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Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride

The 9th Annual Tour of the Peanut Country Bike Ride will be Saturday, June 13th. The ride, sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club and Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, will start from the City Park promptly at 8 a.m. With no starters any later than 9 a.m. There are four distances to choose from: 9 Mile - 26 Mile - 45 Mile or 100 K, that will have your traveling through the scenic farming country of Eastland County. These courses will have several rest stops with water, gatorade, fruit, cookies and peanuts to replenish the riders. There will also be Sag Wagons available should anyone have any mechanical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by phone at 254-734-3810 or online at www.peanutbikeride.com. Registration will also be open on the tour day at 6:30 a.m., at the Start/Finish at the City Park. Each rider receives a Tour of the Peanut Country T-shirt and a goodie bag. For more information call 254-734-3810. All proceeds from this ride benefit the Gorman Lions Club and the Gorman VFD for local projects and scholarships.

Flag Raising Set May 25

Disabled American Veterans Chapter: Henry R. Spalding #43 - Would like to invite you to join them at the Old School Building in Van Dyke, Texas on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th for a **Flag Raising Ceremony** followed by a breakfast of **Sausage, Gravy and Biscuits**. The Flag Raising Ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow. All donations will go to support future Chapter activities.

Kokomo Baptist Welcomes New Pastor James Hunter



Kokomo Baptist Church welcomes new Pastor James Hunter and wife Christan, 5 year old daughter, Suellyn and 2 year old son, Derick. They live in Gorman. James works for TIAER at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. James and Christan are active volunteers for Texas Alliance Raceway Ministry (TX ARM) at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. They are there four days in April, June and November during the races ministering to fans and employees.

Kokomo Baptist is located at the crossroad of Hwy. 2689 and Hwy. 2526, seven miles northwest of Gorman.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service - 6:00 p.m.

Belles and Bows

Please Join Us For an evening of Elegant Chamber Music on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. At First Baptist Church in Gorman, 218 West Ross Street. *Beethoven String Trio in G - Piazzolla - Brahms Piano Quartet in A.*

Sondra Jones Brudnak - Violin; Meghan Birmingham - Violin; Vilma Peguero Miranda - Cello; Esther Wang - Piano

Casual Dress - Admission is Free - Questions contact Sondra 214-870-3414.

Notice of City of Gorman, Texas Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Vernon's Gorman, Texas Civ.St.Art. 5190.6 Sec. 4B(a-1) that the Gorman Economic Development Corporation intends to partially fund the construction of a new Community Center in City Park, in the City of Gorman, Texas. Further, notice is hereby given that the Gorman Economic Development Corporation shall conduct a public hearing regarding the submission of an application by the Gorman Economic Development Corporation for a Texas Leverage Fund Loan from the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division, to fund most of the cost of said project. The hearing will be held Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commissioner's room.

A copy of the application and supporting documents will be available to review during regular office hours at the office of the City Secretary at City Hall. These documents will be ready for review by Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Written comments are welcome and will be accepted until the time of the public hearing and may be presented at the hearing.

Tacy Warren

City Secretary - City of Gorman

I certify this document to be a true copy of the original.

(s) Tacy Warren, City Secretary

Methodist Church Seeks More Donations

Thanks to the response from the community for stopping by and for donations for our childrens programs for the summer. We are going to open once again **THIS SATURDAY FROM 8 A.M.-2P.M.**, and we could use your donations. Donations may be dropped off at the side door of the fellowship hall at any time OR at the parsonage from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. any day this week and we will take care of getting them to the church. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Sharon at 734-4611.

Fifth Sunday Singing Set May 31

5th Sunday Singing on May 31st, will be held at the First Baptist Church of Gorman. Bring a snack to share for fellowship afterwards. The next fifth Sunday singing will be August 31st at the Gorman United Methodist Church.

Child Safety Seats

Are you in need of a child safety seat for your child? Eastland County Child Safety Program has seats that it needs to give away. These are new seats that will accommodate a child from 5 pounds up to 40 pounds. These are convertible seats, meaning that they will go from rear facing to forward facing so that your child can use the seat longer. We are currently out of the booster seats and will not be getting anymore of these until we reapply next year for more seats. If you need a seat, please contract our office at 254-734-5989 for more information and to set up an appointment to pick up your seat. These seats are FREE.

