

King and Queen Lobo LXXVIII

King and Queen Lobo LXXVIII (78th) and their court will be presented at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium on the campus of Cisco College. The date of the Coronation will be Thursday, November 19, 2009.

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Loboes To Play San Saba For Area In Early Friday

By Richard Kurklin

The Cisco High Lobo football team will play the San Saba Armadillos for the Area Championship in the second round of the State playoffs in Class 2-A, Division II, football. The undefeated Loboes and the 9-1 Armadillos will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Early. Cisco will be the home team, and ticket prices are \$7 and \$5.

San Saba has lost to

Goldthwaite and 8-2A District Champion Brady. Not highly rated, they improved to beat Bangs and Comanche in district. Their tailback is Jack Whitten, who has some speed. If the Loboes play well, they should beat San Saba. But Bangs should have and didn't. The Armadillos beat Colorado City last week, while Cisco was beating Holliday.

Faith Baptist Church Making Free Thanksgiving Meal - Delivered!

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

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

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

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

Cisco AARP To Meet Thursday

Cisco AARP Chapter 2447 will have their regular monthly meeting Thursday, November 19 in the Hillside Village, Wheatley Community Center at 1006 Humble Ave.

This will be our Thanksgiving supper. The Chapter will furnish the chicken & dressing, please bring a side dish or dessert.

Drinks, paper plates, and cutlery are furnished by the Chapter. Serving will begin at 6:00 P.M. Come join the fun, food and fellowship.

There will be a brief business meeting following the meal.

Money will be put in the pig to give to the Goodfellows.



Cisco Loboes Bi-District Champions

First Payment Goes To Fire Departments

County Commissioners discussed and considered signing Memorandums of Understanding with county fire departments at their Nov. 9, 2009 regular meeting. Memorandums had been sent to all county fire departments, County Judge, Rex Fields, told commissioners. As of the Nov. 9 meeting, four had been returned from Olden, Desdemona, Gorman, and Ranger. The memorandums were accepted and signed by the Court as presented. The release of the first quarter payment of funds, allocated to these fire departments by the Court in the 2010 budget, was also approved.

County Sheriff, Wayne Bradford, updated commissioners on the inmate telephone request for proposals sent to various companies. Sheriff Bradford said he had sent out requests to 10 companies and seven had replied. He evaluated the received proposals based on equipment, references, past performance, amount of time in business and other criteria,

he added. One company stood out from the others, Sheriff Bradford said, and recommended the Court go forward with their proposal. Commissioners voted to allow Sheriff Bradford to accept the contract upon approval of District Attorney, Russ Thomason.

Further at the meeting: Commissioners approved the Deputy County Clerk's overtime pay for November 3, 2009 election work. Commissioner Norman Christian was allowed to accept a tank dam donation from Bobby Baker in Desdemona. A resolution for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program was approved and all allowed to sign. This is a possible grant to upgrade heating and cooling in the building, Judge Fields explained.

Christmas Pictures

Andy Escobedo and Tumblewood Gymnastics will be taking Christmas pictures for your family and friends this year!

This is a fundraiser for Tumblewood Gymnastics and all proceeds will go to improved equipment.

We can take family pictures, baby pictures, grandkid pictures, couple pictures, pet pictures, any combination you want!!

Pictures will make great gifts for christmas this year, and don't forget about your christmas cards!

We will be making appointments for Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Sundays from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm, and on Friday, November 27 from 10:00am-12:00 noon, and from 3:00pm-6:00 pm. Sessions will be 20 minutes and we ask that you come 30 minutes early to pick out your back drop.

Please call Jenna and make your appointment today, 325-260-6711. leave a message!

No action was necessary in a matter regarding equipment repairs or replacement of a 624 J John Deer loader for Precinct 4. Commissioner Reggie Pittman recommended the loader be fixed by Yellowhouse Machinery and paid for with the insurance claim check. County Auditor, Loretta Key, mentioned that the check had been received (\$44,039.64). Commissioner Pittman pointed out that the repair price was locked in and that there was still warranty on the loader.

A block time of 2 weeks as needed for an employee of the Deputy District Clerk's office was approved by commissioners. In addition, pending the approval of District Attorney Russ Thomason, approval was given to enter into an Aramark contract for Precinct 2 uniforms, and Judge Fields was given approval to sign the contract.

There was no further 911 or Cooperative Dispatch update at the meeting. The County Burn Ban was left off.

Auditor Key presented several additional revenues to be certified: \$8,424 from the Texas Comptroller for the general budget; \$44,039.64 TAC Insurance claim payment to go to road and bridge fund for Pct. 4 equipment repair; FEMA funds from grants fund to road and bridge - \$22,281.61 for Pct. 3; \$29,590.67 Pct. 4; \$52,333.24 Pct. 1. Commissioners approve the certifications as presented.

There were no emergency amendments. Several line

item adjustments were approved, as well as the Auditor/Treasurer report from September to end of fiscal year. Also approved as presented were financial reports from Justice of Peace 1,2,4; Tax Assessor/Collector; Constables 1 and 4; County Clerk; as well as the jail report and fines and fees. Commissioners voted to pay bills, claims, and accounts with 3 additions before the meeting was adjourned.

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Norman Christian, Pct. 2; Bill Underwood, Pct. 3; Reggie Pittman, Pct. 4. Not present was Commissioner Wayne Honea, Pct. 1. Judge Rex Fields presided. Auditor Loretta Key presented various reports and information; County Clerk Cathy Jentho took the minutes.

By Margaret Hetrick

1/2 Price Book Fair Nov. 16-20

The Cisco Elementary PTO will be holding its annual 1/2 Price Scholastic Book Fair November 16-20.

Times for the Book Fair are:
Monday: 7:30 to 4:00
Tuesday: 7:30 to 4:00 Family Night 5:00-7:00
Wednesday: 7:30-1:30
Thursday: 7:30-4:00
Friday: 7:30-1:30

Food Pantry Open Nov. 19

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the distribution days for the Cisco Food Pantry will be Thursday, Nov. 19.

Lighted Christmas Parade Is December 1

Tuesday, December 1st is Cisco's Lighted Christmas Parade "Storybook Christmas." Line up begins at 5 p.m., Judging is at 5:30 p.m. Parade starts at 6:15 p.m. followed by the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Community Pavilion.

Annual Holiday Bake Sale

at Pavilion will start at 5 p.m. Santa will be at the Hilton following tree lighting. Please bring a camera if you'd like pictures.

Tour of Homes will be 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00. Contact the Cisco Chamber of Commerce for more details.



Ray Don Turner Area Manager for Falcon Gas Storage and Joel Stephen Hill-Lake Storage Superintendent present Fire Chief Walter Fairbanks SR with a check for \$5000.00 to be used for radio equipment and a new set of tires for the 2003 Brush Truck. Chief Fairbanks stated that we are very fortunate to have a company like Falcon and Hill-lake to support us like this. Chief Fairbanks also said that the fire department has come a long way in the past few years with new equipment and it seems to keep going in a favorable direction and this donation will go far.

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Dry Norther Sweeps Through - Indian Summer Over

By Viola Payne

A strong cold front swept through West Central Texas Sunday night, threatening to bring the first hard freeze of the season.

There was only small amounts of rain here, although some snow reached from Colorado into Northern Oklahoma and New Mexico. But the local humidity flew to the southeast, leaving Eastland County with much drier air.

The temperature here reached to about 56 degrees on Monday afternoon - a drop of around 25 degrees from the afternoon before. It was going to be near freezing Tuesday morning, and this made local gardeners wonder whether to pick their last green tomatoes - or try to cover them up and leave them on the vines.

Eastland County had something else to contend with - it was on the edge of a high wind-warning area, which stretched all the way to East Texas. West of here, and wrapping around to Brown County, a hard freeze warning prevailed, rather than the wind.

These gusty winds were

bringing down some of the bright leaves in the area, ending one of the most colorful falls in a long time. A lot of pecans were coming down too.

This latest norther brought an end to a blissful Indian Summer, reminding us all that

winter is hanging close around. But there will be other things to think about - the Holidays are right upon us.

Update at Press Time Tuesday: A few locations in the county reached the freezing mark Tuesday morning, but a more wide spread freeze is now predicted for Wednesday morning.

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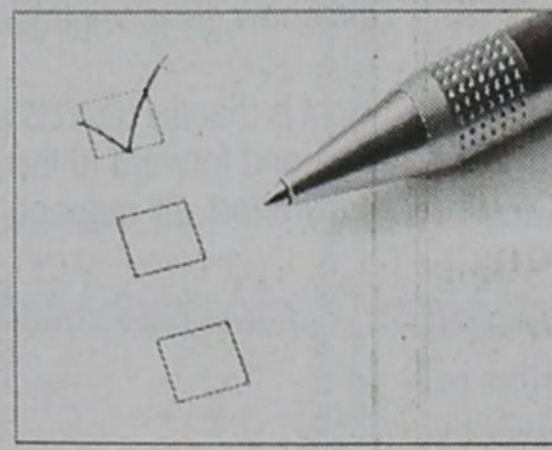
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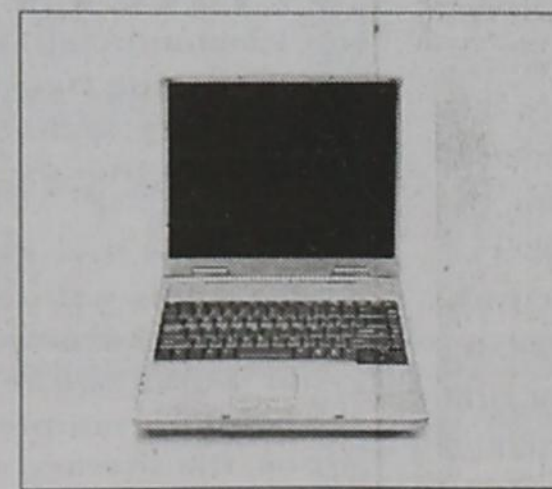
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Poetry Foundation and Chicago International Children's Film Festival Award \$10,000 Poetry Film Prize

CHICAGO — The Poetry Foundation and Facets Multi-Media are proud to announce that Fear of Snakes, by filmmaker Andreas Mendritzki, is the winner of the second annual Poetry Film Prize. The prize awards \$10,000 to a filmmaker whose use of verse in film opens new artistic vistas and inspires children to appreciate poetry.

Mendritzki's film is based on the poem of the same name by Canadian poet Lorna Crozier. Unique to the field of poetry as well as to the film industry, the Poetry Film Prize celebrates the best film based on a poem or poet while also recognizing excellence in language and cinematography. Jury-selected from among more than 90 entrants, the award was presented on Sunday, November 1, at the closing night ceremony of the 26th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF). The Poetry Film Prize was created as part of Reel Poetry, a larger initiative between the Poetry Foundation and CICFF that highlights the possibilities of poetry in films, especially those directed to younger audiences. Based on a young girl's memories of a summer day when she overcame her fear of snakes, Andreas Mendritzki's winning film Fear of Snakes (Canada, 2009, 6 minutes) artfully depicts a reflective and intimate poem.

As the filmmaker describes it, "For me, the film—and Crozier's poem—remind me of what 'adults' often forget: Children are much more aware of their surroundings than we give them credit for. They are every bit as attuned to the gravity of events as their older kin—in fact, probably more so."

Nicole Dreiske, founder and artistic director of Facets, underscores the significance of such a prize as it relates to children's learning: "Creating films based on poems gives children a special opportunity to connect to poetry in ways that are richly layered and deeply meaningful. The music, the images, the cinematography, and the poetry reading itself open new sensory and emotive paths in children's minds, and create a unique tapestry of experiences from each poem. By encouraging excellence in this highly specialized area of filmmaking, the Poetry Foundation has created a visionary bridge for children in our digital age to enjoy and appreciate poetry."

