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# Gorman Economic Development Corporation Issues Matching Grant



Pictured are Judy Warren, Gorman Economic Development Corporation Board President, and Robert Ervin, Masonic Lodge #716 representative.

The Gorman EDC offers a grant program designed to encourage businesses to make improvements to their buildings that will enchance the attractiveness and functionality of local buildings in order to better attract visitors and demonstrate the vitality of the community. It is a matching grant with a maximum of \$500 being reimbursed.

The Gorman Masonic Lodge #716 completed a renovation and beautification project recently. The project served two purposes: to improve the soundness and appearance of the lodge building which is located on the main street of downtown Gorman; and second to enhance the overall appearance of the area.

The Gorman EDC was pleased to reimburse part of the Lodge's expenses and expresses their appreciation to all. Lodge members for their continued support of Gorman

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Some funds remain for this type project. Any business that would like to participate is encouraged

to submit a proposal to the GEDC through any Board Member or Emmett Lasater, Executive Director.

# **Unapproved minutes DECEMBER 20, 2007**

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Charlie Torres, and Cliffa Vaughn. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:35 p.m.

Cliffa made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Tacy is to call the engineer about the past problems at the sewer plant.

Barbara will get an estimate on getting the 1999 car repaired for service. If any parts are needed they are to come off of the other 1999 car.

Tacy reported that the papers from TCEQ were received and the Mayor needs to sign. They will need to be returned and wait for further instruction.

The Commission discussed the hauling of gravel for streets. Charlie reported a quote from a construction company to pave the short strip on Ector street. It was decided that the quote was too high. The Commission is looking into other options. Robert will report this at the next meeting.

Tacy reported that FEMA had deposited funds for damages during the flooding and heavy rains.

There being no further business for discussion or action Charlie made the motion to adjourn with a second from Cliffa. Motion carried, time was 6:35 p.m.

# Attention Singers and Listeners!!! New Hope's Annual Singing

It's That time of year again! Time for New Hope's Annual New Year's Eve Singing. Everyone is WELCOME to come to New Hope Baptist Church for a great time of singing in the New Year and Fellowship with your neighbors. Monday, December 31, 2007 at New Hope Baptist Church from 8:00 p.m. To Midnight. Lots of Food and Fellowship at 10 P.M. Break!!! There will be no Fifth Sunday Singing this Month.

# Meek Blood Center To Hold Blood Drive - "One More Gift To Give"

A Community Blood Drive will take place on Wednesday, December 26th. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Gorman City Park from 1:00 p.m. Until 6 p.m. According to Meek Blood Center, blood donations drop drastically during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Blood is needed every day, including holidays.

"I would like to ask donors to give one more gift this holiday season, which is the gift of life," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "While most of us are at home enjoying time with our families, there are parents in the hospital who are reciving blood transfusions. These patients are totally dependent on volunteer donors to save or sustain their lives," Baker continued.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or log on to <a href="https://www.meekbloodcenter.org">www.meekbloodcenter.org</a>.

Each donor will receive a T-Shirt and a complimentary Total Cholesterol Test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

Happy New Year!!!



From

Lonnie, Debra and Joe Bennett And our Correspondents Vonnie Guthery, Carol Ward and Carol Pell

# We're Having a Party!!!!!

Please join us to celebrate
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#### NOTICE OF INCREASE!!

Due to the rising cost of printing the paper and mailing, we are having to raise the cost of the paper subscriptions starting January 2008. The incounty price of the paper will go up to \$15.00 per year; In Texas price will be \$20.00 per year and Out of State will be \$22.00 per year. We are also raising the cost of the our advertising rate. The local rate will go to \$4.00 per column inch and the national rate will go to \$6.00 per column inch. Classified Rate will be twenty words minimum - \$4.00, Each additional word will be 25 cents. Borders will be additional 50 Cents. Card of Thanks will cost \$5.00 and Wedding and Anniversary Announcements \$5.00 and with picture \$10.00. Inserts in the paper will stay the same at \$72.00 per 1,000 pieces. NEWSTAND Price Will rise to 40 Cents Per ISSUE.

