be Saturday, November 21 at 6 p.m. Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. Concessions proceeds benefit 'Home Delivered Meals'. It is held at Civic Center 301 E. Housley St. Hwy 16 to downtown, turn East on Hwy 108 (Housley St) 2 blocks.

Everyone is invited to come and hear a good lineup of Country, Gospel, and Bluegrass music. Come on out you'll be glad you did!

Alcohol and smoke-free environment. Free Admission. Everyone welcome.

For information call Finnis Butler 254-672-5622 or 672-5816.

Come early and visit our downtown shops and restaurants, or visit Lake Tucker Park 5 mi. west of town for walking, hiking, and nature trails, bird-watching, or just enjoy the scenery. Tables and grills available.

Books Needed For Sale

The Eastland County Historical Commission, a non-profit organization, is asking the public to donate used books for their upcoming annual charity sale.

Members of the Commission plan to be able to offer a good selection of books at very reasonable prices.

Donations may be dropped off at the office of the Cisco Press in Cisco, the Eastland Telegram, Eastland County Museum, Majestic Theatre, or Pro-Auto at 306 East Main in Eastland, and the Historical Preservation Society on Loop 254, just off I-20, in Ranger. Please place a note with the books indicating that they are being donated to the Historical Commission.

Books may also be given to any Commission member, or the donor may call Ed Allcorn at 629-2102 or 629-3600, extension 1, to have the items picked up. Anybooksorperiodicals may

be donated. Encyclopedias of any vintage and all types of tapes, records, and games will also be accepted.

The sale is to be held at the Eastland County Museum, located at 114 South Seaman Street in Eastland at a date to be announced later.

Proceeds will go toward projects of the local Historical Commission. Books of particular historical interest may be retained for the use of the Museum.

Additional information on the Commission or the book sale may be received from Ed Allcorn, Chairman.

Crossword Answers



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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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'Disney's A Christmas Carol' Showing Again At Majestic

The popular film new film "Disney's A Christmas Carol" is being held over for another weekend at the Majestic Theater in Eastland.

This new adaptation of the classic Dickens story has caused quite a bit of interest across the country. It opened nationwide on Nov. 6, and that was also the night it began in Eastland.

This week's showing began at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, and the picture can be seen at the same time nightly through Monday, Nov. 23.

The film is called a family/fantasy/action picture, and rated PG. Parents are advised that some of the scenes might be scary for children, such as when the Ghosts of the Past start converging.

Tickets will be \$4.50 for general admission, and \$6.00 for adults-only balcony tickets.

Disney has gone all-out on this current "Christmas Carol", with Robert Zemeckis as the director and screenplay writer. Young actors take the leading roles - Jim Carrey, Robin Wright Penn, Colin Firth, Bob Haskins, Gary Oldham, and others. The setting is in England in the 1840's.

In the story, Ebenezer Scrooge (Carrey) begins

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the Christmas Holiday with his usual miserly contempt. He barks at his faithful clerk (Gary Oldham), and his cheery nephew (Colin Firth).

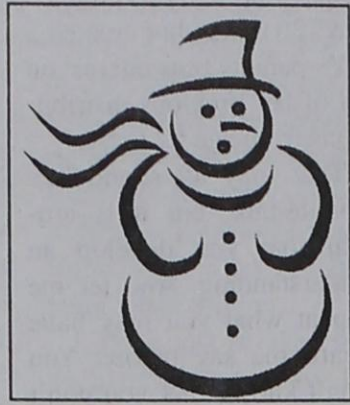
But when the ghosts of Christmas's past, present and future take Scrooge on a journey, they reveal truths he is reluctant to face.

He must open his heart and undo ill will before it is forever too late.

It is interesting to see Jim Carrey in the part of Scrooge - quite a departure from his usual comedy roles. But this film tries to capture the essence of the timeless story in a new way.

This is a good story to begin the Christmas Holidays with. Hollywood has based a number of movies on this Dickens tale, but it never seems out of date.

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Heath Begeman
 County Extension Agent

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By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn
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Albany Christmas Parade Nov. 28

The second annual Albany Christmas Parade will make its way through the downtown area on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, winding down Main Street, passing by the Shackelford County Courthouse and finishing up with festivities on the Courthouse square. Everyone in the area is invited to attend.

The event, which begins at 5:30 p.m., signals the official launch of Albany's Christmas celebration, with a live Christmas tree to be lighted, community caroling around the Courthouse Gazebo, and late hours for downtown stores. The old fashioned Christmas Parade will feature light-festooned wagons, floats, music, antique cars, Santa's sleigh and individual parade entries.

Tours of the holiday decorated nineteenth century Ledbetter Picket house, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Bank Park will also highlight the holiday event.

In addition, a chili supper in the Aztec Theater reception room will begin at 5:00 p.m. The traditional Holiday Preview by Albany merchants, with refreshments provided in several locations, will give shoppers time to peruse the selection of gift items available for holiday giving. Most stores plan to stay open until 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Homes Tour
Albany's annual Christmas Tour of Homes is scheduled for Sunday, December 6 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Five Albany



Successful Soccer Season and Upcoming ECSA Board Meeting

The Eastland County Soccer Association (ECSA) just wrapped up their season this past Saturday. Thanks to more than 30 volunteers, 175 registered kids enjoyed an exciting and successful season of soccer.

The ECSA will hold its final board meeting for the year at the Eastland First Baptist Church, Eastland on Monday, November 23, at 6:00 pm. This will also be the first meeting for discussing the Fall 2010 season. Those interested in helping next

homes, decorated for the holiday season, will be part of the tour.

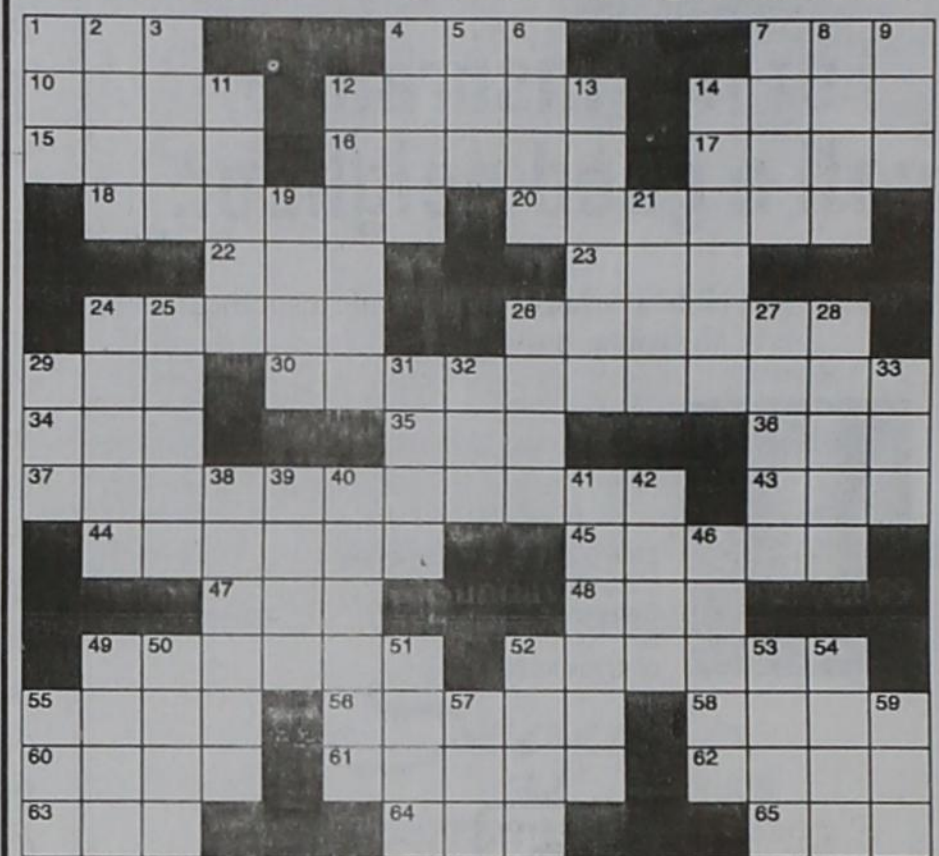
Tickets may be purchased at any of the homes on the day of the tour for \$10. Children are free.