Gorman ISD Baccalaureate Set

Senior Class of 2009 Sunday, May 24, 2009

7:30 P.M.

Gabriel Lee Burt
Matthew Chance Cogburn
Nathan Joe Flanary
Marsela Gonzalez
Sonia Hipolito
Stormy Raechelle Hurd
Jordan Olivia Jackson
Audrey Delyn Johnston
Lindsey Nicole Laminack
Emily Lane Lewis
Valerie Annette Longoria
Beau Hogan Neill
Jordan Roland Perry
Martin Lee Ramirez
Barbara NiCole Sherman
Angelia Silva
Colby Ryan Spivey
Tyson Ward Swanner
Carrie Michelle Thetford
Matthew Kyle Underwood
Perla Carolina Velasquez
April Joy Keaton

Processional
Senior Class

Invocation
G. W. Maxfield
Retired Superintendent of Schools

Memories
Senior Class

Baccalaureate Sermon
Barry Schahn, Minister
First Baptist Church

Recessional
Senior Class

Closing
Rick Panter, Principal

Gorman Sports Banquet Held Monday at 7 p.m.

The Gorman Sports Banquet was held Monday night in the gym. The banquet was catered by Cook's Fish Barn in Sidney. Photo's shown were taken by Becky Swanner.

Photo to right:

Bill Clark
Fighting Panther Award
Erica Limon
Todd Anderson
Fighting Heart Award
Matthew Cogburn



GIRLS MVP AWARDS - Luisa Silva - Cross Country; Lindsey Laminack - Powerlifting; Audrey Johnston - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track and Abigail Pacheco - Tennis



BOYS MVP AWARDS - Tyson Swanner - Football, Basketball, Baseball; Ben Burgess - Tennis; Matt Underwood - Track; Matthew Cogburn and Tyler Johnson (not pictured) - Powerlifting and JC Whitten - Cross Country.

Senior Travel Club News

Senior Travel Club will be hosting a Barbeque Sandwiches on May 22nd at Laminacks on Hwy. 6 at the Blinking light - BBQ Sandwich, Chips and a drink for \$6.00, from 10:30 to 2:00. To Place an Order please call Audrey at 734-5195 or Barbara at 734-6694.

Yearbook Staff News

If anyone would like to place an AD in the Yearbook to honor their graduating Senior, please call the school at 254-734-2614 and leave a message for Mrs. Schaefer.

Anyone still interested in purchasing a 2009 Yearbook, please come by the school and pick up a form, a minimum \$15.00 deposit is required.

The Yearbook Staff will be selling Old Yearbooks from the past; we have only one copy of the following years available (1970, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1995, and 1999). For the following years we have 2-7 copies available of each year (1985, 1988, 1992, 1993, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008). For the following years we have 11+ copies of each year (1986, 1992, 1995, and 2003.) Yearbooks Dated before 2000 will be sold for \$20, Yearbooks Dated between 2000-2004 will be sold for \$25 and 2006-2008 will be sold for \$35. If you are interested please call 254-734-2614 and leave a Name, Phone Number, and Year for Mrs. Schaefer to return your call.

ASK GOD FOR RAIN WE NEED SOME MOISTURE

The Gorman Progress will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Happenings At FBC!!

Seek! Earnestly search for God's help in dealing with difficult relationships and difficult situations. Keep your focus on the Lord and His plans to enable you to live through these obstacles. Leave your future in God's hands!

Mark your calendars:

- May 24th - 7:30pm - Baccalaureate at Gorman High School Auditorium.
- May 25th - Memorial Day (Church Office is closed.) Give thanks for our Military!
- May 27th - 6:30pm - "Belles and Bows" special presentation of elegant chamber music.

Children's Sermon: Liz showed the children what she called "yummy snacks" - flour, salt, baking powder, sugar, and vegetable oil. The children's little faces had sour looks until they heard sugar. Liz explained that these items by themselves are yucky, however, together they make a yummy cake. Each one of us is an ingredient in our Church Family. If one ingredient were left out of the cake it would flop, likewise, if one ingredient were left out of the Church it would flop. The Bible tells us that all things work together for good for those that believe in and love the Lord. The Church Family is the body of Christ and together we can achieve awesome accomplishments.

