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February 18, 2010

# **The Gorman Progress**

"Serving Gorman For Over 110 Years" Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454

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NUMBER SEVEN **Power Lifting Meet Results From Santo Cubs Outlast De Leon** To Win District Title



Front Row: Trey Howard, Sheldon Fenley, Andy Madera and Tony Ramirez. Back Row; Fabian Garcia, Tyler Patel, Eric Velasquez, Randall Miley, and Zach Carlton.

The 8th grade Gorman boy's basketball team beat a very good Deleon basketball team last Thursday night in Gorman by the score of 33-32. With the victory, the boys claim a district title for the 2009-2010 seasons.

8th Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tota
Gorman	3	4	17	9	33
Deleon	6	10	4	12	32

Leading scorer; Zach Carlton with 21 points, Dakota Pacheco with 6 points, Fabian Garcia with 4 points, and Trey Howard with 2 points. 7th Crad

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	1st ·	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Gorman	2	8	2	7	19
Deleon	12	4	16	12	44

Leading scorer; Yovani Palacios with 8 points, Zac Ryon with 5 points, and Daniel Herrera with 4 points.

erlifting team competed last Saturday in the Santo Wildcats 6th annual powerlifting meet. Alley Little took 3rd place in the 97lbs class with a total of 400lbs. Erica Limon took 2nd place in the 165 lbs class with a total of 625 lbs. Tyler Johnson took 1st place in the 220 lbs class with a total of 1250 lbs.

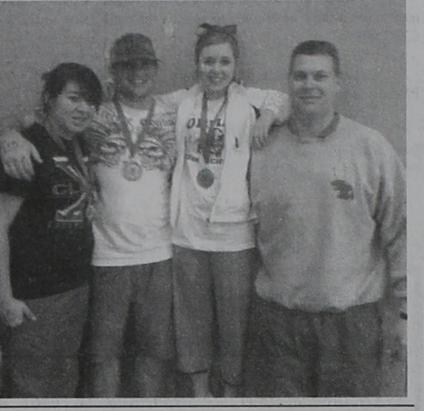
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7th Grade Girls - Basketball **Gorman vs Deleon** Final Score 13-37 Cole 2, Gray 9, H Rainey 2 **Gorman vs Meridian** Final Score 23-32 Cole 6, Gray 11, H Rainey 2, J

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Hampton 2 **Gorman vs Meridian** Final Score 32-23 Johnston 6, Lewis 6, Rameriz 12, Montelongo 8



# **Four Positions Open For School Board**

Four positions will come open for the May 8, 2010 election for school board trustee. These positions will include three three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, and one vacated by Melinda Harrington and currently filled by appointment by Don Whitten. The third position is an one year unexpired term ending May 2011, this term vacated by Jeff Seaton and filled by appointment by Noah Landa. First day to file is February 6, 2010. Deadline to file is March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.. Applications are available at the Superintendent's office during school hours. Incumbents, Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, Don Whitten, and Noah Landa have filed applications for the election.

### Final Statement Of Judge Ronald (Ronnie) White Candidate For JP Prec. 1 Eaastland Co.

Campaigning is almost over for this election. Voting is one of our most treasured rights and I would ask that you all study the candidates and cast your ballot for your choice. Early voting starts on Feb 16th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the citizens who have supported me in this election and the last election for Justice of the Peace prec. 1. Your support is greatly appreciated.

To those of you who have not voted as yet, I would

you to consider me, and the qualifications needed for this job r am again applying for. The Justice of the Peace needs to have a wide range knowledge of the Laws of the State of Texas.

The person elected to this position needs to have that knowledge and know how to apply that knowledge in the decisions that are made in Justice of the Peace court.

I am applying for that job once again and some of my qualifications are:

•Over three years as your sitting Judge of prec. 1

•Over 150 hours in courtroom training

 Over 45 College hours in Criminal Justice, Constitutional Law, The penal code and Texas Traffic Law.

•Over 1200 classroom hours in continuing Education in the same subjects.

•A Texas State Trooper

•Twice appointed as Sheriff and Twice elected as Sheriff of Eastland County

Some of the caseload that I have presided over in the last 3 years as your Justice of the Peace Prec.1 are;

> Class "C" misdemeanors-5,891 cases filed Class "A" & "B" misdemeanors 405 cases filed Felony 236 cases filed

Held 57 Death Inquests

I have given 1237 magistrate warnings Revenue for this time is \$1,027,490.79

I am again applying for the job of Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Eastland County

I am asking for your vote and in return for your vote I will make just decisions based on the Law of the State of Texas. Thank You

> Judge Ronald (Ronnie) White Re-Election for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Eastland County

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP CENTER** INVITES YOU TO THE **VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH \$75.00 PER TEAM

#### Spring Portraits

On February 24, Riley Studio of Comanche TX will be at Gorman High School to take spring portraits. All High School and Middle School students will have an individual portrait taken free of charge, and proofs will be sent out for ordering purposes. After individual portraits have all been taken we will begin taking any family or friend group pictures. You are invited to come to the high school to have family portraits taken beginning around 10:30, or you may just choose to have a portrait of your children, just send word and money to cover the fees with your child and we will have their picture taken. Group sitting fees are \$2 per person for each group picture taken. All sitting fees must be paid at the time of the sitting or no picture will be taken. Proofs will be sent for all ordering purposes.

