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Carbon Community Baptist Community Blood Drive Church To Host Chili Supper Set For Monday, January 15 Rick Green To Be Speaker

The Carbon Community Baptist Church will be holding a Chili Supper on January 11th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

Rick Green seems to have always bee in a hurry. He finished a four-year college degree in just two years, started law school at the age of 20, started his first company while still in law school, married at 23, became a father at 25, and launched his first political campaign at the age of 26 challenging a powerful incumbent.

One election night in 1998, he went to bed believing had lost his bid for State Representative by a mere 20 vote out of over 30,000 cast. After a recount two weeks later, he was declared the winner by 36 votes and entered the Texas House of Representatives as the youngest freshman. Representative Green served a second term after winning by a twenty percent margin in November 2000. As a result of his service to the people of the great State of Texas, Rick has been recognized by the United States of America Non Commissioned Officers Association with the "State Legislature Vanguard Award" for passage of the Teach Freedom Act, House Bill 1776. In addition, he has received Free Market Foundation's "Leader of Excellence Award" and Eagle Forum's "Freedom and Family Award".



Rick Green

WallBuilders organization, dedicated to presenting America's forgotten history and heroes, with an emphasis on our moral, religious and constitutional heritage. Rick and David co-host the national daily radio program "WALLBUILDERS LIVE!"

Rick is here to challenge each of us to do our part in preserving and passing the torch of freedom by living out our liberty as the Founding Fathers envisioned.

A community blood drive will take place on Monday, January 15. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. A total of one hundred and four pints of lifesaving blood were donated in Gorman in 2006. "The donors in Gorman saved and improved many lives, thanks to their willingness to give blood. It is heart warming to have support from the communities we serve," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

"There is a critical need for all types of blood at this time," Baker continued. "There is no substitute for human blood. It must come from volunteer donors. I hope that all who are eligible to give blood will support the blood drive on January 15."

Donors will receive a mini-physical which includes a check of blood pressure, pulse rate, temperature and hemoglobin level. A complimentary total cholesterol tests is include with each blood donation. Results are usually available three days after the blood drive. Donors will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt to thank them for giving the gift of life.

Those who need information regarding donor requirements may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org .

OOPS! Allied had a little miscommunication on the large item pick up. We both apologize and want to let everyone know that it will be Thursday January 11. Sorry for the inconveince!!

Attention All Moms:

Eastland Co. Livestock Show Set for Jan. 17-20

The Eastland County Livestock Show is January 17-20, 2007, at the Eastland County Show Grounds on Highway 3101 north of Eastland, Texas. The public is encouraged to attend and support Eastland County's youth. The schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Pen assignments will be posted throughout the livestock barn. Exhibitors are responsible for penning their animals in the appropriate area. Show personnel will be on hand.

All livestock must be weighed in and in its assigned place by 8:00 pm, except rabbits, which must be checked in Friday, January 19, between 10:00 am & Noon. Rabbits should not be brought onto the grounds before Friday morning. Exhibitors may bring their own cages.

Thursday, January 18, 2007

8:00 am - Beef Cattle 10:00 am - Dairy Cattle 11:00 am - Broilers 1:00 pm - Breeding Swine 3:00 pm - Market Swine Friday, January 19, 2007 8:00 am - Dairy Goats 9:00 am - Angora Goats 10:00 am - Breeding Sheep 11:00 am - Market Lambs 2:30 pm - Meat Goats (market followed by breeding) Saturday, January 20, 2007 9:00 am - Rabbits (market followed immediately by breeding) 4:30 pm - Buyers Banquet 6:00 pm - Auction and Presentation of Awards The Eastland County Livestock Raisers invite the public to our Buyer's Banquet and the special auction. Please help us recognize and reward the hard work of our participants.

Due to safety concerns, the ECLRA has banned all heating devices from its barns. There also will be no hay, straw or similar bedding allowed on the grounds. The ECLRA reserves the right to implement any emergency measures to protect our exhibitors and guests due to safety concerns.

Rick now travels the nation speaking for David Barton's

He and his wife Kara have three sons and one daughter, or as he calls them, "the queen and her subjects" Rick is an American leader dedicated to renewing America by restoring her foundation of traditional values.

Please help us welcome the Honorable Rick Green.

Eastland County Burn Ban Continues

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for (1) firefighting training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

EXCEPTION: Continue burn ban with the exception for Jay Mills Construction Co. for the work of right of way on FM 2214. Allow them to burn for the next two weeks, with no fires beginning after noon and that they notify Eastland Fire Department and they will notify other entities and that their water trucks are made available.

Court Approved by a majority vote.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081, a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

ADOPTED this 8 day of January, 2007, by a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nays.