"Overwhelmingly, the jury felt that Fear of Snakes demonstrates perfectly the way in which a poem can serve as the narrative base of a film," said Anne Halsey, media director for the Poetry Foundation. "Mendritzki is a talented young filmmaker, and we hope that this prize will inspire and enable him to continue bringing poetry to young audiences via film."

Mendritzki's success lies in using a poem as inspiration for creating a narrative that children and adults can relate to. As he points out, "Our lives are marked by specific events—seemingly small events—that for one reason or another lodge themselves into our absorbent young minds. This film speaks about issues that children can undoubtedly comprehend, and about an event similar to ones they might have experienced themselves. It provides them with a short sensorial adventure, an empathetic view of their own fears or those of their friends, brothers, sisters, or cousins. For adults, it is a guided tour back into one of these life-marking moments, and a reminder of our own childhoods and the events that shaped them." Since graduating from the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema in 2008, Andreas Mendritzki has been actively writing, directing, producing, mixing, and watching movies. He has a particular interest in and love for film sound, and in 2008 he was the winner of the Atlantic Film Festival's Best Sound Design award. Mendritzki is a founding member of the Montreal-based production company GreenGround Productions.

Initiated in 2007, Reel Poetry is a multi-program partnership between the Poetry Foundation and the Chicago International Children's Film Festival designed to engage children as audiences, aesthetes, and appreciators of both poetry and film. To date, the program has reached more than 4,360 Chicago-area middle school students. The collaboration celebrates poetry, making the art form's complex beauty and craft relatable to a young audience. Supported by special curriculums for teachers and discussions facilitated by trained media educators, the Reel Poetry program is designed for upper-level elementary and middle school students and has garnered the attention of public school teachers and arts educators across the country.

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My Heart Is a Lonely Gardener

My heart is a gardener.

My heart is a gardener, though my thumbs are not. I admire the generous abandon of morning glories twining a trellis or a taut string. I respect the fervid intensity of petunias springing up between bricks along the path. I feel the ardor of the rose, reaching lush arms up to the kiss of morning's dew. Splashy scarlet petals among the green curl of new palm fronds inspires my fervent adoration of the Genius who created such limitless beauty.

I admire afar, however. History demonstrates my astounding ineptitude for husbandry. Plants, whether loans, gifts, or purchases, languish and sicken in my care.

"You can't kill this one," says Mrs. Greenthumbs, pushing aloe vera or pothos ivy into my arms. "It thrives on neglect."

Not my neglect.

I read this classic pronouncement: "The most common fault among gardeners is over watering." I check the pots currently in sick bay. Not a waterlogged plant in sight. I must look farther afield to identify my faults.

I do keep a ready list of excuses. There's the toddler, who loves to harass the houseplants. The puppy, who digs in my lawn and roots in my flower beds. I even include the teenager who occasionally mows the irises and trims the nasturtiums. Besides, I'm so busy.

I am periodically seized by the conviction that this ancient art is learnable. Perhaps I acquire an old, little-known trick guaranteed to make tomatoes bloom. I try again. For a short span hope springs anew that this time, this plant will survive. Somehow disappointment seems always to follow.

So it is that my heart is a lonely gardener. It reaches back to Eden and forward to the Millennium, when my hands as well as my heart will respond to the Gardener within.

Ruth V. York
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American Life in Poetry:

Column 242

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

There are lots of poems in which a poet expresses belated appreciation for a parent, and if you don't know Robert Hayden's poem, "Those Winter Sundays," you ought to look it up sometime. In this lovely sonnet, Kathy Mangan, of Maryland, contributes to that respected tradition.

The Whistle

You could whistle me home from anywhere
in the neighborhood; avenues away,
I'd pick out your clear, alternating pair
of notes, the signal to quit my child's play
and run back to our house for supper,
or a Saturday trip to the hardware store.
Unthrottled, wavering in the upper
reaches, your trilled summons traveled farther
than our few blocks. I've learned too, how your
heart's
radius extends, though its beat
has stopped. Still, some days a sudden fear darts
through me, whether it's my own city street
I hurry across, or at a corner in an unknown
town: the high, vacant air arrests me—where's
home?

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Watching Planes A'leaving

I swore that when you let I wouldn't ever dry
Thinking mem'ries would somehow help me to cope
But when you faded like the planes up in the sky
Every heartache deep inside me then awoke.

Now I'm settin' here and watching planes a'leaving
As they quickly disappear into the sky
And my heart begins to hurt with that ol' grieving
In remembrance of the night you said goodbye.

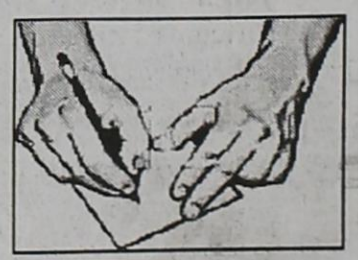
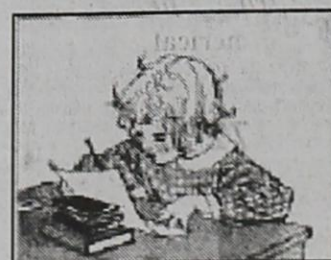
A mighty push will send the planes into the wind
Leaving nothing but the trail that fades so fast
And then if you should tail the grail that ever ends
Getting close will make you feel its fiery blast.

I look and see the planes nose up to catch the rush
Of the breezes that will cause the wings to soar
How come the same ol' wind that helps the plane so much
Will erase its fading trail forever more.

My life I've spent a' searching for the trail that fades
And I've nothing in my pockets for to show
But cancellations and the ever long delays
And the tears which down my cheeks will ever flow.

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Eastland County Sports

Lady Lobos Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Teams
Revised 10/25				
11/3	Scimmage (Dublin and Hamilton)	There	4:30	JVG, VG
11/10	Early	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
11/13	Eula	There	5:00	JVG, VG
11/17	Jim Ned	There	5:00	JVG, VG
11/20	Bangs	There	5:00	JVG, VG
11/23	Breckenridge	There	4:00	JVG, VG
11/24	Millsap	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
12/1	Coleman	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
12-3,4,5	Rockport-Fulton Tour.	There	TBA	VG
12/8	Comanche	There	5:00	JVG, VG
12-11,12,13	Lingleville Tour.	There	TBA	JVG
12-11,12,13	Albany Tour.	There	TBA	VG
12/15	Haskell	Here	4:00	JVG, VG
12-29,30,31	Eula Tour.	There	TBA	VG
1/2	Santo	Here	2:00	JVG, VG
1/5	Wall	Here	6:00	VG
1/8	Anson*	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
1/9	Albany Tour.	There	TBA	JVG
1/12	Clyde*	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
1/15	Hawley*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
1/19	Eastland*	Here	4:00	JVG, VG
1/22	Merkel*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
1/26	Anson*	There	4:00	JVG, VG
1/29	Clyde*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
2/2	Hawley*	Here	4:00	JVG, VG
2/5	Eastland*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
2/9	Merkel*	Here	4:00	JVG, VG

* District Games

Revised 10/25
Coaches: Ron Berry, James Lane, Jim Ann Hejny, Ashley Huston
Superintendent: Hal Porter
Principal: Craig Kent

Cisco High School Lobo Basketball Schedule 2009-2010

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAMS
Dec. 1	Coleman	Cisco	5:00	JV, V
Dec. 3-5	Jim Ned Tournament	Jim Ned	TBA	JV
Dec. 8	Comanche	Comanche	5:00	JV
Dec. 10-12	Albany Tournament	Albany	TBA	V
	Lingleville Tournament	Lingleville	TBA	JV
Dec. 15	Haskell	Cisco	5:00	JV, V
Dec. 18	Breckenridge	Cisco	5:00	JV, V
Dec. 29-31	Eula Tournament	Eula	TBA	V
Jan. 5	Breckenridge	Breckenridge	5:00	JV, V
Jan. 8	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	5:30, 7:00	JV, V
Jan. 12	Open			
Jan. 15	*Hawley	Hawley	5:00	JV, V
Jan. 19	*Eastland	Cisco	5:00	JV, V
Jan. 22	*Merkel	Merkel	5:00	JV, V
Jan. 26	*Anson	Anson	5:00	JV, V
Jan. 29	*Clyde	Clyde	5:00	JV, V
Feb. 2	*Hawley	Cisco	5:00	JV, V
Feb. 6	*Eastland	Eastland	5:00	JV, V
Feb. 9	*Merkel	Cisco	5:00	JV, V
Feb. 12	*Anson	Cisco	5:00, 6:30	JV, V
Feb. 16	*Clyde	Cisco	5:00, 6:30	JV, V

*District Game

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MAVERICKS LOBOES BULLDOGS PANTHERS WILDCATS Eastland County Sports

Mavericks Season Comes To An End With Their Bi-District Loss To Henrietta, 45-28

By Russell Maynard

The Mavericks would start the game on offense and moved the ball successfully to a point where it looked easy. Jared Moylan took a quarterback scramble 46 yards on the 2nd play of the game and then found Jett Johnson for a 34 yard touchdown just 41 seconds into the action to put the Mavericks up 7-0. However, the night would belong to Henrietta quarterback, Seth Crumpton, who had a career game in the win to allow the Bearcats to advance to the Area Round of the playoffs to face the Comanche Indians. Crumpton finished with 346 yards rushing and 5 touchdowns. The game stayed close going into halftime as the two teams traded scores. After the Mavericks quick strike to start the game, Crumpton added his first score to tie the game 7-7. Jared Moylan found Brandon Berry from 8 yards out to finish another successful drive by the Mavericks putting them up 14-7 in the 2nd quarter. Crumpton came back with another score from 14 yards and Blake West added a 29 yard field goal to give the Bearcats a 17-14 halftime lead. The game continued to be a close battle, as a playoff game should be, with Crumpton scoring his 3rd touchdown of the game to give the Bearcats a 10 point lead, 24-14. The Mavericks continued to keep fighting, cutting their deficit back to 3, with a Jared Moylan quarterback sneak to make the

score 24-21. This would be the last time the Mavericks would be able to get the ball in the end zone, until late in the 4th quarter, as Henrietta ran off a string of 3 straight scores to blow the game open. Moylan added his 2nd touchdown run of the game from 16 yards out to finish the scoring for the night and put the final score at

45-28. The Mavericks finished with 266 yards passing and 171 yards rushing for a total of 437 yards of offense.

Congrats to the Coaches and the Players for a great season and reaching the playoffs for the first time since 2003!

Individual Stats:

Jared Moylan - 24 completions for 266 yards and 2 TD's, He added 19 carries for 135 yards and 2 TD's

Austin Felts - 8 receptions for 59 yards

Jett Johnson - 7 receptions for 140 yards and 1 TD

Brandon Berry - 4 receptions for 32 yards and 1 TD



Eastland Alumni Brandon (Fischer) Parker talks to his team, the Forestburg Longhorns, about game strategy.

Cisco Advances To Area Round Of The Playoffs

By Russell Maynard

The Loboes moved their record to a perfect 11-0 on the season with their Bi-District overtime win against Holiday 41-40. The Loboes finished the thrilling win with 493 total yards of offense, with 445 of that coming on the ground. The Cisco defense was able to recover 1 of 2 forced fumbles and also had an interception to help in the victory. Tanner Garcia and Vegas Hastings once again led the way and had huge games on the ground. Tanner finished the night with 8 carries for 189 yards and 3 scores of 64, 1, and 75 yards out. Vegas would finish with 34 carries for 184 yards and 3 touchdown runs of 7, 2, and 5 yards. Bradley Toler added the only reception from the lone passing attempt by Tanner for 48 yards. A blocked PAT attempt by Issac Hamilton for the Loboes proved to be the difference in the game as Holliday scored first in overtime play. Vegas Hastings answered quickly with his final touchdown run and Trever Honea was able to complete the extra point attempt to give the Loboes the victory in a game that was played at Birdville ISD Complex in North Richland Hills. They will now move on to face San Saba in the Area Round of the playoffs in a site and time that has yet to be determined. I will let you know when both become available.

