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Gorman City Election and Gorman School Board

Set Elections For May 12, 2012

Three Positions Open On School Board and Special Election To Fill An Unexpired Term

Three positions will come open for the May 12, 2012 election for school board trustees and special election to fill an unexpired term.

These positions will include two three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Mark Simmons and Daryl Hirst. The third position is a one year unexpired term ending May 2013, this term vacated by Don Whitten and filled by appointment by Jamie Espinoza.

First day to file is February 4, 2011. Deadline to file is March 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Superintendents' office during school hours.

Letter To The Editor

I don't agree with most of Mr. Buchanan's Letter to the Editor.

One thing is that he does not believe that the Jews are Gods chosen people. He needs to Read the Old Testament and he thinks that awlka was a clergy or Preacher. He wanted to bow us up.

He didn't think P.F.C. Mannio should be punished for leaking secret information to the World. Even though he broke the law.

He thinks we should share our nuclear energy with Iran.

He should know they would use them against Isreal and the United States.

But family he said something that I agree with him. He said we have a change to elect a President to LEAD this nation.

We don't have any leadership with the one we have now. He would rather be out in the front of a camera than in The White House doing his job.

His administration has lost more jobs, put more people on Food Stamps and spent more money than any President before him, and he has only been in Office three years.

President Obama ran on Hope and Change. We got that from him.

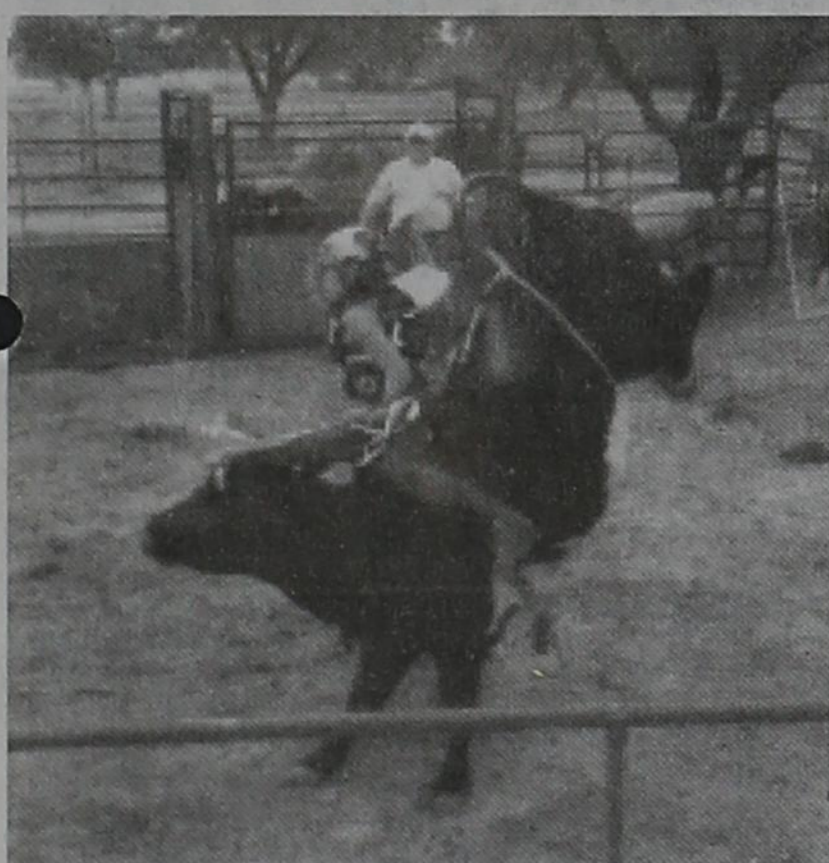
We hope we don't lose our jobs and homes and the change is we went from under President Bush to worse under President Obama.

The difference between President Ragan and President Obama is that President Ragan was an actor that became President. President Obama is a President that became a actor. That is why he is always in front of the camera.

