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The 11th Annual "Tour of the Peanut County" begins in the quaint downtown Gorman City Park on Saturday, July 17th. Pick one of four routes of your choice that will have you traveling through the scenic farming country of Eastland County. The scenery will generally be rolling hills and the curves along farm to market roads or shouldered state highways. The ride will start at 8 a.m. With no starts later than 9 a.m. The course will close at 2 p.m.

There will be frequent rest stops stocked with water, Gatoraid, snacks, fresh fruits and more. Sag Wagons will be available should you have any medical trouble or need medical assistance.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by online at peanutbikeride.com or phone 254-734-2859. Entry fees are listed online. Registration opens at 7 a.m. At the Start/ Finish Line in the City Park. First 50 Pre-registered riders will receive a T-shirt along with other assorted goodies. Dry camping is available at the Start/Finish Line. Nearby De Leon and Eastland have motel and camping facilities.

The Event is sponsored by Texas Peanut Producer's Board, Dublin Dr. Pepper, Gorman ISD, Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

CODY FOSTER PROMOTED TO STANLEY FORD GENERAL MANAGER



recently was promoted to General Manager at the Stanley Ford bull-riding event with Championship Bull Riding (CBR). Dealership in Eastland in June.

Cody was born in Gorman in 1982. He graduated from Cisco High School in 2001. He went on to work in dealerships such as Randolph Dodge in Eastland and Blake Fulenwider Dodge in Clyde.

Cody currently lives in Cisco with his wife, Brandi Johnson and two daughters, Liberty who attends Cisco Schools and Reece, who will turn one year old this September.

Cody is very proud to be managing the Stanley Ford dealership and hopes that you will stop by anytime.

Cody is the grandson of Velda Baze of Gorman.

Craddock Family Reunion

On Sat. June 26, The descendants of Alf and Virgie Hargrove Craddock met at the home of Johnny and Ina Smith for a fun day of visiting, picture taking, viewing old pictures and play a few games. The kids enjoyed a day of swimming. This is the first family reunion held in several years so there was a lot of catching up to do.

Virgie and Alf had 10 Children, Lonnie, Bishop, Merle, Hubert, Grady, Wade, Snooks, Vera Mae, Joe, and Mary Margaret(Marge). All but Marge have passed away. 3 of Alf and Virgie's grandchildren have passed away, R.S. Craddock, David Craddock and Trish Hudson.

Those coming were; Larry and Gay Ragland of Andrews, Barbara Bracken and Jan Childress of Bryan, Kay and Bubba Mc-Daniel of Sundown, Eddie, Nita, Emily & Ashley Auvenshine of DeLeon, Greg, Liz, and Caroline of Amarillo, Chad, Chandra and Aubri Lester of Desdemona, , Marty and Debbie McCaghren of Sealy, Chance & Ryder McDaniel of Weatherford, David and Jane Brush of Gustine, Jordan and Weldon Scitern of Roswell, New Mexico, Audrey Johnston and Barbara Sherman of Desdemona, Ralph and Marge Hudson, Kay Craddock, Amy, Jaime, and Kinsey Johnston and Johnny and Ina Smith of Gorman.

Card Of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Gorman for the overwhelming outpouring of love and concern at the passing of our loved one, Grant Lane Burgess.

We extend our sincere gratitude for the compassion and support shown to us during this most difficult time. The many acts of kindness, prayers, meals, cards, flowers, visits, gifts and words of comfort are deeply appreciated.

We send a special thank you to our Kokomo Baptist Church family for providing the wonderful meal and fellowship.

We are so grateful to each of you for your ongoing support, encouragement and prayers. Your heartfelt expressions of love have helped to ease our pain and will always be remembered

> Michelle and Tillye Burgess Billy and Cheryl Burgess Alissa Burgess Durwood and Aletha Burgess The entire Burgess & Arnold Families

Saturday, July 10th - Food Drive For The Gorman Food Bank

The Kickboxing Class in Gorman will be walking all over town starting at 7 A.M. and picking up canned or non-parishable items. The teams with the most pounds of food will be rewarded. So help these ladies workout and bring in the most pounds. Please make it a challenge!! You can leave your food outside you door or by a front gate. If you live inside city limits but think its to far just give me a call 734-2257.