# SUMMER BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS

Baseball and Softball sign-ups will start on February 21st and will end on February 27th. The 27th WILL BE THE LAST TIME to sign your child up to play summer league ball due to the deadlines that TTAB/TTAS have set. The forms will be available on Thursday February 18th, they will be sent home with your child from school or you can get one at City Hall.

The forms will need to be turned in on one of the above dates or left at City Hall. If you want to coach a team or be an umpire you will need to fill out a form for this. They will be available at City Hall.

> FEBRUARY 21 @ 4P-6P @ **COMMUNITY CENTER** FEBRUARY 27 @ 2P-4P @ HIGH SCHOOL GYM LAST SIGN-UP

### Anne Laminack and Dr. Henry Buchanan Pledge Vows

Anne Ellis Laminack and Dr. Henry Buchanan were married on February 4, 2010 in Murray Kentucky, with only a small group of close friends present.

Doctor Buchanan is a retired Baptist Minister and now writes. He has written twenty-two books and has been published in newspapers and national magazines and periodicals.

Both Anne and Henry are natives of Georgia and they first met when he was Pastor of the Shellman Baptist Church in Georgia fifty-five years ago. Anne has traveled widely and lived in the West, while Henry's work has been mostly in Kentucky.

The Buchanan's now live at 1131 North Kent in Gor-

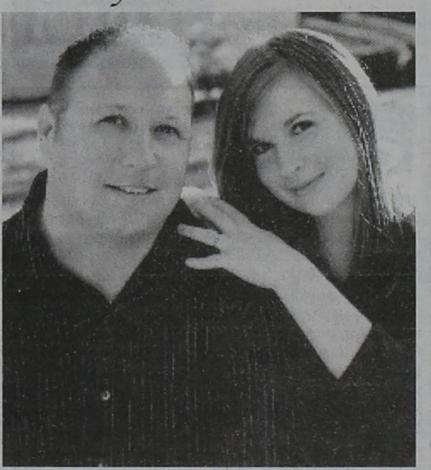
### SCHOOL MENU Week of Feb. 22 thru Feb. 26 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk. TUESDAY - Breakfast pizza, fruit, Juice and Milk.

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Cuatro posiciones serán abiertas para la elección para el fideicomisario de la mesa directiva de la escuela el 8 de mayo, 2010. Estas posiciones incluirán tres términos de tres-año para ser elegidos en grande, actualmente tenido por Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, y uno desocupado por Melinda Harrington y actualmente puesto por nombramiento a Don Whitten. La tercera posición es un término de un año no caducado que termina el 2011 de mayo, este término desocupado por Jeff Seaton y actualmente puesto por nombramiento a Noah Landa. El Primer día para archivar es el 6 de febrero del 2010. La fecha límite es el 8 de marzo del 2010 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la oficina del Superintendente durante las horas de clase.

Rebecca Tucker and Christopher Nall To Wed



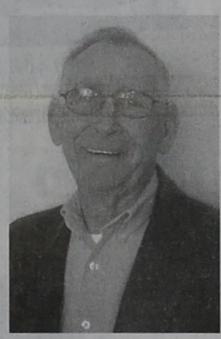
SALADO, TEXAS - Rebecca Tucker and Christopher Nall, both of Belton, plan to be married April 10th at Tenroc Ranch in Salado, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe Tucker and Kay Tucker of Odessa. Rebecca graduated from Odessa High School in 2002. She received a Bachelor's degress in History from University of Texas at Austin in 2005 and a Master's in Museum Science from Texas Tech University in 2007. She is the Changing Exhibits Manager fro the Mayborn Museum Complex at Baylor University.

Her finance is the son of Pamela Hall and the late Donald Nall of Odessa. He is a 2001 graduate of Odessa High School and a graduate of the 76th Odessa College Law Enforcement Academy in 2005. He is a Police Officer for the City of Hutto.

# SAD SATURDAY

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree will be held Saturday, February 20th at 6 p.m. At the Civic Center in Strawn, 301 E. Housley Street (Highway 16 to downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MILA AT 254-734-5637 OR NOE AT 254-734-5094 **DEADLINE ON FEBRUARY 15TH**

**CENTRO DE ADORACION Y ALABANZA** LE INVITA A USTED A PARTICIPAR **EN UN TORNEO DE VOLLYBOL** EL SABADO 20TH DE FEBRERO \$75.00 POR EQUIPO PARA MAYOR INFORMACION COMUNIQUESE CON MILA O NOA AL NUMERO 254-734-5637 O 254-734-5094 ULTIMO DIA DE INSCRIPCION ES EL 15 DE FEBRERO

WEDNESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Milk. THURSDAY - Egg Patties, Toast, Gravy, Juice and Milk. FRIDAY - Bacon, Eggs, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Rings, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Oranges and milk. TUESDAY - Sub Sandwiches, Tuna Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Salad, chips, fruit and milk.

Smiles, English Peas, Roll, Strawberries and Bananas and Milk. THURSDAY - Honey Lemon Chicken, Smoke Sausage, Broccoli and Rice, Carrot Coins, Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie and milk. FRIDAY - Tacos, Meat and Cheese, Nachos, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Crackers, Sherbet and milk.

Housley Street, then go two blocks). Concessions open at 5:30.

This month's Jamboree will be dedicated to Hershel and Mary Margaret Gibson, and all proceeds from the concession stand and all donations will be for their benefit to help offset expenses incurred due to unexpected medical problems. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated, and you will be entertained by a good lineup of Country, Gospel and Bluegrass Music, plus WEDNESDAY - Ground Beef/Mac or Steak Fingers, Potato the Good Food and Pastries from the Concession Booth.

