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Two Positions Open For School Board

TWO positions will come open for the May 9, 2009 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Daryl Hirst and Mark Simmons. Applications for filing for a sition on the ballot will begin on February 9, 2009. Deadle for filing will be March 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours

DOS posiciones serán abiertas para la elección el 9 de mayo de 2009 para el fideicomisario de la mesa escolar directiva para ser decidido en libertad. Estas posiciones serán para términos de tres años y son sostenidas actualmente por Daryl Hirst y Mark Simmons. Las solicitudes para archivar para una posición en la votación comenzarán el 9 de febrero de 2009. La fecha límite para la clasificación será el 9 de marzo del 2009 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes pueden ser completadas en la oficina de Administración durante horas escolares.

Incumbents Mark Simmons and Daryl Hirst filed for a place on the ballot.

GORMAN FCCLA TO COMPETE AT REGIONALS

The Gorman chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will be attending the Region II Conference in San Angelo, Texas on March 6-7, 2009. The chapter members will be among 800 delegates attending the two day conference. The youth developed theme, "Find Your Treasure with FCCLA" will be carried out through tracks featuring a series of specialized workshops and general sessions in which members will discover ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth.

Star Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members will participate at the regional meeting. These events will allow members to showcase their skills in different areas of competition. LEOs (Leadership Enhancement Opportunities) will be offered on Friday. Also, the new officer team for 2009-2010 will be elected to carry the organization forward.

This year there will be 7 young ladies representing Gorman in 4 different STAR events. In the Entrepreneurship Junior Division will be Jessica Williams and Connie Gonzalez, for the Entrepreneurship Senior Division will be Carrie Thetford and Abigail Pacheco, Focus on Children Senior Division will be Sonia Hipolito and Perla Velasquez, and in Illustrated Talk Senior Division will be Marsela Gonzalez. These girls have put in long hours and lots of work on their projects. They will be attending the meeting with their sponsor, Tammy Kellar, and school and parent chaperone, Maria Gonzalez.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as the central focus. Student leaders of Texas FCCLA are ready to "Find Your Treasure with FCCLA" and progress with programs related to parenting, child development, management (personal and financial), interior design, entrepreneurship, food service, nutrition, institutional maintenance, hospitality, and career awareness.

GOOD LUCK !!!

Notice of Meeting

This is a notice of a meeting for the Gorman Baseball Park Assoc. There will be a meeting on March 4th at 8:00pm at the Community Center for all those interested in becoming part of the Assoc. We have one spot to fill. We hope to see you there.

Thank you Barbara

SCHOOL MENU Week of Mar. 16 thru Mar. 20 SPRING BREAK

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Food Bank New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly Mondays – 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Gerald Ragland, Master – Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

T-Ball Softball and Baseball Sign ups

We will be having sign ups on March 7th from Noon to 2:00 pm -- final sign up no exceptions

We have a deadline to turn in all the teams that we will be having this year on March 13. A coaches meeting will be scheduled and put in the paper. You can also get your sign up forms at City Hall.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the baseball commissioners.

Daylight Saving Time Again

It is time again for the time change. Make sure that your adjust your clocks on Saturday night, March 7th to make sure that you will be on time for any plans that you have on Sunday. This time change is supposed to last until Sunday, November 1st.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY THIS WEEK

We have lots of new books again this week! Come by and peruse a huge selection of Nora Roberts writing as J.D Robb. Also, we have the newly popular, The Shack by William P. Young and a series by Stephenie Meyer, #1 on the New York Times Bestseller List. These include Twilight, New Moon, Eclipse and Breaking Dawn.

COME BY AND "CHECK IT OUT"

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season. You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR. You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

Fire Safety and Awareness Beneficial To All In County

Now that we are deep into a fire season that shows no sign of rain relief, I thought that some ideas of fire awareness and safety would be beneficial. The Texas Forest Service (TFS) has great website and many printed materials that give good information about fire danger awareness. The TFS website is http://txforestservice.tamu.edu. TFS is a vital partner to fire suppression in Eastland County. They supply bulldozers and aircraft to assist our local fire departments when the incident threatens to overwhelm our resources.

Many of us live outside a city where the nearest city fire department is the first responder for a fire call. If you live the country like this, there are some actions recommended by the TFS that you can take to reduce the fire danger and give yourself more time for the nearest fire department to respond to the emergency. Five elements are to be considered: fuels near your home, slopes and canyons, construction and materials of you home, access by roads/bridges, and family evacuation plans.