Mr. Buchana stated that in the forty's he got on a one way going the wrong way. Maybe it is time to get off that one way street. Everything he writes to the Editor is negative. Thank Positive.

Bill Barentine
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Daniel Keeping Starts A New Year and Career



Dan practicing on Cosette's bull Black Mamba

2012 looks like it will be another great year of bull riding for 12 year old Daniel Keeping. He is already leading his region of the High School Rodeo Association's Junior High Division in one rodeo to go. He will travel to Glen Rose to compete in the region finals and then to Gonzales to compete at the state level and hopefully earn the right to represent Texas at the National Finals in Gallup, New Mexico.

He has also taken the early lead at the Texas Youth Bull Riders Association in Saginaw riding all four of his Senior Steers and both Mini Bulls. Dan and his sister Cosette are now also stock contractors hauling their mini bulls to Saginaw for use in the events held there.

Dan will be traveling to Jonesville, Louisiana in February to compete in the Chris Shivers Invitational Mini Bull Event. Videos of Dan's and Cosette's bulls were also submitted and they have been selected to compete in the event as well. Dan has also earned another trip to Tuff Hedemen CBR event in Fort Worth this spring and the Youth Bull Riders World Finals to be held at the Taylor County Arena in Abilene.

With the growth in the use of miniature bulls for youth events and their animals now being accepted to buck at events sponsored by the Miniature Bull Riders Association both Dan and Cosette are looking forward to expanding the use of their animals and seeing new places and experiencing new opportunities.

Eastland County Lifts Burn Ban

TO: ALL UNITS AND STATIONS: COURT LIFTS BURNING BAN

EASTLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT LIFTS BURNING BAN

Eastland County Commissioner's Court, meeting in Special Called Session, at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to **remove** the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch (254) 629-1728 and their nearest fire department to notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. **Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!**

In making this announcement, the Commissioner's Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

It is hereby ordered by the Commissioner's Court of Eastland County that the outside burning ban in Eastland County be removed.

By a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 nays, to be effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Eastland County Commissioner's Court
(s) Rex Fields
Rex Fields, County Judge

(s) Wayne Honea
County Commissioner

Gorman Cagers Continue Their Winning Ways

In the Basketball games with Rising Star the Gorman Lady Panthers won by the score of 48-34. Gorman jumped out to a 17-8 lead in the initial period and added 13 more in the second for a 30-18 lead at intermission. They added 7 in the third and 11 in the final period for the 48-34 margin.

Melissa Ramirez scored 14 to lead Gorman. Courtney Shirley had 13. Megan Gray hit 12. Kinsey Johnston got 6 and Chelsea Griffin hit 3.

In the JV game Gorman on 28-26.

In the boys action the Panthers out-scored the Wildcats 35-23. Gorman trailed 7-6 in the first period but came back with 7 in the second for a halftime lead of 13-11. They added 11 in third and 11 in the final period for a 35-23 victory.

Zach Carlton led the Panthers with 13. B.J. Ramirez, Dakota Pacheco and Sergio Hipolito each had 4. Luis Limon and Jon Fenley got 3 each and Yovani Palacios and Matt Fox had 2 each.

In action with May the Lady Panthers won 45 to 34. Gorman led 13-12 in the first and added 6 in the second to tie the May girls 19-19 at halftime. They added 11 in the third for a 30-25 lead and scored 15 in the final period for a 45-34 victory.

Megan Gray led the Lady Panthers with 25 points. Kinsey Johnston hit 7. Melissa Ramirez got 6. Courtney Shirley hit 5 and Chelsea Griffin got 2.

In the boys action the Panthers won by a 52-42 margin. Gorman led 10-6 in the first but hit only 9 in the second and trailed May 22-19 at halftime. However the Big Red scored 24 in the third for a 43-33 lead and added 9 in the last period for the 52-42 victory.

Zach Carlton led Gorman with 18. Sergio Hipolito hit 10. Dakota Pacheco got 8. Jon Fenley had 7 and Yovani Palacios and Luis Limon each hit 3.