Maps will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office and at the participating homes.

season, and in particular, those interested in joining the board should be sure to attend Monday's meeting. For more information

please contact:
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A health resort
4. Time in the central U.S.
7. Married woman
10. Speed of sound
12. Reciprocal of the sine (Math)
14. Paddles
15. The highest adult male singing voice
16. Dashery
17. Harangue
18. Jewish state est. 1948
20. Actress Tomci
22. Point one point E of due S
23. A tube in which a body fluid circulates
24. Palm tree fruits
26. Argot
29. Thigh of a hog (usually smoked)
30. Official medium of payment
34. Rapid bustling movement

35. 8th largest independent University
36. Electromotive force
37. One of TV's "Odd Couple"
43. To help or furnish relief
44. An evening party
45. Cruises
47. A small drink
48. Comedian Caesar
49. Lowest voice male singers
52. _____ chickpea croquette
55. Pigmented nevi
56. Clamorous
58. Euphemism for hell
60. Expression of sorrow or pity
61. A hero's narratives
62. Honolulu's island
63. Metal soup container
64. Cooking vessel
65. Large weight unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Senior officer
2. Prakrit language
3. Performs in a play
4. Solid fossil fuel
5. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
6. Be full to overflowing
7. "Serpico" author Peter
8. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
9. The Concorde was one
11. Earth that lies between 2 faults
12. Cheddar or swiss
13. Neckcloth
14. Prayer
19. Cain and _____
21. Assign a rank to
24. Male parents
25. Acronym oil group
26. Reddish purple color
27. The conception of perfection
28. Slang for trucks with trailers

29. Pilgrimage to Mecca
31. An adhesive substance
32. Troubled insurance giant
33. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
38. Chocolate candies
39. Actor Kristofferson
40. Outcasts
41. Determine the court costs of
42. Hammered fastener
46. Potato state
49. Cord worn as a necktie
50. Actor Ladd
51. Money offered as a bribe
52. _____: male social club
53. A notable achievement
54. The persistence of a sound
55. A waterproof raincoat
57. In the past
59. Hungarian Communist Bela

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3	4	9	5	8	6	2	7	1
9	5	8	1	3	2	6	4	7
4	6	2	9	5	7	8	1	3
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Monday, November 23

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
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Tuesday, November 24

Breakfast: Croissant w/cream cheese, jelly, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, fruit, cookies, milk.

Wednesday, November 25

No School

Thursday, November 26

No School

Friday, November 27

No School

Eastland School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 23

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, November 24

Breakfast: Biscuits on the hill, turkey sausage, fat free gravy, jelly, cinnamon buns, orange juice, milk.

Lunch: Enchiladas, cheese, refried beans, tortilla chips, jalapeno peppers, picante sauce, sour cream, salad, ranch dressing, apricots, milk, or Hamburger, sliced pickles.

Wednesday, November 25

No School

Thursday, November 26

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Friday, November 27

No School

Gorman School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 23

Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chili dogs, baked beans, french fries, fruit, milk.

Tuesday, November 24

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, hash brown, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, choc. chip cookie, milk.

Wednesday, November 25

No school

Thursday, November 26

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Ranger School Lunch Menu

Monday, November 23

Breakfast: Select one item: Breakfast combo, dry cereal, yogurt, side item: biscuits & jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Select one entree: Steakfingers w/gravy, baked potato, cheese pizza, select 3 side dishes: mashed potatoes, english peas, bread sticks, lemon bars, milk.

Tuesday, November 24

Breakfast: Select one item: Oatmeal with butter, dry cereal, yogurt, side item: sausage, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Select one entree: Lasagna w/meat sauce, baked potato, cheese pizza, select 3 side dishes: green beans, corn, rolls, peanut butter squares, milk.

Wednesday, November 25

Breakfast: Select one item: Waffles w/syrup, dry cereal, yogurt, side item: ham slice, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Select one entree: Hotdog w/chili, baked potato, cheese pizza, select 3 side dishes: baked beans, pickles & onion rings, peaches, white choco. chip cookies, milk.

Thursday, November 26

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Education

Little Howler News and Notes

www.ciscoisd.net/elementary
By Stephen Forester

Thanksgiving is Here!!!
Just about everyone on campus is ready for a little break...so not much going on this week...but here's a few reminders...

What's going on this week?

"ORANGE" You Glad It's Almost Thanksgiving

To celebrate the arrival of the holidays, our students are encouraged to wear "orange" on Tuesday.

Thanksgiving Holidays

The Thanksgiving holidays begin on Wednesday and run through the weekend. No school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. School will resume at the regular time Monday, November 30th.

What are we thankful for?

We are thankful for our children...for our parents and grandparents...for our community...for our administration...for our teachers and aides...for our custodial staff...for our cafeteria ladies...for our librarians...for our school...for health...for life!!!

What else is going on at CES??

UIL Practice

December 10th is the day for the UIL Competition. Permission slips will be going home for those who are on a team. Practices will continue until the 10th.

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!!!

There is a link to a blog at the top of the website, as well, that has a video of the HST Health fair. Please check out the fun time our kids had at the health fair.

The History Club

The first project that the students have chosen to do is the "Santa Claus" bank robbery. The club has been grouped into groups of 6 and is composing a poem to be read in conjunction with the Christmas program on the 15th of December. The 5th graders are really looking forward to this presentation.

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On The Hill

By Norm Logan

Hello folks and welcome to this week's edition of "On the Hill".

Well this is the week of the big Fall Fine Arts Festival up here at the High School. Again, it will start at 4pm with the Middle School putting on their play. The High School Jazz band will be putting on their performance in the cafeteria, as well as an Art Exhibit by all of the Art classes. Mrs. Arrington's Culinary Arts dept will be serving a meal to all of the folks with meal tickets, and then the High School Theatre dept will put on their play at 7pm. The students have really worked hard for this and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Basketball season is upon us and the girls have already started putting marks in the win column. They defeated Gordon last Tuesday, and they and the boys are in Hico today at a tournament. Just heard the boys won their first basketball game against Rio Vista 32-62.

