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TAAS and TEAMS Test Slated February 22 thru 24

The TAAS and TEAMS tests will be offered this spring at Gorman High School. By state law, students who are now enrolled in high school must pass all sections of the test in order to receive a high school diploma.

Anyone in the community who has completed all graduation requirements except for passing the TEAMS or TAAS may take these tests to try to earn a high school diploma. A person only has to take that portion of the test that he or she did not pass in high school. Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to retake a portion of the TAAS or the TEAMS may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus. In Gorman registration packets will be available in the High School office. Forms must be completed and are to be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than January 21, 2000.

Students who are currently enrolled in Gorman High School do not need to register for this test.

Persons who have not finished high school and who are interested in obtaining their diplomas, must fulfill the requirements for graduation that were in effect when their class graduated. Therefore, if the TAAS was not required for a person's class, it would not be required today. Texas Tech also has a correspondence program enabling a person to receive a high school diploma through correspondence courses.

For more information on any of these areas contact Crystal Snider, Middle School Principal.

Candidates For Eastland County Positions

Democrat

91st District Court Judge: Saul A. Pullman, retired Eastland attorney.

Sheriff: Wayne Bradford (I)

Precinct 1 Commissioner: Ken Lyerla (I)

Precinct 2 Commissioner: R. L. Stroud, Jr., Bill Rollins and Norman Christian.

Precinct 3 Commissioner: Willie Vandivere, Wesley W. Warren and Bill Underwood. Commissioner L. T. Owen is not seeking re-election.

Tax Assessor-Collector: Sandra "Sandy" Cagle (I).

Precinct 1 Constable: Kenneth Payne, appointed incumbent.

Precinct 2 Constable: Jerry Parrish.

Precinct 3 Constable: Don P. Griffith, appointed incumbent.

Republican

Judge 91st District Court: Steven R. Herod (I).

Precinct 1 Commissioner: Wayne Honea and Jim Moylan.

Precinct 2 Commissioner: Joe Grimshaw, appointed incumbent.

Precinct 3 Commissioner: James New.

Precinct 2 Constable: Jackie "Jack" Daniels and Roy Gene Squyres.

Precinct 3 Constable: Zukie Bonnet.

2nd Texas Frontier District Slated To Hold Charter Celebration

Members of the 2nd Texas Frontier Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will celebrate their charter at the F & M Bank Community Room on Tuesday evening, January 25. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. The camp is named in honor of the men who fought in the Indian Territory in the surrounding counties, during the war for Southern Independence. Special guests for the event will be Denne A. Sweeney, Texas Division Commander, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Also attending will be Jerry Nelson, Central Texas Brigade Commander and his wife, Marilyn Nelson, Texas Society President, Order of Confederate Rose.

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a Southern Heritage group devoted to preserving the true history of the Confederate soldier who so gallantly dedicated himself to the Southern cause during the War for Southern Independence. Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. The minimum age for membership is 12. For more information contact Thomas Harrison at (254) 734-2819.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Barry Brown, Pastor - 1st and 3rd Sundays; Elder Dale Majors - 2nd Sunday - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Rt. 3 Box 121A, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE FEBRUARY 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC -- Every 3rd Wednesday at Gorman Community Center from 10:30 to 11:30. Sponsored by CMS Health Care.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. - Oleta Moseley, Worthy Matron and Pat Moseley, Worthy Patron.

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. Kenneth Good, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Need A G. E. D.?

If you would like to prepare to take a G. E. D. test, we have tutoring sessions available for you.

The Eastland County Extension Service will again sponsor a 10-week study session. The preliminary tests will be given on January 25th and February 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day at the Eastland Centennial Library.

This pre-test covers subject matters such as Writing Skills, Reading, Math, Literature, Science and Social Studies. You MUST attend BOTH sessions to complete the test. This pre-test is a MUST!