Gorman Panthers have a 15-7 record and 6-1 in District and a tie with the May Tigers.

The Lady Panthers have a 10-11 season mark and 6-1 in the District race.

"Thank You"

Our Family can never thank each of you for the kind and caring deeds during the illness and death of our loved one. We welcomed each prayer, visit, card, phone call, delicious food and beautiful flowers. Each was deeply appreciated. A special comfort to our family was Bro. Barry, Dr. Dan and the phenomenal Hospice team led by Kala Gill. We are forever grateful. The meal provided by First Baptist Church and Kokomo Baptist Church to fellowship with family and friends was very special. To each of you we say "Thank You", and know you will be blessed by your kindness.

The Family of Angela Burgess Buckley

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The Junior Class Will be selling Valentine's Day Bags. The Bags will be on sale beginning January 30 through February 10.

- There are three choices to choose from:
- **Friendship Bag For \$1.00**
 - **Sweetheart Bag For \$3.00**
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Gorman High School Senior Financial Aid Night

Don Hilton, financial aid director from Renner College, will be presenting a financial aid night for the seniors at Gorman High School. Computers will be available if you would like to bring your income tax information and complete the application on line.

Date: February 6, 2012 Time: 6:30 p.m.

For more information: Call LaTricia Hampton at 254-734-3171.

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 10.43 A: Near Duster, approx. 800 Pecans, building site, elec available, paved road, deer. **Owner Finance Possible \$3,495 acre.**
 17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 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.
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Obituaries

Raymond L. George

Raymond L. George, 92, of De Leon, Texas passed away peacefully in Stephenville on Saturday, January 28, 2012 in the presence and love of those he held most dear.

Raymond was a lifelong resident of De Leon. Even after moving to Odessa during the drought of the fifties, Raymond continued to work his farm in De Leon. To Raymond, farming wasn't just an occupation, it was his passion. Through good times and bad, Raymond plowed the land, always on a John Deere tractor. The only thing he was more passionate about than farming was living and sharing the word of God. Raymond served as a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent at Round Grove Baptist Church of De Leon and Friendship Baptist Church of Odessa and was also a member of St. Joe Baptist Church of De Leon. Raymond enjoyed his work as a service technician at Sears Roebuck for thirty years and later for the DeLeon community. Music was a life-long love for Raymond, who played the guitar, fiddle and harmonica, as well as sang. In his later years, he discovered dancing, a pastime that not only filled his last years with joy, but led him to meet his beloved friend, Mary Turner.



He is survived by his daughter, Lou George; son, Parker Ray George; grandchildren, Cindy Lou Thomason and husband, Royce, Tereca L. George, Sherry L. Huckabee, Lance K. George, Davy Ray George and wife, Robin, and Jarrett J. George and wife, Kinsey; 12 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family.

Raymond was a devoted husband to Othell Parker George who went to live with the Lord, January 13th, 1998, just before their 61st anniversary. Together they were a strong and loving presence throughout the lives of their children and grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Davy Crockett George and Alice P. Armstrong George; brothers, Roy George, Herman George and Dale George; and sisters, Bea Grisham and Zola Loveless.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home. Brother Jackie Auvenshine officiated the service and Brother Ray Seckinger assisted. Music was provided by LaRessie Wilkerson, Vicki Robinett and Marvin McKeenan. Pallbearers were Lance George, Davy Ray George, Jarrett George, Justin Thomason, Patrick Detloff, Cody Cink, Royce Thomason and Daniel Foster. Burial followed in De Leon Cemetery. Family received friends from 6-8:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be posted to www.nowlinandersfh.com.

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Lajoice Faye Womack

Lajoice Faye Womack, 74, of De Leon, Texas passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2012 in De Leon. She was born on January 6, 1938 to Adam Oscar Brush and Lela Morgan Brush in Comanche County, Texas. She married Larry Jim Womack on April 3, 1959 in De Leon.