Fuels around your home will be what burn as a wildfire gets close. The TFS recommends a 30-foot clearance of flammable vegetation around your home. Tree limbs within 10 feet of the chimney or stove pipe can ignite by sparks. Remember your propane tank and keep the flammable material at least 15 feet away. If you home is built near a slope or canyon, the flames will run much faster up the slope, acting like chimney for the fire and smoke.

The construction and materials of your home make a difference in fire resistance. Sparks and radiant heat can cause some exterior sidings to burst into flame as the fire gets close. Other materials such as brick, stone, metal and solid logs are more resistant. Roofing materials of metal, tile, and composition shingles are fire resistant.

Identification of and access to your home is very important. Is your 911 number posted by your main entry? This is how first responders will be notified by dispatch of the location of a fire. Can a large fire truck get to your home or will a narrow culvert or light bridge prevent access in an emergency? Most fire operators that I have seen a re conducted with several small brush trucks actually suppressing the fire and one or tow large tankers supplying the water. All of these trucks may have to use your driveway to stage, attack, and resupply water.

Finally, do you and your family have an evacuation plan in the event that you must leave? Your plan should be written to include what you will take with you, where you will go, and how you will get there if several roads are blocked with smoke or fire apparatus. If you home is in danger and you must evacuate, planning will prevent leaving behind vital items such as food, medicines, pets, clothes, cell phones and chargers and family records. If the rush to leave, a checklist may prevent an important item from being forgotten.

If hope that this information has gotten you to think about your particular situation in the event of a wildfire. If you want specific answers to your questions about wildfire awareness, please contact your nearest fire department. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted, (s) Rex Fields Eastland County Judge

CIA Program, New Children's Program

This past Monday evening was the launch of Firstfruits Christian Fellowship's, new children's program, Children In Action, aka CIA. CIA is a fun, fast-paced children's program geared to kids, ages 6-12. Its purpose is to help children live as Agents for Christ.

Utilizing today's newest technologies in lighting, sound, and graphics, along with good old fashion fun, directors Daniel and Becky Montes joined with many volunteers, make this a very exciting and enjoyable time of learning for the children of Gorman and surrounding communities.

Monday's event included music, drama, games, food, and a new recruit pack for every child who attended. It was an hour filled with fun and learning. Many stayed after enjoying the charged atmosphere. Clay Wheat of Firstfruits said, "It went especially well."

CIA will continue every Monday night beginning March 16th, 6:30 pm, at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship located at 325 Lexington. Be prepared to come early to check-in and find a good seat. If you would like transportation or other information, feel free to call FCF at 254-734-3203. Agent Director, Daniel Montes, invites all kids, ages 6 to 12, to come (parents are welcomed, too) and be Ready For Action.

Now Taking 2009 Yearbook Orders

The Yearbook Staff is now taking orders for the 2009 Yearbook-please come by the school if you need an order form. If your child is enrolled @ Gorman-they have received a form to order a yearbook. The deadline is March 13, 2009-No Extra Books Will Be Ordered.

The Yearbook Staff would like to inform Parents or Legal Guardians of a Senior Graduate that the Senior Ads for the Yearbook are due by March 13, 2009. Space is limited-first come first serve basis. Reminder that Senior Baby Pictures are due by March 13th for the Yearbook.

The Yearbook Staff is still accepting orders for Photo CD's (HS Football, HS Volleyball, JH Football, JH and HS Pep Rallies/Cheerleaders, Band/Dance/Flags)-All Photo CD's Include a Group Picture-Cost is \$5.00. New CD Basketball Season for HS/JH.

Dr. Angela Treadway and Others Receive 2008 Award Recently

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and its affiliation with the North Texas VA Medical Center were among eight pharmacy schools to receive a Crystal Academic-Practice Partnerships for Learning Excellence (APPLE) Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

The AACP Crystal APPLE Award recognizes both the pharmacy school and its affiliated pharmacist practitioner educators and administrators who foster and support quality experiential education in exemplary patient care and clinical teaching environments. Merck & Company, Inc. provides sponsorship for the project.

The 2008 award recognizes the efforts of TTUHSC-SOP faculty members Dr. Craig Cox and Dr. Angela Treadway and North Texas VA clinical programs manager Dr. Cynthia Foslien-Nash. The affiliation received a Tiffany & Co. crystal apple and plaque and an honorarium for professional development during the 2009 AACP Interim Meeting Awards Ceremony, on February 23, 2009 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA.