Things have kinda slowed down since football is over, seems like the week goes faster with all of the spirit days and activities involved with the sport.

If any of ya'll missed the play-off game last Friday it was a tough game, with the boys playing a real big physical team from Henrietta. They played hard and never gave up, and although they lost, they proved to us that they are winners. I was in the press box at half-time doing the intro for the band, and everyone up there commented on how good

our band looked and sounded for such a small group of kids. Hats off to Terry Everts and his crew for a great season, with all of the Division one ratings, and only missing the State Marching Contest by one place.

We won't have an article next week as we will be out of school for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The kids only have school next Monday and Tuesday. The State Physical Fitness tests will be on those days as well and the students need to make sure and bring clothes and shoes to exercise in. This is Rick Perry's way to see how many obese kids we have in our school system State wide.

My JH students competed in a poster contest put on by the Lions Club. Dean Vernon took the entries to be judged earlier this week so we will see what happens. Some of them were really good.

The Art club and the Ranger College Student Council helped decorate the Grimes Garden last Saturday for Christmas. The Ranger College kids were a big help and we got most of it done in one day. The final decorations will be put up after Thanksgiving. Now all we have are the lighted parades, decorating the hospital, and decorating the courthouse. No sweat.

Coach Mayes just told me that there is only 63 days until softball. Oh well, I guess that is all for now, see ya after the Break. Hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving and stays safe on the road. Norm.

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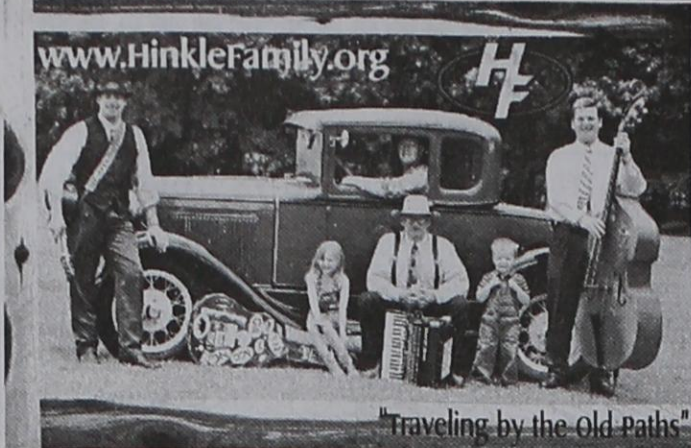
Some friends of ours caught some crappie in Lake Leon and, well, we're frying fish tonight. I love fish. I suppose I should say I love to eat fish. I guess if I really loved the fish, he'd still be enjoying life.

Man, I'd sure hate to be a fish. What a life! The little fish get eaten by the bigger fish. The bigger ones get eaten by even larger fish. And if they're strong enough to survive the biggest of fish, then they end up in some guy's frying pan. Most all animals have the same way of thinking. Devour the little guy. Ezekiel even said the stronger sheep (mostly thought of as soft and cuddly), butt around the weak ones with their horns.

Is that the way WE live? Devour the weak and attempt to survive the strong? Maybe we can buddy up with the big fish so he doesn't eat us. Or maybe we'll just graze over here among the rocks and let that big ram have the plush grass. We're not to live on animal instincts. God instructed us to love each other. "Make every effort to live in peace with all men." (Heb. 12:14). "Consider others as better than yourselves." (Phil. 2:3)

But as for the fish, we're gonna eat tonight! Will you pass me those hush puppies?

Paul Howie



Gospel Singing in Moran Texas on November 29, 2009 starts at 3:00 PM Banquet to follow at the Moran Community Center

An Electrifying Event Is Coming To Ranger

Team Impact At Ranger First Baptist Church November 20, 21 & 22

Team Impact, some of the strongest men on the planet, will be making several public appearances in Ranger. With demonstrations of astounding feats of strength - such as shattering five feet of concrete with one blow from their massive arms and snapping baseball bats in half with their bare hands - Team Impact members are sure to capture the attention of both the young and old; all to share an inspiring message of hope.

Team Impact is a group of world-class athletes, including champion power-lifters, previous WWE wrestlers, and former NFL football players. The men of Team Impact travel the globe motivating and inspiring people of all ages and have performed their amazing presentation in front of millions.

With the problems young people face today, Team Impact has taken seriously the task of reaching America's

youth with a timely message through their highly acclaimed school assemblies. Visiting nearly 1,000 schools each year, this group has the unique opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and the importance of academic excellence.

In addition, Team Impact appears regularly on television programs including their own weekly show were millions of people around the world are able to see their extraordinary demonstrations and hear their inspirational message. You may visit www.team-impact.com to learn more about the efforts of Team Impact.

Team Impact will perform at First Baptist Church in Ranger on November 20, 21, and 22 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Church is located at the corner of Walnut and Marston. For more information call 254-647-3261.

Eastland County BAND OF BROTHERS

"Who Cares?"

Have you noticed that within the realm of the media today many companies or other sellers of a product or service attempt to convince the world at large that they are the only one's who truly care about our welfare? And in the frantic attempt to get someone to honor their word concerning those life-changing products that were purchased on "faith", we are often left frustrated and feeling abandoned. Because the reality begins to sink in that no matter what was said in the heat of the negotiation, we begin to realize that their so-called "Service after the Sale - Guarantee" was not worth the paper it was printed on. Thus, where does someone go when they have a problem? They naturally go to an expert to have their problem solved. We gravitate towards a Doctor when we need relief from a physical pain, or to a mechanic whenever our car is not performing correctly. Therefore, when it comes to someone experiencing an emotional or spiritual problem in their lives the logical place to go for some "Expert Care" should be the church. Right?

So, the question then becomes that of "Where Do I Go to Find Hope and Compassion in this World? Therefore, someone may say to themselves - "Hey, "How" about church I have heard some things about it making a difference in my friends circumstances." Then someone that has been beaten and worn down by the trials of this life attends one of God's "Spiritual First-Aid Stations - The Church", to the place that they believe will finally care enough to help, only to discover that in the midst of having church "How" all of God's People are too busy to even ask them their name. Hey, nice church person is there someone "New" in your fellowship that has an emotional or spiritual wound as big as Texas and you haven't even bothered yourself to at least ask them "How they are doing?"

Now, that we are on the same page let's listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah from chapter 61 verse 1, where he says, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord



Reverend W. Aubrey Perrella

is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." Therefore, again I pose the question "Who Cares?" First, and foremost it must be us the Body of Christ, more specifically the hands and feet of God's people who are willing to "GO" and bring comfort in this dark world. Next, it must be our arms which are an extension of His loving presence in our lives that shows we are more than desirous of sharing in the pain with someone that is carrying a heavy load. Then, we must be committed to stay with them on their "Faith" journey to a brighter future, until they can say with confidence "I am no longer alone."