Lajoice was a homemaker and co-owner of Womack Nursery Company. She resided in De Leon all of her life and was a faithful member of the De Leon Church of Christ. She enjoyed collecting Fiesta dishes and attending antique auctions. Her biggest joy of all was spending time with her family. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved her family dearly and was a wonderful friend to many.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Larry Jim Womack; son, Larry Don Womack and wife, Lori of De Leon; daughter, Lori Michelle Womack of Fort Worth; sister, Bonnie Decker of Gustine; two grandchildren, Latonya Rosborough and husband, Ryan of New Braunfels and Tyler James Womack of Canadian; two great-grandchildren, Rhett Rosborough and Tenley Rosborough. Lajoice was preceded by her parents; and brother, Oscar James Brush.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon Church of Christ. Minister Ed Rodgers officiated the service. Family friend, Bob Whitney, gave the eulogy. Pallbearers were Gene Snider, John Gilbert, Paul Lollar, Bill Medart, Uvaldo Meza and Alfredo Co-heto. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Nowlin, Mike Snider, Anthony Brinson, Donald Setzler, Bob Otwell and Brandon Burrow. Burial followed in De Leon Cemetery.

Family received friends on Friday from 5-7:00 p.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Cook Children's Health Foundation at 801 Seventh Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104; Foster's Home for Children at 1779 North Graham Street, Stephenville, TX 76401; or Cherokee Home for Children at 13355 S Hwy 16, Cherokee, TX 76832 in memory of Lajoice.

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Pig Tales From Hegtown

Hope you are enjoying this weather as much as I am. I just returned from Indiana and it was cold up there!

This Saturday, February 4th is 'Breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00 until 10:00. Come and start your weekend in Desdemona.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 11th for the dance here at the DAC.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

StepUp & ScaleDown!

Just in time for your new year's resolution of a healthy lifestyle, Eastland County AgriLife Extension Office will launch a 12-week weight management program in March 2012.

The program will consist of:

- * Weekly lessons to help you manage weight
- * A weekly weight check-in
- * A weekly challenge to help you "stay the course"
- * Dinner Tonight! Healthy recipes
- * Incentives

Information for the class is as follows:

- * First class is Monday, March 6, 2012 (weekly for 12 weeks)
- * Registration/Weigh-In begins at 5:15 p.m.
- * Location: Eastland County Courthouse Lobby
- * Cost is \$30.00 for the 12-week program
- * Sign up by Friday, March 2

For more information please call Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or email her at hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Hosts Central Texas Family Issues Summit

Whether you are a parent/guardian, teacher, child care provider, mentor, tutor, or social worker, you play an important role in child development. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, children who grow up in environments where their developmental needs are not met are at an increased risk for compromised health and safety, and learning and developmental delays. If you are looking for information and tools you can use when working with children, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service is conducting their annual Central Texas Family Issues Summit on Friday, February 10, 2012 at the McLennan Community College Emergency Services Education Center, 7601 Steinbeck Bend Road, Waco, Texas. The theme is "Back to the Basics, Promoting Healthier Families".

Conference topics include: Promoting Healthier Families Through the Touch Points Approach, Back to the Basics - Resilient Families, Back to the Basics for Reliving Financial Stress, Back to the Basics With Safety-Protecting Children from Hyperthermia, Bringing Communication Back to the Family, Back to the Dinner Table and Bringing Humor Back to the Family.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the conference will be from 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Lunch will be available on-site and is included in the registration fee of \$25. On-site registration will be \$30. Continuing Education Units will be available through McLennan Community College for appropriate agencies and professionals.