# CRIME W

# Eastland County Crime of the Month

On the morning of April 22, 2007 at about 5:15 AM, Gorman Police and Firefighters responded to a house fire at 107 Crescent Street in Gorman. The house, which was vacant, was a total loss, and the Fire Marshal determined that it was a possible arson.

On the morning of November 1, 2007 at about 2:30 AM, Gorman units again responded to a house fire, this time at 415 Susquehanna Street in Gorman. This house was also vacant, and again, the Fire Marshal determined the cause of the fire to be a possible arson.

Anyone having information that may lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the arsons in Gorman should call Eastland County Crime Stoppers at (254) 629-TIPS (8477) or toll-free at (800) 300-3TIP (3847). You do not have to give your name, and you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00.

Remember, we don't want your name... just your information!

### items of interest

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 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
Tuesdays – 7:00 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. 1 hology 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.

### Edna Lorena Files Roney

Edna Lorena Files Roney of Gorman, Texas, passed away in Eastland, Tx at Eastland Memorial Hospital, at the age of 87. She born in Gorman, Tx on December 19, 1921 as the only daughter and fifth child of the late Henry Owner Files and Minnie Pearl Couch Files. There

four older brothers. She attended Ranger Junior College and graduated in 1941, "with cum lade", Associate in Arts Degree. She atteded the University of Houston, 1941-1942, Houston, Tx. She met the love of her life William G. Roney then wed on November 11, 1942. She taught in Carbon High School 1942-43. She taught in Young Ward School, Ranger, Tx and Wagarville Grade School in Wagarville, AL. She returned to Arlington, Tx, she taught the couples class in the North Side Baptist Church. She was the Church first Secretary. She attended Texas Christian University and graduated from T.C.U. With a degree of Bachelor of Science in Education, 1952. She taught school in Olney Elementary, Olney, Texas. She went to Lamesa, Tx, teaching in Central Elementary for four years. In 1960 she moved to Breckenridge, TX and began teaching in North Elementary School. She taught fifth and sixth a few years, until her retirement in 1983. She was a LIFE MEMBER OF Texas State

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shop building. Nice setup. Mineral

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wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds,

water well, in a great hunting area,

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## Wanda Fay Srader

Wanda Fay Srader, age 77 of De Leon, passed away on December 21, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were Sunday, Dec. 23rd at 2:00 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in Hico Cemetery.

She was born November 15, 1930 in Carlton, Tx to the late W. C. And Janie Squires Cassady. She married the late Rufus Srader on December 18, 1948 in Hamilton.

She moved from Hico, and has lived in De Leon for 47 years. She was a member of the De Leon First Baptist Church and was a loving wife, mother and homemaker.

Suvivors include three sons, Terry Srader, Henry Srader and Ruby Srader, all of De Leon; 3 daughters, Wilma Boen of De Leon, Betty Williams of Rising Star and Ruby Carlisle of De Leon; 4 brothers, George Cassidy of Bisbee, AZ., Everett (Bud) Cassidy of De Leon, Johnny Cassady of Sweetwater, and Sammy Cassady of Newbury Park, CA; 6 sisters, Edith Williams of Kilgore, Joy Brown of Arkansas, Evanell Drost of Kilgore, Hazel Shaw of Kilgore, Lora Jump of Sweetwater and Mildred Gillilan of Abilene; 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grand-

Teachers Association and a member of Texas Retired Teachers Association. She taught thirty-one years at the time of her death. She was a member of the Gorman First Baptist Church, Gorman, Tx. She taught a group of senior ladies, The Willing Workers Class, October 1998-2000. Where ever she was she was teaching, A Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, April 25, 1979. She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Clarence H. Files, Harvey R. Files, Sr., Ira. L. Files and Elbert E. Files.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Michael and husband, James Michael. She is also survived by three granddaughters, Lorena Michael, Jamie Michael and Angela Cheek and husband Curtis Cheek. Two great-granddaughters Danni Bree Cheek and Sadie Cheek, all of Cisco, TX.

