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Members of GHS Junior Class Attend John Ben Sheppard Fourth Annual Open House Fellowship System of Services Leadership Forum Held Recently

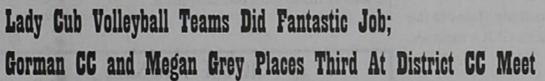
The following Junior Class Members attended the John Ben Shepperd System of Service Leadership Forum held at the Lake Brownwood 4-H Center on November 18th, 2009: Jose Huerta, Jaylon Miley, Cecilia Olivares, Maria Raygoza, and TJ Warren, they were escorted by Mrs. Schaefer-Junior Sponsor.

The forum is sponsored by Comanche Electric Cooperative Association in conjunction with The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The mission of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute is to provide Texans an education for and about leadership, ethics and public service. The goal of the Insti-

tute is to develop a well-rounded leadership program to improve Texans' personal leadership skills, develop their sense of community responsibility, and educate them on the importance of ethics and public service. Their challenge is to prepare Texans to accept leadership responsibility and lead the state into a bright future.

In the morning session the focus was on personal traits and how they relate to others in a group as well as how they relate to being a leader. The afternoon session was a hands-on activity where they were divided according to their personal traits. Each group was given two large sheets of paper, a paper plate, balloons, straws, aluminum foil, and masking tape. They were told to construct a tower using only these supplies that could withstand a light gust of wind and must be a minimum of 5 feet tall. Group 6 included Jaylon Miley, Maria Raygoza, and TJ Warren, along with two other students from other schools. They were able to meet all the requirements and were the winning team. Congratulations to these team members. Good leadership skills, math skills, and science skills were needed to complete the project successfully. It was a learning experience for all students that attended the forum.



The Lady Cub Volleyball team did a fantastic job this volleyball season. The girls worked very hard to master the basic fundamentals of the game. They worked well as a team and pulled out several wins. Their serves and passes got consistantly better throughout the season. This team will be fun to watch the next several seasons.

Eighth Grade Volleyball Team

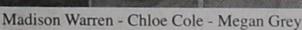




Seventh Grade Volleyball Team

The Gorman Cross Country teams competed in several meets this season. The participants this year in the District Choir which perwere Megan Grey, Chloe Cole, Madison Warren, and Perla Maldonado. All the girls did a great job of improving thier times, and competed very well. Megan Grey placed 3rd at Cisco, and placed 3rd at the district cross country meet in Goldthwatie. Great job girls.







Perla Maldonado



Megan Grey -Third Place In Cisco Third Place in District Meet

City Park Committee Accepting Donations For Miniture Clear Lights

The City Park Committee will be accepting donations of miniature clear lights to be used for decorating in the park. If you would like to donate lights please drop them off at the City Office, or Gorman Pharmacy.

Merry Christmas from the folks of First Baptist Church! YOU are invited!

What: Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn's Fourth Annual Open House Fellowship

When: Saturday – Dec. 5, 2009 – 2pm to 4pm

Where: Home of Jerry and Virginia Skaggs 19950 Hwy 6 Gorman, TX

We hope to see you there!

Praise and Workship Center Volleyball Tourney

Praise and Worship Center is holding a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, December 5th in the Old High School Gym. \$75.00 Entry Fee Per Team! Contact 254-734-5637 - Mila

Panthers Basketball

The Gorman Panthers lost the game with Santo Wildcats by a score of 57 to 28.

Scoring for Gorman: Sergio Hipilito 9, Ben Burgess 8, Alex Giles 6, Josh Ryon 2, Luis Limon 2, James Thomas 1

Scoring for Santo: Montgumery 16, McKennen 10, Pope 8, Edwards 6, Kroll 5, Bezio 4, Kirby 3, Baker 3, Mas-

Gorman Students Of Music News

Even though marching season has officially come to an end, the students of music have been very involved in the art of making music. Presently, we are in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Concert, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 17 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. In addition, several students have been actively engaged in ATSSB and TMEA audi-