> This is an Alcohol and Smoke-Free Environment. Free Admission. Everyone Welcome. For information Call Eine ler at 254-672-5622 or 672-5816.

> > See you Saturday, February 20th in Straw

### **Hutchison Statement On EPA Endangerment Finding**



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison released the following statement concerning the EPA's endangerment finding for greenhouse gases that pose great risk to Texas' economy:

"The EPA's endangerment finding for greenhouse gases has begun a regulatory process that will lead to disaster for the Texas economy. I am proud to be part of the fight to overturn this badly misguided plan by the Obama administration. In Texas, we have long recognized that we can both grow our economy while protecting our environment. This overreach by the EPA is nothing more than an attempted end-run around the many who have rightfully stood up against cap and trade legislation also being pushed by this administration. The EPA's actions represent a sweeping mandate that will cost jobs and cannot stand."

On January 21, 2010, Senator Hutchison joined with Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) in a joint resolution (S.J.Res.26) disapproving of the EPA's efforts to regulate greenhouse gases.

### MARCH 2, 2010 PRIMARY **ELECTION INFORMATION**

Voters may begin calling Cathy Jentho, County Clerk now to see if they are eligible to vote by the mail procedure. 254-629-1583.

February 16-26, 2010 County Courthouse 8:00 AM-5:00 PM period for Early Voting\*

\*February 20, 2010 7:00 AM-3:00 PM Saturday extended voting hours at County Courthouse

OCTOWN.

Jacks Chemical and Janitorial Supply, Inc. Jacks Pool and Spas

894 N. Graham Street – – Stephenville, Tx 76401 Call 254-965-4125 or Cell 254-592-3159 For Pool Sales & Service - Call 254-965-4145

TAKING APPLICATIONS -- The City of Gorman is now taking applications for a crew hand. Pay will be based on experience. Apply at the City Hall, 116 S Kent, Gorman, Tx. FNC.

tion of Gorman has opening for LVN and Certified CNA. Call 254-734-2202

### Carpet Restretching -Cleaning and

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

### INTERSI

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 FROM 9 TIL NOON.

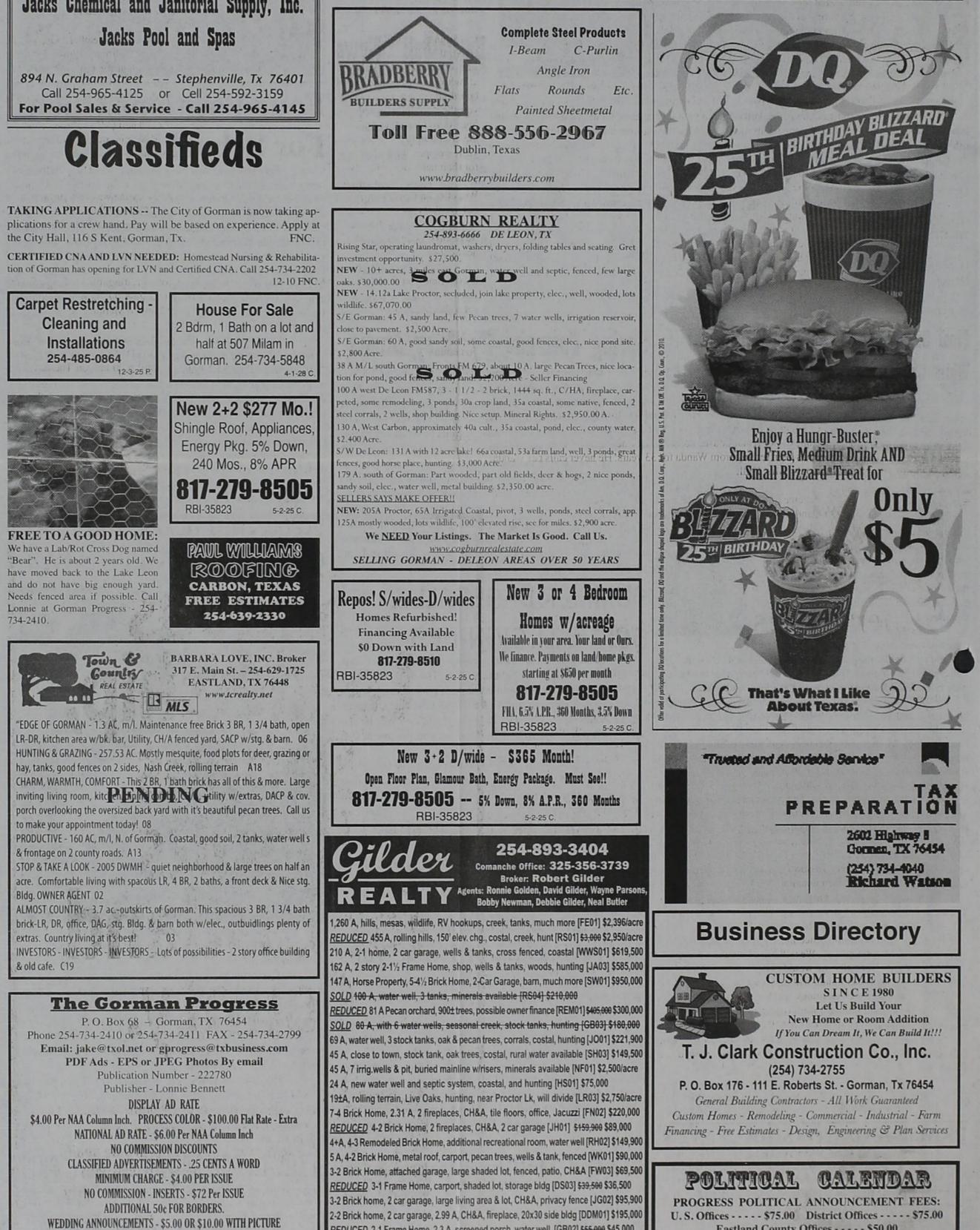
The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