She is also survived by one niece and four nephews. He greatest joy in life was her grandchildren, and her Sunday School Class.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, December 27, 2007 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Danny Brown and Leo Brooks officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

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cultavation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500 25.6 A, w/4-2½, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [JB03] \$250,000 REDUCED \$225,000

7±A, w/1200sf Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well [FW02] \$65,000

5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [WK01] \$120,000 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01]

52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500

• 14±A, w/1840sf(CAD) 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, attached garages & storage buildings, seasonal creek, hwy. frontage [FW01] \$180,000 • 5 A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck,

horse bam, [KI01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [WM01] \$75,000

51 A, hightway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [rc01] \$70,000
 236±A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [ps02] \$2,195 Per Acre
 380±A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle roling terrain, good fences/crossfences, producing gas well [cw01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
 250±A, 150 wooded, 100 costal, an Campanas Creek, lake stanks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000

250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks,

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• 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground

sprinkler for yard, C H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000 3-21/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, ruralwater supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [bvL01] \$297,500

3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural

water, water well, shop [cco3] \$137,500

3-2,2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [wco1] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000

3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots

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#### Patricia Glenn Eisenrich

Patricia Glenn Eisenrich, age 70, passed away at her residence on December 21, 2007. Services were held on Thursday, December 27th at 11:00 a.m. At First United Methodist Church with Rev. Lisa Neslony officating. Music by Dotty Hare. Burial was in Oaklawn Memorial Park in Center, TX. Graveside was held Friday, 28th at 11 a.m.

She was born December 1, 1937 in Angelina County, Texas to the late Robert and Tresa Hamilton Glenn.

She was a RN, having retired from her job as Director of Clinical Services at Cross Timbers Health Clinic in De Leon. She had lived in De Leon for about 45 years, after moving from the Austin area. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by 2 sons, Lloyd Eisenrich and wife, Mari of Andrews, and Jarrett Eisenrich and wife, Julie of College Station; one daughter, Haven David and Husband, Garry of Vernon; 9 grandchildren: Cody Lindsey, Caddo Lindsey, Justin David, Jarrod David, Jonathan Eisenrich, Jacob Eisenrich, Emily Eisenrich and Erin Eisenrich.

She was preceded by 2 sons, Christian Eisenrich and Robert Eisenrich.

She was preceded by her husband, Rufus Srader; 1 sons, Bobby Srader; 1 daughter, Sharon Srader; 1 brother, Foy Cassady and 1 granddaughter, Tammy Decker.

Pallbearers were Buster Carisle, Mathrew Srader, Richard Fuller, George Boen, Royce Williams and Randy Arnold.

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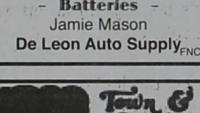
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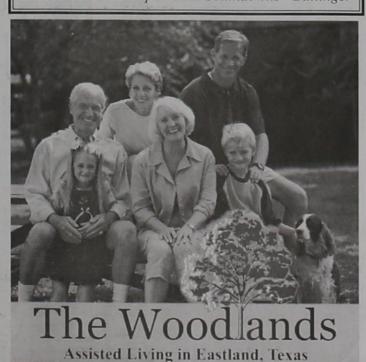
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On the 1st day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

#### A Partridge in a Pear Tree

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, whose birthday we celebrate on December 25, the first day of Christmas. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge that feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, recalling the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so . . . . " (Luke 13:34)

On the 2nd day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

Two Turtle Doves

The Old and New Testaments, which together bear witness to God's self-revelation in history and the creation of a people to tell the Story of God to the world.

On the 3rd day of Christmas my true love gave to

#### Three French Hens

The Three Theological Virtues: 1) Faith, 2) Hope, and 3) Love (1 Corinthians 13:13)

On the 4th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

#### Four Calling Birds

The Four Gospels: 1) Matthew, 2) Mark, 3) Luke, and 4) John, which proclaim the Good News of God's reconciliation of the world to Himself in Jesus Christ.

me...

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Torah or the Pentateuch: 1) Genesis, 2) Exodus, 3) Leviticus, 4) Numbers, and 5) Deuteronomy, which gives the and the list can go on. history of humanity's sinful failure and God's response of grace in the creation of a people to be a light to the world.

On the 6th day of Christmas my true love gave to me ...

