

# AREA NEWS

## Mexia ISD to hold Customer Care luncheon

The Mexia ISD and our Customer Care Teams will be having a Luncheon and presentation showcasing Mexia ISD Customer Care commitment. Our purpose is to celebrate the success of this quality staff development program. This will take place on Friday, March 23, 2007 in the Mexia ISD Resource Center at 11:30 AM. We will have lunch together with special guest and then they will have an opportunity to view our presentations and visit with our teams.

The Mexia ISD is committed to strengthening the lines of communication with our parents and community in order to increase student achievement in all areas. We have been led through this process by Brenda Jean Patrick, master consultant with the Region X Education Service Center. Ms. Patrick has worked with both the education community and businesses in developing positive customer care environments throughout Texas and the United States.



**Brenda Jean Patrick, master consultant with the Region X Education Service Center.**

During this three year program, Customer Care Teams from all campuses and support areas of the district have developed appropriate parent conference skills. They

have improved the quality and tone of written communication between the district and parents, and within the district. This year the teams have been working on building stronger relationships within the district and with our parents and community.

Members of the Customer Care Teams are:

McBay Elementary: Kandi Huggins, Tara Springer, Lurna Horn, Nicolasa Sarmiento, and Alma Brooks.

Sims Intermediate: Bill Matthews, Brandi Kerr, Sabrina Jacobs, Barbara Johnson, and Sue Strother.

Mexia Junior High School: Rugg Meggs, Sheila Sims, Wendi Lucas, and Sheri Lyon.

Mexia High School: Galen Remmers, Nina Pool, Sharon Large, and Liesel Wilson.

Mexia ISD Administration and Support Services: Phylliss Sandifer, Shelda Lucas, Terry Arnold, Cheryl Cockrell, Leslie Clements, John Turpin, and Maria Milligan.

## OBITUARIES

### GOLIA BERNICE JACKSON CARPENTER



**GOLIA BERNICE CARPENTER**

Funeral services for Mrs. Golia Bernice Jackson Carpenter, will be held Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2007, at 1 o'clock in Grove Island African Methodist Episcopal Church of Teague. Officiating will be Superintendent L.J. Manning, pastor of the Lighthouse Church of God in Christ, in Mexia. Interment will be in Grove Island Cemetery-Teague. Grandsons and nephews will serve as pallbearers. Deacons of Lighthouse Church of God in Christ, are designated as honorary pallbearers.

Mrs. Carpenter, 81, was from Mexia, and died February 19, 2007, in Heritage Oaks Nursing and Rehab Center at Arlington. She was born March 4, 1925. She was a member of Salvation Lighthouse Church of God in Christ.

Visitation is scheduled for today (Friday) from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Moore's Angelic Funeral Home, 406 Monroe Street in Teague.

Surviving are two sons, William Jackson of Mexia and Bobby Carpenter of Arlington; three daughters, Annie Marie Lee of Chicago, Illinois, Dorothy Carpenter of Arlington and Lois Carter of Bryan; two sisters - Annie B. Morrison of Chicago, Illinois, and Vernell Glenn and husband Morris of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

## Teen Dating Violence Awareness

By **THERESA SKIPPER**  
Victim Assistance Coordinator/DA

Dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It can happen in straight or gay relationships. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination.

- One in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship
- 50 percent to 80 percent of teens have reported knowing others who were involved in violent relationships
- 8 percent of 8th and 9th grade students have reported being victims of sexual dating violence.
- Young women, age 16 to 24 years, experience the highest rates of relationship violence.

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Both boys and girls are victims, but boys and girls abuse their partners in different ways. Girls are more likely to yell, threaten to hurt themselves, pinch, slap, scratch, or kick. Boys injure girls more and are more likely to

punch their partner and force them to participate in unwanted sexual activity. Some teen victims experience violence occasionally. Others are abused more often, sometimes daily.

### Controlling behavior includes:

- Calling you names
- Jealousy
- not letting you have any contact with friends, or family
- Threatening to hurt you, someone in your family, or pet, themselves if you don't do what they want

### Get Help:

- If you think you are in an abusive relationship, get help immediately, Don't keep your concerns to yourself.
- Talk to someone you trust like a parent, teacher, school counselor, nurse, or friend.
- Call helpline 1-800-394-CALL Local 911 or Local Police in your area or Limestone Victim Assistance at 254-729-3046 or 254-729-3814.
- Love should never hurt make that call



**Mexia Independent School District is pleased to announce the Spotlight Classroom of the Week to Mrs. Kelly Harrison. Mrs. Harrison teaches fifth grade math and science at Sims Intermediate School. Her students are on the Beetles Team. Her students are learning how to measure volume by using models of cubic units. They are also beginning the earth science unit by studying erosion and weathering. Everyday the students are solving a variety of TAKS questions to prepare for the tests in April. Congratulations to Mrs. Harrison and her students.**

Cheryl Cockrell photo

## Sentence

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he is released from the 6 year sentence. The evidence at punishment showed this will be Brown's 4th trip to TDCJ.

Prosecuting the case for Limestone County were County Attorney Roy

DeFriend, and Assistant DA's Don Phillips and KC Odom. "When an individual violates the laws of society, they are incarcerated. But, Mr. Brown cannot abide by even the rules of the prison system," stated County Attorney Roy DeFriend. "He violated the law while incarcerated, and that has earned him yet another trip to

TDCJ. I want to thank Warden Mike Sutton and his dedicated workforce at LCDC, along with the Limestone County Sheriff's Department, which investigated the offense. Without their help and cooperation, this conviction and lengthy sentence would not have been possible," DeFriend concluded.

## News Briefs

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Mexia and the Connally Cadets. Air time is around 7:15, station officials said. After a coin flip, Mexia is representing District 19AAA as the first-place club, and will meet the Cadets in the Corsicana High School gymnasium.

For those without radio access, the game will also be broadcast by KayKreations on cable channel 9 and also online at [www.audiosportsonline.net](http://www.audiosportsonline.net).

sters for their college scholarships.

Serving time will begin at 5 and end at 7 o'clock. Tickets are \$6 each, and covers the regular meal that includes a drink and a dessert of homemade cakes or pies. A cake auction is scheduled to begin after 7 o'clock. Take out meal orders are available, reminds John Duke.

### BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM SET

The E.E. Wheat Freestone County NAACP Branch will recognize Black History Month with a Sunday afternoon program celebration at

3 o'clock in Antioch Asia Primitive Baptist Church, 415 Washington Street in Teague.

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### THORNTON MASONS, OES SET SCHOLARSHIP MEAL

THORNTON - The Thornton Masonic Lodge 486 and the Thornton Order of the Eastern Star (OES) are combining efforts for their Scholarship spaghetti supper fundraiser this Saturday at the Thornton-Wilder Community Center. All money raised at this dinner will be given to area young-

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## ATTENTION: ALL CLUBS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

On Wednesday, February 28, 2007, The Mexia Daily News will publish our community calendar featuring events for the month of March. The events of the month are listed by day on a convenient pull-out calendar.

If you would like to have the upcoming events of your organization included on the March calendar, please mail or bring your schedule to: The Mexia Daily News, 214 N. Railroad, P.O. Box 431, Mexia, Texas 76667. Deadline for information is noon Tuesday, February 27, 2007. Information may also be faxed to (254) 562-3121.

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