(s) Rex Fields County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho County Clerk

Certificate Of Appreciation

It is that time of year again, to get rid of the old toys and make room for the new

The Mission Friend Class at the First Baptist Church are taking up old toys and clothes for one of our projects. We send the toys and clothes to Honduras. We have met a new friend. His name is Craig Rodgers. He is a missionary in Honduras. He now lives here in Gorman. He was telling Miss Karen about how thrilled the children in Honduras are to get even used toys and clothes. Honduras is a poor country and people have a really hard time making ends meet.

We are trying to teach the children how lucky we are to live in the U.S.A. and how we are all rich compared to most children in Honduras. And how God loves all of these children as much as he loves us. God expects us to take care of the needy and to share what we have. So we through this would be a great way to start training these 4 and 5 year old. So please take time and sort our the toys and clothes you can, bring them to the First Baptist Church or to Karen Guthery or Kathy Ervin's homes. Thank you so much and God will Bless you. There is no deadline to bring in toys and clothes. Mission Friends

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to notify you that Gorman If you are a parent to an unlicensed driver has had several vehicles broken into - or 11 and the driver is stopped - both the paropened because they were not locked. ent and unlicensed driver will be issued Personal items, keys, money, etc. were a citiation. taken. If you don not lock your vehicle

you might want to consider starting.

Even if your vehicle is parked in your

have received numerous complaints

about drivers driving without a license.

Lady Panther

Basketbal

The Lady Panthers have had a

busy time during the holidays com-

peting in two tournaments and

meeting with five other teams for

the last of their pre-district games.

The Cross Plains Tournament went

very well for the Ladies as they de-

feated Cross Plains in the first

round 44-43. They met up with

Gordon in the second round-a team

that had previously beat them by

17 points-and took the win 64-62. The Lady Panthers then lost to

Roby 37-57 in the championship game giving them second place in the tournament. Audrey Johnston

A reminder to unlicensed drivers. We

own drive.

The Gorman Police Department

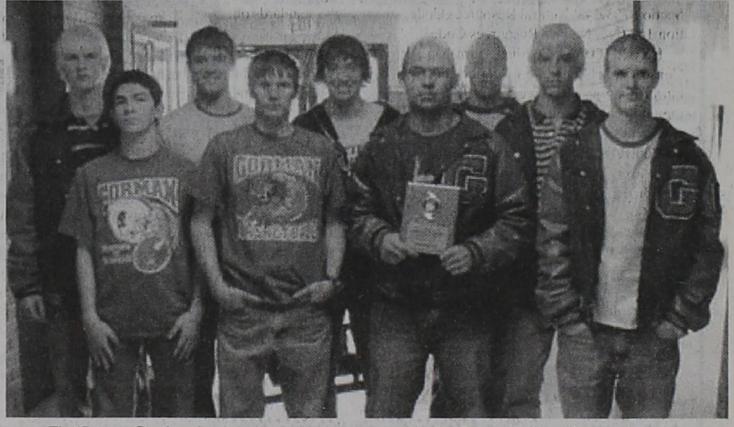
In accordance with ECLRA rules (SAR-3), all exhibitors with an animal in the premium sale must walk through the sale ring with an animal. ECLRA does not provide animals for the sale.

If any exhibitor or parent has any questions, he or she should contact a supervising ag teacher, 4-H leader or county agent.

NEW TRASH DAY ALLIED WILL BE PICKING UP ALL OF GOR-MAN ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2007. HAVE YOUR POLY CART AT THE EDGE OF THE STREET. ONLY ITEMS IN THE CART WILL BE PICKED UP. ALL RESIDENTIAL TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ON TUESDAY. NO MORE FRIDAY PICK UPS. THANK YOU.

GORMAN GROW to meet January 17th at 5:30 p.m. Make Plans To Attend This Meeting.

Boys Compete In Zephyr Holiday Classic Win Consolation Championship



and Val Longoria both received all The Gorman Panthers boy's basketball team competed in the Zephyr Holiday Classic, their first oppotournament honors. nent was the Zephyr Bulldogs. The Panthers dominated the game from start to finish winning 60 -10. The Panthers then played Lohn and fell by a score of 62-47. The Next game was against a familiar foe the Brookesmith The Zephyr Tournament did not Mustangs the Panthers won the game by a score of 59-47. And to seal the consolation championship the go as well for the Lady Panthers. Panthers defeated the May Tigers 45-39. Having a good tournament for the Panthers was Zack Fox, Aaron After a Bye, the Ladies lost to Keith, Pete Ramirez, Brandon Greer, David Ibarra, Orlando Rodriguez, Matt Underwood, and Tyson Swanner Zephyr 43-60. The next game matched them with Deleon but the Ladies came up short 38-48.



Other games played by the Lady Panthers consisted of Gordon (for the third match up of the season), with the Lady Panthers taking the win in overtime 66-61; a loss to Evant 40-56; a win over Gustine 56-34; a win over Richland Springs 48-35; and a loss to Meridian 51-66.