As was recently reported, Jaylon Miley was selected to perform in the ATSSB District Band performance, which took place on Saturday, the 14th of this month amazing concert exhibiting the extraordinary talent that the students of Region 7 have acquired in their short musical education. The District High School band played the following selections: Midway March, Amazing Grace, Haunted

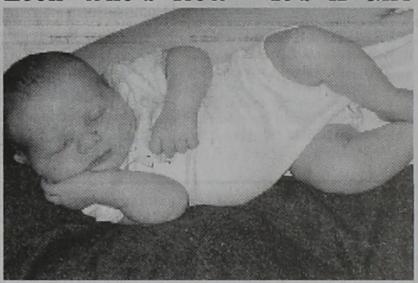
Carnival, and Flight of the Piasa. In addition, James Thomas competed in two rounds of the annual TMEA vocal competition, in which he was chosen to perform formed in Cleburne last Saturday, November 21. The musical ability of the 120 students that sang in the performance on Saturday was absolutely astounding. The District choir performed the following selections: I'm Seventeen Come Sunday, Abenlied, Be Thou My Light, and Swinging with the Saints. Also, the District men's choir combined with the Region men's choir and sang Ave Marie, A CD of this performance is available from APAD Digital Recordings* 810 Kilpatrick * Cleburne, Texas 76033-7471 The cost is \$15.00, well the worth the expense.

Finally, Cisco College extended and invitation it area High Schools for students and directors to perform with them at their Christmas Concert. Their will be two practices followed by the performance on December 3 at 7:30 PM in the Cisco College Auditorium. The Gorman Panther band has eight members that will be performing in that concert: Jacob Fritts, Raven Kehl, Jaylon Miley, Angelena Perez, Brittany Ramirez, Daniel Rivas, Katey Thackerson, and James Thomas. All of these students are to be commended for their commitment to musical excellence.



Gospel singing in Moran on November 29 at the Country Gospel Church starts at 3:00 pm Banquet to follow Concert Free Banquet \$6.00 Everyone Welcome

Look Who's New - It's A Girl



Ten little fingers and cute nose everything is perfect from her head to her toes. Justin and Holly would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Payton Taylor. She was born November 4, 2009 at 10:41 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long. Payton is the granddaughter of Chuck and in Glen Rose, Texas. This was an Melinda Abbe of Gorman, Mike and Jessica Johnson of Dublin and Patti Johnson of Stephenville. She is the neice of Andy Abbe, Kesslea Johnson, Michael and Chelsea Johnson, and Railie Steele. Payton was welcomed home by lots of family and friends.

ELEMENTARY

The teams for the 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.

Thank you, U.I.L. Coordinator Crystal Snider

Panthers Basketball

We won our first game 50-39. Scoreres: Jamie Johnston with 16 and Kimi Seaton with 18 points. Assists: Jaime Johnston had 8 and Chelsa Griffin had 4. Steals: Jaime Johnston had 5 steals and Chelsa Griffin and Kimi Seaton had 3 Rebounder: Jaime Johnston had 9.

Second game we lost 16-45. Scorers were Kimi Seaton with 9 points and Jaime Johnston with 4 points Assists: Jaime Johnston had 3 Steals: Jaime Johnston and Kimi Seaton had 3 steals Rebound: Jaime Johnston had 10 rebounds

Record is 1-1. Gorman Middle School Getting

Gorman Middle School participants are getting ready for the UIL competition in Ranger on December 8 & 10. The students are practicing so they will be ready to compete in every contest. Last year, the middle school took second place in the district contest with 553 points, and we want to build on our accomplishment this year.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to compete with students from Tolar, DeLeon, Santo, and Ranger.

Obituaries

Betty Penn Kinser

Betty Penn Kinser, age 75 of Weatherford passed away Thursday, November 19, 2009 at a Fort Worth Hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23rd at Frist Baptist Church in Gorman. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger.

Betty was born July 11, 1934 in Ranger. She was the second of two daughters born to E.F. (Frank) and Ola Odessa Carey Penn.

She was a Christian and member of the First Baptist Church of Gorman.