The AACP Crystal APPLE awards program seeks to identify the most exemplary clinical education sites as judged by students and peers and hold them up as models for the Academy. AACP executive vice president and CEO Dr. Lucinda L. Maine explained. The competition for this prestigious recognition is intense and reflects the strong commitment to quality experiential education of these academic-practice partners.

Clinton Oliver Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Clinton J. Oliver has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied sci-



ence degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Gary and Barbara Snapp of S. Pershing St.,
Gorman, Texas.

The airman is a 2008 graduate of Gorman High School.

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Obituaries

George Louis Zummer

EASTLAND-George Louis Zummer passed away on March 1, 2009 in the Valley View Health Care Center. He was born December 12, 1928 in South Bend, Indiana to Simon J. and Anna H. Zummer. He attended Holy Cross Elementary School, Central Catholic High School and earned an Apprentice Tool and Die Maker Certificate from the Bendix Corporation before serving a term in the Navy, He attended Notre Dame University in South Bend Indiana and graduated in 1960. Prior to moving to Texas in 1967 he worked for the Bendix Corporation in South Bend, Indiana and The International Harvester Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

In Texas he worked for the LTV Corporation which later became Vought Systems located in the Fort Worth/Dallas Metroplex until he retired in 1985. George married Geraldine Craig Cornwell June 11, 1971 in Arlington, Texas.

They moved to Carbon, Texas in 1984. George is survived by his wife, Geraldine (Gerry), two stepdaughters, Karen Turner and husband Barry Turner from Aurora Colorado, Jana Holland and husband, Richard from Arlington, Texas, Granddaughters, Heather Ehrhardt and husband Stefan from Spring, Texas, Kristi Johnston and husband Eddie from Arlington, Texas and a great granddaughter Paige Kocman from Arlington. One sister, Rosemarie Grams and husband Irving from Denison, Texas, three nephews, John Grams from New Boston, Texas, Brian and Mark Grams from Denison, Texas, two great nieces and two great nephews, one great great nephew and two great great nieces. Also surviving are children from a previous marriage; two daughters, Rebecca Graham from Fort Wayne Indiana, Janine Flesher and husband Robert from Riley, Indiana and George L. Zummer II from Westminister, Colorado; Nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his Mother and Father and a brother, Simon, Jr.

His request was that his body be cremated. Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday March 7, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. in the Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland with family visitation at 10:00 A.M.prior to the service. Brother Jody Forbus officiating.

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Aubrey T. Gilchrest

Aubrey T. Gilchrest, age 81 of Beattie, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at his residence. Services were held Friday, February 27th at 10:30 a.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

He was born June 16, 1927 in Comanche County to Marlin Gilchrest and Mamie Chupp Gilchrest. He married Charlene Golden on December 23, 1946.

He was a farmer and rancher; resided most of his adult life in the Beattie area. He was a protestant.

Survivors include two sons, Aubrey Dale Gilchrest and wife Huey of Beattie and Marlin E. Gilchrest and wife Connie of Proctor; two daughters, Sheilah Auvenshine and husband Wayland and Ann Burns and husband Rick, both of Beattie; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his wife, Charlene; parents, Marlin and Mamie Gilchrest; two brothers, Dewey Gaston "Hoss" Gilchrest and Vernon L. Gilchrest and four sisters, Ruby Beverly, Viola Gilchrest, Geneva Tucker and Cordella "Bobbie" Phillips.

Pallbearers were Terry Gilchrest, Ty Gilchrest, Tabbert Auvenshine, Wes Gilchrest, Dory Auvenshine, Timothy Auvenshine, Jamie Auvenshine, B. J. Pyburn and Quang Straus.

Honorary Pallbearers were Cotton Welch, Rodgers Mc-Curdy, Daniel Dutton, Matt Blackwell, Brad Burns, Ed Millwee, Cap Nowlin, Bob Stehens, Connie Keith, Kenny Keith, Winsto Woolsey and Rick Burns.

Edna Faye (Tucker) Droke

Edna Faye (Tucker) Droke, age 76 of Beattie passed away on Monday, March 2, 2009 in Austin. Services will be held Friday, March 6th at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel, officiciated by Ray Seckinger. Burial will be De Leon Cemetery.