#### Six Geese A-laying

The six days of creation that confesses God as Creator and Sustainer of the world (Genesis 1).

#### Seven Swans A-swimming

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: 1) prophecy, 2) ministry, 3) teaching, 4) exhortation, 5) giving, 6) leading, what better way to say, "I love you" to your child than making sure their and 7) compassion (Romans 12:6-8; cf. 1 Corinthians seats are installed and working properly, or getting a new seat for them. 12:8-11)

On the 8th day of Christmas my true love gave to Wayne Dennis, EMTP

#### Eight Maids A-milking

The eight Beatitudes: 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, 2) those who mourn, 3) the meek, 4) those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, 5) the merciful, 6) the pure in heart, 7) the peacemakers, 8) those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. (Matthew 5:3-10)

On the 9th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

#### Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit: 1) love, 2) joy, 3) peace, 4) patience, 5) kindness,

6) generosity, 7) faithfulness, 8) gentleness, and 9) selfcontrol. (Galatians 5:22)

On the 10th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

#### Ten Lords A-leaping

The ten commandments: 1) You shall have no other gods before me; 2) Do not make an idol; 3) Do not take God's name in vain; 4) Remember the Sabbath Day; 5) Honor your father and mother; 6) Do not murder; 7) Do not commit adultery; 8) Do not steal; 9) Do not bear false witness; 10) Do not covet. (Exodus 20:1-17)

On the 11th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

#### Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven Faithful Apostles: 1) Simon Peter, 2) Andrew, 3) James, 4) John, 5) Philip, 6) Bartholomew, 7) Matthew, 8) Thomas, 9) James bar Alphaeus, 10) Simon the Zealot, 11) Judas bar James. (Luke 6:14-16). The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders and the Romans.

On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me...

#### Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed: 1) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 2) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. 3) He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. 4) He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell [the grave]. 5) On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 6) He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 7) I believe in the Holy Spirit, 8) the holy catholic Church, 9) the communion of saints, 10) the forgiveness of sins, 11) the resurrection of the body, 12) and life everlasting.



First Turkey Kill for Kourtney Seaton, Age 10

### **Child Passenger Safety**

With Christmas just around the corner, this means that we will be traveling to see friends and family. They maybe across the state or they maybe just across town, either way we need to make sure that our kids are safe during this trip. Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of kids. Why? On the 5th day of Christmas my true love gave to In many cases, children are either not properly buckled into their safety seats or parents don't realize that a booster seat is vital to ensuring children fit safely in their vehicle seat belts. On average, 7 out of 10 car seats are not installed correctly. For the most part, it's only minor things, but they can be-The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the come dangerous if not caught. Example, seat belt not pulled tight enough to secure the seat, seat not a the correct angle for rear-facing infants, seat turned around too soon, internal straps are not tight enough or positioned correctly,

> In Texas, the law states; " if the child is BOTH less than 5 years old and less than 36 inches tall, they are required to be in either a car seat or booster seat." It's recommended that infants remain rear-facing as long as possible, and that children in booster seats remain in those seats for as long as possible, at least until they reach the maximum weight limit of the seat. As with any child safety seat, they should NEVER be placed in front of an active air bag, doing so can cause serious injury to the child including

Children that have out grown their boosters seat and are able to sit in the vehicle seat with a seat belt should make sure that the seat belt fits them properly. Allowing the belt to ride up on the child's abdomen or neck On the 7th day of Christmas my true love gave to can cause severe injuries to the child's neck and internal organs during a

> If you would like to have your seat checked before hitting the road for Christmas, please call our office at 254-734-5989 for a free seat inspection. If you need a sear, we still have some convertible seats and a few boosters seats left. These are free to those that are not able to purchase a new one.

> We want you and your family to have a safe and happy holiday season, so please set an example and buckle up.

Director, Eastland County Child Safety Program Member, Governor's Injury Prevention Committee Child Safety Seat Technician

### **DPS Increases Enforcement** For The Holidays

All available DPS troopers will be on patrol for the Christmas and New Year's holidays in an effort to make the roads safer for all travelers.

