

Deputy clerk seeks top post

"Nothing great in the world has ever been accomplished without passion." --Hebbel

This statement defines the enthusiasm Dianne Manning exhibits about her decision to become a candidate for Freestone County Clerk.

"It is a great undertaking and I'm very excited about my decision," the candidate declares. "I want to enlist your support and your vote during the March 2 Democratic Primary election."

The county clerk's office serves all citizens of Freestone county on many levels, such as issuing marriage licenses, birth certificates, death certificates and bail bond checks.

The office also records every real estate transaction in the county, files all court cases in county court, probate and mental department.

As an extension of responsibilities, the county clerk acts as ex officio member of the county commissioners court, serves as the official clerk for the court and is required to attend all sessions and record all proceedings.

"Many people have encouraged me to run as a candidate for this office," Mrs. Manning says.

Mrs. Manning is a Freestone county native, daughter of the late J.C. Cox and Jean Cox, has been married to Richie Manning for 29 years and is the mother of three children.

She has served the citizens of Freestone county for 15 years, the last five under the current county clerk who chose not to seek re-election after holding the office for 18 years.



DIANNE MANNING

"It is very important that this office be managed by a person with experience and working knowledge of the county clerk's office. I will apply my leadership and experience in this role to keep Freestone county progressing and moving forward," she declares.

"I believe I am the most qualified candidate in all these areas, so, please, cast your vote on Tuesday, March 2, for Dianne Manning for Freestone County Clerk."

(Pol. Adv. Paid For By Dianne Manning, 110 CR 535, Fairfield, Texas 75840)

Spiker

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games.

The Lady Eagle spiker is five feet, eight inches tall, and showed a vertical reach of 10 feet, six inches.

"She's never the tallest one on the floor, but she compensates with athletic ability. She jumps really high, she's strong and she's quick," Fairfield head volleyball coach Dennis Johnson says.

In addition to volleyball, Miss Cox has lettered three years each in basketball and track.

The 17-year-old plays the post position on the Lady Eagles basketball team and was picked first team All-District last year.

She runs three track relays and competes in long jump and has advanced to the region meet as a relay team member and in long jump.

Miss Cox plans to major in elementary education for two years at TVCC and continue school at a 4-year university--the next stop may be determined on whether she is still playing volleyball.

"I hope to go on and play more," the athlete says.

The athlete is a Fairfield native and the daughter of Daniel and Yolanda Ransom, and Adante Austin. She is a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

County man files for state rep post

I, Charles E. Morgan, P.E., Inactive, announce my candidacy for Democratic Party nominee for State Representative for District 8.

I am well qualified for this office. I have extensive experience in review of proposed bills for both the Texas House of Representatives and the Senate while working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I also made proposed amendments to several of those bills proposed.

I have experience in budgeting, personnel management, programming of projects, construction, and energy improvements plus extensive knowledge of environmental issues and correction of those issues.

The Morgan family has lived at Lanely Community south of Fairfield since my retirement from the U.S. Air Force in 1987, and I have served my community as a 4-H leader, Dew School Board vice president and County School Board representative for Dew.

I have been an active member of the Grace Tabernacle Church at Dew for the past 21 years.

My wife of 37 years, Rebecca, and I have four sons; Ryan, Mark, Marty and Paul. We have five grandsons and one granddaughter. I own and operate the Diamond M6 Limousin Ranch at Lanely.

I have worked in various positions for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to include lead commissioning engineer, lead civil/structural engineer, energy engineer, project engineer, environmental manager and chief of sanitary control. I was commissioning engineer for four High Security Prisons and project engineer for two of those. I worked with cities and counties coordinating utilities and roads for those facilities. I developed a five year energy plan for the TDCJ that is still being implemented.

I retired from the TDCJ after 19 years and seven months of service on January 31, 2008.