Eastland Alumni Takes His Team To Playoffs In 1st Season As Head Football Coach

By Rusty Maynard

Many of you may know him as Brandon Fischer, but the former Eastland Maverick has taken the Forestburg Longhorns to the Area Round of the Division 2 Six-Man Playoffs. Brandon Parker, as he now goes by, graduated last May

from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise and Sports Studies to begin his goal of becoming a head football coach. Little did he know that in less than a year after graduating, he would be given the opportunity to take the reigns of a Six-Man foot-

ball program, not long into its existence, and take on the task of learning something completely new to him. He had no coaching experience and had only been around 11-man football, but his success in getting the Longhorns to the playoffs in his first season proves that coaching was his calling. Forestburg is a small town just outside of Denton that competes in Division II, District 9 against Gold-Burg, Byers, and Fannindel. With Forestburg being such a small school, Brandon has several responsibilities that include coaching all sports and splitting time between teaching history and physical education. The Longhorns will be in Area Round Playoff action this Friday against Roscoe Highland. The game is set to kickoff at 7:30 in Gordon so those of you that know him need to try and make the trip up I-20 to show your support as he tries to get his 1st playoff win as a head coach.

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF SCORES:
EASTLAND LOSES TO HENRIETTA, 45-28.
CISCO BEATS HOLLIDAY, 41-40.
MERKEL BEATS BOWIE, 35-32.
COMANCHE BEATS COLORADO CITY, 52-23.
DE LEON HAD A BYE.
ALBANY BEATS ROSCOE, 28-7.
STRAWN BEATS ROCHELLE, 76-28.
AREA ROUND PLAYOFF PAIRINGS:
CISCO WILL FACE SAN SABA IN EARLY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 7:30.
MERKEL WILL FACE BRADY AT ABILENE'S SHOTWELL STADIUM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 7:30.
COMANCHE WILL FACE HENRIETTA IN MINERAL WELLS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, AT 2:00.
DE LEON WILL FACE COLLINSVILLE AT MANSFIELD'S NEWSOM STADIUM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 7:30.
ALBANY WILL FACE PETROLIA IN GRAHAM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, AT 7:30.
STRAWN WILL FACE IRVING UNIVERSAL ACADEMY IN COVINGTON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, AT 7:30.

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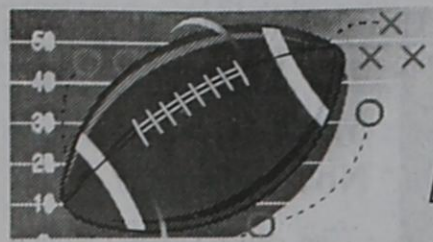
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Eastland County Sports

Loboes Win Bi-District

By Richard Kurklin

In the high school football Class 2-A, Division II, playoff game Friday in Birdville Stadium at North Richland Hills, the Cisco Loboes narrowly beat the Holliday Eagles for the Bi-District Championship.

Cisco's strong running game enabled the Loboes to take an early lead, but Lobo mistakes and the Eagles' passing game allowed Holliday to fight back and tie the game 34 to 34. An extra point kick by Trevor Honea in overtime gave Cisco a 41 to 40 win.

Dear Loboes:

We appreciate your efforts to make the games exciting, but waiting to win the game by one point in overtime is taking it a little too far. Some of us may have weak hearts, and you may have given Coach Brent West a

gray hair or two. Also, we hope you are learning from your mistakes. If so, you may soon peak and play a perfect game.

Your fans

After taking the kickoff, Tanner Garcia, who had 187 yards rushing on 8 carries, 3 touchdowns, and one pass to Bradley Toler for 48 yards, ran 64 yards for a touchdown. Honea kicked the extra point.

Holliday tried to pass. Catching the Loboes napping, they faked a punt and ran 71 yards for a touchdown and kicked the point.

Hastings ran first, Toler ran and Cisco punted. Holliday ran for a first and Toler had a tackle for loss. Unable to run or pass, Holliday punted.

Hastings, who had 180 yards rushing on eight carries, ran for a first, Garcia

ran, and Hastings ran for another first. Hastings ran 20 yards for a first, Toler ran for a first, Hastings ran, and Garcia ran for a first. Hastings ran 8 yards for a touchdown and Honea kicked the point.

Holliday ran for a first and received another with Cisco leading 14 to 7 at the quarter. The Eagles passed for a first and ran for a first. Holliday then ran 2 yards for a touchdown and kicked the point.

Toler ran, Hastings ran 10 yards for a first, Garcia ran for a first, Hastings and Honea ran, and Cisco fumbled. Holliday ran for two firsts and punted. Hastings ran for two firsts with the score tied 14 to 14 at the half.

Cisco was penalized and Holliday ran for two firsts before the ball went over on downs to Cisco.

Hastings ran, Garcia ran 16 yards for a first, Hastings ran, Toler ran, and Hastings ran for a first. A run by Toler was called back, Hastings ran and Honea ran for a first. Hastings and Honea ran, and Garcia ran 1 yard for a touchdown. Honea kicked the point.

Holliday passed for a first with Cisco leading 21 to 14 at the quarter. The Eagles ran for a first, and passed long for another.

Honea recovered an Eagle fumble, and ran. Jesse Rodriguez ran, and Garcia passed to Toler for 48 yards and a first. Hastings ran 12 yards for a first, and ran 3 yards for a touchdown. Honea kicked the point.

Passing long for a first, Holliday continued to



Loboes block Holliday Eagles extra point in overtime. Photo by Gary Stennett

pass, throwing 3 yards for a touchdown. They kicked the point. Hastings ran, and Garcia ran 75 yards for a touchdown. The point kicked missed. Holliday passed long for a first.

Hastings intercepted, and ran, but Cisco punted. Holliday passed for two firsts and passed long for another. They passed 11

yards for a touchdown, but the kick missed.

Cisco fumbled the kickoff and Holliday passed for a first. The Eagles ran 1 yard for a touchdown and kicked the point. As time ran out, it was 34 to 34.

Starting from the 25 yard line in overtime, Holliday passed for a first. They passed and ran for six

points, but the point kick was blocked.

Hastings ran for a Cisco first, and ran. He ran in six points, and Honea kicked the extra point to give Cisco a 41 to 40 win.

In the Area round of the State football playoffs, Cisco will play San Saba at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Early for the Area Championship.



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Vegas Hastings dives in for a touchdown. Photo by Gary Stennett.

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

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

Team Impact is a group of world-class athletes, includ-

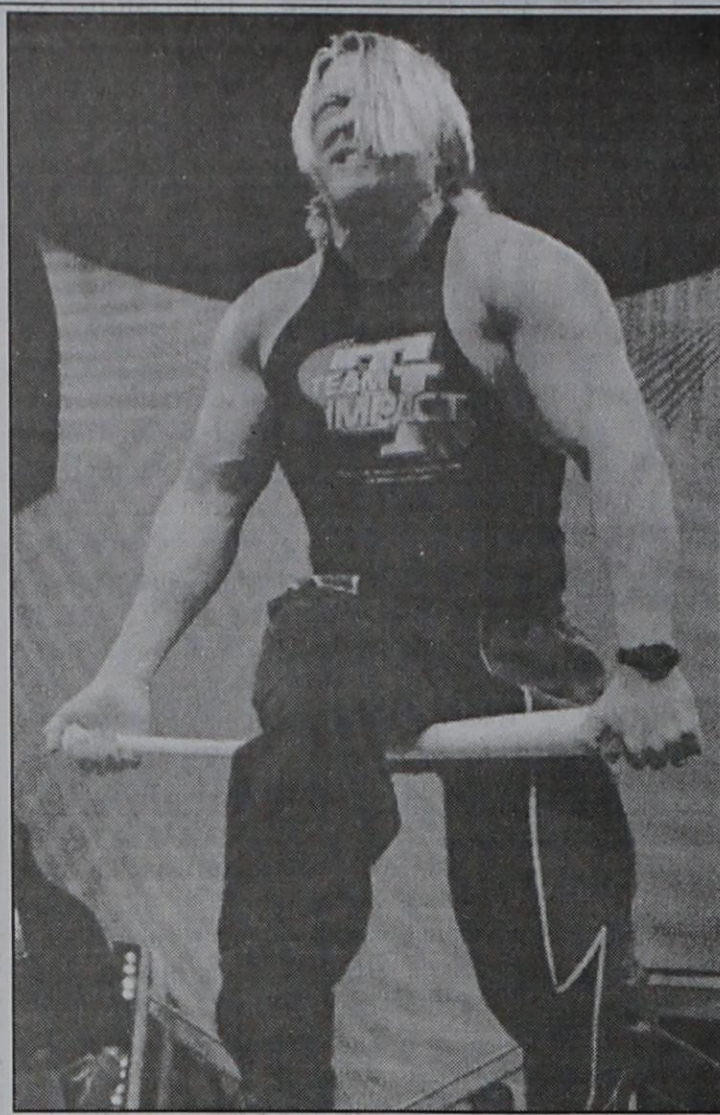
ing champion power-lifters, previous WWE wrestlers, and former NFL football players. The men of Team Impact travel the globe motivating and inspiring people of all ages and have performed their amazing presentation in front of millions.

With the problems young people face today, Team Impact has taken seriously the task of reaching America's youth with a timely message through their highly acclaimed school assemblies.

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

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



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The 4th Friday Night Musical will be held on November 27, 2009, the day after Thanksgiving at 1007 Humble Ave. in Hillside Village.

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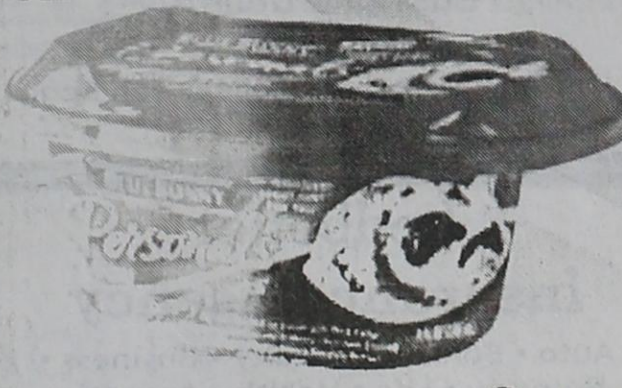
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Notice

The public is invited to enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with us at the Eastland VFW Post on Saturday, November 21st from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Post Commander Roscoe Reeves.