DPS troopers will be on the lookout for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators from Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25, and again on Monday, December 31 through Tuesday, January 1. DPS is especially concerned about drinking and driving during the holidays.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers made 1,253 DWI arrests and issued 27,032 speeding tickets and 1,183 seat belt citations. In addition, troopers issued 1,326 tickets for child safety seat violations. (These numbers do not include citations written by other law enforcement agencies.)

"Your chances of getting arrested for DWI or receiving a traffic citation nearly doubles during increased enforcement periods like Operation Holiday," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. said. "Traffic crash death notifications are never easy, but they are even more difficult during the holidays. Our hope is that our efforts, combined with other law enforcement across the state, will save some people from needless traffic deaths during the holiday season."

Highway Patrol troopers ask Texans to remember the following driving safety tips:

•Slow down—speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.

- Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.
- •Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.
- •Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.

•Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

> Happy First Anniversary Lonnie and Debra Bennett 12-27-2007

### By Halee Walton, Eastland County Extension Agent

#### 2007-2008 Community Service Project Sewing Scheduled For January 3rd

Eastland County will start the Clothing and Textiles Community Service Project on January 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. At the Courthouse conference Room on the 1st Floor. This Clothing Project will consist of making "Cozy Shoulders" to donate to local nursing homes.

Each participant must bring a sack lunch but drinks and dessert will be provided. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up at attend, please call Halee Mitchell at 629-2222.

# Happenings At FBC!!

Happy Birthday Jesus! The Lord's House was packed with all of us coming to worship Him!

We had special prayer for our Youth who are leaving Dec. 30th for their Ski Trip - please continue to pray for their safety.

Baptist Church – Dec. 31st – 8pm to midnight – It is a fun and fantastic way to ring in the New Year.

We all were blessed by the three music specials - Rachel Tucker playing the piano, McKayla Early singing, and Sammye Mauney singing - all three were wonderful.

Liz Caraway delights us with a marvelous Children's Sermon week after week.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "White Christmas" - Matthew 1:21 Do you know of a birthday party where the person who was having the birthday wasn't invited? Do we see that happening all around us at Christmas?

The Christmas Story

I. The Story Of Man's Sins

1. Bad News - we ALL sin.

2. Good News – Jesus came to save us from our sins.

Bro. Barry sang us a verse of the top five Christmas songs – Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire, Dreaming of a White Christmas, Winter Wonderland, Silver Bells, and Jingle Bells.

Not one of the songs are about Jesus – don't you agree something is wrong with that?!

II. The Story of God's Son

1. First Christmas Sermon

Genesis 3:15

2. First Christmas Prophecy

Isaiah 7:14 3. First Christmas Story

Isaiah 9:6 III. The Story of Our Salvation

This Salvation is FREE.

This Salvation is FINAL.

This Salvation is FOREVER.

4. God's Gift of Salvation is IRREVOCABLE.

A grade school class was putting on a Christmas play, which included the story of Mary and Joseph. In that class was a boy who wanted very much to be Joseph. But when the parts were handed out, his biggest rival was given the part of Joseph and he was given the part of the inn keeper instead. The little boy was bitter about not getting the part he wanted so he plotted what he might do to get even with his rival.

# TCE Host Central Texas

# Family Issues Summit

By Halee Walton, Eastland County Extension Agent

Guest speakers on topics important to Child Care and Eldercare burn Overstreet gave the blessing of our food. providers as well as today's families, along with exhibits and networking are all part of the Family Issues Summit to be held Tuesday, January 15 at the Waco Convention Center. This informative Day will be hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension and is being held in conjunction with the annual Blackland Income Growth Conference. The day kicks off at 9:00 a.m. With keynote speaker, Dr. Margaret Baier, of Baylor University. Dr. Baier's presentation, Meeting the Challenge of the Changing Family will be followed by Nancy Drexler from the American Cancer Society on the Spirit of Volunteerism. Dr. Susan Ballabina of Texas Cooperative Extension will complete the morning with a presentation on the Value of Volunteerism. Afternoon sessions will include Paul Aleman, of the Office of the Attorney General on the topic of Cyberspace Safety, Terry Kemp, from the Texas Department of State Health Services on Childhood Obesity; and Andrew Crocker, Texas Cooperative Extension, offering discussions on both Aging and Memory and Caretaking Issues. Mark your calendars for New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope A number of vendors will be also on hand with a variety of entertaining and useful exhibits and there will be ample networking opportunities, as well. Lunch will be available on-site or, if you prefer, on your own at one of the many downtown area restaurants. Concurrent sessions begin at 1:30 p.m., followed by a break for exhibits and networking and a final concurrent session at 2:30 p.m. The day wraps up at 3:45 p.m.