Bro. Barry's message: "Enjoy the Generations" - Ecclesiastes 4:12&13.

Life is made up of moments that are good and bad as well as joyful and hurtful. It is possible to enjoy life in spite of circumstances. Brother Barry had a duffle bag from which he pulled out clothing and effectively demonstrated the difference in the physical appearance of each generation that cohabitate upon this earth. There are always four generations identified at one time on earth.

ENJOY THE GENERATIONS:

1. Generation Y (Age 15-28) - Like making an impact for good. What they do doesn't define them. Always multi-tasking. Always connected by texting, instant message, etc. Paperless.
2. Generation X (Age 29-44) - Prefer high quality results to quantity. Very productive. Sets goals and meets them. Sometimes multi-tasks. Doesn't govern and promotes ethnic diversity.
3. Baby Boomer (Age 45-64) - Increased population during World War II. Works long hours and hangs tough to find solutions. Uses technology and backs up with paper. Likes being in charge.
4. Traditional (Age 65+) - Rules and conformity. Right and Wrong. Loyal, disciplined, logical, and detailed. Prefers structure. Seeks technology to help their cause.

HOW DO WE ENJOY THE GENERATIONS?

We all live here together so have multi-generational friends!

- 1) Connect with other Generations. - Spend time together. Listen. Hang out. Talk.
- 2) Connect directly into their life and circumstances. - Learn from each other. Connections come from friends, marriage, Church, Government, and Country.
- 3) Invest in them and their life. - Our young people are the future of our America! Those under 15 years of age have not yet identified their generation. What redeeming qualities will our impact have on them? How can all of our generations get along on this earth? We have one constant common denominator and that is the blood of Jesus. Jesus died for all of us, and when Jesus comes again he will come for all of his children!

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

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season. You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR. You may pick up an application at the Gorman City Office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

REMINDER

TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m. IF YOU DONT WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE MISSED YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB.

Children In Action (CIA) continues on Monday nights at 6:30pm at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship here in Gorman. CIA is a children's program designed for children ages 6-12. Food, fun, games, music and the Apex Store are just some of the things you will find at every CIA meeting. Every Monday 40-60 kids come to learn how to be Agents for Christ. Many are saying "I've never seen a children's program like it." You are invited to come and see for yourself what all the talk is about. For more information or a ride call 254-734-3203.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2009 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2010. PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for CNA's for all shifts. Apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, TX. EEOC 5-7 FNC.

FLAGS - Texas - Rebel - TEA Party - Historical. Call 254-734-5058. 2-5-28 P.

ESTATE SALE - Saturday, May 23rd - 8 a.m. To 4 p.m. - 219 S. Winkler in Gorman. 1-5-21 C.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED - Weekend RN - every other weekend. Apply in person to Bell Spencer, RN - De Leon Nursing & Rehab, 809 E. Navarro, De Leon. ITC

FOUND: Fuel Keys - Call 254-734-3878 5-7 FNC.

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 SOLD 250±A, on Copperas Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000
 UNDER CONTRACT 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$1,995/acre
 SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [DK01] \$665,280
 102 A, water well, costal, corras, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000
 81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig. wells [REM01] \$405,000
 45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
 21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500
 REDUCED 20 A, home site, rural water avail, possible owner finance [VM01] \$75,000 \$60,000
 19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
 15.7 A, Hwy.16 frontage, costal, rural water supply avail, water well [JS02] \$40,820
 7-4 Brick Home, 231 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [JN02] \$220,000
 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage + 7' x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
 4+4, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
 REDUCED 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500
 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
 3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
 2-2 Brick Home, 2car attach garage, new flooring, large lot, fenced yard [MG02] \$75,000
 2-2 18' x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000
 REDUCED 2-1 1/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000
 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000
 Commercial Bldg, on Hwy.36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [RC01] \$82,500
 Fully-equipped Restaurant, Hwy.6 DeLeon, 2,998sf(CAD), paved lot, [GM02] \$180,000