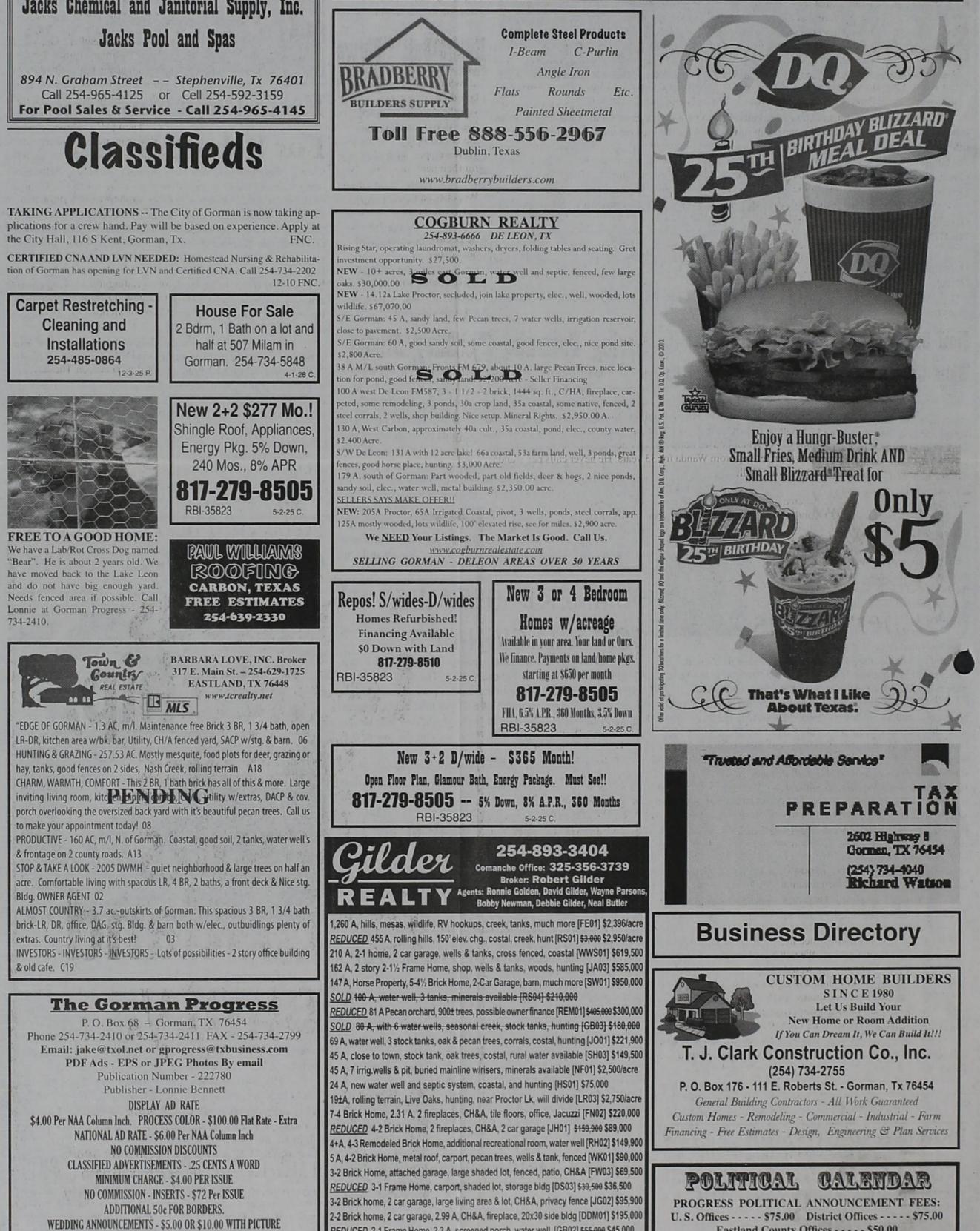
Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

**Boy Scouts** 

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





### WEDDINGS - \$10.00 MINIMUM **NEWS AND ADVERTISING DEADLINE - TUESDAY NOON** CARD OF THANKS - \$5.00

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: By Mail in Eastland or Comanche Counties - 1 year \$15.00; In Texas - \$20.00 per year and Out of State - \$22.00 per year. Effective January 1, 2008.

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All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at lease one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.)

Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.

The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political anouncement, subject to the action of the March Primary Election.