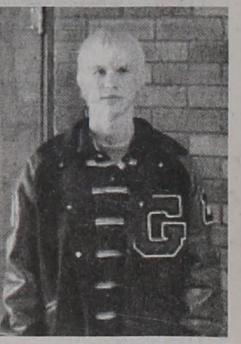
On December 22nd, Desdemona Postmaster, Linda Edmiston, presented PMR Bobbie McKillip with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 23 years of dedicated service to the Postal Service. Linda states that Bobbie goes above and beyond to provide good service for our customers and is a dedicated employee. Hadley Scott, rural carrier, was also present for the award.

The JV team has had only two games during the holidays with a win against Evant 54-37, and a loss to Meridian 20-29.

Swanner Receives All Tournament

Tyson Swanner was named to the All Tournament Team of the Zephyr Holiday Classic. He scored 62 points in four games as well as numerous rebounds and assists.

A complete story on the game will be in next weeks paper. Look for the complete article



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Obituaries

William Denman Dukes

William Denman Dukes was born January 23, 1920 at Shady Grove Farm near Duster, Texas in Comanche County, to Lilburn Lynwood and Minnie McNeely Dukes. W. D. passed away January 6, 2007, at his home in Houston, Texas. Services were held Tuesday, January 9 at Old Nineveh Cemetery, alongside Shady Grove Farm.

W. D. and Mary Ulala Wood were wed September 9, 1940 in Jal, New Mexico and except for his time in the Pacific for WW II, they had lived in the oilfields around Levelland, McCamey and Eldorado, Texas through the 1940's. The family moved to Eastland County, Texas in the Spring of 1950, and on to Perryton in the winter of 1962. During his 30 years in Perryton, 1962-1992, W. D. was founding president of Prairie Well Service, Inc., and a member of First Baptist Church. In 1993, W. D. retired to Hideway Lake near Tyler, Texas, enjoying nature there, until moving to Houston in December 2005.

W. D. is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Ulala, and his four children, W.D., Jr. (Denny) of Shreveport, LA.; Jerry of Ivda, OR; Steve of Houston and Susan of Seagraves. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters, Amber Clark of Comanche and Hazel Roberts of Birgmingham, AL.; one brothter Herman Dukes of Comanche. He was preceded by one brother, Lynwood "Shorty" Dukes and two sisters, Jewel Huddleston and Hope Joiner,

Condolences to the family may be sent to 2222 Dunraven, Houston, Tx 77019 churs. Support attend of Correct of the Dear men.



Thomas. 3-1-18 P. SALE: Rocking Chairs, Shelves, Bentwood Chairs w/woven cane backs, typewriter stand, sewing machine cabinet, small pine kitchen table, miscellaneous, Friday, January 12th - 432 Love Acres. 1-1-11 P.

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Harrell Don Kimmell

Harrell Don Kimmell, age 58 of Iowa Park, Texas passed away on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at a Wichita Falls hospital. Graveside services were held Friday, January 5th at Victor Cemetery in Erath County, Texas. Kenneth Wilson officiated.

Harrell Don was born May 8 1948 in Gorman to the late Adonis Kimmell and Jewell Brewer Kimmell.

He is survived by his mother Jewell Kimmell of De Leon; twosons, Harrell Don Kimmell, Jr. and Jonathan Aubrey Kimmell; one daughter, Lindsay Renee Kimmell; one sister LaRessie Wilkerson of De Leon; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Fair Haven Baptist Church, 508 Lockney St., De Leon, TX 76444

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entertaining us at our Christmas each of us were really a treat, to ing you to do this. We also appreci-Party. We all enjoyed the beauti- eat and to look at. The Eastland ate everyone who took a "name" off fully sung Christmas Carols. Bethel Baptist church WMU for the tree. "Santa" (Mr. Maxfield) for visiting beautiful pillow you made each of us and handing out the gifts and us was so nice and useful. Amy hugs. You never out grow Santa. To and Lee Wood and the Gorman our Christmas so much brighter. the Dorcas Class and Members of the Church of Christ the surprice, beautifully decorated containers with soft cuddly stuffed animals were a big hit. We really appreciate dthe bountiful goodie bags of fruit and candy the Bride of Christ members and the Family Bible Church brought. Everyone enjoyed getting to go Christmas Shopping for Free thanks to the Members of The Baptist Church and to Liz Caraway and the youth group for setting up the Christmas Store. Everyone go to pick gifts to give to someone else. Mr. Panter and his High School Study Advisory Group we really appreciated the handmade cards and

1-1-11 C.