Betty retired from Birdsong Peanuts in Gorman in 2004 as a logistics supervisors after 39 years of dedicated service. After retirment she worked for Garrett Aerobics, James and Joanne Garrett. She was an accomplished pianist, like to travel/vacation and spend time with ther precious family and friends. If you ever had one of her home cooked meals, it was something that you would never forget. Betty was a beloved mother and me-maw to her children and grandchildren. To all that called her a friend, she so dearly loved that life long rela-

She will always be remembered, as a special lady that always gave a tremendous amount of herself and did so without even expecting anything in return. She was a trusting child of God and her faith never wavered during life's afflictions and tribulations. She has touched and influenced so many people's lives during her life and done so in a profound everlasting manner.

Our heavenly savior has called his cherished servant home. No words can express how greatly missed she will be by those who knew and loved her. By her faith and the grace of God, she is now completely restored, smiling and walking beside her Lord Almightly.

Betty's parents and husband of 43 years, Rex Kinser and little grandson, Jamie, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four children, Dana Emfinger and husband, Bobby of Eastland, Brenda Weldon of Azle, Dean Weldon of Azle, and Andrew Kinser and wife, Michelle of Stephenville; her dear sister, Dorothy Bundick of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Shane Morrow, Carey Stewart, Cori Owen, Misty Kemppainen, Josh Weldon, Kali Kinser and Gabrielle Kinser; 11 great grandchildren; and two step-children, Barbara Baker of Fort Worth and Margaret Atchley of Stephenville. Additionally, several nieces and nephews survive her.

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Gorman Middle School One Act Play

Last week Gorman Middle School competed in the district one-act play competition in Ranger. The group performed "The Tale that Wagged the Dog" which is a comedy set in Victorian times. This was the first one-act play experience for most of the participants, and they spent many hours rehearsing and learning lines. Three of our participants won awards: Mykisha Hampton - All Star Cast, Jacquelynn Rainey - Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and Garet Vaughn - Technical Crew Award. All of the students were great representatives of Gorman Middle School.



Pictured left to right back row: Lacey Wilson, Connie Gonzalez, Mykisha Hampton, Jacquelynn Rainey. Front row: Garet Vaughn, Crystal Brinegar, Turner Whitten.

Darrell Gene Files

Darrell Gene Files, age 57, formerly of Carbon, Texas passed away at his home in Gulfport, MS on Monday, November Center. 16, 2009.

Services was at 10:00 A. M. on Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Murray Cemetery.

Darrell was born in Kermit, Texas on February 16, 1952 to Clarence and Stella Files. He was a welder and loved to fish and hunt. He was a veteran having served in the United States Airforce.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas Gene Files and David Allen Files; one sister, Margie Files McCollum of El Paso and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and MONDAY - Cereal, biscuits, juice and milk two brothers, Waylon and Jimmy Files.

November 30 -**Last Monday of the Month**

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Dear Friends.

I would like to thank you for all of the calls, visits, food, cards, and prayers that you have offered during my illness. You have shown such care for my family and me, and I am left again with no doubt that this is a wonderfuly place to grow up and raise a family. I appreciate you all so much!

Michaelyn Clark

Thanks For Your Contributions

Thanks to these local business places for contributions to the recent benefit for our Carbon Volunteer Fire Department. Your help and support assured the success of this annual event.

In Eastland: I-H 20 Pawn Shop, Bryans Auto, Auto Zone, Maverick Barber Shop, Ace Hardware, Coats Furniture, Main Street Oil and Lube, Pulidos, Tractor Supply, Sonic, Brookshires, Eastland Drug/Gold Lantern, O'Reilly Auto, Mane Street Salon, Hardwick Nursery/Produce, Eastland Office Supply, Bloomers, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Texas Cattle Exchange, McDonalds, Chicken Express and Wal-Mart.

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> Sincerely, Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

SCHOOL MENU Week of Nov. 30 thru Dec. 4

TUESDAY - not available at press time WEDNESDAY - not available at press time. THURSDAY - not available at press time. FRIDAY - not available at press time.

LUNCH

The City Maintenance crew will be running the chip- MONDAY - Sausage pizza, tossed salad, corn, oatmeal cookie and milk.