For more information and to register, please contact Colleen Longbotham at 254/729-5314 or c-longbotham@tamu.edu.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

Multi County Cotton Management Seminar

Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Comanche, Erath and Eastland County will host a Cotton Management Seminar on February 2, 2012 at the Highway 6 Café in DeLeon. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start at 10:00 a.m. A sponsored meal will be provided at noon and the meeting will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, State Cotton Specialist will discuss variety selection and provide discussion on the variety trial conducted across the state. Dr. Paul Bauman, Extension Weed Specialist will provide information on weed management for cotton production including management plans to avoid glyphosate resistance weed development. Dr. John Robinson, State Cotton Economist will discuss market outlooks and marketing your cotton in 2012. Dr. Todd Baughman, Agronomist and Program Coordinator with Oklahoma State University will discuss several topics including water requirements, fertility issues and strip till vs. conventional vs. no till production. Producers in attendance will receive two (2) CEU's (both in General) towards their private applicator license.

FORAGE SEMINAR

A special 5-Hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 7th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals.

Speakers for the seminar will include: Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension Agronomist - San Angelo; Dr. Chris Sansone, AgriLife Extension Entomology Specialist - San Angelo; Ricky Young, Farm Loan Manager and Michelle Kayga, Loan Officer with FSA; Bill Thompson, Extension Economist - San Angelo; Dr. Charles Hart, Extension Range Specialist - Stephenville and Jan Hatler, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Drake will discuss "Wheat Varieties for this Area and Evaluating Forage Hay Quality"; Chris Sansone will discuss "Droughts Effect on Insects for this Years' Small Grains and Forage Crops"; Ricky Young and Michelle Kayga will discuss "Financial Assistance Available for Farmers and Ranchers"; Bill Thompson will discuss "Coming Cost/Price Squeeze on Replacement Cattle"; Dr. Hart will discuss "Brush Control During Drought and Herbicide Techniques and Calibration"; Jan Hatler with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulations for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$15 to those that pre-register by February 3rd, after February 3rd there will be a \$20 cost to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension Offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, please contact the Callahan County Extension Office at 325/854-5835. We try and provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact the County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

HOME

Programming Thermostats for Energy Savings and Comfort

NewsUSA

(NU) - From smart phones to programmable thermostats, today's electronics come equipped with advanced operating systems that make life easier and more efficient. The challenge is knowing how to take full advantage of the capabilities of these devices.

Consider indoor environment devices like programmable thermostats. Programmable thermostats are capable of controlling the entire heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system - from heating to indoor air quality and energy management.

"Adjusting the temperature up and down doesn't equate to savings or even comfort in the home," said Jonathan Payne, product manager of programmable controls at Carrier. "The key to total comfort is the homeowner's ability to control the temperature, humidity, air circulation and energy use."

Although many homes have programmable thermostats, they may not be programmed or used properly. To truly realize the advantages of a programmable thermostat, consider these tips:

1. Choose a thermostat that manages your system properly and efficiently. Select a thermostat that is not only easy for you to understand and program, but one that controls all of the equipment in your HVAC system, including an air purifier, humidifier, air conditioner, furnace and/or heat pump.
2. Have the HVAC control or thermostat installed by a Carrier authorized dealer or other HVAC expert to ensure the wiring and settings are configured to match the needs of your specific system.
3. Choose a program that fits well with your lifestyle, and stick with it.



Turning the temperature up or down won't save you money or energy, so learn how to fully utilize your thermostat.

it. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), energy can be saved if you keep energy-saving set points activated for longer timeframes. So, you could leave home energy-saving set points on during the work/school day, or at night when family members are asleep, for instance.

4. Avoid overuse of the temporary "hold" feature. If you consistently "hold" or over-ride the pre-programmed settings, you could be wasting energy. The EPA suggests that the "hold" and "vacation" settings should be set several degrees warmer and cooler in the summer and winter months, respectively, and only used when you're away from home for an extended stay.
5. Try not to achieve a quick fix. The EPA's Proper Use Guidelines for Programmable Controls indicates that you will not heat or cool your house faster by adjusting the temperature on your thermostat to the extremes - up to 80 degrees or down to 30 degrees.

To learn more about Carrier programmable thermostats, call 1-800-CARRIER or visit www.residential.carrier.com.