THANK YOU, JULIE CLARK AND LADIES



The Peanut Queens participated in the Stephenville Fourth of July Parade Saturday. Petite Miss - Markee Simmons, Little Miss - Sara Woodall, Pre-Teen Miss - Kayce Dodd, Junior Miss - Jacquelynn Rainey, and Queen - Brittany Henderson. The Queens wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July!

ing Pursues Two More Championships

Daniel Keeping is setting is goals high this year and he has placed himself in a position to attain them. He is actively Lifelong resident of Eastland County, Cody Foster, riding steers in two rodeo associations and has competed in several "Buckle" events. He has also competed at a professional

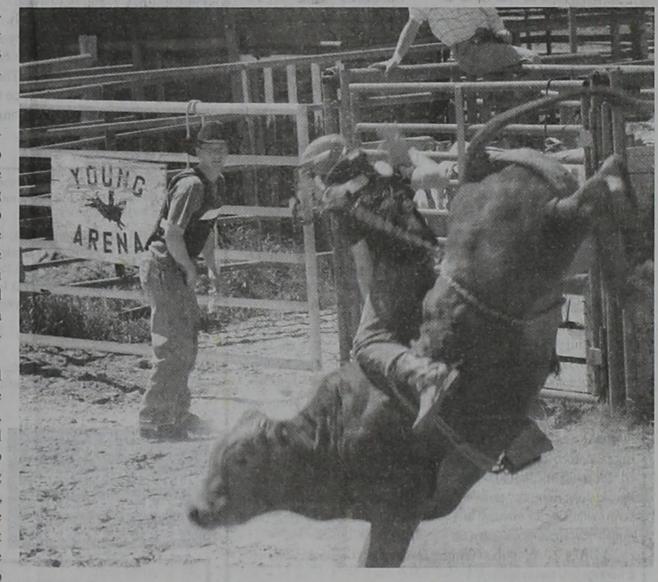
> In competition rides with the Pro-Youth Rodeo Association and the Texas Youth Bull Riders Association (TPBR) Daniel has ridden 29 out of the 30 steers he has attempted since October 2009 when the season began. Dan currently has a significant lead with the Pro-Youth Association. He has placed himself in a position to win the Championship before the finals even occur. This will be the fourth Championship Daniel has earned with Pro-Youth where he started his rough stock riding career.

> Because he won the Pro-Youth Steer Riding Championship last year, Dan received an invitation to the Tuff Hedeman Invitational CBR event at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth. The event was on March 6, 2010 and Dan was assisted

by two time PRCA Champion J.W. Harris of May, Texas. Dan was the youngest competitor in his event and was bucked off, but it was a tremendous experience for him.

On June 19, he traveled to Seymour, Texas to compete in The Battle on the Brazos Miniature Bucking Bull event. This was a two ride, best combined score event and was the first time Daniel competed on mini bulls. These very fast and hard bucking animals are a smaller version of their bigger relatives.

Dan rode his first bull and tied for first place in the go round with a 73-point ride. On the second round Daniel was the only competitor to ride in his age group earning 77 points on a high jumping, high kicking bull. Being the only rider in the entire event to cover two, Daniel won the event and the Championship



Buckle. June 26th was a long and hard day for Dan. He started it in Mineral Wells competing in a Pro-Youth Rodeo. The rodeo staff had failed to check the function of the chute gates prior to the event. When Daniel called for his gate it only opened about two feet. The steer rapidly turned and forced it way through the gate with Daniel aboard. The staff did not have time to react and Daniel was banged up on the gate as the animal squeezed through. Daniel refused to give up on the ride and scored high enough to win the event.

He then traveled to Saginaw for a TYBR two ride event. Dan rode well there and ended the day with two additional second place finishes. This left him with an eleven point lead in that association coming into the final event.