TUESDAY - Mini Cron Dog, potato wedge, pinto beans

WEDNESDAY - Steak Fingers, Cream potatoes, green beans, roll, gravy, chocolate cake and Milk. Birthday Table.

THURSDAY - Chicken rings, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sparkle apples, biscuit and milk.

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Gorman 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team Takes 2nd Place at Tournament

Gorman Cubs 8th grade basketball team took 2nd place in the Cross Plains tournament this past weekend. The Cubs started tournament play by defeating a strong Winters team by a score of 33-30 in overtime. Leading scorer for the Cubs were Zach Carlton with 19 points, Dakota Pacheco with 6 points, Fabian Garcia with 4 points, Sheldon Fenley with 3 points, and Trey Howard with 1 point.

In the second game of the tournament the cubs jump out to an early lead and never looked back by defeating the Rising Star Wildcats 63-45. Leading scorer were Zach Carlton with 22 points, Dakota Pacheco with 18 points, Fabian Garcia with 8 points, Trey Howard with 6 points, and Eric Velasquez and Kevin Massingill each pour in 2 points each.

In the championship game against the May Tigers, the Cubs held on to 22-20 halftime lead. But, by the end of the game the Tigers had pull away for the Cubs and defeating them by the score of 43-47. Leading scorer for the cubs were Zach Carlton with 22 points, Dakota Pacheco with 12 points, Fabian Garcia and Trey Howard each had 2 points. The Cubs are 2 and 1 on the year.

7th Grade boy's basketball results from the Cross Plains Tournaments

lst	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
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8	3	5	6	22
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Leading scorer were Yovani Palacios with 2 points, and Daniel Herrera with 2 points.

Game	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Fin
Gorman	2	2	2	2	8
Deleon	8	4	6	8	33

Leading scorer were Yovani Palacios with 8 points.

Happenings At FBC!!

Absolutely! True or false? Non-fiction or fiction? Fact or opinion? The Bible is God's inspired word and the one and only absolute truth in our world.

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 26th – Thanksgiving Day. – Wishing you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! Nov. 29th – World Hunger luncheon after the morning service.

Dec. 5th – 2pm to 4pm – You are invited! Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House Fellowship.

Dec. 6th - Youth led Sunday - Justin Little and Alex Giles to bring the Message.

Children's Sermon: Liz read a book to the children entitled "What is Thanksgiving?" Is Thanksgiving about things like turkeys, food, friends, family, and pilgrims? Thanksgiving is a special day to thank God for His love and all that God has given to us. Liz demonstrated the turkey prayer using her five fingers, "Dear Jesus, thank you for our family, our church, and our friends. Amen"

Bro. Barry's message: "Thanksgiving, Real Pain in the Neck" – Isaiah 51:3 - Turkeys don't want to be turkeys at Thanksgiving, and it's a real pain in the neck for them. The Pilgrims began feasting and giving thanks in 1621. The Pilgrims began this tradition of setting aside a special day to thank God for all we have in America. The turkey is a bird that lives in our world, and lives with remarkable traits. The favorite dinner guest is the turkey, and over forty-five million turkeys are eaten at Thanksgiving. Don't find yourself without thanks to God for what He has given to you and what He has done in your life. Find yourself with Songs of Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving

I. A time to Remember. – Our Nation has reason to be thankful. Bro. Barry shared his testimony of being saved, and it's a time you may recall your personal experience. Bro. Barry shared the attributes of his parents, and it's a time you may recall the attributes of your parents. We need Jesus! May you find a song in your heart giving thanks to God for your family and the miracles God has performed; and may you trust God to bring you through the hard times.

II. A time for Renewal. – Make a commitment to what you cherish. A revival in individuals will revive our Nation. Know God and grow in Him. We have great young people in Gorman and their love and commitment to the Lord make a difference. Believe in God, Believe in our children, believe our children are the future, and believe in America.

III. A time to Sing Songs of Thanksgiving. – Pray a special prayer of gratitude and feel it in your heart. Don't be ungrateful or deny Christ. Look around at your Church Family and find God's strength and comfort in one another.

Our United States Military make sacrifices each and every day for our protection and freedom. Pray a special prayer of thanks to God for all of our brave men and women in uniform.