More Info & Pictures at: www.GilderRealty.com

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254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX

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NEW: De Leon: Nice older 3-1 Frame home, 1308 sf, new roof & Plumbing, 2 car garage, fenced yard, corner lot.
 NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees, \$59,900.
 NEW: S/E Gorman; 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
 NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,200 Acre - Seller Financing
 NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2 1/2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
 NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.
 NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.
 156 A, Carbon, 1 1/2 wooded - 1 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
 179 A, south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.
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Krista Michael Nominee For Lubbock ISD Teacher of The Year Award

Krista Michael was honored at a reception May 12, 2009 for being a nominee of the Lubbock Independent School District for Texas Teacher of the Year. In January, she was also voted "Head of the Class" by her faculty for being the teacher they most appreciate for going beyond the call of duty.

This award will be spotlighted in the Lubbock Avalanche Journal.

Krista is the mother of Stephanie Michael, a third degree cadet, at the USAFA in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Cole Michael, a junior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Her parent's are Betty Henderson of Abilene, and E.G. Henderson of Gorman.



UIL results for Maxfield Elementary- Winter Meet Held at Tolar Elementary 2008

Students in grades 2-6 were honored at an awards assembly on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Students who placed in UIL events received medals and ribbons. We are proud of their hard work and dedication to academics. We want to thank their coaches and parents for helping them as they strive to reach their goals.

Mrs. Shanna Lewis - Maxfield Elem. - UIL coordinator

Awards recipients were:

- 3rd grade Ready Writing** - Coached by Mrs. Caraway - Kade Sparger-3rd place
- 3rd grade Spelling** - Coached by Mrs. Caraway - Jett Hendrix-2nd place - Trint Fenley-4th place - Zak Snider-6th place - Team of Jett Hendrix, Trint Fenley and Zak Snider-1st Place
- 3rd grade Storytelling** -coached by Mrs. Warren - Isaac Segura-3rd place
- 4th grade Art Smart** -coached by Mrs. Bussell -Team of Ricardo Olvera, Kendle Coan, Marissa Prado, and Delia Prado-3rd place team
- 4th grade Number Sense** -coached by Mrs. Matteson Kayce Dodd-5th place - Team of Kayce Dodd, Sydney Casey, and Ricardo Olvera-3rd place
- 4th grade Oral Reading** -coached by Ms. Henderson - Sam Rainey-6th place
- 4th grade Ready Writing** -coached by Ms. Henderson - Kayce Dodd-2nd place - Mayra Ramirez-3rd place
- 4th grade Spelling** -coached by Mrs. Matteson - Kayce Dodd-5th place - Team of Kayce Dodd, Brad Campbell, and Mayra Ramirez-2nd place
- 5th grade Art Smart** -coached by Mrs. Welch - Kourtney Seaton-5th place tie with Tolar
- 5th grade Dictionary Skills** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Kourtney Seaton-2nd place - Arlette Giles-4th place - Team of Kourtney Seaton, Arlette Giles, and Hunter Childers-2nd place
- 5th grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts** -coached by Ms. Kirk - Jose Maldonado-2nd place - Rylan Laminack-3rd place tie with Santo - Team of Jose Maldonado, Rylan Laminack, and Kathryn Woodall-1st place
- 5th grade Number Sense** -coached by Mrs. Matteson - Jose Maldonado-6th place
- 5th grade Ready Writing** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Arlette Giles-4th place
- 5th grade Social Studies** -coached by Ms. Kirk - Kourtney Seaton-5th place tie with Ranger - Team of Kourtney Seaton, Arlette Giles, and Flavio Herrera-3rd place
- 5th grade Spelling** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Kourtney Seaton-1st place - Yulissa Madera-3rd place - Arlette Giles-6th place -Team of Kourtney Seaton, Yulissa Madera, and Arlette Giles-1st place

UIL Results for Middle School/Jr. High 6th grade division Winter Meet Held at Tolar Middle School - December 2008

