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Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454

JULY 26, 2007

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Carbon Benefit Fish Fry Friday, July 27th At 6 p.m.

Carbon has finally dried out enough to reschedule a fish fry benefiting the Carbon Community Center. The fish fry will be Friday, July 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Take outs will be available. Donations will be taken at the door. Please attend. The Community Center had extensive water damage from frozen pipes back during the ice storm. With the generous benefit of insurance and donation of labor from several the Community center has been repaired but needs more repairs.

Gorman City Commission Minutes

JULY 19, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, and Commissioners Nathan Files, Don Underwood, and arriving late Joe Casey. Absent was Charlie Torrez. Others present were Emmett Lasater and Barbara Fenley.

Nathan led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:34 p.m.

Don made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Nathan made the second. Motion carried.

Nathan made the motion to pay the bills. Don made a second. Motion carried.

Emmett Lasater, EDC director, gave a report to the Commission on behalf of the EDC. He also relayed to the Mayor and Commissioner that he was glad to be a part of the Gorman community.

Tacy reported that the Key Estate now officially belonged to the City. The quit claim deed had been filed.

Property cleanups were also discussed.

Joe made the motion to re-organize the Commission in two departments: Nathan will be the Sewer Department Commissioner and Don will be the Police Department Commissioner. Nathan made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Don made the motion to retain Barbara Fenley as Police Chief and bump her salary to \$15.00/hr. Joe made the second. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business for discussion. Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Time was 6:25 p.m.

Area Fifth Sunday Singing at First Baptist, Desdemona

The area Fifth Sunday Singing is scheduled to be held at First Baptist, Desdemona, Sunday, July 29, at 6:00 PM. Those who love to sing and those who love gospel, Christian, and church music are invited. There will be a sign-up sheet for those wanting to perform. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Annex / Fellowship Hall.

The Fifth Sunday Singing is a non-denominational fellowship sponsored by the Gorman Ministerial Alliance.

"The last one was the only one I have attended," states Desdemona pastor, Tim White. "It was well attended and we had a wonderful time. For those who love music and favor music about our God and Savior, this is a special event."

"We have a small congregation at this time, so if anyone is so compelled to help with the refreshments, it would be a blessing."

The Gorman Ministerial Alliance meets on the third Wednesday morning at 8:00 at the Gorman Methodist Church, immediately following the Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion Set Saturday, Aug. 11th At Desdemona Community Center School Gym

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - MONDAY, AUGUST 13TH FROM 9 - 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.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 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, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or 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. Technology 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. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Drug Rehab Resource

Drug Rehab Resource is a non-profit information and referral service for people who need help identifying, intervening and dealing with alcohol and drug addiction in themselves or in those they love.

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We would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out to your readers who may face this situation but may not know whom to turn to. We are strictly confidential, and would greatly appreciate placing the following announcement in your community services or announcements section:

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Skaggs Reunion Set July 28



It is said that the late Bro. Frank Skaggs, when asked how many children he had, would reply, "I have five sons, and each of them has five sisters." And the descendants of Bro. Skaggs, his wife, Lizzie (Brown), and those five sons and their many sisters will hold their 60th annual reunion from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Reunion Center in De Leon, located at 640 E. Navarro Ave. (East Highway 6), next to the De Leon City Park.

The first of those Skaggs sons to come along was Virgil, and his sisters were Mae (Quinn), Cleo (Clements), Elsie (Robinett), Marie (White), and Bernice (Farley). After Virgil and the first two sisters were born, along came second son Vernon, and his five sisters were... well, the same five sisters. So, you guessed it, the remaining three sons—Archie, Lloyd, and Frankie Lee—shared those same five sisters, bringing the total number of children born to the union of Frank and Lizzie Skaggs between 1903 and 1925 to ten.

By the time the last child was born, the next generation was already under way, and it continued until the summer of 1952, when from late April to early September, the Skaggs family added six new members—all boys—three grandsons and three great-grandsons. But more generations kept coming, and the number of descendants growing, as the Skaggs family expanded from its native Rock Bluff community (where Bro. Frank pastored Rock Bluff Baptist Church for more than four decades) throughout Comanche and Eastland counties, up into the Texas Panhandle, and eastward to South Carolina.