Jesus is for eternity, have you committed to spending your eternal life with Jesus?

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings – please come and join us!

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Worried About Cold & Flu? Boost Your Immunity

(NewsUSA) - It's a common story -; a child comes home from school with a headache and fever. Within a week or two, every person in the house has caught the flu.

Swine flu may be in the news, but seasonal flu shouldn't be ignored --according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 200,000 people are hospitalized with flu each year, with 36,000 dying from flu-related causes.



The CDC predicts that 2009 will see

an early-starting flu season. The combined threat of H1N1, or swine flu, and seasonal flu may cause more hospital stays and deaths than normal, making it especially important to protect your family from flu.

Because children face a higher risk of developing flu-related complications, the CDC recommends that all children aged 6 months to 19 years receive seasonal flu vaccinations. Seniors, pregnant women and those caring for children too young to be vaccinated should also get flu shots.

But for the most part, avoiding the flu isn't much different from avoiding any other illness -; you need a strong immune system during all seasons. Boosting the immune system can help children and adults avoid catching the flu, as well as lessen the severity and duration of symptoms if they do fall ill.

Strengthening one's immune system isn't rocket science. Healthy food, adequate sleep and regular exercise all help the immune system function at top capacity. Dietary supplements, such as high-quality probiotic microorganisms ("good" bacteria), may also help boost immune function.

One study published in the journal "Pediatrics" found that probiotic supplements caused a significant reduction in fever, cough and runny nose in children. A separate study, conducted in Sweden, revealed that patients taking probiotics were less likely to develop respiratory infections, like the common cold.

Foods like yogurt do contain probiotics, but supplements contain higher concentrations. Vidazorb chewable probiotic supplements (www.vidazorb.com) are delicious, don't require refrigeration, are shelf-stable for up to two years and are easy to take, even on a queasy stomach.

De Leon Arts and Crafts Fair Slated Saturday, Nov. 28th

De Leon Arts and Crafts Fair is celebrating its' 20th Anniversary, Saturday, November 28th. We will have our Arts and Crafts Fair at the De Leon City Auditorium, from 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. Have your kids picture taken with the "Grinch" while you shop for those Christmas gifts. We will also be having a Christmas Parade, starting at 5 p.m. Starting at 6 p.m., there will be the "Lighting of the Christmas Lights" and a church choir singing Christmas Carols, followed by a "Silent Auction" in the city auditorium. Come out for a day of fun with the family in De Leon.

Super Notes

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

Winter is almost here! We had a good precursor to it last week with that cold snap, but after all it is November. We aren't supposed to be able to wear shorts and short sleeved shirts all year. You have to move a lot further south for that kind of weather. I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and that all you have to be thankful for will be revealed to you in a special way. Be truly thankful!

School is out early on Tuesday, and we will be closed this Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving. We return to regular schedule on Monday. I hope is a restful break for everyone.

One thing for which everyone can be thankful is that we have great kids and we have a highly qualified faculty and a great staff that care about our kids and our school. We also have a great school board, all of whom have been diligently working for the best interest of your children and our community. We have a school where I believe everyone feels welcome, safe, and well cared for.

It looks like our legislature has decided to put public education on the back burner again and is making no plans to try and fix our financial problems in the next session or any other time. Last week the Texas House of Representatives Interim Charges were released:

House Committee on Public Education

- 1. Monitor the implementation of the public school accountability, college readiness, and other reforms enacted by HB 3 (81R) and recommend adjustments as needed.
- 2. Study the role of public schools in promoting student health, providing health related information, and responding to infectious diseases, including the H1N1 virus.
- 3. Study the best leadership and management practices of campus administrators for improving student achievement, with particular focus on effective leadership models for improving low-performing campuses. Make recommendations on how to implement successful strategies at scale. Review the current administrator certification process and make suggestions for improvements.
- 4. Review policies to ensure the availability of quality science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curriculum to all students in primary and secondary education. Examine strategies to increase the supply and improve retention rates of teachers in STEM fields.
- 5. Monitor the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, the charges do not mention funding or funding related issues. This is very interesting since there is a requirement in HB 3646 to study funding weights. I suppose since they made the law, they can ignore it. It appears that with the influx of no new money and no known stimulus funding continuing, that there just isn't any political interest to deal with the looming financial crisis facing the Texas public schools. I am personally curious about what or who that "Rainy Day Fund" is being saved for? It seems ridiculous to me that for any real change to take place that it requires a court order. To adequately and equitably fund the education of the children in Texas should not just be a dream, it should be a reality and a priority! Call your legislator in support of our legislators developing a funding plan during the interim that will do this before the next session begins in 2012. Don't your kids and grand kids deserve it?