E.H.S. Fall Musical Is This Weekend

Remember everyone that the E.H.S. Fall Musical will be presented Saturday November 21st at 7 P.M. and Sunday November 22nd at 2:30 P.M. in the E.H.S. theater. This year's play is Just

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Olden Monthly Musical

The Olden Community Center will hold its regular country musical and hot meal on Friday, November 20th with the kitchen open at 5 p.m. and the music begins at 6 p.m. For a very reasonable price, you can have a hot meal and be entertained for hours just for the price of your meal. Our area is blessed with some of the best musicians you'll find anywhere. Also, enjoy

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

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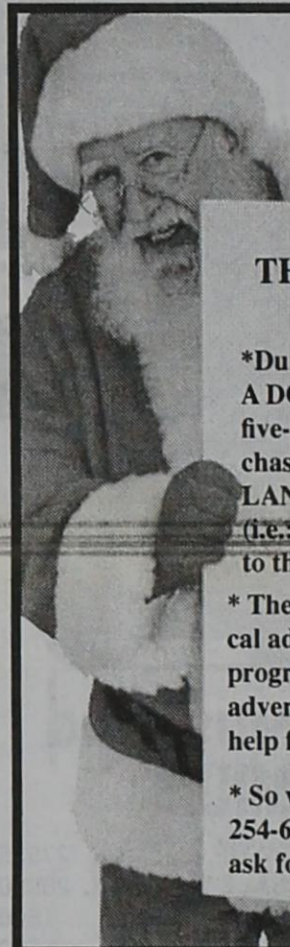
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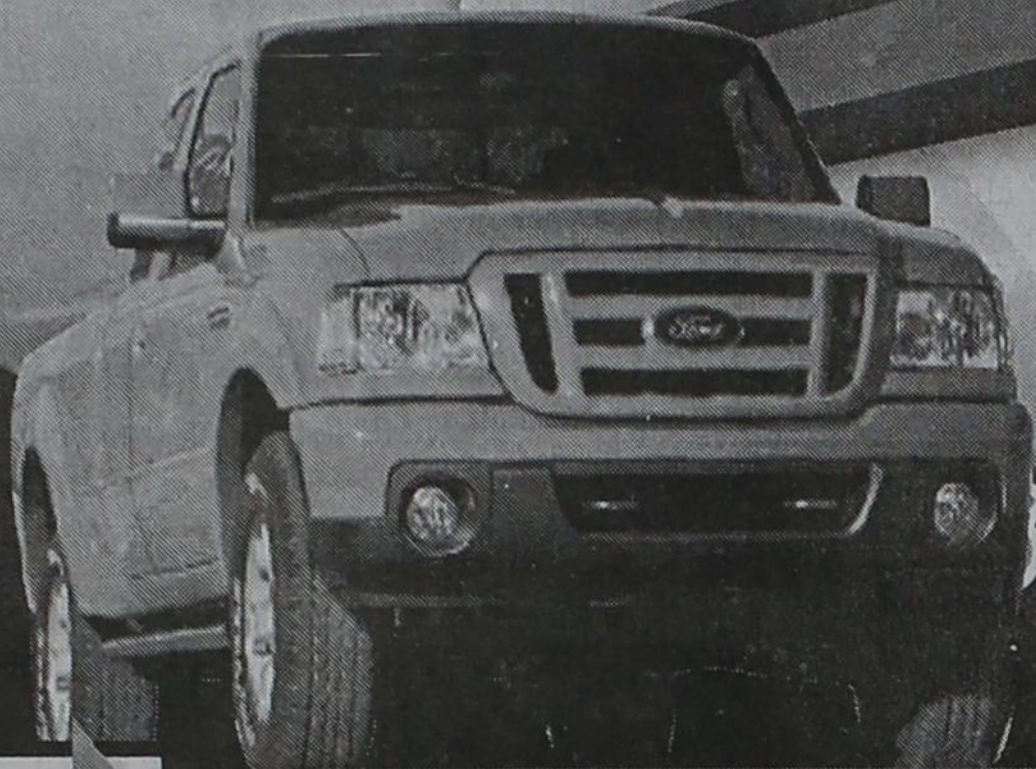
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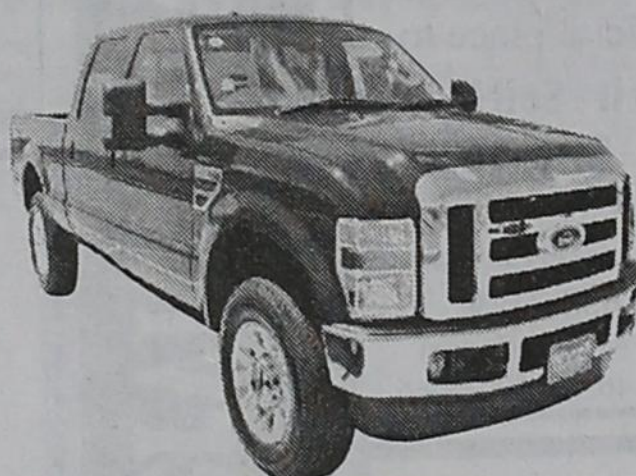
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Rising Star Senior Citizens News

By Betty Fisher
 What an amazing day we had here at 'Seniors'! Two of our regulars, Arnold Roietch and Linda Canales, have become engaged to be married! And guess where the nuptials will take place! Right here in our Higginbotham Center Kitchen on December 12 at 3:00 PM. We are all invited to attend. There were 34 present to receive the invitation first hand. Congratulations to each of you from each of us who enjoy meeting at the center. Linda's sister in law, Carol Larkin, was here for the first time, but did not stay for lunch. I asked where her children were, and she said they were with Marty. She had to go pick them up. After two tours of duty in Iraq, husband Arthur is out of the army, and is working in Brownwood.

Our neighbor to the west, Trish Stassin and her husband Robert, were both here today. Seems Robert had never tasted pecan pie, so I gave him my piece. He announced it was wonderful! Of course it had been baked by our own Pecan Pie Expert, Eula Grisham. Trish had taken Eula Grisham 2 large bags of pecans, so Eula promised at least two pies for

our Thanksgiving dinner next week - November 19. Just to remind you, there will be no Senior Citizen's lunch on the 26th, therefore no column on the 26th.

Michael Bibby, Jackie's son, was with his grand dad, Arley. Michael told us he and 'dad' had recently been in New York. Ramona had pictures of Jackie with some of his snakes. Jackie now has a side kick to help in his show. According to Michael, Jackie has been in the snake business 41 years!

Hardwick's Rising Star Nursery/Florist sent a lovely arrangement of flowers with a card that read "Just Because." Thank you, Mike and Jana and employees. I could not begin to name all of them. It was a beautiful gesture, and should remind us to express our gratitude and good will toward others.

We were reminded that C.W. Richter is still in the VA Hospital in Temple. Ray Hutchinson has been in Abilene Regional Hospital for the last week. Sally announced that she was very tired even though she spent some of the time with daughter, Molly. She also told me that Molly was driving a 'Brinks' truck.

Jim and I drove over to Beverly's on Monday evening for great grand son Jacob Beyer's 'Birthday Dinner'. We are really big on birthdays! Bev even put candles on a cookie so great grand daughter Sage, who turned 3 recently, and did not have a sit down party at 'B-Moms', could blow out her candles! Sage's party of note took place in Stephenville at the 'Jump Room'. We also enjoyed a trip to Clyde to visit sister Joyce on Tuesday.

Ran into Maria Geyse Cook in Wal Mart. I had seen her at Homecoming, but did not get to speak to her. She and Bobby have retired to Brownwood, and are very happy there. Bobby goes out to the old farm on occasion.

But the most exciting news of all was the Armistice Day Memorial our Skipper, on the behalf of Rising Star Bob Bishop Post of The American Legion, presided in on Memorial Day. After the opening prayer by CoC pastor, Terry Jackson, Skipper pointed to the flag flying at 1/2 staff. He told us the flag would be raised to the top at noon. The National Anthem was sung and was led by Robbie Stuteville. The program began right at 11:00 AM, the same time the Armistice was signed on 11-11-1918. Skipper told us that the cease fire actually occurred six hours earlier, but it was not announced until all soldiers had the good word. After the pledge to the flag, Skipper pointed out the numbers of Eastland County, especially those in the Rising Star area, in action, lost in action, etc. listing names of local heroes, and asked all veterans present to stand. Most of the men standing I did not see any female, but there are currently several now on active duty I were from WW1, Korean, and Vietnam. Skipper said he usually honored 1 specific type of the service, and this year he honored the Marine Corp. He asked anyone with relatives in the Marines to come up. Among those standing was Mrs. Charles [Barbara] Childers. Their son, Mitchell is now on active duty in the Marine Corp. He told about the so-called Tet Cease Fire that the Asian Community called for as the Lunar New Year, and how it was broken by the V.C. The wreath, with 3 yellow roses and 1 red one at the foot of the memorial was explained: the 3 yellow roses

stood for the 3 Rising Star area soldiers who survived the Bataan Death March, and the 1 red rose represents the blood shed by our American Troops. Then Skipper presented three checks from The American Legion Hall to the Rising Star Library accepted by Ginger Tobin; the Star Pride group, represented by Jewell Smick; and The Rising Star Foundation, represented by Weldon Hill. After a closing prayer by Wayne White, taps was played by Herbert Hollis. The crowd adjourned to the pavilion where Kenneth Rutledge had Hot Dogs prepared, along with chips, cold drinks, ice cream and cookies.

Well done, Skipper, Kenneth, Herbert, and all of you who set up chairs or whatever duty you performed.

Ramona's notes: "Mike and June Dudas arrived on Sat. the 5th. We really enjoyed having them. We stopped by Golden Corral for lunch and went shopping. We took them to the Dublin Dr. Pepper. Had Pot Luck at church on Sunday, and went to the Sunday Auction. Then we had pizza for supper. We drove around Brownwood Lake and took pictures of all the beautiful deer. The deer were everywhere, feeding and walking around.

Coann came on Tuesday so she had a chance to visit with them before they left. She and Kevin met us at Rico's in Eastland on Tuesday evening. Wednesday we went by the Memorial which was really done well by Skipper Ezzell. Then we carried them on to the airport. They called about 7 PM and said they were home in San Diego. Coann will be here another 2 days before she has to go back.

Wanda Hardy went to Odessa on Thursday to be with her son, David. She called and said things weren't as bad as they originally thought. That is a good thing.

"The only failure is not to try."
 -----George Clooney

Time To Enter The Eastland Pecan Show

Heath Begeman
 County Extension Agent

The Eastland County Pecan Growers Committee invites county pecan producers as well as area homeowners with pecan trees to enter the 2009 Eastland County Pecan Show which will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. Pecan entries should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 30th. The pecans must have been grown during this year and by the person entering. A pecan entry must have a minimum of 45 nuts and be labeled with a variety name, exhibitor name, address and phone number. For best results, bring your best 45 pecans. DO NOT POLISH your pecans, but you may weigh them or float them

to get the heaviest pecan you can. You may enter as many varieties as you wish. Growers are limited to one entry of each variety. Pecan entries will be processed between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on December 2nd and judged at 1 p.m. on December 2nd.

After judging of Eastland County Pecan Show entries, all winners will be sent to the Central Texas Pecan Show for judging at the Texas A & M Research Center in Stephenville. The Regional Show will be held on Tuesday, December 8th.

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 \$72,000 - 3/2 frame home, approx. 1800 sq. ft. central heat & air. Hardwood floors, big back yard.

RANGER HOMES AND LOTS
 \$28,000 - 3 BR, 1 bath frame home on main street. Needs work.
 \$27,500 - LOTS 11 Lots in subdivision with great views. These lots are different sizes and have city utilities. They will be sold as a package.
 \$16,000 - 8 nice lots located in good location with available utilities.
 \$32,500 - 2 BR, 1 bath, garage, shed, metal shop, carport, large fenced backyard with metal privacy fence on one side. Window units and space heaters. Approx. 1244 sq. ft.
 \$43,500 - 4/1.5 frame home, 2 car carport, approx. 3896 sq. ft.
 \$69,900 - You need to see this very nice 3/2 with lg. living/dining room, den, covered patio, privacy fence and lg. heavy duty metal carport. This home is very nice and priced right.
 \$85,000 - 3/2, Brick, move-in ready home. Well groomed yard, covered parking for RV/boat, 3 storage bldgs., vacant lot in back goes with property.
 \$138,000 - 5 BR, 5 bath frame 2-story home. Located on Main St. close to town. CH/A. The lot which could be rented. Lots of potential. **SOLD**

RISING STAR-OLDEN-CARBON-CISCO
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 Strawn - \$69,500, 3 BR, 2 bath frame home. CH/A, 2 car attached garage w/closed in breezeway. Workshop, large lot fenced.
 Rokomo - \$49,500 - 3 BR, 2 bath frame Ranchfarm house. One acre, close to Gorman on FM 2609, guest quarters, handicap ramp in two entrances, 2 car detached garage.
 Strawn - \$42,500 - 1/1.5/2 frame home. Metal roof, new counter tops in kitchen, new storm windows, bathroom fixtures updated. Above ground pool. Guest house. Several lots.