- 6th grade Calculator Applications** -coached by Mrs. Snapp - Cheyenne Gibbs-2nd place - Chloe Cole-4th place - Jacquelynn Rainey-5th place - Team of J. Rainey, C. Cole, and C. Gibbs-2nd place
- 6th grade Dictionary Skills** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Jacquelynn Rainey-3rd place -Team of Jacquelynn Rainey, Russell Morrison, and Cheyenne Gibbs-3rd place
- 6th grade Listening** -coached by Mrs. Spivey - Russell Morrison-6th place tie with Tolar - Team of Adriana Brown, Lauren Spivey and Russell Morrison-3rd place
- 6th grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts** -coached by Ms. Kirk - Wylee Ellis-2nd place - Jacquelynn Rainey-6th place -Team of Wylee Ellis, Madison Warren, Jacquelynn Rainey-2nd place
- 6th grade Oral Reading** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Lauren Spivey-6th place
- 6th grade Ready Writing** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Jacquelynn Rainey-1st place - Lacey Wilson-4th place
- 6th grade Spelling** -coached by Mrs. Gerick - Jacquelynn Rainey-1st place - Cheyenne Gibbs-3rd place - Lauren Spivey-4th place - Team of Jacquelynn Rainey, Cheyenne Gibbs, and Lauren Spivey-1st place

First Baptist Church Gorman Cordially invites you: "Belles and Bows" - elegant chamber music

When: Wed., May 27th at 6:30pm Free Admission

Sondra Jones Brudnak (violin), Meghan Birmingham (viola), Vilma Peguero Miranda (cello), and Esther Wang (piano)

please call (254)734-2420 for more info

Pig Tales From Hogtown

We are so thankful for the 2 inches of rain that we received here on Saturday! Wouldn't it be nice if we could get a few more inches to help with our drought!

The fire school held at the old school house here in Desdemona was a success even with the rain. We hope it was an informative day for everyone.

Are you all ready for a huge garage sale! The Desdemona Activity Center is full of good stuff. Our sale starts Thursday, May 21 and runs through Saturday, May 23. We will open the doors at 8:00 A.M. each morning. Closing time will be 5:00 P.M. or until we have no more customers each day. Y'all come - we may have just what you have been looking for!

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Thank You

Gorman is most certainly the greatest town in the world to live in, especially when any family experiences serious illness and difficult times. All of your prayers, phone calls, and food were a bright spot in our days. We could have never survived without your kindness and care.

To the hardships it put upon our children and grandchildren we can never repay. They also made us very proud.

To our preacher Larry, and Durward Webb, we appreciate your being there with us. Also our very close friends for their hugs and words of encouragement.

*There's no place like home!
Billy Earl & Francis Simpson*

Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge.

The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns.

For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567 or (254-246-1972) (cell).

Texas EMS Week & Child Passenger Safety

Wayne Dennis, EMT-P
Director of Education, Tech*Star EMS Education
Co-Director, Texas Medical Lifeline
Child Safety Seat Technician

The Week of May 17-23 is Texas EMS Week, as well as National EMS Week. This week in May is set aside for those that work in the EMS profession to be honored for all of the hard work that they do within their community. When we think of EMS, we think of the EMT's and Paramedics that arrive on the ambulance at our time of need. In addition to these people, your local paid or volunteer fire department may have first responders that are also EMS certified, the local police department, sheriff's department or DPS may employ personnel that are also EMS certified that are apart of the EMS network as well.

During EMS Week, is the best time of year to honor and celebrate your EMT's and Paramedics, dispatchers and billers, supervisors and educators - everyone who helps make your EMS service run smoothly all year long are all apart of EMS Week.

Since 2003, Tech*Star EMS Education has provided lunch for all of the area air medical providers that service the Eastland & Comanche County areas. This year will be no different. On Sunday, May 24th, we will host our annual EMS lunch honoring, crews from CareFlite, Air-Evac & LifeStar, to show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication they put in everyday providing quality medical care to our communities.

Over the past few weeks, you have been hearing on the news about the new child passenger safety seat law or booster seat law that is currently before the Texas Legislature and is expected to pass and be sent to the Governor to sign. Let me explain this possible new law.