Clock Hour Certifications are available and will be presented at the conclusion of the day. Check with your licensing agency for approval. Reservations are \$20 and should be made by January 8. You can register at the door for \$25. The reservation does not include lunch; however a barbeque lunch will be available for an additional \$15. To reserve your seat, mail a check payble to District 8 TEAFCS c\o Julie Gardner, P. O. Box 149, Gatesville, Tx 76528. For more information, please call Julie at (254) 865-2414 or email her at j-gardner@tamu.edu

### Three Gorman Jr. High **Teams Compete at Goldthwaite**

Lady Cubs A team 35—Goldthwaite 3 (Thackerson 9, Little 4, Griffin 8, Shirley 6, Jackson 2, Hipolito

Cubs 7 boys 25—Goldthwaite 30 (Garcia 1, Ramirez 8, Velasquez 10, Limon 6)

Cubs 8 boys 56—Goldthwaite 34 (Williams 9, Ryon 4, Hipolito 11, Vaughn 20, Thomas 2, Fenley 10)

So the night of the play when Joseph and Mary asked the inn keeper for a room for a night the inn keeper said, "Great, come on in and I'll give Opal Burton. We carried her some Christmas goodies and you the best room in the house." Of course we know that is not how the story goes, but do we say to Jesus - "Come on in?" Do we let Jesus' light shine through us so we can lead others to knowing Him?

Our Worship Service is being broadcast on the radio -88.7FM.

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

# Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our regular weekly luncheon was on the 19th with 25 in attendance. We always eat around 11:30 and Wil-

We enjoyed Butter Beans with our left over Christmas Ham. Estelle Lindley brought delicious candied sweet potatoes. Daisy Slaton made meat loaf and a cake. Barbara Bush made a good Mexican dish. Ann Maxfield brought a now dessert made of ritz crackers and don't know what else, but it was delicious. Geraldene Wright made salmon patties and Betty Region made the rolls for us an Wynogene Smith was gone visiting. We had many other good side dishes, and cakes, jello, etc.

Sharon Bell of the Methodist Church came for a visit. She brought a history lesson about the Twelve Days of Christmas, and read to us. Very interesting story bout this Christmas Carol. I will see if Lonnie has room in the paper to print the story, as it is quite long.

We were glad to see Billie Bennett and Icy Mu as they missed our Christmas Dinner. Billie looking so well after her long ordeal. Icy didn't want to get out in the cold. I was so happy we had a good crowd as they weather was dreadful. Also good to see Russell Cordell, Anna Rush's son. He comes when he isn't working. We have missed Ima Brown being with us. Hope she will return, soon.

Someone exchanged a denim blue jacket with embroidery on the front with Estelle Lindley. She has this, would love to have her back. It happened at one of our meetings sometime. So people check your jackets.

We usually wait till the end of the month to sing Happy Birthday to all the December Birthdays. Well forgot the last dinner, so must sing next in the New Year, help remind us. We will not meet the day after Christmas. I'm not sure about the games on the 27th, will wait and see.

I brought my poinsettias home to enjoy and love the apple strudel candle. Sure does smell good. I had left the plant up there awhile for all to enjoy at their parties.

Thanks again for being so generous for my Christmas Birthday and Christmas present.

Daisy Slaton and I went to Eastland for a visit with enjoyed eating Christmas supper with her. She seems to be doing OK in the Nursing Home. As happy as one can be, it's not home.

Hope all have a wonderful Christmas with your families. See you all in the NEW YEAR!!!!

# **Enjoying the Pecan: A Texas Holiday Tradition**

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The pecan has earned a lofty place in our Lone Star culture over the years. It was central to Texas holiday recipes long before it was officially named both the state nut and the state tree. As Texans gather with family this holiday season and the warm pecan pie comes out of the oven, what matters most will be deciding if there is room for seconds.