A Letter To The Editor

About The State of the Union By Henry A. Buchanan

I watched President Obama give the State of the Union address. His presence was announced and I saw him making his way through a crowd of people. There was a lot of smiling and handshaking and hugging and even some kissing. Everybody seemed to be happy to see him. People clung to him and crowded around him and it seemed he would never make it to the speaker's podium because the people were so glad to see him. And I wondered: Is this the man the Republican Hopefuls have been taking about and bad-mouthing?

When he began speaking the people all clapped and stood up to applaud what he said - all except John Boehner, the Republican House Speaker - and the President talked straight about the State of the Union which is in a bad state. He even admitted that we are "broke" which is what I have been saying in my letters to you. But he talked about the things we need to do about being "broke," and this sounded encouraging until he got to the part about Iran being threat to Israel and how we would have to take drastic action to keep Iran from getting nuclear power.

People cheered. I reckon Democrats and Republicans and Tea Partiers' and Independents; everybody cheered and even Speaker Boehner clapped his hands a little down in his lap almost out of camera range. So I reckon if we go to war against Iran and claim it is necessary in order to keep the Strait of Hormuz open for shipping the oil we are not going to let Iran sell, the people will cheer even though we are broke and in need of the oil and some more dead heroes to brag about.

I didn't see or hear much to cheer and clap my hands about because we are broke and at war and seriously considering going further into debt with another war to prove that we are bigger than Iran.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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Happy New Year and Groundhog Day to our regular patrons and everyone in our service area. The weather feels very warm - wonder what the groundhog will show us on Thursday? Thank you again for the many donations of time, money and books that Charlie Garrett Memorial Library receives on a regular bases. We recently received a large collection of Christian Fiction books - stories of the Amish and a memoir by Ira Wagler, Growing up Amish. These make for very good reading so come and check them out! Other new books, include The Help by Kathryn Stockett and several popular titles by Nicholas Sparks.

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ENVIRONMENT

Drinking Water: An Invaluable Resource Taken for Granted

NewsUSA

(NU) - You turn on the tap, and water comes out. Period. Safe, plentiful and affordable drinking water is one of our nation's most precious resources and something most of us take for granted.

But what if you turned the tap and nothing happened, or if the water you drank made you sick?

While pouring a glass of water may seem simple, before it arrives at your tap there is a complex process of collecting, storing, treating and distributing that helps ensure its availability and quality. In fact, water utilities implement comprehensive water management plans to ensure that adequate amounts of drinking water are available. These include conservation and reuse, reclamation and sourcing strategies.

Drinking water supplied by utilities is always treated to remove contaminants and harmful microorganisms. That treatment process typically consists of clarification (to remove dirt and other particles), filtration (to remove even smaller particles) and disinfection (to kill bacteria and most viruses). The water is then delivered to residential and commercial customers via an extensive pipe network.

Drinking water utilities are committed to protecting public health and constantly monitoring and reassessing their methods for treating water to ensure its quality. In part, this is due to changing government regulations, which periodically alter water quality standards. In addition, they may undertake other forms of treatment



Drinking water goes through an extensive cleaning process before it arrives at your tap.

not expressly required to comply with regulations in order to ensure that drinking water meets and often exceeds the standards and needs of local communities.

For example, they may seek to remove trace compounds that are not currently regulated, and to enhance the aesthetic quality of the water.

Drinking water utilities carry out these services while also managing costs and minimizing environmental impacts of their processes; they are committed to keeping drinking water affordable. Water utilities and other stakeholders invest more than \$12 billion each year in the Water Research Foundation to sponsor research that enables water utilities, public health agencies and other professionals to provide safe and affordable drinking water to the public.

So the next time you pour a glass of water from the tap, take a moment to honor the commitment and significant investment made to ensure the quality of that water.

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Items of interest

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Business Personal Property Rendition Due By April 16, 2012

The following is provided to Eastland County business owners as a reminder that business personal property renditions must be filed with the Eastland County Appraisal District by April 16, 2012.

Section 22.01 of the State Property Tax Code requires that all business personal property be rendered each year.