Jesus is our "Guarantee" of His comforting Grace in this life through the dark valleys and into those seasons when we despair of facing another day of more of the same. We have been given a true "Life-Changing" gift that is not similar to, or can even be compared to something offered by the "World." God's Promise to everyone who will believe is that His Purpose and Power will never fail us, and when it seems that no one else "Cares", He unveils that He alone can deliver us and keep us until that day of Blessed Assurance - An Eternity that will truly be filled with a Divine Display of "How" much He Cares for you.

Reverend W. Aubrey Perrella
Pastor, Second Baptist Church
Ranger, Texas

(NOTICE: All ministers in Eastland County are invited and urged to join this united effort to submit (with face photo if possible but not required) brief (one page) commentary suitable for public consumption, subject to editing and/or rejection. Please mail to either Jerry Maston at River of Life Church or to MESSIAH SAGE, P.O. Box 29, both in Eastland, TX 76448.)

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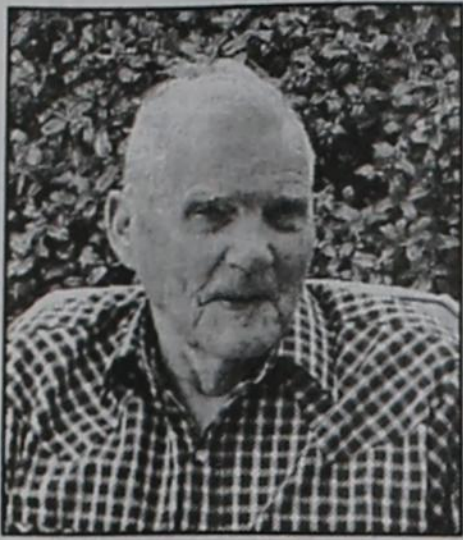
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Obituaries

Alton Maples



FT. WORTH - Alton Terry Maples, age 85, of Fort Worth, Texas passed away Monday, November 16, 2009 at his home with his family by his side.

Graveside services were held Friday, November 20, 2009 at 2:00 pm at Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of the Summers-Bakker Funeral Home. Visitation was held Thursday, November 19th from 6:00 - 7:30.

Dad was born August 17, 1924 in Romney, Texas to Cecil Raymond and Vercie Maye (Long) Maples. Alton Maples served his country during WWII as Seaman 1st Class, Gunner's Mate Striker on U.S.S. Manila Bay and received seven navy unit commendations for outstanding heroism in action against enemy

Japanese forces.

He was most happy when family gathered at his place on the river to celebrate special moments or holidays and was proud to say he had 21 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Surviving are his children: daughters, Patsy Jean Perkins (Jeff), of Prescott, AZ, Terry Lee Kaden (Larry), of Milton, FL, and Tammie Gail Blalock of Sherman, Texas; sons, Alton Ray Maples of Abilene, Texas, Larry David Maples (companion Trish), Rodney Clark Maples and his good friend and daughter-in-law, Glenna Pendleton, all of Fort Worth; two step children, Joan Lorraine Van Zandt Zito (Jim), of Springfield, IL and Richard Wayne Van Zandt (Wesley) of Fort Worth, TX.; his two brothers and a sister, Cecil Junior Maples, Jimmy Dale Maples, and Veda May Williams and three half sisters, Dorothy Ann Aake, Loretta Faye Mauldin and Millie Carolyn Burns.

Dad (Papa) will be most remembered as a fiercely independent man who loved God, loved his family and loved fishing.

Barney Ray Pancake

Barney Ray Pancake, age 73, of Rising Star, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in Brownwood. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2009 at Pioneer Cemetery. The family will be have a time of visitation at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19th.

He was born in Pioneer, Texas on April 24, 1936 to Garland (Pee Wee) and Jessie (Curry) Pancake. He worked in the oil fields on drilling rigs all of his life. Barney loved to hunt and fish.

He is survived by his sister, Marby Fox of Rising Star; nephews, Gary Fox, Claude Fox and wife, Cheryl, and Michael Fox all of Rising Star; nieces, Linda Pancake of Breckenridge; Tammy

Lloyd Frances Reeves

EASTLAND - Lloyd Frances Reeves, 82, of Eastland, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2009 in Fort Worth.

Graveside services were held at 10 A.M. Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Oakridge Cemetery with Larry Roberts officiating and under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Mrs. Reeves was born on October 5, 1927 in Cisco to Samuel Bascom and Lloyd Earl (Ayers) Mize. After high school she went to Abilene Beauty School and became a hairdresser. She

was a long-time resident of Saginaw and Eastland. She loved gardening, Bible study and watching game shows.

Survivors include 3 children, Frankie Huffman, Andy Reeves and Jerry Reeves all of Eastland; a brother, Dan Mize of Fort Worth; 3 sisters, Sue Endebrock of Cisco, Bitsy Rice of Ranger and Zerena Beddow of Graham; 2 grandchildren, Donnie Reeves and Melissa Bilbey; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

State Issues Call For Transportation Enhancement Projects

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has announced a program call for project nominations for the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program. Submissions will be accepted until December 11, 2009.

The Texas Transportation Commission authorized TxDOT to conduct the \$67.5 million program call to solicit project proposals for development opportunities for non-traditional transportation-related activities.

The federally-funded program supports transportation-related activities that promote the quality of the environment through aesthetic enhancements associated with transportation.

Projects will be selected on a competitive basis.

Selection for funding does not constitute a grant. Selected projects are eligible for reimbursement for up to 80 percent of allowable costs. The entity nominating a project is responsible for the remaining cost share, including cost overruns.

Projects should go above and beyond standard

transportation activities and be integrated into the surrounding environment in a sensitive and creative manner that contributes to the livelihood of the communities; promotes the quality of the environment; and enhances the aesthetics of our roadways.

Eligible projects must demonstrate a relationship to the surface transportation system through either function or impact. Project nominated must incorporate one of the following 12 categories:

- Pedestrians and bicycles facilities
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- Scenic or historic highway programs (including providing tourist and welcome center facilities)
- Landscaping and other scenic beautification
- Historic preservation
- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)
- Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian and bicycle facilities)

- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
 - Archaeological planning and research
 - Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
 - Establishment of transportation museums.
- Applications should be submitted to TxDOT Abilene District, Attn: Bill Leach, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas, 79601. For additional information, Leach can be reached at 325/676-6822.
- For more information about the TE program, visit: <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/te.htm>

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is 11 am, Dec. 10, 2009, at 1075 Lago Vista Blvd., Eastland, TX. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of unit belonging to **SHANNON ROBERTS** and unit belonging to **JACOB MCCULLOUGH**, including furniture and household goods. Contact Lago Vista Storage at 254-631-7762. E97

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Narcotics Anonymous
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Ranger's 2009 Annual Christmas Parade To Be Held December 4th

Friday, "December 4th" is the date, "6:00 PM", the time, and "Old Fashion Christmas" is theme set for Ranger's Fourteenth Annual Night - Time Lighted Christmas Parade. Whether you're an entry (an entry form is printed in this paper) in the parade, or standing on the sidelines to watch all the great entries as they move down Ranger's Main Street, the Ranger Historical Preservation Society invites everyone to be part of this festive occasion.