HOMES WITH ACREAGE
 \$150,000 - 2/1 frame home with siding on 3.81 acres. CH/A, very nice kitchen, den, formal LR, large master bedroom, lots of closets, small apartment in back, two large metal barns with closed in breezeway in between. Corral, great location S. of Eastland.
 \$150,000 - 3 BR, 2 bath frame w/cedar siding. Open concept, kitchen, dining room, wood burning stove, 19 acres, home is 2 years old. Fishing pond, 14 pecan trees. Water well.
 \$240,000 - 3/2 rock home on 6 acres. Garage and 2 car carport, corral, cattle shed, large metal building w/2 drive doors. Large metal shed. One stock pond. Water well. In Stephens County.
 \$250,000 - 3/2/2 Brick home. Approx. 5 years old. Sprinkler system, water well, garden spot. In Ranger off 571.
 \$310,000 - Approx. 50 acres with 2 BR, 1 bath, totally remodeled house, wood floors, central heat/air, ceiling fans, barns, workshop, cellar, new pump-house, all with electricity. Perfect weekend getaway or hunting property.
 \$315,000 - Feel at home in the country in this 3/3 frame home with a jacuzzi great room, large metal carpet that will house 2 motor homes,

4 cars, 12 acres with large pond. Survey available. Very scenic. \$400,000 - 3 BR, 2 bath brick home. Approx. 4100 sq. ft. Built in 1980s. Rugged 100 acres, great hunting. Private setting. \$499,900 - GREATLY REDUCED! BRING US AN OFFER - Very nice brick home on 134.69 acres. Located only 1 1/2 hours from Fort Worth. Home is located on a hill and has a very beautiful view of the country. The home has a covered patio and courtyard with an extra building that could be used as an office or workshop. There is also a large metal building. **SOLD** for workshop or game room. It has electricity and is stubbed for plumbing. The property is excellent deer hunting and has 3 tanks with one stocked with bass and catfish. There is some coastal bermudagrass in the back of the property. This would be a great horse, cattle or hunting place. \$1.2M - Approx. 10 to 200 acres with a 4900 + sq. ft. brick home. Covered patio, courtyard, servant quarters, 100' by 100' barn. Workshop, two studies and much more. Acreage includes good soil, coastal bermuda, 15 acre lake and ponds. Owner financing and lease options available.

ACREAGE
 Reduced to \$590,000 Nothing Like This!!! 200 acres of well established Coastal and Tifton with two large ponds. Irrigation equipment and electricity. Water available. Great frontage would make excellent homesite. Located on 2526, call for details!
 \$480,000 - Approx. 160 acres coastal grass, 2 stock ponds, water well, working pens. Will owner finance.
 \$304,350 - Approx. 101.45 acres, all coastal grass, 3 water wells, irrigation equip. goes. Near Carbon.
 \$1,358,000 - Approx. 560 acres, 92 acres of cultivation. Good for livestock or hunting. Lots of hog, 4 ponds, community water, rolling elevation. Access from I-20 and FM 2945.
 \$736,000 - Approx. 320 acres. Beautiful oak trees, approx. 70 acres of coastal grass. Cross fenced. Farm house is used for rental. 2 barns, 4 ponds. Good hunting and good land for cattle grazing. \$679,000 - Approx. 280 acres. Beautiful terrain with high elevations. Very secluded and excellent hunting. 2 food plots. Small catch pen. No minerals and no production.
 \$621,000 - Approx. 270 acres, 1/2 mile of paved road frontage. Versatile hunting or grazing. Ponds are stocked with fish. Morfon Valley water supply membership paid. Scattered trees.
 \$552,000 - Approx. 240 acres. Coastal grass and improved pasture on 65 acres. Excellent hunting in this area. Access to city water. Country road fronts two sides.
 \$517,000 - Approx. 225 acres. County Road frontage. Over half of the property is heavily wooded.
 \$282,500 - Approx. 113 acres. 30 acres is wooded at back side. Balance is improved coastal. Located on Hwy. 2731, Off of Hwy. 183.
 \$249,775 - Approx. 103 acres coastal grass. 3 irrigation wells, fenced. CR 295 Carbon.

LOTS, COMMERCIAL
 \$45,900 - 7R Ranch Lot - 1.12 acres, incredible canyon view from this lot, stock lakes, horse stables, trails, hiking, biking and other amenities.
 \$62,500 - Cisco, old band bldg. on Conrad Hilton, own a piece of history. Still has old saloon.
 Carbon - \$8,000, graveled and fenced lot, near Leon Valley Gate Co. bldg.
 Carbon - \$6,000, lot that could be used for dbw, etc.
 \$26,000 - Large commercial building on Main Street, corner lot. Fixtures and invent. **SOLD** general store. Garage bay with rollup door.
 \$250,000 - Mobile Home Park, approx. 7 acres, 24 lots, new water lines, aerobic system.
 PRICE REDUCED \$57,000 - Great Eastland location on West Main. Rock building previously used as office on Main Street. Building is one room. Bathroom entrance is on the exterior. Larger lot suitable for additions.
 \$220,000 - Self serve gas station on .574 ac frontage on 3 sides. Two 10,000 gal. underground tanks. Both tanks meet all current standards from state. Located in growth area of Eastland.

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Letters To The Editor

Editor,
I see that Dr. Brett J. Teague and Dr. Strickland are to open a satellite office in Eastland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Teague comes among the best in my book.

Many years ago, he prevented my becoming blind by angle closer glaucoma by performing laser surgery. I haven't had to have new glasses in at least eight years.

He performed my wife's cataract surgery. I have not heard of anyone's cataract surgery didn't go very well. He performed my late brother's cataract surgery. (Gordon Strawn of Cisco). And personality wise, he's a great guy. Eastland County is truly fortunate to have Dr. Teague coming to Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Possibly just once a week. He's my ophthalmologist. (If we can just keep him off Mount Everest. He's a mountain climber.)

Frank R. Strawn
617 Larkin
Abilene, TX 79605

In Desdemona What's Going On?

(Ed. Note: This Letter to the Editor deserves attention)

Dear Editor,
This letter is meant to be a warning to area people concerning the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This could happen to you.

I am a widow lady 81 years old, my late husband and I moved to Desdemona in 1981. My husband and I put in a new sewer system at that time, which has been great until lately. I called two different plumbers. I was told the 2nd section of the drain line was stopped up.

They said they are not allowed to repair it without getting the EPA involved, but that the homeowner could do it. My son-in-law put in another line, same place and connected it. As he was covering the line, here came the TCEQ lady from Abilene.

I was told a homeowner is not allowed to do any repair to their line. Now I have to pay a large fine, and get a permit, and she told me I will have to put in a complete new system.

The EPA's rule book says that the homeowner can not do any repair or upgrading to his own system without getting the EPA involved, which will mean in most cases a complete new system.

I had my water well tested on October 15, 2009, and it proved to be good, they found no problems at all.

Another problem I have with them is that they refuse to say who complained, thereby causing people to want to accuse neighbors.

This sort of thing has happened earlier here causing problems. The TCEQ lady said they are working 14 active complaints here in Desdemona at this time - it seems like someone is vindictive about something.

If all the problems with TCEG were not enough for an elderly lady living on

social security, imagine my embarrassment to see the large sign in front of Porkers Cafe' here in Desdemona saying "Did Mrs. Patty get a permit? Call TCEG"

Sincerely,
Marie Patty

Angel Food Ministries Distribution Is Saturday

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

Food not picked up on time will be resold or given to a needy family. You will be able to order the December menu items at the time of your pick up. Lots of excellent food and specials from this great ministry. Also, you may order online and pay by debit or credit card by entering 76437 to enter.

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

Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

CISCO AND EASTLAND teams deserve giant salutes for their seasons to date. The Mavericks had advancement hopes dashed but the Loboes just keep on keeping on -- and we all join in boosting what appears to be a Cisco dynasty of power football...Now that the play is over we'll call to mind that Eastland's Quarterback Jarred Moylan comes by his knack honestly. We all date ourselves to remember that his granddad Jim was an E.H.S. professional ball. And his dad, also Jim, was a member of the Mavericks Golden '82 Team.

FURNITURE EXPERTS
Don and Jeannie Griffin over at Coats Furniture on S. Seaman St. have scored a major triumph. They've just announced the acquisition and addition of the innately famous Ashley Furniture Line. When we first heard, we ignorantly asked "Laura?" only to learn that we didn't really understand the importance of the availability of such a top line in our area. facts are that Ashley is the number one brand and manufacturer in the world. The company employees are rewarded for devising change and seeking improvements in methods, process and products...You'll just need to drop into Coats and see what Ashley is all about.

SOME HAVE wondered to us if A.C.U. officials are every embarrassed by the over abundance of public media coverage of the school.

IF YOU want to see what

must be the world's largest poinsettia plants, take a look at the beautiful window at Ann Folsom Interiors on the north side of the square. Windows all over the county are decking out beautifully for the holiday season, and decorations are going up all over...You can see the traditional star a-top the courthouse from I-20 at Hwy 6.

NEW SIGNAGE out at Higginbotham's out on East Main, where there's everything to do (just about) anything, emphasizes that it's H. Brothers.

HERE IS your "special" holiday recipe to treat your family and guests, courtesy of Texas Oncology which emphasizes healthy diets. It's called Holly Jolly Biscotti -- (sounds a little Italian, doesn't it?)

This Biscotti, showcases the peak-season flavors of Texas citrus and pecans. Packed with healthy ingredients, this Italian-inspired, twice-baked cookie is a delicious and nutritious way to promote a good-for-you diet throughout the holidays not just for yourself, but everyone on your gift list.

"Nutrition plays a major role in promoting good health," said Vasu Moparty, M.D., a medical oncologist at Texas Oncology-Methodist Charlton Cancer Center.

A recent study conducted by the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research found that one in three cancers may be preventable. A healthy lifestyle and nutritious diet can lower the risk of disease and are also important for overall well-being.

Holly Jolly Biscotti brings together the decadent flavors of citrus, nuts, and chocolate and Texas oranges.

Holly Jolly Biscotti Recipe

Yield: 24 to 26 biscotti
Ingredients: 3 eggs, 1/2 cup olive oil, 2 tablespoons orange juice, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons orange zest, 1 tablespoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped, 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Directions: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, beat together eggs, olive oil, orange juice, and vanilla until well combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together both flours, sugar, orange zest, baking powder, and salt. Add dry mix slowly to wet ingredients until mixture forms a ball. Turn out dough mixture onto a well-floured surface and knead a few times. Fold in pecans and chocolate chips in alternating batches until evenly distributed.

Divide dough into two pieces. Form each piece into a log about 9 inches long, then press flat until it is about half an inch tall and 3 inches wide. Transfer logs to baking sheets and bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks for 20 minutes.

Using a serrated knife, slice each log on the diagonal into 1/2 inch pieces. Return to oven and bake on each side for about 10 minutes (approx. total of 20 minutes). Slices should be golden brown. Remove from oven to cool.

Download a festive, printable Holly Jolly Biscotti holiday recipe card, visit www.TexasOncology.com and click the Holly Jolly Biscotti button.