Eastland Co. Justice - Pct. 1: | Eastland County Clerk: Incumbent - Cathy Jentho Incumbent - Ronald (Ronnie) White (R) Cecil Funderburgh (R)

### Wanda Hull Turns 80

On Saturday February 21st, 2010 Wanda Duske Webb Hull will be celebrating 80 wonder-

ful years of life. Wanda was born in Gorman Texas and graduated High School in 1940. She and husband George Webb, decided to move to Eastland after much research and planning to open a convenience store. They would drive to Stephenville, DeLeon, and other surrounding towns and count cars and watch the traffic to see which town was best. Eastland, by far, had the most traffic and the best looking location available. All Eastland had at the time were large stores and none that stayed open nights and weekends. With a hammer, saw, some nails, a ruler and lumber they headed from Gorman and built the first convenience store in Eastland, Webb's 7-11 The store was built out of lumber from a hog



parlor that she had raised hogs in, before moving to Eastland. Wanda went to Eastland National Bank and spoke with the three bank officers to see if she could borrow \$1500.00. Two out of three of them agreed to loan her the money and Tom Wilson gave her the cash. At that time her payment was to be \$100.00 a month. In 1960, gasoline was .25 cents a gallon, Campbell's soup was 6 cans for .89 cents. Wanda ran the store for eighteen years. In that eighteen years a lot of people came in contact ith her and the store. Johnny Honea tells how he would come to the store every night to get milk or his three kids. He said that the store was the place to be. Johnny's son Wayne Honea would come to be known by Wanda as her "Boswell Baby". Johnny also told about a time when Cody Cox was working out of town, and he too would come in at night and get milk for his kids. One time Cody ran a bit short on money for what he needed for the kids. Wanda was there to help out till payday on Friday. Wanda always helped, and Cody always paid her back. While speaking to Vance Cox, one of Cody's boys, he said he could remember going into the store and Wanda lifting him up and sitting him on the counter and giving him a piece of candy. One of Wanda's favorite memories of the store was of, Jerry Lasater. He came into the store, stuck out his tongue to see how cold the freezer door was and got stuck to it. Wanda poured some hot water on it to release him and today still bears the scar on his tongue from his mishap at the store. Sherry Cate and her boys were regular customers of Webb's 7-11. Sherry had gone one evening to get some milk and left Donnie out in the car. While Sherry was inside getting what they needed little Donnie put the car in gear and drove up inside the store. Donnie was not hurt nor was the car or store; however I think he was a little afraid of his mom and Wanda for a while. They could not believe he could reach the gas pedal to move the car. Wanda spoke about Jimmy Charles Moylan and how he would run from school every afternoon to separate her bottles so he could have a candy bar and a coke. She said, "I always called him Jimmy Charles, and he told me once only you and my mother call me that."

Wanda was always eager to serve and help her customers with either merchandise, advice, or just to talk. Wanda constantly kept her cool and stayed in total control. That is until one night when Virginia Russell came to buy some milk for her boys. She had got the milk from the cooler and headed up to the register to pay for her milk when, from out of nowhere, runs an opossum right between the two women, and on out the front door. Virginia kept her cool and continued to the front to pay out; Wanda on the other hand was not, she panicked. She said she was shaking and her heart was pounding all because of an old opossum. Wanda said those were fun times. There were so many who came by for a coke and some candy. Whenever Marylou Frost came in Wanda says she was always singing and CB Chaney and Bob Carroll came by everyday to check on the stores progress. Ralston King would also stop by regularly to check on Wanda and the store. On July 7th 1968 all of it could have came to an end. That night the store caught fire and burned to the ground, leaving ashes and memories. From an article in the Eastland Telegram is said that the fire department showed real efficiency in spite of the total loss. The Eastland Fire Department used their new \$27,000.00 fire truck for the first time that day. Things did look grime but Wanda rebuilt the store and started over again. The store wasn't the same for Wanda after the fire, and she sold her inventory to Harmon Short Stop. She continued to work at the store and realized she needed it back and purchased it back from Harmon's. As time went by the bigger stores started staying open later and for more hours, Wanda decided to sell one more time and got out of the grocery business for good. The building where the store was once located has been home to several businesses throughout the years, none of which have had such an impact as Webb's 7-11. She opened and ran a Florist business for eight years in Eastland keeping many a homecoming date happy with a mum or a garter. She worked many funerals for friends, neighbors and customers. The florist business was great Wanda says but never like my store. Wanda was married to a wonderful man George B. Hull. He helped her raise her kids and run her business. During the time that Wanda had the store and the florist she began to purchase property in Eastland. Since the beginning of her rental business, more than 100 families have called

### **CASA Is Searching For Volunteers**

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is an adult willing to stand up for an abused or neglected child. A CASA volunteer is appointed by the judge to provide information on behalf of a child caught up in a difficult legal process. CASA for the Cross Timbers Area, Inc. is seeking caring individuals who want to make a difference in the life of a child. These abused and neglected children need dedicated and devoted men and women who are willing to advocate for their best interest.

As a volunteer, you will be given support, guidance, tools, and training from professionals in the field to help you understand and work effectively within the child welfare system. Once you are sworn in as a child advocate by a judge, you will be given constant support and guidance by the staff as you search for information on what is in the child's best interest. You will review the case, gather data and become familiar with the child's background. You will then write a report that is given to all parties involved in the case. Your recommendations will be considered by the judge as he/she is making decisions regarding the child/children.

When there is a CASA on the case, the judge is given a unique and comprehensive picture of the child's situation, needs and best possible outcomes. CASA volunteers are frequently the most consistent adults in the lives of these children during their involvement in the child welfare system.

To become a CASA volunteer you must:

Be at least 21 years of age

- · Be willing to go through an in-depth training
- · Be able to remain objective in your recommendations
- Be able to interview a variety of sources (teachers, relatives, etc.)
- Be able to pass an extensive background check

CASA for the Cross Timbers Area, Inc. will be holding training for those interested in helping these children. If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer please contact Cristie Campbell, Program Director at CASA, at 254-965-6610 or by email to cristie@casacta.org. Deadline for applications will be 2-24-2010.