Ranger Historical Preservation Society Presents The Fourteenth Annual Night - Time Lighted Christmas Parade
 6:00 Friday Evening, December 4, 2009
 Downtown Main Street Ranger, Texas
 Theme - "Old Fashion Christmas"

Parade Entry Form
 Name of Entry/Group _____

Contact Person _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

Town _____

Type of Entry
 _____ Queen, Duchess or Sweetheart
 _____ Float - Out of Town
 _____ Marching Band
 _____ Float - In Town
 _____ Antique Car ~

Year
 _____ Individual Horse Rider
 _____ Classic Car ~ Year

Horse Drawn _____

_____ Custom or Street Rod ~ Year _____
 _____ Riding Group
 _____ Bicycles/Walking Group
 _____ Drill Team/Cheerleaders
 _____ Other _____

Line-up starts 5:00 P.M. at the Ranger Swimming Pool Park area. ALL entries must have some type lights and be in place by 5:30 P.M. for Judging. (Walking groups, Bands, etc. may have lights on hats or clothing.) Please give information about your entry, including names of participants so that when you reach the Review Stand the Announcer can tell the crowd who you are and what you represent. (Information may be written on back of this form, or attach another sheet.) Entries will be Judged on Parade Theme and Originality. Trophies for First & Second Place, and Ribbons for Third Place will be awarded and handed to participants at review stand.

Completed forms need to be received by Ranger Historical Preservation Society, P.O. Box 320, Ranger, Texas 76470, by **Tuesday November 24, 2009.** NOTE: Forms may be faxed to 254-647-3824 or email rhaps@txol.net. Your participation is sincerely appreciated. It will help make this a successful & enjoyable parade for everyone attending. Questions? Call 254-647-3340 leave message for return call.

**** NOTE: For safety reasons we ask that you PLEASE DO NOT THROW Candy or Objects of Any Description from your entry. Remember Santa will be here with goodies for the children. The Ranger Historical Preservation Society (RHPS) ~**



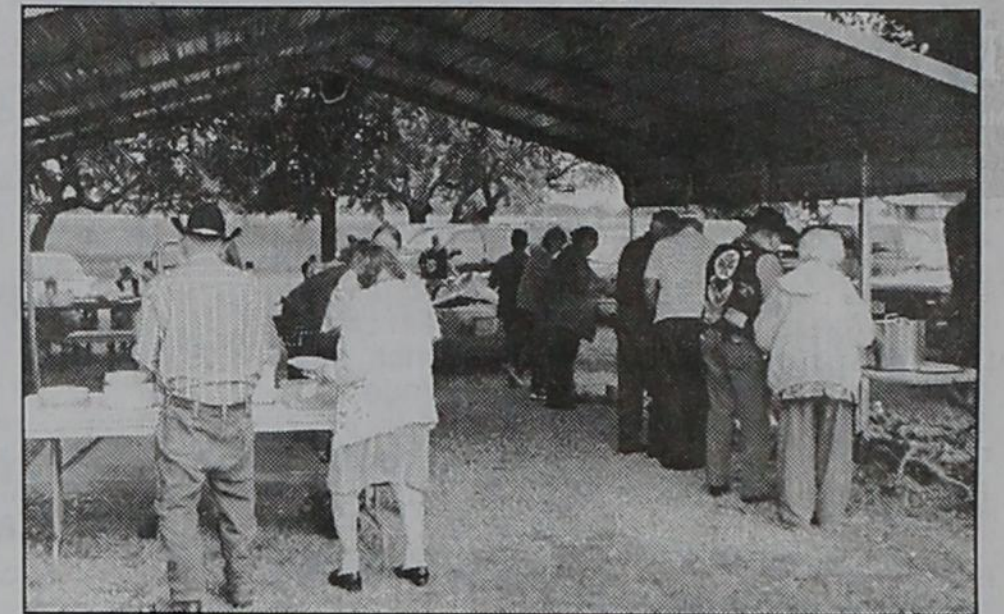
Thanks to all the Veterans and their families for helping with the food at Saturday's gathering at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. Special thanks to Robert "Butch" Seymour for mowing the park. Thanks also to VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4136 for furnishing food and serving.



Ruben Zarate offered thanks and Larry Monroe welcomed guests to the Veterans Day Meal sponsored by the Veterans Support Group



James Wood and grandson visiting with Walter Harrison as he arrives on his motorcycle. These Veterans are a lot of help with the Veterans Support Group.



There was a good turnout with lots of good fellowship at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, Sat., Nov. 14. The American Legion Post was also involved in today's events.

Everyone Wins When You Make Charitable Gifts

It's Thanksgiving time again. Like everyone else, you probably have many things in your life for which you are thankful. And you may want to show your appreciation for what you have by making a gift to a charitable organization. If you do, both you and the charitable group can come out ahead.

Of course, it's no secret that 2009 has been an unusual year for the economy, with most of us feeling the effects of the recession in one way or another. Consequently, you may believe you can't really afford to make charitable gifts right now. But there's probably never been a more urgent need for these gifts, as the distressed economy has led to a decline in contributions for charities across the country. Furthermore, your charitable gift can provide you with some distinct economic advantages.

Specifically, by making charitable contributions, you can gain these tax benefits:

• You can take an immediate tax deduction. If you itemize your taxes, you can deduct

your contributions to charitable organizations as long as they are "tax-qualified". (Be sure to ask the organization if it has tax-qualified status.) Your tax deductions for charitable contributions are generally limited to 50% of your adjusted gross income. (If you want to claim a deduction for the 2009 tax year, you'll need to make your contribution before Jan. 1.)

• You can avoid capital gains taxes. If you want to support a charitable group, you're not limited to making cash contributions -- you can also donate other assets, such as stocks or real estate. If you've held these assets for a long time, their value may have risen considerably. If you were to sell appreciated assets, you'd have to pay capital gains taxes on your profits. But if you donated these assets, you could avoid the capital gains liability while still claiming the tax deduction.

• You can remove assets from your taxable estate. In 2010, the estate tax is repealed, but it will be back in 2011. Estate

Immunization Clinic Nov. 24

The Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic on Tuesday, November 24th from 9:30-12:00 & 1:30-3:30 at 405 S. Seaman, Eastland, Texas (First Baptist Church).

Regular Seasonal Flu Vaccine available for all ages.

H1N1 Inactivated Vaccine (shot) available for ages 6-24 months, and 5-64 years of age that have a high risk medical condition.

H1N1 Live Virus (Nasal Mist) available for ages 2 years thru 25 years of age with no high risk.

Must bring SHOT RECORD, Bring Medicaid, and SS # if available.

Seasonal Flu shots are a \$10 donation, there is no charge for the H1N1 vaccine.

No one will be denied vaccine if inability to pay for shot.

For more information call Enola Tullis at 559-2205.

FINALLY, IT'S HERE

H1N1 FLU VACCINE

PLEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER

in Cisco

will be hosting a H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic on

Tuesday, November 24

from 2:00 - 5:00 pm

at 1510 State Hwy 206, Cisco

Who should get the H1N1 influenza vaccine?