When It's Hog Killing Time In Texas

By Joe Herring

Well it is almost that time of year, the leaves are slowly turning. The temperature is dropping a little which tells me that it won't be long and we will have our first freeze. Usually by this time the peanuts were threshed and sold and the hay hauled to the barn. Pecans were being picked up and all was well with the world. We usually had some hogs being fed and almost ready to be butchered. And when it did finally turn cold it was time.

Dad would have me up early and he was always ready. I remember him hanging the rope stretchers off a big ole oak limb and getting the single tree out and ready. He would sharpen his butcher knives the night before.

He buried a 55 gallon drum about half way in the ground and tipped it over at about a 45 degree angle. Both old cast iron wash pots were set out with plenty of firewood underneath them so water could be heated to just the right temperture.

We would go to the pen and dispatch usually two fairly good size hogs each weighing about 200 to 225 pounds. We would drag them to the area where they were dipped in the barrel and that is when the work began.

They were then laid on a 4x8 sheet of plywood and we would scrape those hogs until there was not one hair left on them anywhere. We always worked quickly so the hair wouldn't set up the wrong way making this job more difficult than it already was.

The hogs were cleaned and the butchering or cutting was started. Dad would always cut a few good size pieces of pork tenderloin and cook them with the coals that where used to heat the water. I still remember how good that was for lunch. My job in the afternoon was to make cracklins and render lard. Fresh cracklins where a treat as well. The lard was poured in tin cans to be used later for just about everything. A lot of times the hams were rubbed with Mortons sugar cure as

well as the bacon and put in a little house we had for the purpose. That stuff was plenty salty but if the weather cooperated and stayed cold then they cured and kept well.

Then into the night I would get to turn the sausage grinder and make some of the best sausage anyone could ever want to eat. Mama would be wrapping some of the meat to be put in the freezer.

Sometimes the neighbors would come over to help on a Saturday and sometimes we went to the neighbors. It made it all go a lot quicker with plenty of help. We had crocks that pork was pickled in and those cracklins where really good cooked in corn bread all winter.

I am lucky I got to grow up when people still made do with what they had. I am also blessed I got to learn about what to do if you had to make your own living. Taters were planted early when I was a boy. Usually Febuary and the beds dragged off in March.

Onions, blackeyed and crowder peas and corn where all planted early as was beans, squash both yellow and white,okra. Followed by tomatoes and peppers and beats and on and on. Sometimes frost would get it but most of the time it did fine. If something was missed you could bet it would be planted by good Friday.

By June most of it was canned and ate daily. I wonder sometimes if the seasons are changing are it us.

I am going to raise my children to do a lot of the same things I did growing up. I think it will good for them and I know it will give them a perspective that can only be had by hard work along with appreciating the fruits of their labor.

Anyway it will soon be that time of year. A time to be truly thankful for all of Gods many blessings. Friends and neighbors now and times not forgotten.

Writers Welcome

Would-be free-lance writers are invited to submit articles for the local hometown newspapers, and especially welcome are profiles of interesting, unusual persons, hobbies and professionals. Reproducible photographs are also welcome and will be returned.

Writers are reminded that the author retains all rights to any material published here.

Present volunteer writers are greatly appreciated.

Non-Fiction pieces are preferred but fiction articles in good taste and style are also welcome for consideration, all uncompensated.

All material must be signed with address and telephone numbers where writers may be reached.

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Birth Announcement



Brooke, Sammi and Seth Marshall
Seth Owen Marshall

Sammi and Brooke Marshall would like you to meet their new brother, Seth Owen Marshall born May 6, 2009 in Ramstein, Germany. He weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. He was born at 7:13 p.m. at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Parents are Brian and Becky Steddum Marshall of Ramstein, Germany. Brian is a Staff Sergeant in the United State Air Force.

Brian's parents are Jim and Cathy Marshall of Fenville, Michigan. Grandparents are Gordon and Francis Marshall of Southhaven, Michigan and Kenneth and Mary Butcher of Allegan, Michigan.

Becky's parents are Harrell and Sue Steddum of Cisco. Grandparents are N. B. Steddum and Januita Steddum of Olden and Lon and Norene Duncan of Cisco.

Books Needed For Sale

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

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

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

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

Any books or periodicals may be donated. Encyclopedias of any vintage and all types of tapes, records, and games will also be accepted.

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

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

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

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by Drought, Above Normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires on January 1, 2009 and Continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Texas, Richard G. Young said.

Eastland County is one of 136 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from the Drought, Above Normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires.

Richard G. Young, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private, commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Richard G. Young, said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider

proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2010, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson, Texas is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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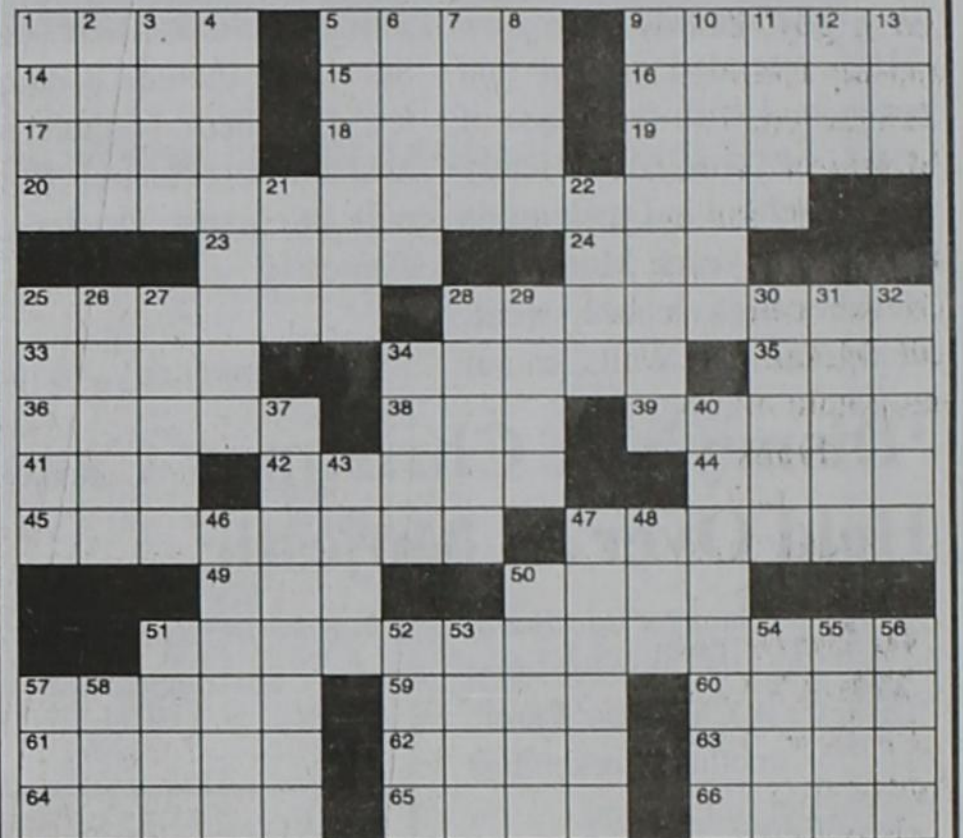
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24. Dekaliter
25. Eye tooth
28. Past tense
33. Turkish leaders titles
34. Elevate
35. Point midway between NE and E
36. More scarce
38. A bird's reproductive body
39. One who challenges
41. Characterized by unity
42. Santa's helpers
44. M. Jackson's daughter
45. Unsupervised
47. Odorizes
49. Last calendar month
50. SW Scottish river
51. Geometric figure
57. Lariat or lasso
59. Not fake
60. Hollies in an old story
61. Composition for nine
62. "Picnic" playwright Wm.
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64. Actor's remark to the audience
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1. Cleansing agent
2. Quick tempo (abbr.)
3. Repeat
4. A place of bliss or delight
5. Golf club carrier
6. Get together
7. Cartoon star Bart _____ son
8. Czar (alt. sp.)
9. Gave forth
10. Rinse one's mouth and throat
11. Ventilates
12. Contains genetic code
13. 1/100 yen
21. Teenage sleuth _____y Drew
22. 15th of March
25. Chocolate bean substitute
26. Capital of Guam
27. Nostrils
28. In a way, summons
29. Equipages
30. Showed old movie
31. Unable to move
32. Punctuation mark: as _____ k
34. Increases motor speed
37. Refer to another
40. Italian mountain range
43. Polish unionist
46. Copyread
47. Dirtied
48. New postal location (abbr.)
50. Pulls with difficulty
51. Wife of a Raja
52. Journey
53. Camping shelter
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper was held last Saturday night, November 14th at the Community Center (former school building). The entrance hall, gym and all the tables were decorated very festive for the occasion. Thanks to everyone that attended this annual event. Thanks to those that furnished cooked all the food. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our community going strong. Thanks again.

Mary Walls of Dublin celebrated her 90th birthday recently with family and friends. Her parents, the late W.E. and Dulcie Heatly lived near Desdemona where Mary attended school and graduated with the Class of 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Heatly taught school in Desdemona for several years. Mary married her high school sweetheart, Thelbert Walls, son of

the late J.J. and Nora (Huff) Walls. Thelbert graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1939. Friends of Desdemona send their "Best Wishes" to Mary.

Linda Hahn of Arlington visited the past weekend with her sister, Carol Sue Willis.

Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney visited the past weekend with her parents, Humpy and Betty Duke.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Anna Ma Brazzell. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Nichols and husband of Austin. Burial will be in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Have a great day, Vonnie.

'Disney's A Christmas Carol' Held Over At Majestic

Majestic Manager Ed Allcorn is holding the popular film "Disney's A Christmas Carol" over for another weekend at the Theater in Eastland.

This new adaptation of the classic Dickens story has caused quite a bit of interest across the country.

The picture will show at 7:30 nightly from Friday, Nov. 20 through Monday, Nov. 23. It is called a family/fantasy/action picture, and rated PG.

Parents are advised that some of the scenes might be scary for children.

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

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

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

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

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

It is interesting to see Jim Carrey in the part of Scrooge - quite a departure from his usual comedy roles. But this

film tries to capture the essence of the timeless story in a new way.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry
dperry@gorman.esc14.net

Our Veterans Day Program last Friday was very nice. We appreciate all the veterans that attended. I also appreciate those that prepared the program. Our local veterans are very special and we want them all to know that we appreciate the sacrifices they've made for us. They have protected the freedoms we enjoy every day and too often take for granted with their very lives. Please, if you know any veterans, thank them. They deserve our respect and our gratitude. This is my thank you to you all!

Our regularly scheduled school board meeting was held last Monday evening. The meeting began promptly at 6:00pm with an invocation given by Daryl Hirst followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark Simmons was the only trustee absent. Vice President Bob Powell called the meeting to order and after a brief discussion about some of the bills the consent items on the agenda were passed unanimously and the principals gave their reports. During Mrs. Reeves report she had Elementary teacher Nana Vaughn report on our School Health Advisory Council. Mrs. Vaughn gave a very informative report about the mandated requirements. Mrs. Reeves report covered the following topics: a. Enrollment (179), b. ADA (down due to flu), c. Scholastic Book Fair (was a success), d. Fall

Festival details, e. Play at TSU (kids had a great cultural experience), f. School Health Advisory Council (Nana Vaughn was appointed coordinator), g. Criminal History Checks - (directed to form her own policies), h. OEY grant application (approved), AND I. Highly Qualified report (all teacher met requirements). Mr. Byrd's report covered the following: PSAT (changes in the test), Exit Level TAKS for Senior Retake's (when and where), SBDM/ Staff Meetings (status update), 3 week reports/grading policies (brief explanation), Dress code policies (explanation), Middle School Fitness Grant (status), ARD's/504's (procedures), ADA Report - (H1N1 & Flu), Volleyball & Cross Country conclusion, Basketball season/UIL Eligibility Reports Complete, secondary enrollment (165). The superintendent then reported on a fund balance of \$1,941,589.05 for GISD and a fund balance for the East End Special Education Coop of \$1,024,862.88. The tax office has collected approximately 95% of 2008 taxes and 2009 taxes are already beginning to be paid. Mr. Perry then shared that the school auditor was recovering from surgery and that a special meeting may need to be held in December in order to have it to T.E.A. on time or to reschedule the December regular meeting. They then discussed the shingle problem on the new gym and looked at shingles for replacement. This will be at the contractor's expense, not the district. Mr. Perry then presented the board with some pictures to consider regarding an Ag facility if and when the district could afford to address the issue. Mr. Perry is looking for grant money for this project. The board then reviewed goals that were set for Mr. Perry at his last evaluation and received a copy of the superintendent evaluation form that will be used in January. Mr. Perry then discussed the annual training requirements of the board and reviewed their hours with them and discussed upcoming opportunities for training. The board then cast

all of their votes unanimously for Mark Simmons as a member of the Comanche County Appraisal District board. Mr. Perry then discussed the plans for disposing of the old suburban. There were no objections. The second reading of TASB Update 86 was then unanimously approved and adopted as presented. The board then approved the annual employee performance stipend unanimously. Lisa Hagen was then approved for hire as a Paraprofessional at the high school to be paid for with stimulus money. The board adjourned at 8:30pm.