She was born December 4, 1932 in Sylvester, Texas to the late Ira Selle Tucker and Fay Emily Seckinger Tucker. She married Louis A. Droke on June 2, 1951 in Comanche. She was a homemaker; retired school teacher at Gustine ISD

and a member of the Northside Baptist Church in De Leon, member of Alphk Chi Teachers, taught school for 23 years. Graduated from Tarleton in 1983 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in ESL and reading recovery Survivors include two sons, Sherman Droke of Beattie, Lyn-

don Droke and wife Synthia of Toluca Lake, CA.; One daughter Lona Cheairs and husband Leland of Austin; one sister Florence Spruill of Carbon; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren... Preceded by her parents, one sister, Ann Keith and four

brothers, Franklin, James, Thomas and Everett Tucker. Pallbearers were Bradley Mace, Jay Parker, Todd Schoen,

Josh Jenkins, Alan Dent, Daniel Spruill, Cliff Spruill and Brett Keith.

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roir, close to pavement, \$2,500 Acre, NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10A. large Pecan Trees, nice loca-

tion for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre 77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insu-

lated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/C, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A. NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered

apper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer &other wildlife \$250,000.00 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A. NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county

NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3

oonds, great fences, good horse place, hunting \$3,000 Acre. 156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, cen-

tral a/C, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre. SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!

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Eighth Grade - A: Sergio Garcia, Luis Limon, Austin Marlow and Rachel Tucker; A-B: Jasmeen Delatorre, Drew Flannary, Skylar Henderson, Viridiana Maldonado, B. J. Ramirez, Robert-Shawver and Haily Whitefield.

Ninth Grade - A: Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne and A. J. Vaughn; A-B: Matt Fox, Maria Garcia, Chelsea Griffin, Raven Kehl, Justin Magouirk, Josh Ryon and Stetson Thompson.

Tenth Grade - A: Jaime Johnston and Jaylon Miley; A-B: Troy Gilder, Cecilia Olivares, Abby Pacheo, Maria Raygoza and Stephanie Risueno.

Eleventh Grade - A: Chance Bryant, Brittany Henderson, Erica Limon and Eric Ryon; A-B: Sean Bates, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, Drew McCreless and Kimberly Seaton.

Twelfth Grade - A: Matt Cogburn, Nathan Flanary, Jordan Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey Laminack, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Tyson Swanner, Carrie Thetford, Matt Underwood, Perla Velasquez and April Voyles; A-B: Marsela Gonzales, Sonic Hipolito, Stormy Hurd, Martin Ramirez, Barbara Sherman and Angelia Silva.

Thank You

Thank you Texas Cattle Exchange (Chris Scitern) and Carbon Ag Center (Ronnie Pack), and community friends Johnny Scit Jimmy Johnson, Jackie Grice and Charles Little for donating your to and expertise, to round up and work our cattle. Words cannot express our appreciation for the many hours you spent helping us.

We would also like to thank each of you who have lifted us up in prayer, visited, provided food and encouragement for us during Bobby's illness. Many Churches, friends, and family members have blessed Bobby and I, by being there to support us during this difficult time of surgeries and hospital stays.

Thank you Dr. Jeff Moore for your excellent care. Girling nurses and therapists have provided great home health care.

Please continue to pray for Bobby as he continues to gain strength and recover.

We serve an awesome God, who has blessed us with many friends. Sometimes we have to have to experience difficulties to realize what a wonderful place in which we live.

God Bless You, Bobby and Mary Jane Little

Eastland County District Attorney News

Man receives 7 years for Failure to Comply With Sex Offender Registration Requirements

Steven Charles Manley, formerly of Cisco was sentenced to seven years behind bars for failing to register as a sex offender with the City of Cisco Police Department, after entering a plea of guilty to State District Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st District Court. Failure to Comply is a third degree felony carrying a possible sentence of two to ten years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

In February of 2008, the Cisco Police Department received a report of a suspicious person in the 1600 block of Conrad Hilton. Upon investigation by Cisco officers, it was discovered that Manley had previously been convicted of sexual assault in the state of Connecticut in October, 1997 and upon moving to Cisco, had failed to register as required by law.