Only July 3rd Dan competed in the final TYBR regular season rodeo in Saginaw. This event would determine the year end North Region Champion. Because Dan had missed the associations first two rodeos his point lead was very narrow and he could not afford to buck off. His first animal was one he had drawn before and it was a good performer. Dan took first on it again. His second steer had not been ridden all season and had only been ridden once as a calf.

This is a small, narrow shouldered steer that exploded out of the gate and immediately turned back to the left. Dan had not been bucked off all season with TYBR and was statistically the best rider in the steer division. It was a make or break ride for the championship as his closest competitor had made his ride. The gate opened and the match up did not disappoint. The steer gave it everything it had, high kicks, belly rolls and fast turn backs. Dan rode for all he had and when the dust settled he had won the championship with a 79 point ride.

Dan has again qualified for the World Youth Bull Riding Championships in 2011 and will compete in the TYBR State Championships later this month.

Dan is scheduled to compete at the Youth Bull Riding World Finals for 2010 in Fort Worth August 4th, 5th, and 6th and if he qualifies the finals on the 7th. He is looking at competing at a Professional Bull Riders Challenger Series event at the Mid-Texas State Fair in Bell County in September on mini-bulls again.

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Obituary

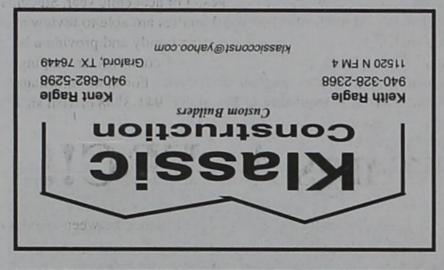
L. E. Singleton, Jr.

L. E. Singleton, Jr., age 79, of Desdemona passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at the Community Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Stephenville.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 2nd at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Denver Rainey officiating. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Singleton was born October 6, 1930 in Kansas to Lonnie Escar Singleton, Sr. and Flora Higginbottom Singleton. He married Peggy Poynor on February 20, 1960 in Cisco. Mr. Singleton was a farmer and rancher and was affiliated with the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Peggy Singleton of Desdemona; one daughter, Vici Morgan and husband, Darrell of Granbury; two granddaughters, Jessica Cowan and husband, Bobby of Stephenville and Doylina Johnson and husband, Justin of Spring; two great grandchildren, Caden and Morgan Cowan both of Stephenville. He was preceded in death by his parents.



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The City of Gorman will be accepting bids for new lighting system in the City Office building @ 116 S Kent St. Bids will also be accepted through July 15 unitl 5:00p.m. and opened @ the Commission meeting starting

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Gorman is taking applications for an evening Dining Room monitor. This position would be perfect for a retire, college student or someone available a few hours in the evening. Please apply in person to Lynn Porter, Administrator. FNC.

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman has an opening for Weekend R.N.. For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC



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Pig Tales From Hogtown

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday. We went to Comanche to see the fireworks and they were beautiful! I hope folks took time to remember what this holiday means and to be thankful that we live in the USA! This country is not perfect - no place is - but take a moment to consider living anywhere else.

We had a huge crowd for 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday morning. Thank you to who came.

Friday night, July 9, is our dance at the DAC with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. Concession stand opens at 6:00 PM. Y'all come!

We are going to have a meeting of our library workers this Friday afternoon at 1:30. If you do not now have a slot to work in the library, please come and see what we are doing. There is no pay but there is a lot of fun! We do have fun at the

> See you in Desdemona Carol Pell

"On The Wilder Side"

Has God blessed you with great management skills? Does it seem like you are always being asked to organize Bible studies, service projects, outreach opportunities, banquets, and other events for the church? Maybe God has blessed you with the gift of teaching and you are one of the first to be called upon to teach a particular class or age group... over and over. Has God given you the gift of mercy with great listening skills; so much so that more and more people want to share their problems with you because you cry with them on a regular basis?