The Residents of Heritage Manor candy cares you brought, and what 4-H Club for the delicious homemade

would like to thank each and every- a great job you did leading us in cookies and also for organizing the one who helped make our Christmas Christmas Carols. Miss Porter and Resident Christmas Gift Tree at her Jr. High Advisory Group the American State Bank. We appreci-THANK YOU: Daryl Hirst for candles full of candy that you made ate American State Bank for allow-

Again thank you for helping make



Mr. Panter's Advisory Class



Tech*Star EMS Education & Eastland Co. Safe Kids To Hold Child Safe Seat Program

Tech*Star EMS Education and Eastland County Safe Kids will be conducting their child safe seat distribution program Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00pm in the Teaching/Conference Room at Eastland Memorial Hospital. This is a free service for those that are nor able to purchase a car seat or booster seat. For more information call us at 254-734-5989

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

So Joe Bennett retired. Well Chief you deserve it. I hope the folks in Gorman appreciate you keeping the Progress going all these years. Many towns no longer have newspapers. I remember well, being a printers devil, how you and Kernel Gene taught me to be a printer. The experience helped me a lot in life.

Now that you've retired you can join me in being a "hasbeen". Just don't forget, a "hasbeen" is a far sight better than a "neverwas".

Bill (Manning) Fairbetter The Wild Bill

(Thanks Bill for the good words. We tried real hard to keep going - Joe)

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Dublin SquareDance **Club To Offer** Lessons

The Dublin Cloverleafs Square Dance Club will sponsor beginning lessons starting January 16, 2007. The lessons will be conducted in the Community Building at the Dublin City Park from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

You are not expected to know anything about square dancing. That's what lessons are for, and there will be experienced dancers there to help you learn. It is a fun way to get some good exercise, meet new people, and have a lot of fund in a nonsmoking, alcohol free environment.

The Dublin Cloverleafs are an rea wide square dance club with mbers from Stephenville, bublin, Comanche, Eastland, Brownwood, Meridian, Carbon and Lipan.

For more information call: Ken or Dean Herbert - 254-445-2485 -Dublin; Jay or Frieda Walker - 254-445-4606 - Dublin; Ray Piner - 254-435-2240 - Meridian; and Gerold Harris - 254-639-2301 - Carbon.

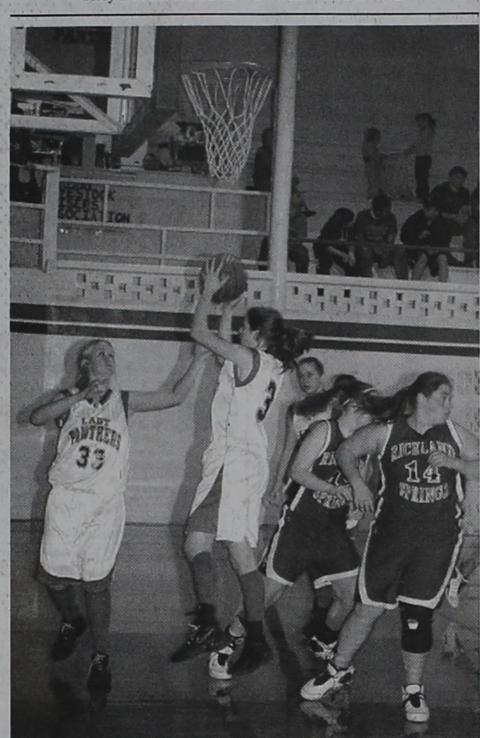
Note Of Thanks

The family of D. D. Lowery wishes to thank everyone for all the kind words, cards, flowers, visits, memorials, prayers and food. We also want to thank each one invovled in making the memorial service so special to us.

Words are inadequate to express how much your care and your thoughtfulness means to us. Sincerely, Betty Lowery Burl & Agatha Lowery & Family Becky & Ronnie Golden & Family



Terry Keaton started his New Year with a BANG!



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This truck had an accident on December 29th when it caught the electrical lines on the street behind Gorman Milling warehouses north of Hwy. 6. Power was out for a while, along with cable and telephone lines. Photo courtesy of Gorman Police Department.

GHS Honor Ro

Third Six Weeks Seventh Grade A-B

Collin Cole, Maria Garcia, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Raven Kehl, Karla Lara, Erica Oritz, McKinzie Osborne, Cortney Shirley, Katey Thackerson, A. J. Vaughn, James Wedgeworth and Johnathan Whitten.

Eight Grade

Abby Pacheco A-B

Alejandra Borrego, Brice Campbell, Cameron Clark, Jaime Johnston, Cecilia Olivares, Maria Raygoza, Stpephanie Risueno, Steven Singleton and Keifer Wilson.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry -- dperry@gorman.esc14.net -- 734-3171 Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and that this New Year will bring great blessings to you and to Gorman. Everyone at school appears to be refreshed and ready to begin a new semester. I will do my best to keep you informed about what is going on at school. If you have any news you think should be in my article, please call or e-mail me with the information and I will do my best to include it.