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for infants younger than 6 mos. of age
- Health care and emergency medical personnel
- Anyone from 6 mos. through 24 years of age
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Angel Food Ministries Distribution Is Saturday

Angel Food Ministries November food delivery is this coming Saturday, November 21st at the FBC Activity Building on West 8th and Ave. E in Cisco from 8-9 a.m.

Food not picked up on time will be resold or given to a needy family. You will be able to order the December menu items at the time of your pick up. Lots of excellent food and specials from this great ministry. Also, you may order

online and pay by debit or credit card by entering 76437 to enter.

For more information go to www.angelfoodministries.com or call Ilene at 442-1969. Cutoff date for December is Tuesday, December 8th. Delivery is Saturday, December 19th. Thanks for your continuing participation. May all be blessed and have a God Centered Day every day.

Thanksgiving Dinner November 25 At Church Of God Of Prophecy In Ranger

No where to go for Thanksgiving Dinner? You are invited to come enjoy a meal with all the trimmings

on Wednesday, November 25th. Sponsored by the Church of God of Prophecy in Ranger.

Worship & Praise

We welcome all church news at this newspaper. Please mail to: P.O. Box 29, Eastland, TX 76448; E-mail: ecn@att.net; Fax: 254-629-2092; or you can bring it by the newspaper at 215 S. Seaman, Eastland, TX.



Seeds From The Sower

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

A fellow was leaving a Veteran's Hospital, and a friend said, "I didn't know you were wounded during the war."

"I wasn't wounded," he answered. "I was injured."

"Which battle?" he asked.

"It wasn't in a battle," he said, "I was running from a battle."

As it was with him, so it

is with the soldiers of the Lord. It's either duty or desertion.

With Jonah it was desertion. Running from the Lord, he encountered a smashing storm. Then he was swallowed by a great fish. You're never safe when you're sinning.

Be true to the Lord at any cost. Do your duty, your whole duty, and nothing but your duty!

We Proudly Brew Starbucks Opening Soon

The MTC coffee shop will be opened for business starting on Tuesday, December 1st. We will have all of your Starbucks favorites brewed on our official Starbucks espresso machine. This holiday season enjoy a nice hot peppermint or a harvest spice latte to get you in the holiday mood. Stop by on your way to work and pick up a breakfast muffin or danish with your morning brew. If you are a member of any area police force, highway patrol, sheriff or other law enforcement drop by anytime, on duty or off, show your law enforcement ID and get a free 12oz cup

of Starbucks breakfast blend premium coffee. All other drinks are full price.

If you bring in this ad on December 1st you will receive a free 12oz latte or cappuccino. This offer is good only at the MTC Coffee shop on the date of December 1. We are located at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center on West I-20. Starting December 1st hours of operation will be 7:00am to 5:00pm, with evening hours coming after the first of the year.

Come join us for a fresh cup of your favorite Starbucks drink and get your day off right.

River of Life Food Pantry

Open Every Third Saturday Each Month

The pantry is asking for canned sweet potatoes and frozen pie crusts (in pan) to provide pantry guests with the elements to prepare their own Thanksgiving dinner. These donations are needed sometime this week to be included in the boxes distributed on Saturday, November 21st. The ROL Food Pantry also needs diapers, sizes 3 and up. All items can be donated during office hours at the church,

Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm (closed for noon lunch). River of Life Church is located at 103 Pogue Ave in Eastland.

Our goal is to help families that are temporarily in need of assistance. The pantry will be open Saturday morning,

November 21st, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Application requirements: the applicant's photo identification, social security card and a current statement of income. Applicants must come themselves.

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BULGIN'S BEST BLOWS

BY ELWOOD J. BULGIN D.D., Ph.D.

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DEMANDS OF UNBELIEF
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WAS MOSES SCIENTIFIC
BIBLE INSPIRED

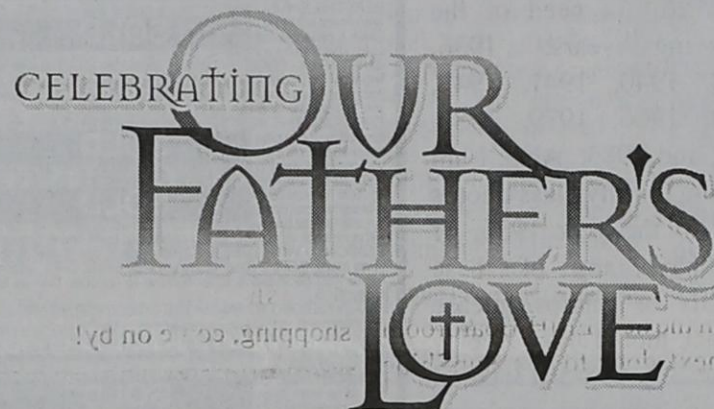
Reprinted From History

The Eastland County Newspapers has published a limited edition of old type sermons by Elwood J. Bulgin.

The collection he was inspired by the Bible to write features "Demands of Unbelief," and "Immorality."

You can procure this historic collection at the offices of the Eastland County Newspapers, 215 South Seaman, Eastland, Texas 76448. Come get your copy of these inspirational texts.

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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.

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Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Bryan Patrick
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P.O. Box 588 Worship 10:50 a.m. Office: 254-629-1022
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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 7:00 to 8:00 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

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www.fbceastland.org

Carbon Community Baptist
Pastor Jody Forbus
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Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Daugherty St. Church Of Christ
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Sunday AM Worship 10:20 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
(Located across the street from the hospital)

First United Methodist Church
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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

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Convenient And Delicious Ways To Serve Up Good Nutrition

Children who eat better do better in school, suggests a study published in the Journal of School Health.

According to registered dietitian Liz Weiss, co-author of "The Moms' Guide to Meal Makeovers" and co-host of the family food blog Meal Makeover Moms' Kitchen, eating nutritious foods including fruits and veggies and limiting fat at meals and snack times can be an attainable goal.

"With just a few mealtime modifications, healthier eating can be right around the corner," says Weiss. Here are a few simple tips to help get nutritious foods on the table and in the lunch bag fast:

Plan Meals Ahead: Crafting a weekly lunch and dinner menu and a focused shopping list to go with it can help shorten your time at the grocery store, keep your food budget in check (because you'll be less tempted to buy unnecessary impulse items) and leave more time

Don't Ignore Aches And Pains

Staying active can keep you healthy and feeling younger. Whether it's recreational sports, going to the gym or just working around the house, physical activity helps both body and mind.

Sometimes an active lifestyle may lead to minor strains, sprains, and bruises, but there are ways to minimize injury. One way to prevent minor injuries is to slowly strengthen muscles with exercise. Before starting an activity--whether it's cleaning the garage or going for a jog--it's important to get your blood pumping by stretching and warming up.

If you do get injured, know when to consult a health care professional. Nearly 60 percent of people with acute back pain or other minor muscle strains and sprains did not see a health care professional for their pain, according to a recent American Pain Foundation survey of 2,192 Americans. Many of them said they felt they could tough it out. Experts say this isn't the best approach.