Believe it or not, it's O.K. to say "No". If you're always organizing the Bible study, you seldom get the opportunity to enjoy the Bible study. If you are always teaching, you don't get the opportunity to be taught. If you are always crying for and with others, it's hard to find others to cry with you. I doubt our Lord wants us to be overworked, overstressed, and to overburden the talents given to us without taking some personal time for prayer, reflection, praise, and thanksgiving. Always remember that Christ didn't die so that you can save the world. It's not even our job to save one soul, but to be a light for that soul.

When the apostles returned from their mission of preaching, driving out demons, and healing the sick in Mark 6, Jesus took them away to rest (Mark 6:12,13, 31). Doing God's work is very important, but Jesus recognized that to do it effectively we need periodic rest and renewal. If you're not getting the rest you need, maybe it's about time to say "No".

Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Scout and I have a horrible, yet amazing story I'd like to tell. I am lucky to be alive and fortunate that some great, loving people were the ones who saved me. When they found me I was completely helpless and left to die. Some heartless person

had duck taped my mouth shut and my feet together. Afterwards they threw me in the river and left me to drown. I did not drown though, I fought my way to the edge of the river where I became wedged in some rocks. Since my feet were taped together I had fought a battle to safety but was there to starve to death



day, July 9th. This u

since I couldn't walk. Luckily my new family saw me and instead of turning their back they saved me. No animal should ever have to go through what I've been through. Abusing animals is the same as abusing people. The same concequences should apply, only I don't have the voice to tell you who did that to me. If you ever have any unwanted animal there are several shelters all around to take them to.

Love, Scout

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ACCEPTING BIDS: Gorman ISD is currently accepting bids for fuel and fuel products for the 2010-2011 school year. All bid proposals are due in the superintendent's office by 12:00 pm July 9, 2010.

ACCEPTING BIDS: Gorman ISD is currently accepting bids for the milk products for the 2010-2011 school year. All bids for milk products are due in my office by July 9, 2010.

Gorman ISD - Attn: David K. Perry P.O. Box 8 - Gorman, TX 76454 If you have questions concerning the bidding process or products required, please contact the superintendent's office.

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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,000 Contract

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site.

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.

130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water.

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.

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The Class of 1949 of Carbon High School will get together at THE GORMAN PROGRESS the Carbon Community Center at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 9. June Tucker Hicks will host the group for coffee and tea. Please join them.

Public Hearing Notice Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

Date of Publication: _July 8, 2010

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing at _5:30 PM on July 15, 2010, at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

4-H NEWS 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 one day of cooking, community service and games. Camp Chef will be July 14th 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 9 and up and the cost is \$7.00 per child. Please call Halee Mitchell, County Extension Agent at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 for more information about this camp or to register. Registration deadline is July 9th. Space is limited, so call TODAY to register!

Texas Rangers 4-H "Greenout" Night

The Texas Rangers will host a 4-H "Greenout" event on August 28th at the Ball Park in Arlington. New GM Nolan Ryan was a 4-H member in his youth and is now a major supporter of our program. Each 4-H member, 13 and under, will receive a green Texas Rangers T-Shirt with their ticket purchase. Also, for every ticket sold \$3.00 will go to the Texas 4-H Program.

Eastland County 4-H members who would like to go can call the Extension Office and place their ticket order. Tickets have been reduced to \$15. When you place your ticket order, please give us a T-Shirt size. We plan to car pool to the Ball Park, with more information coming later. If you want to go, we must have your ticket order and money by Friday, July 9th. This is a great way to show how strong 4-H is in Texas, and see some great baseball.

For more information you can call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 or 629-1093. We hope to see you there!

VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

Hay Storage and Testing

Well, hay is being bailed all over the county these past two weeks. With decent rain falling over most of the county, both quality and quantity seem to be high. In this week's Ag Viewpoint, I wanted to stress how important storage is to hay producers.

The percentage of moisture content at storage, the greater the losses. High moisture conditions allow hay to heat up, which causes losses. The degree of heating that develops during storage depends on the moisture of the hay and its density, size and shape in storage. Tight round bales suffer fewer losses than do loose ones.