Under the old Booster Seat Law, if the child was under 5 years old and less than 36 inches tall, they had to be in some type of child safety seat. This could be a booster or conventional seat depending on the child's weight. **Under the NEW Booster Seat Law**, if a child is under 8 years of age, unless the child is taller than 4 feet 9 inches, they must be in a booster seat under the new law. The fines under this new law would be \$25 for the first offense and not more than \$250 for the second or subsequent offense. A portion of the fine and court cost would be sent to the state to be placed in a fund to supply booster seats for those that could not afford them.

Here are some quick facts about child passenger safety. In 2005, more than 1,400 child occupants died in motor vehicle crashes and nearly half were unrestrained. More than 203,000 occupants under 14 years of age were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2005. From 1993 to 2002, there were 159 reported fatal injuries to children less than 12 yrs old associated with airbag deployment. Of the total child fatalities, 69.2% were unrestrained and 29.6% were improperly restrained. 84% of infant seats showed critical misuses. Booster seat misuse was 41%. The most common form of misuses for all child restraint systems includes loose vehicle seat belts attached to the child restraint system and loose harness straps securing the child in the car seat.

Over the past few weeks, we have been giving out both booster seats and conventional child safety seats to those that need them. We still have the conventional child safety seats that go from 5 pounds to 40 pounds, and that go from rear-facing to forward-facing. We do not currently have any of the booster seats left, and probably want have any until we reapply for more seats from the state at the end of 2009, first of 2010. If you are still in need of a seat, please call us at 254-734-5989 for more information and to set up an appointment to pick up a car seat.

To all of those that provide ambulance service or other EMS related service to the Eastland & Comanche County areas, HAPPY EMS WEEK!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH 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.

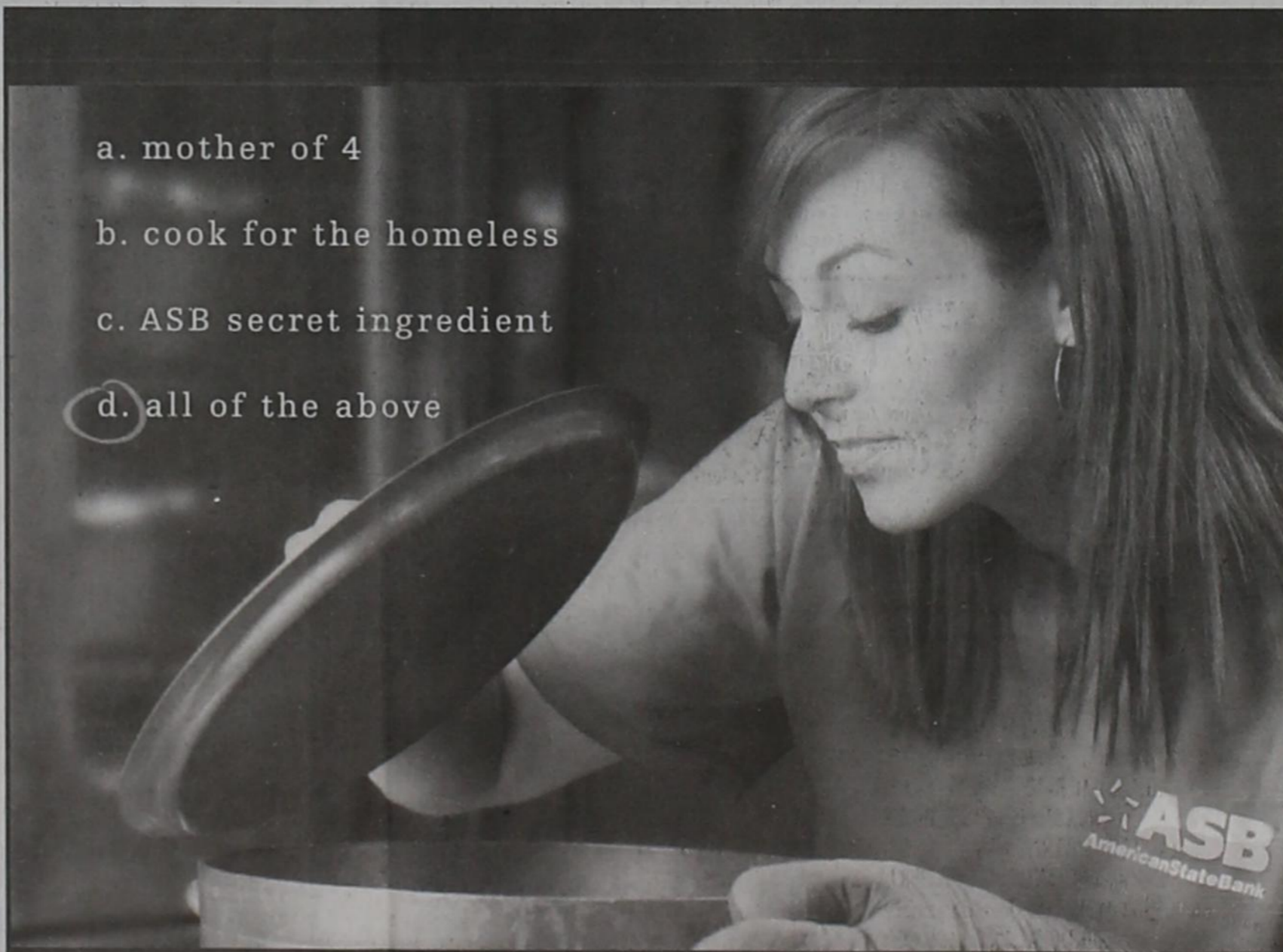
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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