The GLRA will meet Nov. 19, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Gorman Ag Shop. They will be filling out entry forms and taking care of entry fees. If you are planning on being a participant in the County Show or in any Major Show this year your attendance is required please.

The teams for the Elementary U.I.L. Competition have been chosen. The students are continuing their practices for their competitions at Ranger in December. Please encourage your child to do their best if they made a team and help them practice at home. Their U.I.L. Coordinator is Crystal Snider. Please call her or go by and see her if you have any questions. We challenge the high school students to outperform us. Maxfield Elementary rules! (The high school does not compete until next semester)

The Fall Festival was a success! The weather was perfect and everyone was in good spirits. The project earned about \$850. This will go a long way towards prizes for Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading. Thank you's go out to all those that helped do the work necessary for a project like this, as well as to the parents for taking the time to bring their children to the school to participate.

Report Cards for the Second Six Weeks will be sent out this week. Be on the lookout for

them. Please call your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Please remember that no shorts are to be worn after the Thanksgiving Holidays. This applies to all campuses. The Thanksgiving Holidays are November 26th, 27th, and 28th. We hope this will be a blessed time for all of our students.

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!

River Of Life Food Pantry Open Saturday

Open Every Third Saturday Each Month

The pantry is asking for canned sweet potatoes and frozen pie crusts (in pan) to provide pantry guests with the elements to prepare their own Thanksgiving dinner. These donations are needed sometime this week to be included in the boxes distributed on Saturday, November 21st. The ROL Food Pantry also needs diapers, sizes 3 and up. All items can be donated during office hours at the church, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm (closed for noon lunch). River of Life Church is located at 103 Pogue Ave in Eastland.

Our goal is to help families that are temporarily in need of assistance. The pantry will be open Saturday morning, November 21st, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Application requirements: the applicant's photo identification, Social Security card and a current statement of income. Applicants must come themselves.

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Try Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a legal holiday in the United States celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November as a day of giving thanks and feasting. A similar holiday is celebrated in Canada on the second Monday of October.

For blessings which we have already received, it is easy to praise God and give thanks.

Jesus praised God and gave thanks before He multiplies the loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand. Before He raised Lazarus, He first said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou has heard Me."

Words of praise and thanksgiving free us from thoughts and doubt and open the way for the dynamic force of God's ever present power to flow through our minds and bodies.

Each day we should devote some time for expression of praise and thanksgiving to our loving Father.

Those Christians who with thankful hearts praise God throughout the day won't tend to grumble and complain when things don't go their way." D. Branon. It is not what we have or don't have that matters in life, but what we do with what we have!

God wants us to acknowledge past hurts and grow through them. He does not want our past to determine our future. Remember that Paul, "forget-

ting those things which are behind, and reaching to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal... (Phil. 3:13-14).

A boy stammered and therefore did not go to Cambridge as his brothers did and then the brothers became tutors and occasionally had some books published. The stammering boy was W. Somerset Maugham, world renown author of more than 20 books, 30 plays and scores of essays and short stories.

The Thanksgiving table is a symbol of the great blessings of life. God provides abundant varieties of blessings in all areas of life. Each new day is a gift as are the new opportunities which come with a new day. Our activities renew life.

Isaiah 40:31: "But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." God is interested in each person. He can be involved and be known by those who have the faith which helps them mount up with wings like eagles.

"A grumbling mood of discontent gives way to thankfulness.

When we consider all God's gifts, and all that we possess." Sper

When we go through difficult times we may not feel very grateful, but we can thank God for His promises and goodness. Through giving thanks, a change takes place.

One man, named Frost, who was a missionary to China, got bad news from home. He

said that he was sad and nothing, not even prayer, seemed to help him. Then he went into a missionary home and saw "try thanksgiving" on the wall and his depression left him. He said that the psalmist was correct in suggesting "It is good to give thanks to the Lord." Mr. Frost advises each of us to bow our head and give thanks and experience the blessing that comes because of giving thanks.

"If we were thankful for everything, the way God tells us to be, What a wonderful change in our living, we would be able to see!" Eaker

Corrie ten Boom, during WW II, was in a Nazi concentration camp which was filthy and fleas were everywhere. Corrie's sister Betsie, was imprisoned with her.

It was Betsie who insisted that they should give thanks for I Thessalonians 5:18 states: "In everything give thanks," but giving thanks in a flea infested place seemed to be unrealistic to Corrie. Then Corrie found out that the concentration camp guards did not bother their barracks to make them stop praying and singing hymns because the guards wanted to avoid the fleas. So, even fleas can be a reason to give thanks!

The fleas in our lives are not the big difficulties, but are the petty annoyances. They are the little trials we can't escape.

When we are tempted to grumble, remember the fleas and give thanks.

"For all the heartaches and the tears, for gloomy days and fruitless years

I do give thanks, for now I know, these are the things that helped me grow!"

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Someone said, "If you pause

to think, you'll find cause to thank."

Long ago, the people of Israel had been delivered from slavery (Exodus 14:30) and should have been thankful, but they complained instead. Actually, their complaint was with God but because Moses was their leader, they complained to him. They said, "Why is it you have brought us out of Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" (vs. 3). In verse 7 we read that the people questioned if God was really with them, yet He always met their needs. We too, sometimes complain when God doesn't do what we want.

"For answered prayer we thank You, Lord; We know You're always there to hear us when we call on You- We're grateful for Your care." Branon

Paul said: "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Phil. 4:6). God does not promise to give you all you want, but rather, "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."

A farmer once took a minister with him to the chicken house one morning. There, on one of the nests, sat a hen with a brood of little ones peeking out from under her wings. "Touch her, Pastor the farmer said. As the minister put his hand on the hen, he found that she was cold and dead.

The farmer told the minister that the wound on the mother chicken's head indicated that a weasel had sucked all the blood from her body, and she never once moved for fear the weasel would harm her chicks.

That is just like Christ! He could have saved Himself, but chose to die for our sins.

Ask the Lord first thing every morning what He would like for you to do with your new day and then do it and rejoice over whatever He told you to do. His ideas are always better than ours so we must keep ourselves open to them.

We can give thanks for the opportunities to serve that each day brings. All things great or small can be done in a spirit of love. It might be an occasion where there is an opportunity to be a blessing by word, deed, or by silently living the truth. God can work through each person. Therefore, we each

need to say here I am Father. Work in and through me this day to accomplish Your good purposes. The more we fill ourselves with God the more confident we become, and we should be doers, and not just sayers, of the word. A sayers won't get the Lord's work done.

Actually, thanksgiving means gratitude in action. The psalmist David said: "Forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 103:2). Openly and without shame praise God for all His benefits.

"Thank the Lord when trouble comes, His love and grace expressing;

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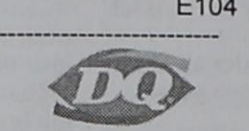
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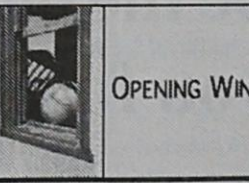


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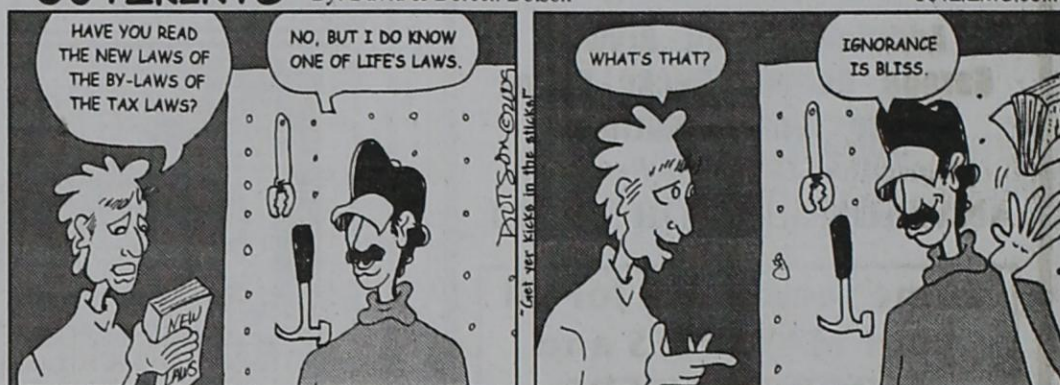
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Eastland Collects Gifts For Samaritan's Purse And World's Largest Christmas Project

Nov. 16-23: Eastland Hopes to Gather 500 Gift-Filled Shoe Boxes for Hurting Children Overseas

Christmas is arriving early all over Eastland, as First Baptist Church local prepares to serve as a collection point for Operation Christmas Child. Soon, with the help of Eastland volunteers, the sites will be brimming with festively wrapped shoe boxes full of gifts.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, Eastland residents are packing shoe box gifts for children in more than 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty.

From Eastland, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels, even dog sleds—to reach suffering children around the world.

"Operation Christmas Child is a unique opportunity to do something as simple as packing a shoe box that will have a lasting impact on a child a world away," said Loretta Key, Operation Christmas Child drop-off site coordinator. "We are excited about the 2009 collection season as community members have already begun packing shoe box gifts."

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow your box" to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out what country they are delivered to, use the EZ Give donation form found at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Eastland has provided an official drop-off site to the Operation Christmas Child effort for four years. This year, organizers hope to collect 500 gift-filled shoe boxes from families, kids, churches, schools and civic organizations in the area.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 69 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET INVOLVED:

PREPARE—Enlist families, churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide.

PACK—Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, hard candy and a letter of encouragement. Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanspurse.org.

PROCESS—Sign up to join Operation Christmas Child volunteers at the collection site in Eastland as part of the effort to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (817) 595-2230 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org. National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23.

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Nov. 21 10 a.m. - Noon
Nov. 22 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Here's How It Works:

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

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Obituaries

Tracy Lynn Maynard

EASTLAND- Tracy Lynn Maynard, 39 of Eastland, passed away November 13, 2009, after a lengthy battle with brain cancer.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 16, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Eastland with Rev. Rex Boggs, Frank Saylor, and Sean Schaefer officiating. Burial followed in the Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

A lifelong resident of Eastland, Tracy was born on September 22, 1970. She graduated from Eastland High School in 1989. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of North Texas and Tarleton State University.

Tracy worked as a secretary and in the insurance business. She was employed as a deputy in the Office of the Eastland County Treasurer until shortly before her death.