# **Pig Tales From Hogtown**

Wow! What a wild weather week last week was! This moisture was sorely needed and a blessing. But, we need a respite now. Wish we could spread it out over the year, as we need it.

Unfortunately, the DAC had to cancel two important events because of the weather. Our annual General Meeting scheduled for last Thursday will be held this Thursday, February 18th at 7:00 PM. I hope that you all will be able to attend - we would like everyone's input for this new year. For all who are on our membership roster and, thus able to vote, we will need to fill one position on the board. It is, also, time to renew memberships. The cost of membership is \$25.00 per year and gives you the right to vote, serve on the board of directors and gives you a discount if you rent the building. If you have never been a member, come and support the DAC. The DAC is a true center for the community and surrounding area. We have lots of activities for the community throughout the year, we open the building for some public service meetings and welcome folks to rent the building for their activities. We, also, have a lot of fun at the DAC!

We, also, had to cancel our regular dance last Friday night. I know everyone was very disappointed but we felt that it was the right decision under the circumstances. The representative for Johnny Johnson's band felt this was the right decision also. They are all from places east of the Desdemona/ Stephenville area and had a lot more snow that we did here. Join us on Friday, March 12th for our next dance.

By the time you read this, we will have already held one session for recruiting folks to help with the census. There will be another session on Tuesday, March 2nd from 2:00-4:00. If you would like to get a short-term job by helping to take the census, come and learn how on March 2nd.



one of her rental houses home. One of her renters Tommy Gonzales has been renting from Wanda for 33 years. He never calls her Wanda, only Mrs. Hull.

Wanda has been a member of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce for over 40 years. She is a member of Mangum Baptist Church and is still very active in the community. Every day you can find her checking on her rental property and exercising at the Wellness Center. Please stop by on Sunday February 21, from 2:00pm to 6:00 om, at 1003 S. Daughtery, and join us for a "Come and Go Celebration" of Wanda's 80 years of living and 50 years in business. No gifts please, Cards are welcome.

### **Super Notes** By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net

I apologize for not having an article last week. I always get comments when that happens, ut last week I was a little under the weather and just didn't get it done. This weather is not helping one bit with regard to getting rid of this bug. I hope we see warmer clear weather soon, but even cold weather is not so bad if we have sunshine and the winds not blowing.

We moved our regularly scheduled school board meeting to last Wednesday at 6:00pm in the foyer of the new gym so that all members could be present. Mr. Perry, Mr. Byrd, Mrs. Reeves, Dr. Bill Campion the president of Ranger Junior College, and Bubba Adams the dean of off campus studies were present also. The meeting began as usual with an invocation given by Bob Powell and then the Pledge of Allegiance by all present. The board then listened to a presentation by Dr. Campion describing what they presently do for Gorman ISD and their plans for the future and their desire serve Gorman ISD even more. The presentation was very good and we appreciated Dr. Campion for taking his time to come to the board meeting and meet everyone. The board then unanimously passed the consent agenda (paying the bills, etc) and moved right into reports from the principals and the superintendent. These reports contained just information items and no action was taken. The board then unanimously called for a trustee election on May 8, 2010, Appointed Jud Maxfield Election Judge, appointed Terry Treadway Early Voting Clerk, and approved the 2010 Textbook Certification Form. The board then unanimously extended the contracts of the principals, the counselors, and the Technology Director and then adjourned.

As mentioned before, the school board election has been called for May 8, 2010. The deadline for filing as a candidate is March 8, 2010. Those interested in filing as a candidate may do so at the school administration office in Maxfield Elementary during school hours. Terry Treadway is the person to see for a packet. We will have four positions on the ballot this year due to resignations earlier this year. Normally, we would only have three on the ballot this year. The position presently held by appointee Noah Landa will be for a one year term to complete the position vacated by Jeff Seaton. The other three positions will be at large for three year terms. These three positions are presently held by Bob Powell, Beth Underwood, and appointee Don Whitten. All four of the current office holders have filed to be on the ballot in the May 8th election.

Did your child come home last week and tell you about a hero that came to speak to them in the auditorium. I hope so. I hope they were so impressed that they will remember him the rest of their life. Mr. Cox, a veteran of World War II, spoke to our students in an assembly last Wednesday and he is a true American hero and we were honored that he took his time to come speak to our children. Mr. Cox was a survivor of the U.S.S. Indianapolis that was sank by a Japanese Submarine. It was the Indianapolis that transported the atomic bomb to the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. If your child did not tell you about it, ask them what they thought. I know I was impressed!

Report cards will be mailed this Wednesday. If for some reason you have not seen your child's report cards by the end of the week, please call the school. If you see that your child did not do as well as expected in any subject, please call the teacher to set up a conference.

If you have a child of elementary age, hopefully they arrived home with the Census Job Applicant Information. If there are any questions, call toll-free jobs line: 1-866-861-2010, or go online at www.2010censusjobs.gov. It is very important that we have local people work the Census to insure we get everyone counted.

This has been the coldest winter that I can ever remember. Did you have a good book to read when you couldn't get outside? The Desdemona Public Library located in the DAC has hundreds of great books. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 3:00 until 5:00 and on Tuesday from 6:00 until 8:00. Come on in!