The usual weekly luncheon was held on May 13th with 26 in attendance. We do enjoy getting together for fellowship and our pot luck dishes. Our directors always make sure some kind of meat is present. It was nice to have the Shirley's back with us. Beth brings good cakes or other dishes. Bro. Frank is kind to offer thanks for our meal. Also enjoyed our banker, James Bruton dining with us. Always good to visit with him.

I put forth a new program, where any of the ladies who wish to, can bring a meat or meat casserole. We will reimburse on what they spend. This will take some of the load off Barbara Bush and I. The Bush's plan some trips this year. I have too many health issues to handle this alone. We do share several good helpers. So I felt this, a good alternative. This way we are all involved more together. I want to thank Ellen Parker and Geraldene Wright for offering to cook. Hope more of you will be inspired.

Our dinner consisted of fried chicken, a treat from Brookshires. Also chicken salad, chicken and gravy and chicken vegetable casserole. This ended up bring a very chicken dinner. We also enjoyed salad, beans, potatoes with cheese, corn, rolls and cornbread. There was a different kind of pea, maybe crowder, Mac and cheese. We enjoyed several delicious cakes, pies and homemade candy. A real treat that Geraldene Wright's granddaughter had made. Several different kinds that were delicious. Creamy good divinity, YUM!!!

We signed cards for Kay Craddock and Billie Bennett. Hope they are much improved after their surgeries. Heard Willo Rice is back here in the nursing home after being in Brownwood. It will be easier on them being close to home in Gorman. I must go visit her, see John often at the Library. As we age we must be careful not to fall, they are devastating, like what happened to Willo. I've also had a couple good falls in the last two years. Lucky I didn't break any thing, probably need to start using a cane more.

Our boys baseball team ended play on Tuesday the 12th in Cisco. They played Eula a fabulous game that went into two or three extra innings. But we ended up on the short side 3 to 2. May grandson Tyson Swanner pitched a very good game. He was getting tired and not feeling the best, but kept going.

The Sports Banquet was held the 18th in the old gym. It turned out great and not too hot!! We lucked out being through many hot, sweaty, good times in that old gym. I for one, didn't know if I could stand it but all was OK. It was the last Hurrah for the old building. They decorated very nice, looked pretty.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

GED GRADUATION DATE

Texas AgriLife Extension Service Eastland County in conjunction with Cisco Junior College, will be having a graduation ceremony for all students who have passed their GED from May, 2008 through April, 2009. The graduation will be Monday, June 1st from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria in Eastland. At this cap and gown ceremony, students will receive a Certificate of Completion from our State Representative Mr. Jim Keffer. A short commencement address will follow. Family members and friends of the GED graduates are invited and encouraged to attend. If you know of any individual who has received their GED within the dates listed and would like to participate in the ceremony, please have them contact the Eastland Extension Office at 254/629-2222.