Jerry Barton of Granbury still remembers the first Skaggs reunion he attended, held then at Lake Eanes near Comanche on the Fourth of July, less than a week after marrying into the family via wife Peggy White. "As we came into the park area, I said to Peggy, 'It looks like a lot of people are in the park for the holiday.' She said, 'No, this is just the family.' I told her I didn't realize the Skaggs family was that large. She said that, actually, it looked like maybe only half the family was there. Seems like there were somewhere around 90-plus names on the register that year."

One of the traditions which has remained the same throughout the lifetime of the reunion is the noontime meal of covered dishes, fresh produce, and desserts galore. Over the years, certain family members have garnered some fame within the family for their particular dishes.

"I remember," Jerry continues, "the first time I heard someone say, as they were going through the dinner line, 'We'd better get some of this chocolate pie; Marie [White] made it. If we don't get a piece now, it will be gone by the time we get back.' And they were right!"

The reunion's location and date have changed a bit over the years, as dictated by necessity or preference. The first, in 1947, was held at Lake Cisco.

De Leon's Frances Howard, chief Skaggs family genealogist and historian, whose younger sister, Ona Mae Odom, at two months of age, was the youngest attendee at that first reunion, recalls, "Aunt Marie said she thought the first reunion was at Cisco because Virgil's family [which lived in the Panhandle at the time] requested it to be there, so it wouldn't be so far for them to travel...I guess after that, they started having the reunion at Bass Lake [now Frank Gray Memorial Park, near Gorman]. Continued On Page Three"

New Event for Peanut Festival

Hey folks! The Peanut Festival Committee has decided to inaugurate a new event at this year's festival and would like to start out this event by involving all interested local businesses, civic organizations, and churches.

The committee will be providing a wooden peanut that will be approximately 4 ft. tall to be decorated to represent the business or organization or to represent Gorman. The peanut should be decorated in a permanent fashion so that it can be displayed throughout the coming year until the next Peanut Festival. Peanuts will be available to be delivered from committee members in late July. They will need to be returned to the festival committee by August 30, 2007.

Please contact Miriam Landa at 734-5637, Melinda Harrington at 734-2150, or Amber Scitem at 734-5431 to have your peanut delivered. Festival committee members may also be contacting you to ask you to participate in this event so that we may kick it off with a bang this year.

Maxfield Elementary School Registration for New Students

Maxfield Elementary School will be holding registration for new students August 7th and August 8th, from 8:00a.m. until 12:00 noon, in the Elementary Office. Please bring Shot Records, Social Security Card, Birth Certificates, and a copy of student's report card from previous school if available. Also, we will need identification of person registering the student.

This registration is for students that have not enrolled or previously registered for the coming 2007 -2008 school year. Pre-Kindergarten students who registered in the spring or this summer need not register again.

State Bar of Texas Offers Free Legal Hotline Following Severe Storms and Flooding

(Austin) - Volunteer lawyers from throughout the state are assisting people with basic legal questions following recent severe storms and flooding through the State Bar of Texas Free Legal Hotline: 800.504.7030. Additional resources to assist those impacted by natural disasters are also available at www.texasbar.com.

The hotline, answered in English and Spanish, is intended to help low-income storm victims with such issues as replacing lost documents, insurance questions, landlord-tenant disputes and consumer protection.

Volunteer attorneys will assist residents of counties included in the recent federal disaster declarations: Archer, Bell, Burnet, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Eastland, Grayson, Hood, Lampasas, Parker, Starr, Tarrant, Victoria, Webb, Wichita and Williamson.

To apply for assistance with housing, home repairs and uninsured property losses, residents should contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at www.fema.gov or the FEMA Disaster Aid Hotline: 800.621.3362.

Texas attorneys willing to help respond to hotline calls are asked to visit texasbar.com and click on the volunteer interest form.

The State Bar of Texas is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Texas. The Bar provides educational programs for the legal profession and the public, administers the minimum continuing legal education program for attorneys, and manages the attorney discipline system.