Actual tutoring sessions will begin February 8th and end April 18th. The study sessions will be every Tuesday from 2:00 thru 4:00 p.m. in the Eastland Centennial Library. Lois Marshall, Brooksie Hodges and Fred Tucker will again serve as tutors.

If you have any questions about the pre-test or study sessions, please contact Donna White at 254-629-2222.

Donna White
County Extension Agent - FCS,
Eastland County

Census Testing Scheduled

Temporary jobs available for four to six weeks. Testing will be conducted to check qualifications for the jobs.

The Census 2000 is looking for eligible persons to hire for temporary jobs taking census. The people planing to take the test need to bring their Social Security Number and Driver's License Number, Veteran's need to bring form DD-214.

Make plans to attend this meeting if you need a job.

Agricultural Viewpoint Vegetable/Melon Short Course

By Bob Bailey

The 1999 Vegetable/Melon Short Course emphasized marketing of new crops so as a follow-up the 2000 Short Course will emphasize the latest in growing techniques for alternative crops to meet the expanding market demand. The challenge has never been greater to grow and sell value-added agricultural crops. Commodity prices are at very low levels and as a consequence interest in vegetable and/or ornamental production is at its highest. To meet the challenge of how to grow new crops for the market place the Central Texas Vegetable/Melon Short Course will feature well known experts to help growers with new and innovative ideas.

The Short Course will be held Thursday, January 27, 2000 at the DeLeon City Hall Building on Hwy. 16 in DeLeon. This one-of-a-kind short course is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service-Comanche County. Registration/exhibits open at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Upson, Horticulturist with the Noble Foundation in Ardmore, Oklahoma will begin the short course with a presentation on "Thinking Outside the Box: Hoop House Greenhouses and Other Neat Ideas." Steve has done many innovative things in both vegetable and cut flower production and his ideas are sure to stimulate discussion.

Next, Dr. Jimmy Boudreaux, Louisiana State University, is sure to capture grower interest. Dr. Boudreaux is an expert in strawberry production but he has plenty of experience in truck farming and innovative ideas for growing new crops. His topic, "Growing High Value Crops," is sure to interest growers all over Central Texas.

Dr. Frank Dainello, Extension Vegetable Specialist, Texas A&M University, will take the group to lunch with his presentation, "The ABC's of Melon Production." Frank will give growers mini-course in the basics of intensive melon production focusing on land preparation, fertility, varieties, plastics, irrigation and more. He has plans to introduce some novel concepts in melon marketing that are certain to add value.

The afternoon sessions will focus on some technical aspects of production. Dr. Tom Isakeit, Extension Plant Pathologist will teach growers about the vegetable diseases they can expect to encounter in Central Texas, especially in melons. He will present the disease symptoms and teach growers how to identify them using simple diagnostic tools. The hands on presentation should be very educational.

Dr. Forrest Mitchell, Research Entomologist—Texas A&M University, has had a very productive year researching a destructive disease in melons. Yellow Vine first hit Central Texas melons in 1992 causing thousands of dollars in loss. Since that time it has been a struggle to identify this new disease and then find out how it spreads. In 1999, Dr. Mitchell made some great breakthroughs that he will discuss at the Vegetable/Melon Short Course.

New crops, new markets, new opportunities seem limitless, but a grower can easily get in too much debt too quickly with the specialized systems vegetable production requires. D. Ken Stokes and Chad Hobbs are both agricultural economists who have helped growers deal with financial decision. Two programs Decision 2000 and FARMASSIST are designed to help growers make the tough decisions about new crops and financing. Their presentation "Decision Making Tools for 2000," will benefit all producers who want to try new vegetable crops.

There is no charge to attend and the program includes a sponsored lunch. Pesticide credits will be offered to pesticide applicators. To pre-register, call the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Office in Comanche at 915/356-2539 or FAX to them at 915/354-3710.

Eastland Co. Commissioners' Court Lifts Burning Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in regular session, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2000, 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 their nearest fire department and 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 Commissioners' 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.

Time To Order Panther Spirit 2000 Annuals

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