We played basketball in May last Tuesday night and dropped both games. But we played hard and were more physical than I've seen in the past. On top of that, we have a lot of speed. I expect by district they will be ready, plus we will have some of our injured players back. Our junior high players participated in a basketball tournament in Cross Plains that began on Thursday. Varsity boys played Santo last Friday night here at home.

Elementary U.I.L. Academic Competition will be held on December 8th and 10th at Ranger. If your child is on a team, please encourage them to study for the contest. Permission slips as well as additional information will be sent home to you before the trip.

Remember, no shorts are to be worn between Thanksgiving and Spring Break. Please!

The Lady Cubs and Cubs will play Evant Monday, November 23rd, 2009, starting at 4:00pm in the new gym. Please come out and support our kids. These are the varsity of tomorrow and they need your encouragement and support. The Lady Panthers Basketball Team will play at Sidney on Tuesday, November 24th, starting at 3:00pm.

As you ponder on all of your blessings this past year, please don't forget to be thankful for your family, each and every person! Remember those serving in our military and those that have served in our military, all branches, and for the freedoms they preserve for us. Pray for our government and our country, we face many challenges in the near and distant future. And, thank God for all things!

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!

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Hutchison Calls for Congressional Hearing to Review Government's Controversial Breast Cancer Recommendations

"This is the beginning of rationing of health care," - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following a recommendation last week by the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) advising women between the ages of 40 and 49 against receiving routine mammograms, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) joined with twenty other U.S. Senators to call on the Senate's health committee to hold hearings to investigate how the government's advisory panel came to its controversial findings.

"Routine screening and early detection for breast cancer has helped save thousands of women's lives," said Senator Hutchison. "This government task force's recommendation against routine mammograms for women under 50 is a step backwards for American women's health. As we are debating health care reform in the Senate, this should serve as a wake-up call that if the government takes over our health care, it would mark the beginning of rationing of care."

The American Cancer Society notes that breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the U.S. and estimates that over 40,000 Americans will die from breast cancer in 2009. Breast cancer screenings and advances in technology have reduced the mortality rate of patients who develop this devastating disease, with early detection being a critical factor.

Senator Hutchison has fought for breast cancer research and was the driving force behind the breast cancer research stamp, which has raised more than \$59 million. These funds have helped in the search for cures for cancer through the National Institutes of Health and the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense. She also co-sponsored a bill to reauthorize the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Screening Early Detection Program which continues funding for these programs for five years.

In the letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, the Senators wrote: These recommendations...could prove devastating for women at risk for breast cancer."

FOOD & HEALTH

Green Smoothies Help Kids Eat Fruits, Veggies

(NU) - Americans simply aren't eating their fruits and vegetables, and that spells poor health for the next generation.

The government recommends that adults eat a minimum of four fruit and five vegetable servings every day. And yet, according to a study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only 32.6 percent of adults eat enough fruits and only 27.2 percent consume enough vegetables. And because parents aren't eating fruits and vegetables, neither are their children.

The really bad news? Fruits and vegetables have proven health benefits. The less you eat, the more likely you are to develop obesity, diabetes and cancer. If American children eat donuts and french fries instead of apples and spinach, they will likely develop health problems. Even now, more children are becoming obese, which sets them up for asthma, sleep apnea and type-2 diabetes.

Americans need to eat more fruits and vegetables, but few want to sit down to a plate of raw greens. The solution? Make meals that are delicious and easy - and that just happen to contain fruits and vegetables.