Meeting To Discuss New Animal Rescue Center

There will be a meeting on Thursday, July 26th at 5:30 in the East Room of the Connellee to discuss the possibility of a new animal rescue/ adoption center in Eastland. The plans are for this to be a county wide project. On hand to answer questions will be; Kathy O'Shields from the Breckenridge Humane Society, Cheryl Campbell of the Corrine T. Smith Animal Center in Brownwood and Mary Tolbert from Rising Star who is very active in animal rescue, adoption and placement. There is a great need for a new facility in Eastland and thus far the response and interest has been great. Please come and show your support to help our furry friends.

HOUSE NUMBERS

If you do not have your house number clearly marked on your house, please make an effort to do so. Put the number on your house close or near the front entrance, or mark it somewhere in the front by the drive entrance, etc. It is essential in the event of an actual emergency to be able to identify your address. Use at least a 4" size number or larger to be easily visible.

Notice Called Meeting

Notice - Called Meeting of Oakland Cemetery Association, Saturday, August 11th at 10:00 a.m. at Gorman House Authority Lobby (Gorman Hotel)

Coming Soon to New Hope Baptist Church

Come experience the action at New Hope Baptist Church as we present Rescue Zone. Join us as we learn through the lives of everyday heroes how we are saved by God's power. We will have exciting bible stories, crafts, games, puppets, skits and much more. So bring all your friends to New Hope Baptist Church to join the Rescue Zone!



When: July 30 - Aug 3
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Ages 3 to 12
For questions or rides call
734-4111 or 734-2906

Obituaries

Jesse Robert (Red) Wofington

Jesse Robert (Red) Wofington age 76 of Carbon died Saturday, July 21, 2007. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Maples officiating. Interment was in Longbranch Cemetery.

He was born February 16, 1931 in Sherman. He married Syble Hogan on November 9, 1955 in Bonham, Tx. He worked for the City of Sherman and Conagra. He was a longtime member of the Sherman Elks Lodge. He was a member of the Carbon Christ Center Church.

He is survived by his wife, Syble Wofington of Carbon; daughter Doris Bartley and husband Christ of Sherman; sons, David Wofington of Sherman, Walter Wofington and wife Ellen of Sherman, Delbert Dewayne Maxwell and wife Mary of Arizona; sister, Edna Franks of Sherman; sister-in-law, Anita Wofington of Sherman; grandchildren, Amy Strange, Amanda Benedict, Christopher Wofington, Michael Wofington, Terri Benedict and husband William, Jennifer Smith and husband Jason, Jason Bartley and wife Andera, Missy Maxwell, Michael Maxwell, Alex Maxwell; great grandchildren Jordan Smale, Jalen Thompson, Alex Thompson, Kenzie Smith, Zane Benedict, Gavin Bartley and Johnathan Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Dean Wofington; brothers, Carl Wofington, Walter Lee Wofington; sisters, Robert Ingram and Mildred Wofington.

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Rodney Lyndell Coan

Rodney Lyndell Coan, age 60 of De Leon passed away on Monday, July 23, 2007 at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 25 at Fair Haven Baptist Church in De Leon with Bro. Kenneth Wilson officiating. Music by LaResse Wilkerson and Vicki Robinett. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery.

He was born August 19, 1946 in Gorman to Lyndell Floyd Coan and Gladys Luetta Kimmell Coan. He married Charlotte Faye Sadberry on March 31, 1966 in De Leon.

In 2006, he retired as Engineer/Conductor with Ft. Worth and Western Railroad. He began work in 1964 for Katy Railroad, and later worked for South Orient, Texas Central, and Ft. Worth & Western railroads. He was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He had lived in De Leon most of his life, and was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon and Song Leader.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte of De Leon; one son, Ricci Coan and wife Sharon of De Leon; two daughters, Lana Barefoot and husband, Kerry of De Leon and Kasandra Coan of Comanche; one brother, Clifford Coan of De Leon; stepmother, Arlie Ross and stepfather, Winston Ross of De Leon; five grandchildren: Mitch and Mackenzie Barefoot and Jordan, Jodi, and Andrew Coan - all of De Leon. He was preceded in death by his father and mother: Lyndell and Luetta Kimmell Coan; one brother, Daniel Kim coan.