The main factor in controlling nutrient loss or retention in storage is exposure to moisture. Research has shown that a firm round bale stored outside for 1 year loses 22 percent of its dry matter. When stored outside for 2 years, the same bale loses 25 percent dry matter - - meaning that is has only 75 percent of its original weight remaining for feeding. The most nutrient losses occur on the outer portion of the bale.

In the Overton study, large round bales of coastal bermudagrass hay were stored for 112 days. During that period, the protein content dropped by almost 2 percent in the middle of the bale and by 14 percent on the outside. The digestible dry matter decreased 11 percent in the middle and 32 percent on the outer surface.

A round bale's greatest loss occurs at the bottom of the bale where it touches the soil. Purdue University conducted a study of round bales that were stored inside, outside on the ground or outside on crushed rocks. The bale stored inside retained 92 percent of its original weight. The bale stored outside on crushed rocked retained 85 percent of its original weight. The bale stored outside on the ground retained only 76 percent of its original weight. The results indicate the producers should store bales in well-drained areas where moisture Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$138 billion in loans and loan guarantees. does not accumulate and water will run off.

Forage analysis can help you determine both the nutritive value and potential toxicity of forage, as well as the need for protein and mineral supplements. Accurate analysis requires that forage be sampled properly so that representative samples are delivered to the testing laboratory.

For more information on hay analysis, contact he Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-1093 and talk with County Extension Agent Heath Begeman.

Gorman Middle School and High School Registration August 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Gorman Middle School and High School students need to finalize their schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. Registration will be held on August 3rd and August 4th in the gym foyer. The times are as follows:

August 3rd 8th grade 9:00-10:30 10:30-12:00 7th grade Seniors 12:00-1:30 Juniors 1:30-4:00 August 4th 9:00-10:30 6th grade Sophomores 1:00-2:30 2:30-4:00 Freshmen

If you are unable to register at the appointed time, please call the high school office, 254-734-2614, and make other arrangements. All new student registration will be August 5th from 9:00-11:00 or 1:00 -3:00 in the high school office.

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HOST FAMILIES- with or without children- are needed to host international high school exchange students for the upcoming 2010/2011 fall semester or academic year. Students speak English; have spending money, and medical insurance. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel best matches their family and provide a bed, meals, and a caring environment. The students, from over 30 different countries, are hoping to arrive in AUGUST for enrollment in their new American high school. For more information please phone Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Office at 800-941-3738 or visit share-

Happenings At FBC!!

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WEDNESDAYS: 6:30pm - Youth - Bring your friends!

July 10th - 8:00am – Brotherhood Breakfast, please come to enjoy terrific food & fellowship. July 10th - 8:00am - Garage Sale @ FBC - All donations go toward Youth Camp.

July 10th - "Kickboxing Ladies" walking around town picking up Can Food for Food-bank! Summer Camp: Youth is 7/12 to 7/16 & Kids is 7/26 to 7/29 - Bring donations to Church Office.

Stratton held the American Flag as the congregation recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Special Music: Beautiful duet of "Softly & Tenderly" by Tommy Clark & Bro. Barry Children's Sermon: Every forth of July we light up the sky with fireworks because we are proud to be Americans where we are free to come to Church and we are free to teach people about Jesus. Our Soldiers fight for our freedoms. We must also be proud to be Christians! Stand up and tell people about Jesus! Pray and tell Jesus you love Him! Wave your flags and stand up to show your pride to be an American and to be a Christian. God Bless the USA!

Special Music: Ballad of "Praise Your Name" in the lovely voice of Angela Clark accompanied by Jeff Clark and Tommy Clark; God loves us so much we can Praise all of our hurt away.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Is It Worth Your Life?" - John 19: 28-30......Independence Day is not just a piece of paper. The Declaration of Independence was read aloud in public and in the midst of a deadly battle. What battles are you facing in your life? Declare you are free to overcome them and celebrate God's victory! Jesus set us free by the cross.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FREEDOM: FREEDOM is NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. - Forefathers founded this Nation under God. We enjoy things like clean water, opportunity through businesses, speaking truth, education, public service, trials while assumed innocent, and praying silent or aloud to name a few. God Bless our Nation!