In my Air Force career, I attained the rank of major as a civil engineering manager. My last assignment was at the Regional Civil Engineering Office in Dallas where I served as Deputy Director, Special Projects Division. I managed projects totaling \$1.6 billion dollars. I also served at various air force bases with populations of 6,000 persons as Director of



CHARLES MORGAN

Operations and Maintenance of 500 facilities and 1,000 family houses, three runways and all roads as well as all utilities.

Of particular interest was my assignment to Saudi Arabia in 1980 as second in command of a \$1.5 billion dollar construction program to support the 60, F-15 aircraft the U.S. sold to the Saudi military. The U.S. military flew out of these facilities in 1990 during the Gulf War.

My education is extensive. I graduated from Texas A & M University in civil engineering, attended various universities at the graduate level while in the military, completed military schools to include the Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. I have held Texas licenses in water, wastewater and solid waste. I am a licensed professional engineer in Texas in inactive status.

Part of the duties of a professional engineer is to protect the health and safety of the public. I am very concerned about the health of our citizens in District 8, especially our children.

I believe I can have a significant impact by initiating state laws that protect our health.

I would appreciate your vote in the Democratic Primary for Texas State Representative, District 8 on March 2.

Thank you for your support.

(Pol. Ad Paid for by Charles E. Morgan, 609 E. FM 489, Buffalo, Texas 75831)

On the Edge of Common Sense

By Baxter Black, D.V.M.



GOOD DEEDS GONE AWRY

Most of us in our daily lives have occasion to be a good Samaritan. It's a tenet in the Cowboy Code; to be kind to the less fortunate, to help someone in need. Selfless deeds like stopping to help a stranded motorist, feed the neighbors dogs and horses while they are away, or euthanize an old cat . . . well, maybe I shouldn't count that as a good deed, but I am a veterinarian!

However, in spite of our good intentions, our generosity can backfire! Like offering to tune Willie Nelson's guitar, or painting someone's car while they were away, or as a surprise, cutting down the big oak tree in the neighbor's yard so they can have a better view of the reclaimed open pit mine.

There are many versions of friends helping friends who are doing something in the dark that needs illumination; like siphoning gas, or adjusting the acetylene torch, or sticking a bloat! I can still hear the scratch of a match and Hank saying, "Here, lemme hep ya! as my trocar penetrated the swollen rumen! The explosion lit the night sky, sterilized the surgical field, set the brim of my hat on fire and singed my moustache! But, he meant well.

I ran into Scott at the Wheat Growers meeting. He reminded me that he had come to a poetry gathering I had done in Ogden, UT. He had worried that he would not be able to get a good seat, tickets were scarce. "But," he said, "to my good fortune I managed to get a single on the fourth row center!"

"It was great," he told me, "There were lots of

fancy lookin' cowgirls prancing down the aisles, boots shinin' and curls bouncin'. Maybe one or even two would have the seats next to mine!"

Five minutes before the curtain rose he heard the usher escorting an elderly lady down the aisle with her walker. They stopped at the end of his row. Those seated rose so she could work her way to the seat right next to me! The usher stood her walker in the aisle.

Scott said the lady was nice and laughed a lot. She managed to stand up during the patriotic piece, and then later at the conclusion of the show. As she stood to leave, she tottered and seemed to collapse! Scott slid his hands underneath her armpits and caught her. She was so light, so frail, he remembered. She said something he didn't catch and then toppled

H1N1 clinics set in area this month

Texas Department of State Health Services will conduct free H1N1 vaccination clinics in the area, starting next week.

Each clinic is to be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

First clinic in the area is Tuesday at Groesbeck Civic Center, 105 E. Navasota.

An H1N1 vaccination clinic is set for Thursday, Jan. 21, at Fairfield Civic Center at W.L. Moody Reunion Grounds.

A clinic will be held Friday, Jan. 22, at Buffalo Civic Center, 941 N. Hill Street.

Last clinic in the immediate area is Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Mexia Civic Center, 101 S. McKinney.

over again! Once more he stepped in to save the day!