"Because minor strains and sprains are common, people can underestimate their possible long-term effects, especially if not properly treated," said Dr. Bruce Thomas, a physician at MIMA Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine/Sports Medicine, Florida State University College of Medicine.

Treatment of minor strains, sprains, or bruises may include resting and icing the injured area. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) can be used to help decrease the short-term pain. These can be taken by mouth or in a patch that goes on the skin.

More tips can be found online at RealAge.com StrainsAndSprains. The site also has a quiz to help you find out if you need to see a health care professional about your injury.

It's important to take proper care of even minor injuries to reduce the chance of a more serious problem later.

for food prep.

Give Family-Favorite Recipes a Veggie Makeover: Incorporating vegetables into recipes adds texture and flavor and provides a nutritional boost. Top homemade pizza with your choice of sautéed vegetables--spinach, bell peppers, onions, mushrooms or zucchini--or stir them into pasta.

Add Variety to Kids' Lunches: There is an increasing assortment of convenient, great-tasting healthy food selections in the supermarket, such as portable baby carrots or on-the-go yogurt.

Also, Campbell Soup Company has reduced the sodium in all of their 12 Kids soups, including favorites like Chicken & Stars, to meet government criteria for "healthy" foods. This means the soups are controlled for fat, saturated fat, cholesterol and sodium and contain a positive nutrient source such as a good source of vitamin A.

Stock up on Fruits and Vegetables: All forms count, so be on the lookout for fresh, frozen and canned produce as well as juices such as V8 V-Fusion 100 percent juice. Each 8-ounce glass provides a full serving of fruit and a full serving of vegetables, and all kids taste is the fruit. Plus, it is available in flavors that kids love, such as Strawberry Banana.

Cook Together as a Family: Involving children in food preparation encourages them to try new foods...especially nutritious ones. Kids love to get messy, and there's no better place than the kitchen.

Rite Of Passage: The Plight Of Uninsured Young Adults

By Ralph G. Neas and Henry E. Simmons, M.D.

The health insurance coverage issue may uncover some surprises for certain Americans.

One segment of the population that's particularly affected by the uninsured problem is young adults between the ages of 19 and 29. They represent 31 percent of the nation's uninsured.

What a Difference a Year Makes

Young adults usually begin with health insurance coverage under their parents' plan or a public insurance program. But the 19th birthday is a crucial milestone for the health coverage of many young adults in the U.S.

Public programs such as Medicaid usually end eligibility at the 19th birthday. Employer-sponsored health insurance plans often won't cover young adults as dependents under their parents' policy after 19 years of age unless they are enrolled in

college.

Young people, even working full-time, may not be offered or able to afford health insurance. Others believe in their own "invincibility" when it comes to future health concerns.

The Myth of the Not-So "Invincibles"

Actually, young adults are more susceptible to some illnesses than any other population. Over 40 percent of uninsured young adults have characterized their health as only fair or poor.

To address the problem, health care reform legislation includes a variety of provisions to help young Americans gain quality, affordable coverage, including proposals to allow young adults to remain on their parents' insurance through the age of 27. Young adults could also benefit from proposed sizeable tax credits. According to a report by Jonathan Gruber of MIT, the tax credits could save young adults as much as

\$685 off their health insurance premiums.

It is time that all Americans, regardless of age, receive timely, affordable, quality health care. It is time for the enactment of systemwide health care reform that provides coverage to all citizens, slows down health care costs and improves the quality of medical care.

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Eastland Memorial Volunteers Open House December 3rd

By Kelly Davidson

Come see what we are all about!

On Thursday, December 3rd from 5:30p.m. until 7:00p.m. the Eastland Memorial Hospital Volunteers are having a 'come and go' Open House in the new EMH Boardroom next door to the Sunshine Gift Shoppe.

While you visit with our volunteers and receive information/applications you are welcome to enjoy

refreshments from our gift shoppe as well as the 10% SALE on ALL MERCHANDISE that will be going on for this evening only.

Don't miss the fun, refreshments and great shopping, come on by!

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Oral And Maxillofacial Surgeons Among First Responders To Fort Hood Shootings

Submitted by Elaine Fox
ROSEMONT, Ill., Nov. 10 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ Before news of the November 5, Fort Hood shootings reached the public, oral and maxillofacial surgeons Major Mark E. Ranschaert, DMD and Major Joseph Dylan Bowles, DOS were in Fort Hood's Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center emergency room working to save the lives of the shooter's victims.

Arriving in the ER to help treat the influx of patients, Majors Ranschaert and Bowles found 30 injured soldiers awaiting treatment and the operating rooms already full. They immediately turned their attention to a patient with a penetrating neck wound. Assisted by two staff members, the surgeons intubated the patient, inserted an IV and a central line, and gave him two units of blood.

"The patient was bleeding constantly," says Bowles. "We were concerned he wasn't going to make it. Without care, he definitely would have expired."

Ranschaert and Bowles were able to stabilize the patient and accompanied him to the helipad where he was transferred to Scott and White University Medical Hospital for further treatment. He is now in stable condition.

"It was pretty chaotic," Dr. Bowles recalls. "It was like being in the middle of a combat zone," he continues. "You didn't know if somebody would walk into the ER and start shooting at you. We reverted to our training and did what we do best: taking care of patients. I'm thankful the decisions we made were the right decisions and we saved a soldier's life."

Thirteen people were killed and more than 30 people were injured in the attack at the Fort Hood Soldier Readiness Center. Sixteen of the victims remain hospitalized.

Oral and maxillofacial surgeons are trained to manage all aspects of treatment of the hard and soft tissues of the face, head and neck (maxillofacial region). They complete an intensive four-year degree program in dentistry followed by a minimum of four years in a hospital surgical residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery, where they train alongside residents in general surgery, trauma surgery, anesthesia, plastic surgery and otolaryngology. OMSs are indispensable in the hospital ER when it comes to repairing facial trauma caused by car crashes and street violence. The American College of Surgeons requires all level one trauma centers, those emergency centers that treat the most serious and complex facial trauma patients, to have oral and maxillofacial surgeons on call at all times.

http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/printpressstory.php?news=1038851

Major Joseph Dylan Bowles, DOS is a 1995 graduate of EHS and the son of Della Bowles and Greg Bowles both of Eastland.

Veterans Day Event

On Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, veterans were treated to a free round of golf at Lakeside Golf Course. Several veterans were able to take advantage of a nice day on a beautiful golf course.

A big thanks to Jenni and Taylor Ford and Rod Straw for their generous support of our area veterans.

Monday Night Singers

Submitted by Tim Turnbeaugh
We had a great turn out this week, even the cold winter weather couldn't stop our group from praising the Lord.

Tonight's meeting was dedicated to the memory of one of our members, Nadine Stephan, who was always faithful to attend when she was able.

We had several visitors this week, Bro. Zach brought his wife Deanna to visit and Odessa Collins brought her daughter and son-in-law.

We had a lot of great specials this evening, among them were David Price and his trademark solos on piano and harp and Glenna Morgan's rendition of "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" on the flute.