A new section of the code added by the 2004 Texas Legislature imposes a penalty of ten percent (10%) for all renditions not timely filed by the April 15 deadline.

In an effort to assist business owners in meeting this requirement; rendition forms were mailed out in January, 2012 to all know Eastland County business owners. If you own a business and have not received a rendition form; please contact the Eastland County Appraisal District at (254) 629-8597 in Eastland, Texas. The Eastland County Appraisal District Office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building at 102 N. Lamar in Eastland, Texas.

A "business personal property rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property the business owned or controlled as of January 1, 2012.

Who must file a rendition?

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, do not render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are There Any Advantages To You?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- (1) You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- (2) You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- (3) You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2011. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2012.

What's the deadline to file?

The Last day for filing 2012 renditions is April 16, 2012. You can get an automatic extension to May 15, 2012 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 16, 2012 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15, 2012 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with the Eastland County Appraisal District which is located in the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building at 102 N. Lamar in Eastland, Texas. The office is on the second floor and the telephone number is (254) 629-8597.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona

was low in attendance last Sunday due to several members on the Sick list. Visitors on Sunday were Laura and children of the Metroplex and Cody Powers of Houston. Cody is the great grandson of the late Sam and Leota Powers. Bro. Charlie enjoys his "Special" time each Sunday morning with all the young children. Also Bro. Charlie teaches a Sunday School Class for teenagers and would like to invite visitors to attend at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School And 11:00 a.m. For Morning Worship Service. Visitors Are Always Welcome.

Albert Holdman is having health problems. He had several tests done this past week but no report on these at this time.

P. E. "Shorty" Fox spent a few days this past week in a Fort Worth hospital.

J. H. Tidwell is having back problems at this time and will need surgery to correct it.

Remember these and others in our Community who are on the sick list with your cards and prayers.

Have a good day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

A small group gathered on January 18th for our monthly Senior meeting and lunch. We were so happy to have Wilburn Overstreet back after several months of not feeling good. He is now looking and feeling in good spirits. He also gave our blessing with such good words.

Sandra Cagle was with us to visit, especially with Wilburn. We are always glad to have our tax assessor here. Also Tracey Starr from Integra Care in Cisco came to introduce herself and take our vitals. She brought us a yummy cheese cherry cake. Hope to see her every month.

Sure was good to see Geraldine Wright, Ellen Parker, Cliffa Vaughn and Wilburn Overstreet. We missed Billie Bennett, Ruthie Porter, Lil Brudnak, The Shirleys, Ailine Garrett, Estelle Lindley, Susan Lipson and Jerry Underwood. I do hope some are feeling better next month. If all would come at once, we would have a good turnout. I can't understand why people can't make out get together once a month. I tell my Dr. no Wednesday appointments. They will work with you.

I have been having home health with nurses and physical therapist helping me. They such have helped my bad hip and sciatica nerve. I still can't walk much better, guess I'll just have to live with it. My balance causes such problems that even exercising didn't help. Now I have to make myself do the exercises, as P.T. Not coming more. I do get lazy. HA!!

My granddaughter, Alexa, had a baby girl on December 28th named Lily They came to visit last Friday, sure enjoyed getting to hold her. So tiny after Kendra's boy Cannon, who is such a big boy at 6 nos. We then all went to Cooks Fish Barn, the fish and other dishes so good. They were halfway home to Brownwood then, a first for them.

I visited Daisy Slaton on January 21st, hadn't seen her since Christmas. She looked good and seems OK. I miss her being here and going places together. She needs a bigger room for all her furniture. You can hardly walk around and don't see how they can get in there to clean. She had visited the week before with Anne and Henry Buchanan and Lil Brudnak.

I nearly forgot to mention our meal. We enjoyed Brisket from Bob's Grocery. Some made sandwiches to go with green salad, green peas, Sauerkraut and wieners. There were lots of desserts, chocolate cupcakes, cheesecake, cookies and apple pie.

Hope to see more of you on February 15th and Keep Well and Happy - Carol.

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