FREEDOM is PERSONAL LIBERTY. - Go to any Church, or don't go at all. Worship God! Pursue dreams. Express opinions. Grocery stores with abundance in variety of food. Drive FREEDOM is SELF RULE. - No freedom is without self-rule, and taking another persons

freedom demolishes freedom. Life is free to love America. Do you value life? FREEDOM is SPIRITUAL LIBERTY. - Spirituality is the greatest freedom and it can never be taken from you. Jesus did it for you, and everyone around the world. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus. Feel it, stand up and say, "I love Jesus!"

It feels like people are tearing this earth apart; fear not, God has the whole world in His hands. Give your life to Him! God Bless America!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray

with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us!

1X100 Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES NEW RURAL MICROENTREPRENEUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BENEFIT SMALL START-UP BUSINESSES

USDA Rural Development is seeking applications to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Funding is now available through USDA Rural Development's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP), which is authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill. This program has been established to fund, finance and facilitate microenterprise developments through loans to the microlender to establish a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund and grants to fund technical assistance.

"USDA Rural Development strives to improve the overall quality of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "By providing loans and grants to start-up businesses through the new Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, we can assist with the development of local, rural businesses. These businesses will in turn benefit the community by creating job opportunities and providing needed goods and services to rural residents."

Loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 with fixed interest rates will be made available to microlenders for startup and growing microenterprises. Grants will be available for microlenders and microenterprise development organizations (MDOs) that provide technical assistance and training to microentrepreneurs who have received or are seeking a microloan under this program. Technical assistance grants will not exceed \$130,000 and will be made based on a percentage of the outstanding microloans owed to the microlender under this program.

To eligible for this program, a MDO must be a non-profit entity, a federally recognized Indian tribe or a public institution of higher education. Additionally, the MDO must have legal authority and responsibility and must be citizens of the United Sates and its territories.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year and awarded on a quarterly basis. For fiscal year 2010, applications must be received by July 16, 2010. The total amount available in fiscal year 2010 is \$45.1 million. Of this, \$36.2 million will be available for loans, \$7.6 million will be available for microlender technical assistance grants, and \$1.3 million will be available for technical assistance-only grants. To be eligible for a RMAP loan, a microentrepreneur must be located in a rural area, employ less that 10 full time employees and is seeking \$50,000 or less in business capital and/or in need of business based technical assistance and training.

More information on how to apply for funding is available in the June 3 Federal Register, page 31413, http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-13380.pdf.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were a small gathering of sixteen folks, on the 30th of June. Many are on trips or have been ill. The Bushs are back from Colorado. Also Geraldene Wright is home from a trip to the Midwest with her daughter. I've done all the tripping I care to do. I stayed home the 4th of July weekend, can hardly stand all that noise anymore. Martha Rainey was kind enough to give the blessing for us all. She is so good to be here most Wednesdays in her electric chair.

Our meal was tasty with meat loaf, salmon patties, Great northern beans, green salad, peas and carrots. We enjoyed pickled asparagus brought by Martha Rainey, very good, also cucumbers, cantaloupe, tomatoes and peppers. Our dessert was 2 cakes and Jello with fruit. The city girls sent over a lemon cake left over from the Hammontree Benefit. Thanks a lot, we did enjoy and were very low on dessert. Also cornbread and french bread.

Ruthie Porter has been feeling very bad, so Billie Then we had fun with our Bennett took her a plate of food. We all signed cards for her and Betty Regian's son Stephen. He was very ill for awhile, but much improved now. I do hope Ruthie is feeling much better by now, and can be back with us soon.

Daisy Slaton's daughter has been with her the last two weeks. Bennie Gail helped her get many tasks accomplished. Also had to take time out for sleeping. HA! She is good to come two or three times a year from Alabama to visit her mom.

Daisy and her attended the Desdemona Breakfast on the 3rd of July. Bennie Gail saw many old friends to visit with. There weren't very many out for breakfast from Gorman. She is about to fly home soon. Then will go to New York City to visit her daughter. That will be fun. What a City! I sure enjoyed the two times I visited.