Woman Sentenced to 16 years on Probation Violations

Presiding Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court adjudicated the probation of Barbara Kay Horneck, Wednesday afternoon after hearing her plea of true to allegations that she had violated terms and conditions of her probation. Horneck, formerly a Throckmorton County resident, had previously been placed on eight years deferred adjudication on November 1, 2005 for the felony offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver. The Court sentenced Horneck to sixteen years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Jus-

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Eastland County is taking bids on installing a concrete low water crossing on County Road 422. Surface concrete to be installed 45lf x 17fw x 6 in thick = 14.2 cubic yards. Concrete will be tied to walls currently under construction. For additional information or to view site please call Bill Underwood, Commissioner Precinct 3 at 254-433-0004.

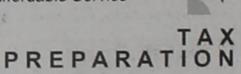
Bids should be sealed and labeled "Pct 3 Concrete Bid" on the envelope. All bids must be returned to the Auditor's office by Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

> Loretta Key Eastland County Auditor 100 West Main, Suite 205 Eastland, TX 76448

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Carbon High School **Reunion Web Site**

A web site for the Carbon High School Reunion is under development. According to Linda (Jackson) Neeley, Chair of the 2010 event, the basic outline for the site is now on line awaiting more input from the school's former students. Alumni are encouraged to log on and complete a student profile and begin to communicate with fellow graduates and classmates. The address is www.carbonhighschoolreunion.org.

If you have any questions, Linda may be contacted through the site, by email lneeley47@yahoo.com, by phone 830-598-5613 or by mail at P. O. Box 8992, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.

Gorman City **Commission Minutes**

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Nathan Files, and Commissioners Cliffa Vaughn, and Joe Casey. Mayor Ervin and Charlie Torrez were attending at meeting on behalf of Gorman at the County with Judge Fields.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order @ 5:32

Cliffa made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Joe made the motion to pay the bills with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried

Cliffa made the motion to order the May 9, 2009 City General Election for the purpose of voting for Commissioners Places 1 and 3, designating the City Office as the location for early voting. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Joe made the motion to approve and accept the joint election agreement with Gorman I S D for the May Election. Cliffa made a second. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the pool operator and repairs. The City will try to secure an electrician to wire in the stove that was donated to the Community Center.

The Command Center location requires more information before acting on the agenda item.

There being no further business for discussion, Cliffa made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion car- at www.texascattleraisers.org. ried, time was 6:20 p.m.

Ag Viewpoint

By Heath Begeman

Eastland County Hunting Heritage Banquet

The newly formed Eastland County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Foundation will hold their first annual banquet on Thursday, March 12th. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church in Eastland and doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets to the banquet are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the door, 17 and under \$15. Also offered are sponsor member tickets. Sponsor Tickets are \$250 that includes a membership to the NWTF, a special gift, and recognition at the banquet. Also, an entry int he sponsor member gun raffle (only sponsor members are allowed in this raffle). Wemust have at least 10 sponsors to conduct this raffle!

For more information or to see what merchandise will be available at the banquet you can go to the National Wild Turkey Federation website at http://www.nwtf.org/ . If you need tickets you can call the Extension office at 254-629-2222 or 629-1093.

Value of the NWTF, along with its volunteers, partners and sponsors, has worked for the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of the hunting tradition. At the time NWTF was established, there were only 1.3 million wild turkeys. Today that number stands at more than seven million birds throughout North America, and hunting season have been established in 49 U. S. states, Canada and Mexico.

Growth and progress define the NWTF as it has explanded from 1,300 members in 1973 to nearly a half million today. With that growth has come impressive strides in wildlife management as the NWTF has forged dynamic partnerships across the country to further its conservation mission. Together, the NWTF's partners, sponsors and grassroots members have raised and spent more than \$279 million upholding hunting traditions and conservation more than 13.9 million acres of wildlife habitat.

While wild turkey restoration is nearing completion, the NWTF still has much work to do. Across North America, supporters are working to enhance habitat for wild turkeys and other wildlife while providing hunters with more opportunities and acess to public and private land. In additiona, NWTF volunteers and partners are introducing youth, women and people with disablities to the outdoors through special educational events.

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Thank you for your love and support during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate the kind words, food, cards, flow-Baptist Church for the wonderful meal for our family.

A special thank you to Donnie Nowlin and the staff at Nowlin Funeral Home for your help and support. Also, a special thank you to Jackie Auvenshine for a beautiful graveside service.

We feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community and we thank you all for your support during this time. We appreciate everyone who helped make the day so special to honor

> Wallace Cook Kelli and Kent Styron

Neugebauer To Address TSCR Convention

Fort Worth, Texas - U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) will address cattle raisers during the Legislative and Tax breakout session at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers 132nd Annual Convention in Fort Worth. The breakout session will be held Saturday, March 21, at 3 p.m. Rep. Neugebauer was recently appointed the Ranking Republican on the House Agriculture Committee's Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee.

"I will continue to make agriculture a priority during the 111th Congress. I take the responsibility of being the voice for all of the agriculture producers in the 19th District very seriously. I look forward to being a leader on the Livestock Subcommittee because our farmers and ranchers are responsible for providing America's people and people abroad with food, fiber and energy they need to survive," Rep. Neugebauer said in a statement released after the announcement of his subcommittee assignment.

"Representative Neugebauer has been a good friend of TSCRA. We are pleased to have him address our Legislative and Tax breakout session during the convention, and look forward to his leadership on the House Ag Committee. I would like to encourage all convention members and visitors to attend this informative breakout session where we will learn what is on the federal horizon for the Texas cattle industry," TSCRA President

A complete schedule of breakout sessions can be found

More than 2,000 ranchers and landowners will gather in Fort Worth for a weekend of programs and educational sessions, a trade show with more than 200 companies, networking and fellowship with fellow cattle raisers.

In today's World, We Need to Resurrect Friend Common Sense...

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such

Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, 4-2 Erick Home, 2 hisplaces, CHA, 2 car garage: 3 a. (egrach, ni era, nerblide ton

g 6+A, 4-5 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreat His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year- old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condi-

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their vic-Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend

yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a wom-

an failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth

and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers;

I Know My Rights I Want It Now Someone Else Is To Blame I'm A Victim This was printed in the London Times...the author did not sign their

May you abound in hope, Rev. Sharon P. Bell

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Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to all who came to our monthly dance even ers, calls, and your prayers. Thank you to the women of the First though this 'little piggy' neglected to write Pig Tales last week! Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers are great, aren't they! We are going to change our monthly dances from Thursday nights to Friday nights. Beginning in March, the dances will be on the 2nd Friday of each month. We will have the same great band. Please mark your calendars now for Friday, March 13th.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held on March 7th from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. as usual. Come and join us on the first Saturday of each and every month for a delicious start to your

I hope you are making plans to attend the AARP Defen-Karla and Todd Swearengin sive Driving course here at the DAC on April 2nd. It will give you a discount on your auto insurance and, I don't know about you, but I can use every discount I can find in this economy! The cost is \$12.00 if you are an AARP member and \$14.00 if you are not. The class will start promptly at noon and last 4 hours. These classes normally run 8 hours but our teacher is taking special instructions in order to give the class in 4 hours. Eat an early lunch and be ready to start at noon.

Our annual craft show will be held April 17th and 18th. The show has grown bigger each year and we hope to continue that. If you are a crafter and are interested in our show here in Desdemona, please call me at 254-758-2420. Our booths rent for

> See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge

For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567 or (254-246-1972) (cell).

PETS

Prevent Pets from Bringing Fleas and Ticks Home

NewsUSA

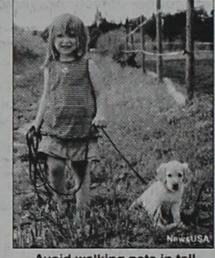
(NU) - Spring is a time of rebirth and rejuvenation. Invigorated by warmer weather, many of us make our way outdoors to soak up the new found sun. But despite the cheerfulness outside, spring can often bring unwanted critters indoors - by hitching a ride on our pets.

Before people take their for hikes or nature walks this spring, they should consider precautions to protect their pets - and themselves - from fleas and ticks. A flea or tick infestation is no

fun for the whole family. Flea saliva can cause anemia, dermatitis and transfer tapeworms - a dangerous internal parasite. Worse, fleas reproduce quickly and can infest whole homes, requiring professional extermination. Perhaps more harmful than fleas, brown dog ticks and Lyme-disease-carrying deer ticks typically enter homes through pets as well. Once in the home, they can begin laying up to 5,000 eggs at a time.

There is no need for pet owners to lock their dogs and cats inside all spring and summer. In fact, the National Pest Management Association, a 75-year-old non-profit organization committed to the protection of public health, food and property through proper pest management and homeowner education, offers these tips to Americans hoping to protect their pets and their homes from fleas and

Avoid tick habitats such as lowgrowing, brushy vegetation along the edge of the woods or a trail. Check your pet thoroughly after you have been in potentially tick-infested areas. Finding and re-



Avoid walking pets in tall grass - it can hide ticks.

moving all ticks helps prevent dis-

Check pets frequently for fleas and flea dirt, especially after being outside. Look for excessive scratching and licking.