Pallbearers were Gerald Locke, Jerry Morgan, Daniel Burlison, A. W. Sledge, Gary Dutton, Walter McCurry, Connie Welch, John Floyd and Steve Lack. Honorary pallbearer was Winston Ross.

Vincent Arthur Flores

Vincent Arthur Flores, age 18 of De Leon passed away on July 20, 2007 in a car accident in Baird. Services were held Monday, July 23rd, 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in De Leon with Bro. Kenneth Wilson, assisted by Coach John Ward. Burial was in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Comanche Co. Rosary was held Sunday, July 22nd.

He was born on September 9, 1988 in Hobbs, NM to Arthur Flores and Dora Rangel.

He had lived in and around De Leon most of his life. He was a 2007 graduate of De Leon High School, where he had played football. He was employed by Southland Builders in Lovington, NM. He was a Catholic.

He is survived by his mother, Dora Rangel of De Leon; father, Arthur Flores and stepmother, Ramona, of Lovington, NM; 1 sister, Jessica Flores of De Leon; 1 step brother, Johnny Richardson of Lovington, NM; 2 step sisters Essence and Breanna Richardson of Lovington, NM; Grandparents Pete Flores of Texas and Lorena Flores of Lovington, NM; 15 aunts and uncles: Vince Flores, Pete Flores, Ray Arenivas, Monica Flores, Missy Flores, Priscilla

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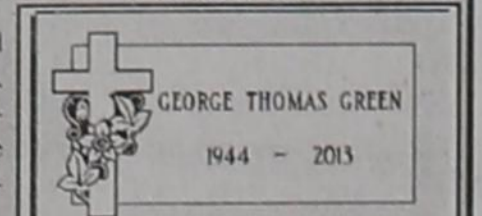
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- 613A, w/3-2, 2,144sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A coastal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available (W02) \$2,025,000
- 328A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife (R01) \$1,526,000
- 184A, 2-1 frame home, 6 water wells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll irrigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. (U01) \$524,920
- UNDER CONTRACT**-105 A, 7-water wells, 3-stock tanks, septic system, corals, woods, costal, hunting and minerals (R01) \$310,750
- 100 A, water wells, pecan trees, cultivation, native pasture and hunting (SS02) \$215,700
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees (B03) \$250,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway (MP01) \$98,000
- UNDER CONTRACT**-70 A, 3-2 brick home, (B01) \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, bams (U01) \$250,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting (R01) \$193,000
- 45 A, approx. 33 A coastal, native pasture, minerals (U02) \$135,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees (R01) \$70,000
- 8.5 A, 1,800sf, 3-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & net wire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers. (U02) \$265,000
- 5A, 3-2 1600sf Frame Home, above ground pool w/ deck, horse bam, additional acreage available (U01) \$159,000
- 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting (DS02) \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available (C01) \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water (B01) \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co. one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture (A01) \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. (U01) \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells (REM01) \$326,000
- 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting. (U01) \$270,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area (B01) \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building (DVL01) \$297,500
- UNDER CONTRACT**-3-2 Brick home, 1,638(CAD), 2-car attached garage, 2+ Acres, fireplace, CH/A, 2 storage buildings, storm cellar (B02) \$105,000
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building (W01) \$105,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home (U02) \$135,000
- 3-2 frame home, 1,252sf(CAD) living area, Central heat & air, enclosed front porch, carport, fenced yard, gas fireplace (W01) \$27,500
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Florence "Flo" Wood

Florence "Flo" Wood age 81 of De Leon passed away Thursday, July 19, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lisa Meslony, assisted by Jackie Auvenshine. Music by Vicki Robinett and LaResse Wilkerson. Burial was in Garden of Memory, Comanche Co.

She was born January 20, 1926 in Comanche Co., Texas to the late William Schwartz and Alma Louise Schuman Schwartz. She married Bill Wood on October 27, 1948 in Las Vegas, NV.