Most of family was here the 5th to cut down a cottonwood tree. How I love them and nurtured it from a baby. But had become gigantic and we planted to close to house. I gave off lots of cotton, also honey dew and leaves falling often. I was so afraid it would fall on my double wide. It sure is an empty spot and I already miss it. Thanks to my family for helping out. Now we have to tackle the back yard next, a Mustang grape is taking over. Climbing all over my Oak trees. It just came up, what a wild thing!

Hope you all had a good 4th Holiday. It was just another day for me. I didn't go to the Library on Monday, the fifth as figure no one would be out. They would be gone or had company at home. So I stayed home with my daughters family and watched them all work. HA! It was a job taking that tree down. It was a long 4 day Holiday for some.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

Necdemona

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, July 12th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. to enjoy the good food served by the hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had good attendance on Sunday. Charlie Johnson was the guest speaker for the morning service. There was visitors from Brownwood, Fort Worth and Arlington. Visitors are welcome to attend each Sunday to share God's word.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the "Ole" School Building. Morning program begins at 10 a.m. Noon Meal will be catered. Contact your former Classmates and make plans to attend. This Annual Event began in 1921 at the Community Tabernacle. Later moved to the Desdemona High School Gym in August 1972.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of L. E. Singleton. Burial was on Friday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Surviviors include his wife, Peggy Singleton of Desdemona; daughter, Vicki Morgan and husband, Darrell of Granbury; two granddaughters, two great granddaughters and a host of friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Escar and Flora (Higginbottom) Singleton. His mother taught school for several years in Desdemona.

Karen Fair hosted July 4th Holiday dinner. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery; Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan; Angela Powledge; Donal and Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Taiah; Gary and Jody Waltson and Grant Waltson all of Desdemona.

Betty Duke reporter to be doing much better since recent eye surgery. Visitors with Humpy and Betty were their daughter, John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney and their grandson, Rusty Duke of Desdemona. Rusty will finish nursing school real soon as an R.N. - "Congratulations"

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

Well, National Diary Month ended in June, but we are all set to celebrate National Ice Cream Month in July.

It was hard to tell what event the residents enjoyed most, the sundaes, homemade ice cream, root beer floats, banana splits, or milkshakes, but I think banana splits won. We would like to thank Brent Lasater for helping us that day. We had an assembly line going and it was hard to keep up. Now everyone is looking forward to coke floats this Thursday.

We celebrated Independence Day on Friday. First we played Red, White, Blue Bingo followed by the Independence Day Parade. Once we were all in the front lobby, Brent Lasater led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag then the National Anthem. fake fireworks, (popping balloons) Thanks to Amy and Lee Woods for blowing them up for us. Later that afternoon everyone enjoyed red snow cones. What a way to celebrate the 4th.

We would like to wish Billie Marble a speedy recovery. Billie comes and helps at bingo

on Mondays and Fridays. We miss you Billie take care of yourself.

Billy Earl Simpson visited everyone on Sunday. They always look forward to seeing him.

Jeff Smith of Eastland, Monty and Faye Faulk, Johnny Smith and Kenny Welch visited Edgar Reynolds, Billy Self, Cecila Hirst, and Bailey Johnson visited Christine Self, Amy and Lee Wood, and Velda Baze visited Anna Watson, Visiting Frankie Stacy were Raymond Hattox and Maxine Huddleston, Mary Ann Baratine, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern and Raymond Daniels visted recently with Melvin Daniels. Laveren Carr visited Troy Scitern. Freddie Rodgers visited Don Estes, Vicar Eric Stinnett of Cisco visited Lula Schneider. Carolyn Matthews and Triston and Kay Craddock visited Louise Clark. Junanita Spence and her daughter Neta of Little Elm visited Dorothy Beaty. Frank Crews visited Christine Crews.

REMINDER

TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m. IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE MISSED - IT MUST BE INSIDE THE POLY CONTAINER. YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB.