Bathe pets after walks or playtime with other animals, as fleas can jump from host to host.

Talk with a veterinarian about prevention and treatment options available to kill fleas and flea eggs. Wash pet bedding, collars and plush toys.

Wash bed linens and vacuum carpets, floors and furniture frequently. Empty vacuum bags and throw the contents away in an outside receptacle.

 If you suspect a flea or tick infestation, contact a licensed pest professional immediately to treat the pest problem.

For more information and tips, visit www.pestworld.org.

AUTOMOTIVE

Two Things Every Teen Driver Should Know

NewsUSA

(NU) - Your teen has just passed driver's ed and received their license, but is he or she really ready to hit the road? Teaching your new driver safe vehicle operation is crucial. But sometimes, safety overshadows other considerations, like the importance of routine vehicle service. "Many people fail to realize

that poorly maintained vehicles can be safety hazards, not just for teen drivers, but for others on the road as well," said John Nielsen, director, AAA Approved Auto Repair Network. "And driving with worn out vehicle components not only increases the chance of a crash, it reduces fuel economy."

Before you hand the keys over to your teen driver, make sure they are aware of at least two maintenance operations every driver should practice: Tire pressure. Teen drivers

should know that proper tire inflation is critical to safe vehicle operation. Underinflated tires degrade handling and may overheat and blow out. The proper tire-inflation pres-

res for a vehicle can be found in the owner's manual or on a tire information decal usually affixed to the driver's door jamb. Teach teens to check pressures when the tires are cold, such as when the vehicle hasn't been driven for at least three hours. Use a quality gauge, not one built into the air

Engine oil level. Teaching your teens to maintain a proper oil level is the single most important thing you can do to help extend the life of the engine in their ve-

hicle. If an uninformed teen al-



teens drive, it is vital to discuss the importance of vehicle maintenance.

lows the oil level to fall too low, the result can be overheating and low oil pressure that can lead to increased wear and even catastrophic engine failure.

They should check the oil level with the engine off and the vehicle parked on a level surface. If the engine has been run recently, allow it to sit a couple of minutes before checking the level. Locate the oil dipstick under the hood, remove it, wipe it clean and re-insert it all the way. Withdraw the dipstick and, holding it level, check the oil-level line on the stick. If it's between the high and low marks, you're good to go. If it's below the lower mark, add oil to raise the level to within the safe

Teens also need to understand the importance of taking their vehicle to a reliable service facility they can trust. AAA Approved Auto Repair shops meet stringent guidelines for quality and customer satisfaction. To find one in your area, visit AAA.com/Repair.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was unable to be at our gathering on the 25, due to a Doctor appointment. I will not be there on the 4th either as I must have a surgical procedure. I've had an irregular heartbeat for awhile and that is causing other problems. So this must be done, sure not looking forward to a hospital visit.

Thanks to Barbara Bush for carrying on in my absence. She also has several other helpers, thanks to all. She baked a good pork roast in mushroom sauce. There were 26 in attendance, but desserts were low. What happened to our dessert makers? They only had I cake and some Jello.

Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing for us all.

I heard Lil Brudnak was back after her illness. Also Anne Laminack, Ellen Parker and Donna Early were there to enjoy. I talked to Lil on phone and she is better. We always have a good conservation.

Daisy Slaton had a big weekend on the 21st of February. Several members of her family carried her to Lubbock for a great grandson's Birthday party. His daddy always throws a big wing ding for his son. I believe little Jeran turned 5. Her granddaughter, Katie went with them to celebrate. She always has a ball with her cousins.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

We now have a new principal hired for our secondary campuses for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Jeff Byrd, presently senior house principal at an Amarillo high school will begin his duties here at a date prior to school letting out this year. The exact date has yet to be established. Since Mr. Panter plans on being here through graduation, we will be in good hands until he arrives. Mr. Panter is already conferring with him regarding decisions being made now that will affect him next year.