Take green smoothies, which blend fruit and green vegetables like lettuce, kale, parsley, collards, spinach or chard. The smoothies, while bright green in color, taste light and sweet - the fruit completely masks the vegetables' taste. For best results, make smoothies about 60 percent fruit and 40 percent greens. If a smoothie tastes too bitter, simply add more fruit.

Green smoothies are best when completely smooth, so choose the top blender available to pulverize completely. The Vita-Mix 5200,



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for example, uses a two-plus peak horsepower motor and stainless steel blades to break down whole foods, including skins, peels and seeds, giving smoothies extra fiber and antioxidants. Vita-Mix provides the following recipe for a delicious, healthy green smoothie:

> Green Smoothie Serves 3-4

1 cup green grapes

1/2 cup pineapple 2 cups fresh spinach

1/2 cup cold water I cup ice

Place all ingredients in Vita-Mix container in order listed. Secure two-part lid. Select variable, speed No. 1. Turn on machine and quickly increase speed to No. 10; then to high. Run for one minute or until smooth. In another type of blender, add all ingredients in the order listed, then blend on the high-

est setting. Serve immediately. For more information, visit www.vitamix.com.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly Mondays - 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church

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

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, November 28th at the Community Center (former school building). Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music program begins at 6 PM. There will be Country and Western music with some Bluegrass and Gospel. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. This is a "Smoke Free" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Humpy and Betty Duke hosted an early Thanksgiving Dinner for their family on Sunday. Those attending were Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren of Midlothian; Brandon and Daydra Ashley and son, Dylan of Midlothian; Katie Duke of Early; and Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona.

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth visited on Wednesday with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. This news article is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon each Monday morning.

"HAPPY THANKSGIVING" to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guth-

ery.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner on the 18th of November. There was a great attendance of 32 people, like we used to have in the past. I was so very pleased and hope more of you will attend in the future. Donna Early gave the blessing for our food and those who prepared the various dishes, the ill, etc. She gives a beautiful prayer for us all, Glad she has been here with with often.

We were excited to have Geraldene Wright back with us after her illness. She prepared a very delicious cranberry dish with nuts, fruit, etc. I must get that recipe. She looked her bright self and so pretty.

Estelle Lindley was also with us after he bout of illness. Looking well and glad she is out and about again. Maybe she can come back and enjoy game night with us again, soon.

Very nice to see Ray and Goldie Warren on this special day. HE is Ruthie Porter's

brother. She brought a good green bean casserole. Also Roger Brown came with his father Winston. Glad they were both here. Our banker, James Bruton surprised us with a visit, always good to see him.

Crystal Conway from Integra Care in Cisco was back for a visit. Glad she stayed to eat and we enjoyed her being with us. We used the ice cream she brought us last week for out birthday celebration today. We were too full to enjoy on the 11th. Thanks to her for the goodies.

Our meal was very delicious with traditional Thanksgiving dishes, we enjoyed turkey breast with gravy and dressing, ham, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, also green bean casserole, red beans and a relish tray of olives, pickles, green onions; and cranberry sauce. Our desserts were cranberry and jello salad, Jello with fruit, pecan pie, pumpkin and sweet potato pie. All very delicious and enjoyed by all. Our Birthday cakes were a chocolate truffle and red velvet. Glad Daisy Slaton and Jerry Underwood were her to celebrate their Birthdays. These ladies are both in their 80's.

We were pleased to have Deborah Jackson with us for the meal. She looked good, had gained a little weight she needed. Now she looks younger and happy. Don't know what happened to Martha Rainey and Jill Torres, her daughter. Missed them on our Special Day. These are some of the first people I met in 1992 - when we moved to Gorman. Deborah used to care for Tyson Swanner, my grandson, when he was a baby. I almost baby sat Jill's daughter, but that didn't work out. Now these children are all grown up. WHere did all the years go? Too fast.

Five of us were at the Center for games on the 19th. We enjoyed Skipbo and Spinner. Wish more would come out, would be more fun. We missed Donna Early, she is a fun

Hope all is well and see you on the 2nd of December. We will not meet on the 25th.

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