To top it all off, Bob Spaulding played an instrumental version of "Beulah Land" and dedicated it to Mrs. Stephan's memory.

Just when we thought it couldn't get any better, Deanna Tunnell led everyone in a captivating version

of "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow". She is the wife of Calvary Baptist Pastor, Bro. Zach Tunnell. We hope she'll come back soon.

Singers present were Fay Stephenson, Betty Haight, Neoma Ingram, Mary Hightower, Bob Spaulding, Tim Turnbeaugh, David Price, Claudine Wilcoxon, Violet Edwards, Donna Parrigan, Ladell Luster, Minnie Pearl Griffin, Roy Haley, Gilbert Copeland, Sue Steddum, Dene Thompson, Royce Taylor, Bobbie Taylor, Glenna Morgan, Deanna Tunnell, Rev. Zach Tunnell, Delores Starr, Doris Day, Thelma McCluskey, Betty Lucke, DeAlva Rodgers, Mary Lou Williams, Odessa Collins, John Nelms, and David Goodnight.

We hope you'll come and join us, we meet each Monday at 6 p.m. at Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Cisco located at 1404 Front Street.

Golf Winter League

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A Wake Up Call To America: Study Shows Few Are Planning For Long-Term Care

By
State Farm® agent
Clint Coffee

Wake up, America! A financial crisis could be looming for which you are not prepared. This is the loud and clear conclusion of a recent Roper study about long-term care which shows that most Americans have done little to prepare for what could be one of the largest expenses they'll ever face - their long-term care. The American Society on Aging (ASA) released the study.

"This study is a real wake-up call for people to start thinking about long-term care," said ASA's Jim Emerman. "People need to take the first step of getting some guidance about their long-term care needs. Careful planning can help preserve your options and protect your assets if you ever need long-term care in a nursing home, an assisted living facility or even in your own home."

But the Roper study of people 45 and older shows how few are actually taking that important first step. More than four in five (86 percent) of the people surveyed said it was important they have enough money to be able to choose a long-term care setting if they or a loved one needs it. But only 37 percent have actually started saving

money to cover those costs. 1 At the same time, while the overwhelming majority (89 percent) believes it's important or very important to have some type of private or government coverage for long-term care, only 17 percent have bought insurance that specifically provides it.

2 Long-term care is for people who need help taking care of themselves after an injury, illness, stroke or disease. While most people think of it simply as moving into a nursing home, it can also include having a healthcare aide come to your home or staying in an assisted living facility. Surprisingly, 40% of the people who need long-term care are actually quite young, working adults under the age of 65 who need help after an accident or an injury.

3 Why aren't people planning for this vital need? After all, we plan for retirement, for college and other important things. The survey, which was funded by State Farm, found considerable confusion about long-term care. For example, almost half the people surveyed mistakenly believe their health insurance or disability insurance will pay for long-term care. Others are not aware that Medicaid will only cover long-term care if

you've used up almost all your financial resources. And, in the most telling comments of all, half said since they won't need long-term care until they're older, so there's no need to think about it now. 5 It's time to wake up and change that way of thinking. Given the fact that 71.8% of people over the age of 65 will need some form of long-term care, families need to consider long-term care insurance as part of their financial plan. Long-term care insurance can help protect assets, preserve choices and provide independence. Families should at least be discussing their individual needs with someone they trust.

1 The Roper survey findings will be posted on statefarm.com at www.statefarm.com.

2 Study conducted by Roper ASW, August 2002. Released by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and the American Society on Agency (ASA), April 2003.

3 GAO analysis of information from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. As cited in, "Long-term Care: Current Issues and Future Directions, General

Accounting Office Report to the Chairman, Special Committee on Aging, U.S. Senate." (GAO/HEHS-95-109). April 13, 1995; pg. 7. The level of coverage provided by long-term care insurance depends on the type of policy you purchase. Some types of care received may not be covered by long-term care insurance.

4 State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois - statefarm.com. The American Society on Aging is not an affiliate of State Farm. The Long-Term Care Insurance policy 97058 is underwritten by State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

5 Lewin Group estimates based on the Brookings-ICF Long-term Care Financing Model, 1992. As cited in, "Long-Term Care:

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Ag Viewpoint

By Heath Begeman
County Extension Agent-Ag
AVOIDING FROZEN PIPES

Well the first freeze of the year has come and gone. These winter months can be very hectic, with most of us traveling during the holidays. Leaving your home during a month like December or January can result in a huge problem. A fast-moving cold front can cause temperatures to drop below freezing within hours. Outdoor pipes, pipes in unheated areas, and pipes that run along un-insulated exterior walls can burst if the water in them freezes and expands. This can shatter pipe seals or the pipes themselves, sending water pouring through your house. You can avoid thousands of dollars of damage to your walls, ceilings, carpets, and furniture by taking a few simple measures to protect your home.

BEFORE THE FREEZE

*Protect faucets, outdoor pipes, and pipes in unheated areas by wrapping them with rags, newspaper, trash bags, or plastic foam.

*Insulate your outdoor water meter box and be sure its lid is on tight.

*Cover any vents around your home's foundation.

*Drain and store water hoses indoors.

*Open the cabinets under sinks in your kitchen and bathrooms to allow heated indoor air to circulate around the water

pipes.
*Set your thermostat at a minimum temperature of 55 degrees, especially when you are gone for the day or away for an extended period.
*Let indoor faucets drip, but do not run a heavy stream of water.

*Make sure you know where your home's shut-off valve is and how to turn it on and off.

*If you leave town, consider turning off your water at the shut-off valve while faucets are running to drain your pipes. Make sure you turn the faucets off before you turn the shut-off valve back on.

*If you drain your pipes, contact your electric or gas utility company for instructions on protecting your water heater.

IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE

*If a pipe bursts and floods your home, turn the water off at the shut-off valve. Call a plumber for help if you cannot find the broken pipe or if it is inaccessible. Do not turn the water back on until the pipe has been repaired.

*If the pipe has not burst, that it out with an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater, or towel soaked with hot water. Apply heat by slowly moving the heat source toward the coldest spot on the pipe. Never concentrate heat in one spot because cracking ice can shatter a pipe. Turn the faucet on and let it run until the pipe is thawed and water pressure returns to normal.

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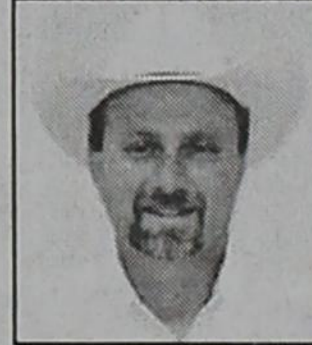
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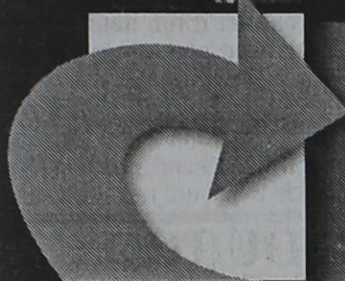


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