Flo was a homemaker and had resided in De Leon since 1970, having previously lived in Breckenridge; she and her husband owned and operated the Western Auto Store for twenty years in De Leon and she was employed for eleven years as secretary for the City of De Leon. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Priddy, and was a member of De Leon First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Leona Hohertz of Mullin, Alma Jean (Jeannie) Hohertz of Priddy and Willie Mae Niemann of Comanche; one brother Milton Schwartz and his wife Ramona of Goldthwaite; sister-in-law, Mary K. Schwartz of Early; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her husband, Bill Wood in 1997; parents William and Alma Schwartz; brothers, Albert "Mutt" Schwartz and Clarence Schwartz and one sister Olga Schwartz.

Pallbearers were James Bruton, Hiram Smith, Todd Downs, Hank Anderson, Charlie Price and Bill Smith.

Mary Sue Leach

Mary Sue Leach, age 64, of Glen Rose died Friday, July 20, 2007 at the Glen Rose Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Gorman Cemetery.

She was born March 24, 1943 in Glen Rose. She was a nurse's aide and member of the First United Methodist Church. She was formerly of Gorman.

She is survived by one sister, Marcia Williams of Glen Rose; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilber and Hallie Beth Williams.

Jimenez, Ilda Gutierrez, Rosa Segura, Orlando Rangel, Freddie Rangel, Marie Kelly, Lucy Rangel, Jessie Rangel, Fernando Rangel and Jesus Ramos; numerous cousins.

He was preceded by grandparents, Jesus and Jovita Rangel.

Multi-Family Garage Sale

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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Genoa Goad, Director of Missions for the Cisco Baptist Association, was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. His wife, Martha, accompanied him to the services. Other visitors were Richard and Lavonna Patton of Lake Leon.

Bro. Goad's message was from John 10:1-18, about the shepherd and the sheep. The shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus is the great shepherd and we are his sheep and he cares for us. The good shepherd gave his life for his sheep. The special music "Are You Washed In The Blood?" was rendered by the choir: Kay Snider, Sylvia Buchanan, Karen Patterson, Ruth Rodgers, Daryl Hirst, Thomas Seay, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond, Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano.

Bro. Goad's message on Sunday night was from Matthew 6:1-15, using the theme "What is the mind of Christ - or the will of the Lord for us". The Lord's prayer is in these scriptures. What is prayer? Praying is talking to God personally. The special music "Without Him" was rendered by Karen Patterson, Ruth Rodgers, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst and Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano.

Bro. Jim and Bobbi Haggard were away for the weekend for Bro. Jim to officiate at a wedding.

The evening services at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be dismissed on Sunday, July 29th so members can attend the 5th Sunday singing at the Desdemona Baptist Church.

Glenda Black and Daryl Hirst will present the special music at the Sunday morning service on August 5th at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

Oren and Norma Webb spent the weekend in Sapulpa, OK with a daughter, Laura and Ronnie Shelton and family. Laura is having some serious health problems at this time and I'm sure that she and the family would covet your prayers.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland and Joe and Ashley Little of Fort Worth and Karen Patterson of Eastland visited with Betty Little during the weekend. Charles and Carolyn Little also visited with them.

Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond visited on Sunday night and Monday with Joe Bond. Shannon has accepted the position of Youth Minister at the First Baptist Church in Bangs, and they will be moving to Bangs soon from Copperas Cove.

Sylvia Buchanan, Doris Bradshaw, Daisy Slaton, and Zelda Jordan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

A rain shower came through the community on Monday afternoon. I received four tenths of an inch of rain. It was heavier down toward Gorman.

Fresh Taste Of Summer Year Round

When you grow your own vegetables there will be times when you have too much to eat right away, so you basically have three choices; give it away, put it on compost heap, or find a means of storing it in good condition. Freezing sounds like the perfect solution, but it is not just a matter of sticking it in the freezer. So if you want your vegetables to taste and look as good halfway through the winter as they did when you picked them, you need to blanch. And it is worth learning how to do it properly, because sloppy blanching results in sloppy vegetables.