Our new semester began last week with the faculty and staff returning on January 2nd. That evening we played basketball against Richland Springs. The Varsity girls won! Unfortunately, the boys lost in double overtime in one of the hardest played games I've seen so far this year.

As you read this, the Texas Legislature will have already begun their session. There will be many important issued decided upon that will affect you either directly or indirectly. I will try to keep you informed about what is going on, especially with education issues. I will publish names and addresses of legislators on a regular basis and recommend that you write or call them regarding important issues that could help or harm Gorman ISD and our community. It is my job to look out for the best interest of Gorman ISD and I take my responsibility very serious. Each legislative session is a battle. Everyone (private sector and public) wants their fair share of the state's money and there is only so much to go around. There are proponents in this state that would like to privatize public education and they try to slip in things like vouchers every session and they will try again this session. Some politicians can make it sound like a good idea, but if we ever let it begin, it will undermine the public education system. It is my opinion that vouchers have the tendency to do one of two things. They are equivalent to the public financing of private schools with taxpayer funds or they turn certain public schools into private/elitist schools and others into mediocrity. Please let Representative Keffer and Senator Fraser know if you are against vouchers. We elect our officials and they are supposed to be representing you, their constituency, when they vote on an issue, not the political party to which they belong. Make your voice heard. It does make a difference! This month is School Board Appreciation Month and Gorman has a lot for which to be thankful. Our school board is doing a great job looking out for the best interest of Gorman's children. They are a progressive group that are working together to improve our facilities and the quality of education your children receive. I am very proud of the work they've done and I hope you are too. Your board president is Bobby Rich, vice-president is Marsela Gonzalez, Sonia Jeff Seaton, and your secretary is Melinda Harrington. The other members Hipolito, Lindsey Laminack, of the board are Beth Underwood, Larry Thompson, Mark Simmons, and Daryl Hirst. These men and women don't receive anything for being on the board but the satisfaction of helping the children of Gorman, yet very often they suffer slings and arrows from local citizens that don't have any children in school and have only their own self-interest at heart. It actually costs a board member a lot of money to be on the board when you consider their time at board meetings, their travel expense to and from board meetings and school activities, and the training they receive. Gorman has a lot of things for which to be thankful and this school board is one of them. The next time you see one of them why don't you give them a pat on the back and shake their hand and let them know how much you appreciate them or send them a letter to P.O. Box 8, Gorman, Texas 76454. Here are a few dates you might want to remember: 1/12 HS BB @ Ranger 4:00 1/13 Student Council Mystery Dinner Theater 1/15 JH BB Here 4:00 1/16 HS BB Here 4:00 1/18&19 no school Our students are involved in many things this month. Basketball is in full swing. District began this week with our game against Tolar Monday night. The Eastland County Stock Show is next weekend. Students have been getting their animals ready for a while now and this is just the beginning of stock show season. U.I.L. Academic competition participants will be getting ready for their competitions in March. It is a busy time of the year for everyone. Please encourage your children to get involved. There is something for everyone! I have had some questions about high school hours this semester regarding when classes begin in the morning. We have made a change and are beginning classes at 8:20a.m. This is so that the teachers can provide morning tutorials to students that need help. If your child's grade is not what you think it should be, these tutorials could help. Please see that they attend. Tutorials are for 7:45a.m. until 8:15a.m. Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future.

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Spring G.E.D. **Study Sessions**

Adults (18 years and up) who are seeking help studying for G.E.D. Test may attend the Free G.E.D. Study Sessions. Take advantage of this free service in Eastland County sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Abilene ISD Adult Education. The classes will meet every Monday and Tuesday nights beginning January 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 409 S. Lamar - brick house across from covered driveway - part of First Baptist Church in Eastland. Mike and Debbie Parsons along with Larry and Judy Smith will be the instructors. Childcare is available on reservation basis. Please call 254-629-2222

Locally, the GED test is given t Cisco Jr. College and Ranger Jr. ollege (Stephenville location) as well as at the Abilene Adult Education Center (325-671-4419). Questions about the GED Test or Study Classes? Call Texas Cooperative Extension and ask for Halee Walton at the number listed above.

Educational programs of Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Brandy grabs the rebound and is ready to take it to the offensive end of play during Lady Panther and Richland Springs game.



Tyson reaches under and goes around the back side to take these two points.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

It was nice to see so many new faces at "Breakfast at the DAC" last Saturday morning. Hope you all enjoyed your visit and will mark February 3rd on your calendars to join us again. The first Saturday of every month is our regular breakfast get-together.