We had a great track meet last week! Our kids performed very well and I am encouraged about their possible success this year. Thanks to our Lion's Club for providing the concession. The food was good and the service even better. The Lion's Club provide glasses for our students that can't afford them. The money they make at this fund raiser goes a long way in helping them to do this. They also help in others way like awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior each year. Remember, if you have any old glasses you need to get rid of, please take them by the Gorman Pharmacy and drop them off so that they might be used again by someone Town". "Hogtown" is very much alive and going strong. Visitors are always welless fortunate than you. Thanks!

We continue to get positive responses from those wishing to contribute to the scoreboard and other equipment for the new gymnasium. The new scoreboard is going to be awesome! Hopefully we will raise enough to purchase an excellent sound system, a nice portable score keepers table, plus custom chairs for the players. If you have not been by lately, come take a look. Much has been done over the last couple of weeks. We will have the building closed up and ready for sheetrock and paint very soon.

Our baseball and softball teams have been staying very busy and Tennis is underway as well. It is not easy to be bored around GISD this time of year and since our baseball and softball games are played on the same days and usually at different locations, it is impossible to attend everything, but it is extremely important for ou to attend something. Our kids need your support!

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Cancer Services Network Offers a Class on the Benefits of Massage Therapy for Cancer Patients

ABILENE, Texas - Cancer Services Network will offer Therapeutic Massage Therapy for Cancer Patients and Caregivers, an educational session from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2009 at the Cancer Services Network office located at 240 Cypress Street. This class will explore how massage may help cancer patients and caregivers, both physically and emotionally. Massage therapy is a complementary care modality that may be used in conjunction with conventional cancer treatment.

Participants will learn how massage services can enhance the quality of life for cancer patients and caregivers. Throughout the diagnosis, treatment and recovery; the nurturing touch of massage allows the body to relax, release stress, anxiety, tensions, stiffness, improves sleep and increases mobility and energy which helps to improve the patient's health and well being.

Grace Rothermel, LMT, will facilitate the course. Ms. Rothermel has recently completed training in lymphedema, a chronic swelling caused by the accumulation of lymph fluid in the body, usually in an arm or leg. She will also share techniques for caregivers to help their loved one to relax and cope with pain. You may register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org; however walk-ins are welcome. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Ladies Monthly Social" will be held on Monday morning, March 9th at the Community Center (former school building). Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. To enjoy food and fellowship with all of the group. Visitors are welcome.

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. There was a great group of musicians to present Country and Western music with some bluegrass and gospel included. Some musical groups attended for the first time. Thanks to everyone that attends each month and thanks to the ladies for the food donated each time.

"Desdemona - Grows In Style"

Some people say that Desdemona is just a wide place in the road. Last Saturday, a lady from Mineral Wells visited with this reporter - Saying she found Desdemona listed as a "Ghost Town" on internet. She was very surprised when she arrived in Desdemona to see for herself that is far from being a "Ghost Town". Three new businesses will open soon in Desdemona.

"Crossroads Cafe" owned by Sam Mullin opened Monday morning at 6 a.m. Serving breakfast and will serve lunches during the noon hour. Cafe is located on the lot of the late Floyd More Service Station.

owned by Mike and Mary Riggs will open soon on Highway 16 (one block north of the blinking light). *******************

"Wagon Wheel Pizza", next door to the "Hogtown General Store" both

"Midway MX", and Arena Cross Track for Dirt Bikes owned by Benji Nabors will open soon. Located on Highway 8 across the street from the "Country Corner Store" also owned by Benji Nabors. *************

Desdemona has other businesses already open for some time. "Boom Town Cafe" owner Terry Denson is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 5 p.m. To 9 p.m., serving fish, steaks and other food on the menu.

"Clayton's Gun Shop" owned by Lindley Clayton is open Tuesday thru Saturday. Great selections of new and usedf guns, knives and many gift items. Located in the old First National Bank Building.

"Trimmin Tim's" owned by Tim Miller is located next to the new "Crossroad's Cafe". Go by Tim's for a hair cut, color, etc. So you all come to Desdemona to see for yourself that it is not a "Ghost

come. *******************************

Elise Duke of Stephenville spent the past week visiting her grandparents, Humpy and Betty Duke. Other visitors in the home on Saturday were Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence.

Vicki Robinett and grand-daugther, Lexie visited Saturday afternoon with Bernard and Ann Keith.

"Happy Birthday" to our friend, Alla Rea (Friday) Kelly in Sealy, Texas on Sunday, March 8th. Alla Rae went to Desdemona School with this reporter in the Class of 1951.



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