CAMP CHEF

Are your children always "helping" in the kitchen, asking to bake cookies or a cake? Camp Chef is perfect for your child. Camp Chef will be a one day of cooking, community service and games. Camp Chef will be June 19th at the Cisco Hillside Village Housing. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the camp ending by 3:00 p.m. The camp will be for ages 5 and up. Cost of camp will be \$5.00. Attending the Chef Camp will be Chef Darlene to share her knowledge of cooking and to answer any questions. Please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 for more information about this camp and to register. Registration deadline is June 5th. Call Today to RESERVE a Space! !

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

WHAT DRIVES DEMAND OF BEEF?

A recent report, funded by the cattlemen's Beef Board and the Beef Councils of 12 states, sheds some light on this question. Demand is measured as a combination of amount consumed and price paid. For example, if consumption increases and price stays the same then demand is said to increase. Beef demand increased for a long time before about 1980. At that time, demand started decreasing and continued through 1998. Demand turned around and increased from 1999 through 2004, but has decreased again since then. The study found that demand increases as consumer income rises. Price changes affect demand, but not one for one; a 1% increase in beef price results in only 0.4% decrease in beef demand. And demand is affected more by changes in the price of beef than changes in price of competing meats.

Food safety recalls adversely affect demand and can lower price, at least temporarily. Recalls are especially important in maintaining export markets. Negative reports on human health and nutrition reduce demand while positive reports are helpful. Convenience is a factor and seems to be related to the percentage of women working outside the home, which has gone from 53% in the early 1980s to 60% by the late 1990s where it has remained. Every 1% increase in female employment reduces beef demand by 0.6%. Conversely, a 1% increase in female employment increases demand for poultry by 0.6%. Also, a 1% increase in food consumed away from home results in 1.6% decline in beef demand, but the opposite is true for pork and poultry. In conclusion, the report noted that decline in consumer income and apparent increase in rate of personal savings indicate that demand for beef will decrease during 2009. (Kansas State University Department of Agriculture Economics MF-2876)

Any questions or clarification concerning this information, please contact the Eastland County Extension Agent, Heath Begeman at 254/629-1093.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Country and Western Musical" Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, May 23rd at the Community Center (former School Building). Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all of the group before the music program begins at 6 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable evening of Country and Western music with some bluegrass and gospel included. This is an "Alcohol and Smoke Free" environment and the Admission is FREE.

Upper Leon Firemen's School was held last Saturday at the Desdemona Community Center (former school building). It was reported that 119 area firemen did register to attend this all day school. Teachers from Texas A&M conducted all the classes. Several firemen reported their classes were conducted in a proper way and those attending said it was a good day for everyone. Benji Nabors owner of Desdemona Country Corner catered the noon meal and ladies of the Desdemona Community furnished all the desserts. Thanks to everyone that helped in any way to make this a great day for all of our area firemen. They need your support.

W. H. Jacobs, Jr., 79 of Pasadena passed away. Survivors include a brother, Tommy Jacobs of Pasadena; three sisters, Bonnie Hatton of Lubbock, June Jacobs of Desdemona and Jo Jacobs of Fort Worth. Preceded in death by his wife, Maggie Jacobs, his parents, Willie and Eula (Wisdom) Jacobs, two sisters, Geraldine Perrin and Billie Gosdin. The Jacobs Family are former residents of Desdemona, where their children attended school. Jr. graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1948.

James Ed Honeycutt, 79 of Orange, Texas passed away. Survivors include a sister, Virginia (Honeycutt) McCreary of Houston; a brother, Bobby Joe Honeycutt of Port Isabell. Preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Lois Honeycutt. The Honeycutt family are former residents of the Jakehamon Community where Virginia and James Ed started to school but later transferred to the Desdemona School. James Ed graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1946.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to these families who have lost loved ones Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney, Kati Duke of Early, Elise Duke of Stephenville visited the past weekend with "Humpy" and Betty Duke. Other visitors were Rusty Duke and daughter, Cadence.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Joan Baker is reported to be doing better at this time.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks, have a great day, "Coon".

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