On Saturday January 13 at 5:00 P.M. we will hold a community meeting along with a potluck supper at the DAC. We will review the business of the past year and elect new officers for the coming year. It is time to renew memberships or to add your membership if you desire. The annual membership fee, \$25.00, entitles you to have a vote in any decision that needs to be made. Whether you join or not, we want everyone to come and give input as to what activities you would like to see scheduled at the DAC. The Desdemona Activity Center is a true community center and we would like the entire community to enjoy it. Please bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship and meeting. To add to the fun of the evening, we would like anyone who has a musical instrument to bring it. Some of us have visited the small town of Mountain View, Ark. and really enjoy the folks of the town getting together every evening in the town square to play together in an informal setting. If we have enough interest in this idea, we may move the 'pickin and grinnin' outside in the summer and start our own tradition. By the time you read this, we hope to have shelves in the Library. My job has been to get donations for the library and since I have been out of town for most of the last 3 months, we are getting a slow start. Hopefully, we can get the library going in the next few weeks. We have a lot of books to sort and shelve - it is going to be a lot of fun! Don't forget that we have a computer with Internet access in the library for anyone who wants to use it. There is someone at the DAC on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. On a personal note: My sister, Patty Dold, and I send our heartfelt thanks to all who expressed concern at the illness and passing of our beloved Mother. Losing a

Ninth Grade A

Chance Bryant and Eric Ryon. A-B

Jonathan Flores, Kelsi Gibson, Brittany Henderson, Laura Herrera, Erica Limon, Perla Maldonado, Praxedis Raygoza and Kimberly Seaton.

Tenth Grade A

Codi Church, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Jordan Perry, Matt Underwood and Veronica Walton.

A-B

Valerie Longoria, Martin Ramierz, Carie Therford, Perla Velasquez and April Voyles.

Eleventh Grade

Ashley Burkeen and Jimmie Murphy. A-B

Mria Cruz, Zackary Fox, Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granado, Brandon Greer, Shanna Hair, Carlos Palacios, Trey Underwood, Mary Powell and Nancy Velasquez. Twelfth Grade A Rosa Herrera and Nicole Vaughn.

Kristy Carlton, Maria Oronia, Pete Ramirez, Rejinaldo Sanchez, Natasha Sherman and Mindy Voyles.

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Desdemona News By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday, January 8 at the Desdmona Community Center School Building. Thirteen ladies attended this event. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Hostesses were Dorothy Greenhaw and Vonnie Guthery. The next monthly social will be held on Monday, February 12 at the same time and same location. Dorothy Roberts and Vonnie Guthery will serve as Hostesses. Visitors are always welcome to attend. Out of town guests were Joy Rogers and Suzanna Rankin of Gorman. We enjoy having these ladies to visit.

Bruce and Renee White of Stephenville hosted a Birthday Party for their daughter, Chelsea on Saturday night, January 6 at the Cook's Fish Barn on Highway 36. Those attending to help Chelsea celebrate her 19th birthday were her brother, Cory White and friend, Jeremy Laneir both of Stephenville, Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagan and Scarlett of Stephenville, Larry and Gay Moore and "Shorty" fox all of Desdemona.

Lots of sickness in our area -- some are now recovering from recent surgery, several have bronchitis, others have the "Bug". Get Well Wishes to all of those and others in our area who are shut-ins. Take time out from your busy schedule to send cards and to remember them in your prayers.

National Letter Carrier Association hosted a late Christmas party and Retirement Party on Sunday, January 7 at the Fiddle Creek Steak House in Stephenville. Those attending were Larry and Gay Moore of Desdemona. Larry retired in December after several years of a walking postman route for the Stephenville Post Office. Gay will keep Larry busy during his retirement years.

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, January 20 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with good food, homemade pies and drinks. "Buck Sutton" and "The City Limits" from the Brownwood area will present good music for this dance. Dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. Admission will be \$4.00 per person - so come early, enjoy supper and have fun at the dance. Bring a friend or two. No alcohol or smoking allowed.

Bro. Tim White of Bronte, Texas will be the quest speaker at the Desdemona First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 14th. Morning service begins at 11:00 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

Senior Citizens News Carol Ward

We enjoyed being together on Wednesday the 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Ann Maxfield was our moderator and Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing. There were 25 present and we do miss those who are absent. Ailene Garrett was feeling ill, so we sent a get well card signed by all.

Barbara and Max Bush were in Taos, NM on an after Christmas get together with their family. I'm sure they had a wonderful time in the snow. We do miss them when gone.



Bro. James Hunter of Gorman brought the message at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His sermon was on Rededication. Christ gave his life for us, and we should present our bodies a living sacrifice, Holy and acceptable unto God

"The Church In The Wildwood" was beautiful rendered by the choir: OUS. Ruth Rodgers, Karen Patterson, Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Helen Browning, Daryl Hirst, Thomas Seay, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Visitors were Bro. Hunter's family, Chris, Suellyn and Derick.