"Why don't you just sit down and I'll go get your walker," Scott offered.

She turned to look at him and said, "I was trying to tell you, sonny, the usher's got my walker and is waiting for me. And if you'll just let me pick up my purse, I'll go!"

Buffalo Livestock

On Saturday, January 9, 2010, Buffalo Livestock Commission sold 726 head. There were 97 sellers and 50 buyers.

Slaughter Cows:
Cutter cows 50-57.50
Fat cows 43-55.50
Canner cows 36-54

Slaughter Bulls:
Heavy Bulls 57.50-61.50
Light Bulls 50-54
Cow/Calf Pairs and Bred Cows:
Choice Pairs 1140
Good Pairs 810-1000
Plain Pairs 550-700
Bred Cows 3-6 yr. 450-860

Steer/Bull Calves and Yearlings: Some plainer, hard to place calves below these figures.

150-200 lb. 110-150
200-300 lb. 110-135
300-400 lb. 108-137
400-500 lb. 95-117
500-600 lb. 90-105
600-700 lb. 80-91
700-800 lb. 80-84

Heifer Calves and Yearlings: Some plainer, hard to place calves below these figures.

150-200 lb. 85-120
200-300 lb. 85-117
300-400 lb. 85-110
400-500 lb. 84-98
500-600 lb. 81-96
600-700 lb. 71-91
700-800 lb. 70-83

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18

►VFW Bingo, 7:30 pm, VFW Post 5872

►AA, 6:30 pm, FUMC Fairfield

►Freestone County commissioners Court, 9:00 am, Commissioners Courtroom

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

►Rotary Club, noon, Big Cedar Country Club

►AA & NA, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield

►AA, 7:00-8:00 pm, Lakeside United Methodist Church Annex, 515 FM 416

►Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Board, 5:15 pm, Chamber Office

►Country & Western Music, 6:30 pm, Fairfield Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

►Weight Watchers, 5:00 pm, Calvary Baptist Church

►VFW Bingo, 7:30 pm, VFW Post 587

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

►Children's Story Time, 10:30 am-11:00 am, Mary Moody Northern Library

►Out & About Christian Singles, 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church of Wortham

►AA & NA, 8:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfield

►AA, 6:30 pm, FUMC Fairfield

►Freestone County CPS Board, 5:30 pm, Commissioners Courtroom

►Freestone County Republican Club, 7:00 pm, Fist Lady's Educational Bldg

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

►AA, 7:00-8:00 pm, Lakeside United Methodist Church Annex, 515 FM 416

►Alzheimers Association Family Support Group, 10:30 am, Mary Moody Northern Library, Call 254-753-7722 for more info

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

►Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, 8pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairfield

►Barn Stompers, 7:30 pm, FJHS Cafeteria

To list calendar items, call 903-389-3334 or e-mail advertising@thefairfieldrecorder.com.

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

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Realtor Ads -- Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Call 903-389-3334

FIRST BABY OF 2010

Kaydance Jackson 5lb./2oz.

Daughter of Shytil Rice & Karlton Jackson

Thanks so much to all of these generous businesses who helped create an especially Happy New Year for our first baby of 2010.

- Wal-Mart Supercenter
- Sherry's Custom Framing and Gifts
- Silver Lady
- Walgreens
- Palestine Regional Medical Center
- WIC
- Brookshire's Food Store
- Sunshine Guild Volunteers
- Co-Ed Shop
- The Clothes Garden and Gifts

- Flowers By Pat
- Eilenberger's Bakery
- Kroger's
- Verda's Flowers
- Island Tans Gifts and Boutique
- Capital One
- Bouquets by Katie
- Charles E. Dickens Fine Jewelry
- Card and Party Factory

The Birth Place at Palestine Regional Medical Center was 'first home' to over 800 babies this past year! We congratulate our excellent team of physicians and nurses for the exceptional care provided to all of our new moms and babies.

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