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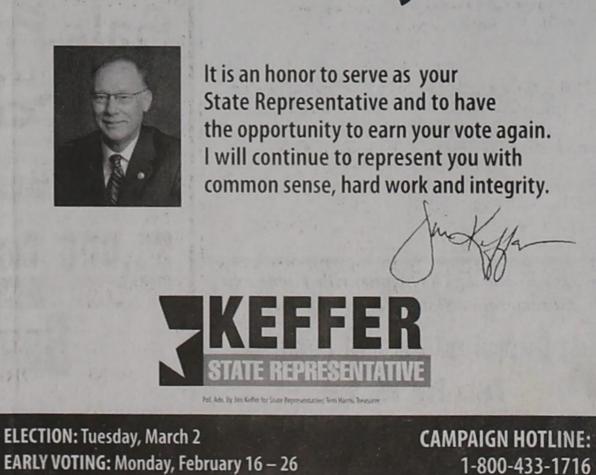
Results

for Eastland

County.

See you in Desdemona!

#### Carol Pell



The P.T.O. is conducting another Scholastic Book Fair March 29th through April 1st. The project that the P.T.O. is earning funds for is resurfacing the playground. This will be wonderful for the children as the surface will be an all weather, durable, and padded surface. The P.T.O. needs to be thanked for their efforts to provide this for the children. Volunteers are needed for the book fair. If you would be able to help, please sign and return the form below indicating what day and time you could work.

Extra pennies are wanted! We are still conducting a penny drive for Safety City to help with their new project; a police station. Please send your donations by your child and we will insure that it gets to Safety City.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

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### HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

We would like to thank each and everyone who came and put a Valentine in our "sweethearts" containers. Everyone has enjoyed looking at them. Thank you again for remembering us.

We would like to say a Big Thank You to those who came and voted for our Valentine with her parents, Humpy and Betty Duke. King and Queen. At our Valentine party Friday afternoon we crowned Christine Crews as our Queen and Wes Couch as King. The vote money will be used to help purchase a new T.V. for our activity area. We are accepting donations if you would like to help with this.

We had a great time at our Valentine Party. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful music provided by Louise and N.D. Smart, and Monda and Bill Oldham. Darrell Graham wrote a beautiful poem for Valentines. Following the entertainment cherry pie, ice cream and punch was served to everyone. I really appreciate Diane Brown and Sandy Warren for all their help in serving out and helping clean up. Also thank you Diane for helping furnish some of the pies. Following the party we were honored to have Mrs. Casey and some of her students bring us hand made valentines and visit with us. Following Mrs. Casey was Mrs. Sanchez and her GHS Spanish club. They came and brought everyone a valentine balloon and hand made cards and cookies. Everyone really enjoyed seeing these wonderful caring young people. Thank you again everyone.

Friday morning Jenny Plowman of Lighthouse Hospice treated us to fresh donuts Thank you Jenny.

Bingo winners on Friday were Robin Taylor won 2 games, Charles Dyess, Mayvis Lasater, Louise Clark, and Blackout winner was Frankie Stacy. Darrell and Pat Graham came and helped. On Monday bingo winners were Frankie Stacy, Dorothy Beaty, Troy Scitern, Robin Taylor, and Marie Cook was our blackout winner.

Everyone was so excited on Tuesday morning as we started celebrating Mardi Gras. We had a parade at 11:30 lead by our King Wes and Queen Christine. What a fun day.

#### AG VIEW POINT By: Heath Begeman

#### 2010 Garden Preparation (Fertilizing)

Proper fertilization is an important key to successful vegetable gardening. The amount of fertilizer needed depends upon the soil type and the crops you are growing. Texas soils vary from deep sands to fertile, well-drained soils to heavy, dark clays underlain by layers of caliche rock or hardpan. Crops grown on sandy soils usually respond to liberal amounts of potassium, whereas crops grown on clay soils do not.

Heavy clay soils can be fertilized much more heavily at planting than can sandy soils. Heavy clay soils and those with lots of organic matter can safely absorb and store fertilizer at three to four times the rate of sandy soils. Thin, sandy soils, which need fertilizer the most, unfortunately cannot be fed as heavily without burning plants. The solution is to feed poor, thin soils more often in lighter doses. For accurate recommendations regarding fertilizer rates, contact your county Extension agent and request a soil test kit.

In general, if your garden is located on deep, sandy soil, apply a complete pre-plant fertilizer such as 5-10-10 or 6-12-12 at the rate of 1 to 2 pounds per 100 square feet. If your soil has a high percentage of clay, a fertilizer such as 10-20-10 or 12-24-12 applied at 1 to 2 pounds per 100 square feet should be suitable.

Make the pre-plant fertilizer application a few days before planting. Spade the garden plot, spread the fertilizer by hand or with a fertilizer distributor, and then work the soil well to properly mix the fertilizer with the soil. After the fertilizer is well mixed with the soil, bed the garden in preparation for planting.

On alkaline soils, apply 1-20-0 (superphosphate) directly beneath the intended seed row or plant row before planting. Apply the superphosphate at a rate of 1 to 1 1/2 pounds per 100 linear feet of row. Make sure the nitrogen material will be 2 to 4 inches below the seed or transplant roots so it will not harm them. Later in the season you can apply additional nitrogen as a furrow or side dress application. For most soils, 2 to 3 pounds of 21-0-0 (ammonium sulfate) per 100 linear feet of row, applied in the furrow and watered

## **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

Rain - Sleet - Snow, you name it and we have had it. Estimated 6 to 8 inches of snow fell last Thursday in Desdemona. Snow is pretty to see out your window but causes a lot of trouble and accidents too.

John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney spent the past weekend

Robert Alton Brown of Fort Worth visited the past weekend with his parents, Robert and Ima Brown.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our community with your cards and prayers. Thank you.