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church will meet for prayer meeting and a "pot luck" supper on Wednesday night, January 10 at 6:00, p.m. We plan to make this a weekly event. Visitors are welcome.

Shannon, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove visited from New Year's Day until the next Wednesday with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond, Shannon enjoyed doing some hunting while here.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Charles and Carolyn Little and Betty Little were in Abilene on Wednesday night, January 3rd to visit with the family of Jim Brinkley at the Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home. Mr. Brinkley, a relative of the Little family passed away on Saturday and his funeral was on Thursday. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Bob and Beverley Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube.

Laverne Carr of Lake Whitney visited with her mother, Troy Scitern. Durwood and Aletha Burgess attended the Livestock show in De

Leon during the weekend to see their granddaughters, Chelsea and Haley Buckley, show their pigs and lambs. Haley had the reserved Champion lamb, and Chelsea was first with her lamb in its class. Congratulations to Chelsea and Haley

Durwood and Aletha Burgess were in Graham on Sunday evening to see Haley participate in the barrel racing and pole bending.

Bobby Patrick of Amarillo visited with Durwood and Aletha Burgess on Monday.

Richard and Ann Thorn of Dublin, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and David and Cassie Brasher of Carbon and Zelda Jordan met for dinner and a visit at ZJ's in Gorman on Friday night.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited with his sister, Ima Boles, at Heritage Manor in Gorman on Monday afternoon.

Glynda Bond and Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited with Oren and Norma Webb.

PICTURES NEEDED

Verda Jean Eaves is trying to get a picture of each of the boys, who were in the Kokomo 4-H Boys Club in the mid-1930's, in their U.S. service uniforms in the 1940's as each one served in the armed services. She needs a picture of Marvin and Otto Dupuy. If anyone has a picture of these boys or knows someone who does, please contact Verda Jean at 1102 CR 192, Carbon, Tx 76435 or 254-639-2232. The pictures can be copied and returned to the owner. She is making a display for the Kokomo Room at the Eastland County Historical Museum.

Heritage Manor News By Ina Scitern

My New Years Resolution for 2007 is to start writing the Heritage Manor News for the Gorman Progress. There is no way I can do the job Nancy did. We all miss her and her article. If she would like to resume this article at anytime I would be more than happy to let her.

We had a wonderful Christmas thanks to everyone who were so gener-

We had a lot of visitors during the holiday season and I was unable to get everyone's names.

Some of the ones I know visited were: Claude Boles of Granbury, Betty Little and Bobby and Mary Jane Little of Kokomo, Paula Morrow of Plains, Joy Campbell of Gorman, Ronnie Love, of Chaney, Jerry Majors of De Leon, Donald and Pam Smith, Julie Hazel of Granbury, Chase and Kylie Linsey of Colorado, Stacy, Cody, Ashley, Tyler and Joshua Wyatt of Gordon, James, Sherry, Kayla and Colby Kherns, Leroy Smith, Billy Smith, Amber and Brandi Smith of Joshua, Mark, Lorene and Kylie Smth of California, Jeff Smith of Eastland, and Johnny Smith, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitern, Audrey, Jaime and Kinsey Johnston of Gorman, Emily and Ahsley Auvenshine of De Leon and Nathan Tucker of Desdemona, Pam Hulsey of Hobbs, New Mexico, Woodrow and Helen Browning of Gorman.

Betty Duke continues to come every Tuesday Morning at 9:30. She has been so faithful and has been coming for over 14 years. Bro. Larry Stogdill comes every Wednesday morning for Bible Study.

Those coming for Sunday School on Sunday Morning were Nelda Mauney, Jerry and and Virginia Skaggs. Members of the First Baptist Church can Sunday afternoon for Church Services,

On Monday afternoon everyone is invited to join us for Gospel Singing. Those who came for the 1st time this year were Ruby Lee Kinser, Daisy Slaton, Zelda Jordan, Billy Joe and Betty Dennis, Marjorie Treadway, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

We have several in the hospital at this time. We ask you to remember us in your prayers.

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Until next time. Ina

Search For Miss Eastland County Announced

If you are single, have never been married or given birth, and between the ages of 19 and 29, applications are now being accepted for the title of 2007 "Miss Eastland County"! Miss Eastland County will represent her county at the Miss Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas on May 4 - 6, 2007. The young woman chosen as "Miss Eastland County" will become an ambassador from the ---- Eastland County ---- area and receive an official title and sash!

The young lady chosen as Miss Texas will receive a prize package valued at over \$11,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2007 Miss International Pageant. The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of the Miss Texas Pageant.

Miss contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. (There is no talent or swimsuit competition!!)