Tracy was an active member of the Eastland Lions Club for many years, having served in the District Cabinet and as president of the Eastland Club. She had been a Crime Victims Assistance Center volunteer since 1998. She attended Gun-sight Baptist Church.

Tracy was preceded in death by her grandmother, Gail Cozart, grandfathers Jack Graham and Doyle Maynard, and aunt, Linda Graham.



She is survived by her parents, Jackie and Tommy Maynard of Eastland; brothers Jason Maynard and his wife, Kimberly, and Toby Maynard and his wife, Amy, all of Eastland; grandparents, Laverne Maynard and Frances Graham of Eastland and Bob Cozart of Desdemona; aunts Susan Graham and Connie Underwood of Eastland; nieces, Dylan, Rianna, Emerson, Maddie Jo, and Zoey; and nephew, Caiden; fiancé, Brent Bishop of Eastland; her beloved dogs (kids) Milo and Jordan; and a host of friends whose lives she touched and enriched.

Tracy always gave to others without expectation of anything in return. Tracy's warmth, infectious smile and humor will be missed by all who loved her.

Gerald James Lewis

August 23, 1963 - November 7, 2009

Gerald James Lewis was born August 23, 1963 in Ranger, TX.

A graduate of Ranger High School where he participated in basketball and football. He continued to pursue his education at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco, TX where he received an Architectural Degree in 1987. He also attended Tarelton State University where he received an Industrial Engineering Degree in 1990. While pursuing his education he encountered the LOVE of his life Lita Cooksey and they married, on August 16, 1990. During their union they birthed two beautiful daughters Diamond Starr and Jasper Celestial Lewis. Gerald loved to cook, fish, cook, eat, cook, travel, cook, and indulge in thought provoking conversation. THERE WAS NEVER A TASK GERALD COULD NOT COMPLETE, and if he could not figure it out alone he would find the closest book! He had a signature laugh and smile that will be missed immensely. Gerald was a production manager of ten years at Dap corporation in Garland, TX.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Della Lewis, paternal grandfather Milford McIlveen, mother Barbara Nadine Jones, sister Chelsea McIlveen and brother Adrian Lewis.

Alva LouAnn Neuhaus

Alva LouAnn Neuhaus (Ann Zander) died with her family present on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in San Bernardino, CA.

Born in Bosque County, Texas on October 8, 1932, Ann is survived by Clemens Neuhaus, her husband of 57 years, her children Mary and George, grandchildren Hannah, Alexander, Allison, Meta and Chloe and one great grandchild Christopher. Also surviving Ann are two sisters Sydonia Sommerfeld of Brenham and Glenda Bowlin of Livingston.

Always a Cisco girl at heart, Ann will be remembered for her kindness and zest for life and will be missed by all who knew her.

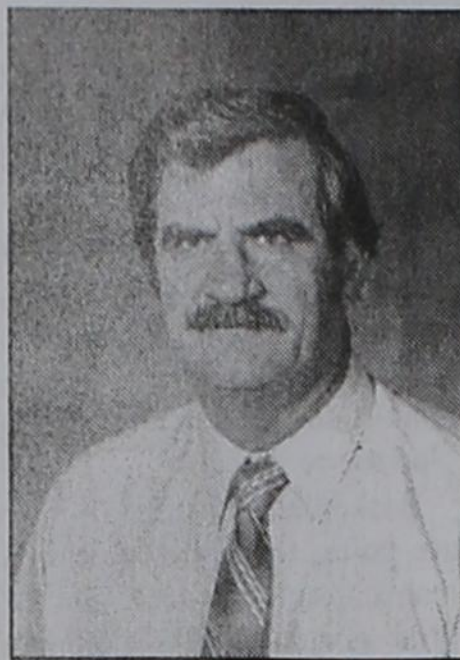
Billy Ray McDowell

FORT WORTH -- Billy Ray McDowell left his family on earth to be with his family in heaven Friday, November 13, 2009, following a long battle with interstitial lung disease.

Funeral was held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in Mount Olivet Chapel followed by a 2 p.m. graveside service in Eastland Cemetery in Eastland, officiated by his longtime pastor, the Rev. Johnny Hendricks. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Billy was born in Hobbs, N.M., April 25, 1935, but grew up in Ranger. After serving in the United States Army, he married Margaret Frances Berry on July 10, 1959, at Calvary Baptist Church in Eastland, where they met. He had a long work history and enjoyed many activities, including hunting, fishing, motorcycling, water skiing and anything cowboy.

As a young boy he washed dishes in a cafe and set pins in a bowling alley, long before automation. As a young man he broke horses for his uncle, Johnny Stewart, was a roughneck in the oilfields and drove heavy equipment in road construction work. He built houses with his cousins, Raymond and Joe Beggs, and then became a commercial carpenter where he worked on downtown projects such as the Water Gardens, the glass-fronted Bank One building and numerous parking garages, plus the first hotel built at DFW Airport. He taught vocational building trades at Burleson



High School for 10 years. In later years he was a long distance truck driver where he reached his goal of driving in each of the 48 continuous states plus Canada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reginald P. and Jessie Victoria McDowell; brothers, Paul, Jack, R.P., Richard, Timothy; and sister, Jewel Reid.

Survivors: Wife of 50 years, Margaret Berry McDowell; daughters, Beverly Lovell and husband, Kenny, Vicky Burns and husband, Todd; grandson, Casey Lee Lovell; granddaughter, Melissa White; great-grandchildren, Chandler, Bethany and Breana Whittle of Crocker, Mo.; numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom loved him dearly, among them, the son of his heart, Bo McDowell; closest cousin and best friend, Jimmy Stewart.

Lori Lee Harrell



CISCO-- Lori Lee Harrell, 44, of Crowley and formerly of Eastland passed away November 16, 2009, in Burleson, TX.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel in Cisco with Reverend Brian Loveless officiating. Burial will follow in the Cisco Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation was Wednesday from 5-7:00 PM in the Kimbrough Funeral Chapel.

Lori was born February 26, 1965, in Borger, Texas, to Charles and Oralee (Addison) Hill. On October 24, 2008, she married David Harrell in Cleburne, Texas. She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing and worked as a nurse for several years. At the time of

her death, she was employed by Wal-Mart.

Survivors include her husband, David, of Crowley; children, Dirk Lee Boyd and wife, Becca, of Burleson, Marquis Roberts and wife, Abbey, of Abilene, Krystal Roberts of Haltom City, Lane Harrell of Arlington; parents, Charles Hill & wife, Delores, of Grand Prairie, Ora Lee Hill and Clinton Pierce of Eastland; brothers, Robert Hill and wife, Denise, of Spring, Fletcher Whiteley of Dallas; grandchildren, Alex Childress and Lexie Boyd; step-brother, Rex and Lee Ann Pierce of Boerne and step-sister, Kelly Pierce of Allen. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Nadine Stephan

CISCO - Nadine Stephan, age 87, passed away Sunday, November 15, 2009 at Homestead Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, where she was a long time member, Wednesday November 18th at 2:00 pm with Vicar Eric Stinnette officiating. Burial followed at Redeemer Lutheran Cemetery in Cisco under the direction of the Summers-Chambers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stephan was born July 12, 1922 in Long Branch, Texas to Robert and Dee (Poff) Hageman. She married Robert Stephan on March 14, 1942 in Cisco, Texas.

She was a dedicated farm wife and mother, worked at Eubanks Restaurant, Boss Manufacturing, Cisco Nursing Home and later cared for many precious children. She was a faithful member of Christ Lutheran and Redeemer Lutheran Church and ministered lovingly and compassionately to friends, neighbors and relatives. Her grandsons, who she loved and adored, loved her home cooked meals.

Nadine was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert; and her sisters, Lois Rumley and Dorothy White.



She is survived by her daughter Elaine and her husband Danny; sister, Bobbie Ray and husband Mark; her grandchildren, Sean Schaefer and wife Erin, Matt Schaefer and wife Jasilyn, and David Schaefer and wife Amanda; two great-grandchildren, Christian and Kaitlyn Schaefer and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Sean Schaefer, Matt Schaefer and David Schaefer, and her nephews, Tim Ray, Mike Ray, and Gregg Ray.

Memorials may be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church Building Fund, Redeemer Lutheran Learning Center or Charity of your choice.

Mary Watkins Craig

Rosemary Watkins Craig, former Mineral Wells resident, died October 4, 2009 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 84.

She was born in Eastland, Texas to Henry and Blanche (Young) Watkins on November 2, 1924. She was reared and attended school in Eastland along with her brothers and sisters. Rosemary married Barbee (BW) Craig in December 1947. During their married life Barbee worked for Amerada in the oil fields. His company positions took them to many places across the country. Rosemary quickly became an expert in setting up a home. Together they raised two sons,

Michael and Richard.

Rosemary loved to read and listen to opera. She enjoyed her hobby of collecting crystal glassware and china. Her family loved adding beautiful pieces to her collection. She shared her time with her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Barbee, son Michael, two brothers - J H Watkins and Bill Watkins, one sister - Lala Ridge, and granddaughter Christine.

Rosemary is survived by son Richard Craig and wife Crystal of Tulsa, OK; daughter-in-law Angela Craig of Morris, OK; sister Kathryn Louis and husband Melvin of Buchanan, TX; sisters-in-law Imogene Watkins and Nancy Craig; seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm on November 21, 2009 at the Eastland Cemetery. Rev. Brian Patrick will be officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

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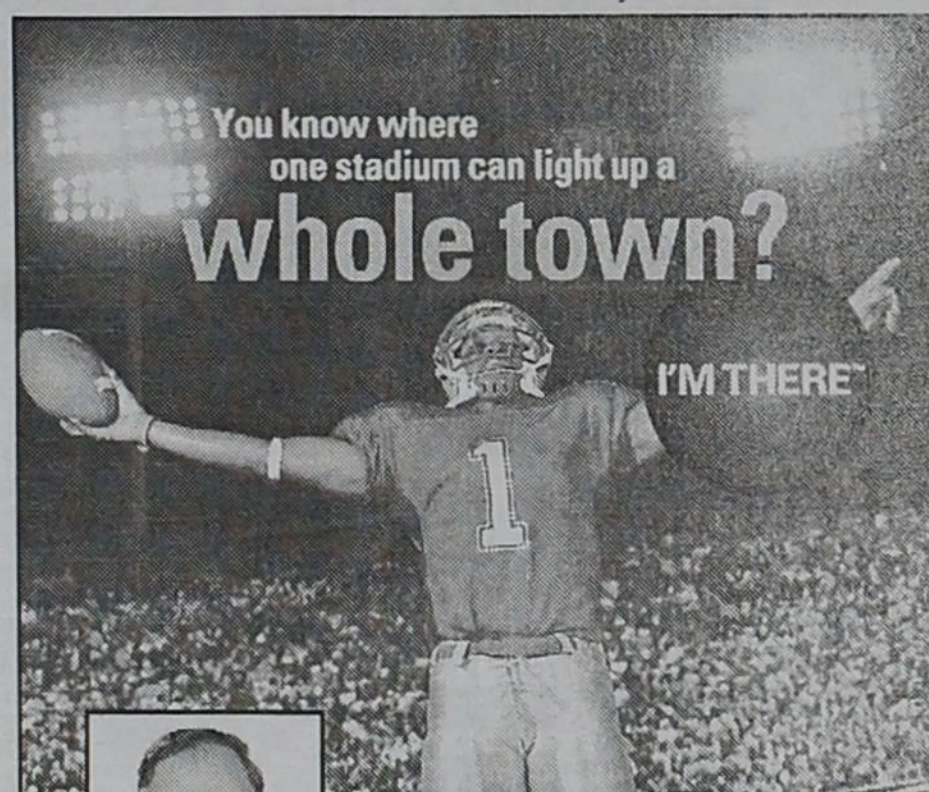


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