Have a great day, Vonnie.

# Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was very surprise to find out there were 28 people at the Center on the 10th of February. Also it was 35 degrees folks were really ready to get out, good! I could not attend due to a sick spell. Sure did regret, not being at center when so many came back after long absences. All were happy to see the Shirley's. Beth brought a meat loaf for all to enjoy. We had missed Frank good words in the blessing for all. Daisy Slaton and I did run into them at Wal-Mart in Eastland, Saturday, February 13th. Beth and I did get to visit, some in the Veg. Dept. What a beautiful day ti was, after all the bad weather we had endured.

Several people brought good different dishes. Joy Rogers brought some Mexican cornbread and beans. Also Adriana Chamberlain, Billie Bennett, and Lil Brudnak were back with us. So to have missed all of them. Cliffa Vaughn came to eat, and hope she does this more often. Estelle Lindley prepared salmon patties and I sent my Spaghetti and pink stuff with Barbara Bush. They also enjoyed green salad and garlic bread with many veggies and desserts.

All were glad to see and visit with Edgar Reynolds. He is now a resident of Homestead Nursing Home here in Gorman. He was accompanied by Lynn Porter, administrator,; Editha Frankum, R.N., Director of Nurses and Pam Miller from Hospice in Comanche. They plan to come again and visit with us. Maybe bring some other residents who are able.

Daisy Slaton and I visited Anne Laminack and her new husband, Henry Buchanan on the 13th. They surprised many with their marriage in Kentucky on February 4th. This date also Henry's Birthday. Anne drove a truck pulling Henry's car and belongings. What a tough gal she is. His dog and cat came with them, all went well. In the past she had drove a motorhome pulling a car, so had the experience. Her sister Betty Ellis returned home to Georgia safely.

I received a beautiful bouquet from my granddaughter Alexa Maddox in Brownwood. She is good to remember Valentines Day. So I then sent my daughter Becky Swanner a rose bud vase, so pretty. Shanda really makes lovely arrangements of all kinds at Panda's Flowers and Gifts in Gorman. It is fun to give and receive on this day. Marceil Laminack always leaves a small heart in the box for us widow ladies. What a grand gal, she is to have as a mail lady. Thanks so dear one.

The Bush's daughter Diane and husband Stan finally made it down from Fritch for a visit. Had to plan between snows. All the snow done in a visit over the Holidays. I know they enjoyed visiting and going plans together.

I want to thank Barbara and Jerry Underwood for taking on the load at the center. Betty Regian was also absent and she is a good helper. Everyone pitched in and helped, so it was a good group effort.

Hope we have another good turnout, as the weather will be good this week on the

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See you soon - Carol

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in, is adequate. For crops such as tomatoes, peppers and squash, make this application at first fruit set. Side dress leafy crops such as cabbage and lettuce when they develop several sets of character leaves.

\*\* Planting around 15th of February is a good time to plant the following vegetables: asparagus, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, mustard, onion, parsley, peas, potatoes, radish and turnips. The weather is our most limiting factor for planting this early in the year.

Any questions or need further information, contact the Eastland County AgriLife Extension Office, County Extension Agent Heath Begeman at 629-1093 or come by the office on the 1st Floor of the Eastland County Courthouse.

### **Dinner** Tonight

By the end of a busy day, the task of putting dinner on the table is just too daunting to think about for most. Unfortunately, the alternative - - eating out - - usually is not the most healthy or satisfying. Thanks to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, simple, nutritious and even delicious dinner ideas are just a click away, with a new program, "Dinner Tonight"! Web casts are given by a team of AgriLife Extension Family and Consumer Sciences agents who record healthy cooking demonstrations and share tips on healthy eating, meal-planning, preparation and safety techniques and more. Find the "Dinner Tonight" program at http://healthyliving.tamu.edu This week's "Dinner Tonight" recipe is called "Texas Two-Step Chicken"; please see recipe below. "The "Texas Two-Step Chicken" recipe makes a wonderful recipe for the entire family" said Cheryl Miller, Dallas County Extension Agent and host of this week's demo. "This recipe can be made ahead of time. You want to make sure you thaw your chicken breasts ahead of time. The different ingredients really give the dish a great flavor. The brown rice really compliments this dish. If you are looking for a quick healthy delicious meal I hope this meal will be satisfying to you and your family." Interested cooks can sign up for weekly e-mail announcements to get a new recipe with a video demonstration. Call Halee Mitchell, Eastland County AgriLife Extension Agent at 254/629-2222, if you would like to be placed on the e-mail list to receive "Dinner Tonight"! Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System. AgriLife Extension offers practical information for families: raising children, housing and environment, eating well, managing money, and staying healthy. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has numerous programs to help you reach your healthy lifestyle goals. They include Walk Across Texas, Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes, Master of Memory G.E.D. Study Classes, and the Master Wellness Volunteer Program. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

#### Texas Two-Step Chicken 4 boneless chicken breast halves

1 cup picante sauce 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard

3 cups cooked brown rice Wash you hands and clean your cooking area. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place chicken in 2-quart shallow baking dish. Mix picante sauce, sugar, and mustard. Pour over chicken. Bake in oven for 20 minutes or until chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165 degrees F. Serve chicken with rice.

Preparation Time: 10 minute Cook Time: 20 minutes Serves: 4

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: Calories: 330 Total Fat: 2.5 g Cholesterol: 70 mg Sodium: 510 mg Total Carbohydrate: 44 g Protein: 31 g