My good helpers Betty Regian and Jerry Underwood were with me to get the meal on the table. There is a lot of preparation besides the covered dishes people bring. I really appreciate these good ladies, also Barbara. How we miss her when gone. I must not forget Ruthie Porter, she is our best dish maker, along with Ann Maxfield. They are also most appreciated.

This was our first dinner after the holidays, and I do wish our attendance will increase. We enjoy the fellowship, visiting, and even working together. We do try to leave the center as clean as we found it. It is hard as so many other people are in and out. Plus the renting of center to various happenings in Town.

Daisy Slaton, Betty Regian and I attended the Saturday breakfast in Desdemona. They do have a beautiful activity center. Maybe someday we in Gorman can be proud to have such a nice building. It was so good to see and visit with Delores Tucker. She used to come visit with us, but has been so busy with their new Center. Maybe her and Bob will come and eat with us again sometime.

I forgot to mention when I was in Brownwood Christmas about my Grandson, Kyle Ward. He is in Cape May, NJ in boot camp with the coast guard. He had his one call Christmas Day to us all. It was enjoyable as they had a speaker phone, and we could all take and hear him. He will graduate soon and come home to Texas for his schooling on the coast. I hope all have a wonderful New Year!

Ten Free Flowering Trees For Planting In Texas

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2007.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Goldenrain trees.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home in Texas the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers -- and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. the six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2007. Or go online to arborday.org

Your help will really be appreciated.

Estate Planning

Have you through about estate planning? Do you want your children to be burdened with estate taxes? Large estate tax rates can be up to 45%. Do you have a family business, farm or ranch that you would like to remain in the family?

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Texas Cooperative Extension Economist, Professor Emeritus and Attorney can answer these questions at Estate Planning Seminars being offered in Denton on February 21-22, San Angelo March 6-7, Houston March 13-14, and Weslaco March 27-28. Registration fee is \$125.00 per person and registration forms can be picked up in the Eastland County Extension Office.

Dr. Hayenga works extensively with farmers, ranchers, and family owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning. Topics include in the seminars will be:

1. What should a will say?

2. Do you want a living trust and what are the benefits to the family and business?

3. Estate Tax Deferral

4. Gifts of land instead of leaving it in your estate - What should you give away and what should you keep?

5. Property Titles -- Who owns what? Is it Community Property or Separate Property?

Other information included will be treating beneficiaries fairly. Can these problems be resolved? What methods are available to give control of the farm to one child but make it fair to the other children.

Estate planning tools for agriculture will be the use of corporations and partnerships, special farm land valuations, and deferred estate tax payment rules.

To conclude the seminar, new tax law changes will be covered.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga is an excellent communicator and delivers a very educational program. Participants will be impressed with his teaching style and practical examples that makes estate planning a more enjoyable experience.



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2007 Business Renditions Due

The Eastland County Appraisal District recently mailed business rendition forms to business owners throughout Eastland County.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property a business owned or controlled as of January 1st of this year.

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income - such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render ro file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

The last day for filing 2007 renditions is April 16, 2007. You can get an extension to May 15, 2007 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Renditions should be filed with the Eastland County Appraisal District by the April 16, 2007 deadline indicated above. The office is located of second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building white located at 102 N. Lamar. The telephone number to call for information and/ or assistance is 254-629-8597.

If you have a local business and have not yet received a rendition form; please go by the office of the Eastland County Appraisal District and pick one up or call the number shown above to have a rendition form mailed to When the Walt & .. Vou.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder **Among Military Veterans**

By Tom Williams, Psy. D. Submitted by Larry Monroe, Commander VFW Post 4136 - Eastland

"My life is different after what happened and I don't know why. At first it didn't seem to bother me, but now I have terrifying dreams about it and can't seem to get it out of my mind. All I want is to be left alone. My family and friends want me to be the way I used to be, to forget it, but I'm not the same person. I thought I could forget about it when I got out, but it got worse. If I don't have a couple of drinks, I can't get to sleep, and now I'm drinking more. The kids bother me a lot, and I'm pretty irritable and snap at everybody for nothing really. I've had a lot of jobs since I got out, but I can't seem to keep them for long. I don't like to be around people, except veterans. I sit with my back to the wall whenever I can, Loud noises bother me, and I feel more comfortable with a weapon. At night I check the doors and windows several times before I can relax. Night is bad, I hear the neighborhood noises, dogs barking, care doors slamming, people talking ... "

If you are a war veteran or know of someone with these symptoms, please tell them to get help. We have free PTSD meetings at the VFW Post 4136,

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- a 10 minute multimedia presentation!

You are welcome email me at jake@txol.net The road to prosperity is just one decision away!

918 Hwy. 570, Eastland, Tx on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. A VA counselor from the VA will be available for individual and group meetings.

Please bring your DD214, and join our group.

Larry Monroe, Commander 254-647-1097