Declared "the only tree nuts native to North America," pecans appear early in the recorded history of Texas. Soon after landing on the Texas coast in 1528, explorer Cabeza de Vaca met the Mariame Indians-Native Americans who came to the lower Guadalupe River each fall "when the ripe nuts began to drop like manna," according to historian Paul Schneider.

Newly arriving Texas pioneers would later discover pecans to be a steadfast friend, creating enjoyment when other food was scarce.

Early Texas publisher William A. Trenckmann remembered a childhood holiday season dur- from their doctors. ing the Civil War when the family Christmas tree was a "young wild peach tree." Its ornaments included nuts and Christmas cookies created despite wartime shortages of wheat flour. "The baking was accomplished with corn meal and honey," and "scalded peach kernels and shelled pecans were used for decorations."

Famous Trees of Texas reports on the Sam Houston Pecan, a tree planted by the Texas statesman in 1847. "While returning from a trip, he had need of a buggy whip to spur his lazy horse. Having none, he stopped beside the road and pulled up a small pecan sapling, which served his purpose well. Arriving at his home (in Huntsville), he saw that the roots were still intact, so he planted the sapling in the yard and it grew"—for the next 127 years.

A century ago, an enormous tree in San Saba County owned by Thomas I. Hollis became known as "Jumbo Hollis" because it produced uncommonly large pecan nuts. They were so hefty that "Ripley's Believe It or Not" recognized them "as requiring the fewest nuts to weigh a pound." The Jumbo Hollis even won a medal at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

Two years later, Texas Governor Jim Hogg was granted his wish to be buried with trees planted at the head of his grave, one of them a pecan. When it bore fruit, he wanted the pecans to "be given out among the plain people ... so that they may plant them and make Texas a land of trees."

Texans paid heed to those words. What nature began, Texans enhanced-in yards and orchards throughout the state. The largest pecan tree in Texas today stands in Parker County, near Weatherford.

Along with Georgia, the Lone Star State is always among the top producers of pecans in America, with an average annual crop of 60 million pounds.

The exact pecan tribute by the Texas Legislature is "state health nut," in recognition of its nutritional value. One pecan grower told the Abilene Reporter-News: "Pecans are really very good for you, with essential nutrients, amino acids, antioxidants, and will even help lower bad cholesterol levels. When you look at the pecan's attributes, it's almost like reading a vitamin bottle except pecans taste so much better." Growers explain that 90 percent of the fat in pecans "is unsaturated, hearthealthy fat."

Whether they are grown for sale, for eating or for shade, pecans have an important place in Texas history, commerce and recipes. The latter is especially true during the holiday season.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column.

# **Neugebauer Votes For Tax Relief, Health Care And Continued Funding For Our Troops**

WASHINGTON, DC - Yesterday, Congress officially adjourned the first session of the 110th Congress. Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) voted for several key pieces of legislation, including a bill to protect 23 million Americans from a tax increase by shielding them from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Other legislation passed yesterday will extend health care for needy children, protect health benefits for seniors and provide funding for our troops currently in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as allocate funds for veterans and military beneficiaries. Upon conclusion of yesterday's votes, Congressman Neugebauer released the following statement:

"Today is a good day for the American people. Congress has completed its work and passed muchneeded legislation. I was pleased to vote to protect 23 million Americans from an average \$2000 tax increase, including the hard working folks of West Texas and the Big Country.

"I voted to continue the State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP), within the original intent of the program when it was created in 1998. Today's legislation was fiscally responsible, it did not move towards a government run health care system, it puts our children with the greatest needs first and maintains current requirements for proof of citizenship for access to the program. Additionally, I supported legisla to ensure senior citizens in Medicare and military beneficiaries will continue to have access to quality car

"Another critical piece of legislation we finalized was continued funding for our armed forces currently engaged in the Global War on Terror. We owe it to those who protect us to provide them with the best possible equipment and the funding they need to carry out the crucial mission of fighting radical Islamic Terrorism. Nothing is more important than fighting terrorism and protecting our homeland.'