Blanching (scalding vegetables in boiling water or steam for a short time) is a must for almost all vegetables to be frozen. It stops enzyme actions which can cause loss of flavor, color and texture. Blanching cleanses the surface of dirt and organisms, brightens the color and helps retard loss of vitamins. It also wilts or softens vegetables and makes them easier to pack. Blanching time is crucial and varies with the vegetable and size. For home freezing, the most satisfactory way to heat all vegetables is in boiling water. Use a blancher which has a blanching basket and cover, of fit a wire basket into a large pot with a lid. Use one gallon water per pound of prepared vegetables. Put the vegetable in a blanching basket and lower into vigorously boiling water. Place a lid on the blancher. The water should return to boiling within 1 minute, or you are using too much vegetable for the amount of boiling water. Start counting blanching time as soon as the water returns to a boil. Keep heat high for the time given in the directions for the vegetable you are freezing. As soon as blanching is complete, vegetables should be cooled quickly and thoroughly to stop the cooking process. To cool, plunge the basket of vegetables immediately into a large quantity of cold water, 50 degrees F or below. Change water frequently or use cold running water or ice water. If ice is used, about one pound of ice for each pound of vegetable is needed. Cooling vegetables should take the same amount of time as Blanching. Drain vegetables thoroughly after cooling. Extra moisture can cause a loss of quality when vegetables are frozen.

For more information about freezing vegetables and blanching times, please contact County Extension Agent Halee Walton at 254/629-222 or email her at hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu or visit the following website <http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/how/freeze.html>

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, July 28 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all the groups before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Pug Guthery serves as M/C of this musical which is held on the 4th Saturday night of each month (except November and December during the busy Holiday Season). Works in the concession stand are Gail Clayton, Gay Moore, Jo Holdman and Vonnie Guthery. Admission is "FREE".

Robert and Ima Brown spent a few days this past week in Amarillo visiting with his sister, Marge (Brown) Johnson. All the group attended the play, "Texas" at Palo Duro Canyon. They reported a good trip but always glad to get back "Home". Marge graduated from Desdemona High School with the Class of 1942.

L. E. and Peggy Singleton, Pug and Vonnie Guthery and Bobby Joe Honeycutt all of Desdemona attended the musical last Saturday night in Strawn. Finis Butler serves as M/C of this musical which is held each third Saturday. They welcome all musicians, singers and visitors to attend. Admission is "FREE".

Luella Trice, our friend in Lingleville area is in the Comanche County Medical Center recovering from recent surgery to repair a broken hip. Friends of Desdemona sends "Get Well Wishes" to Luella. Jr. and Luella Trice attended Desdemona musicals as long as their health would permit.

Brad and Priscilla Keith and children, Brett, Jenna, Andrea and Brian of Louisville, KT spent several days this past week with his parents, Bernard and Ann Keith. Other visitors in the home were De and Vicki Robinett of De Leon, Pug and Vonnie Guthery and Lorin.

John and Karen Fair and Lorin hosted a Sunday night "Family Supper". Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Roy and Angela Powledge and Lane, and Holly Guthery and Jade.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnie.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

DAMAGE TO PLANTS BY DISEASES AND INSECTS

Diseases and insects can cause a significant amount of damage to plants. In many cases it becomes necessary to use pesticides. Sometimes the cure can cause as much damage as the problem if label recommendations are not followed.

Pesticide damage to plants appears in a number of ways, but occurs most often as:

Burn - Appears on the tip or margins of the leaf as necrotic areas or the entire leaf surface may appear burned, or the roots can be burned.

Chlorosis - appears as curling, crinkling, or cupping of the leaf.

Stunting - reduction in size of entire plant or certain parts (fruit, flowers, roots) while rest of plant appears normal.

Abnormal growth - a stimulation of excessive growth on either certain parts (aerial roots, suckering) or the entire plant.

Usually the new growth is most likely to show damage when sprays are applied. The following are general rules or guidelines to help reduce plant damage from pesticides.

(1) Do not apply a pesticide to plants that are stressed. Avoid spraying under extremely hot, sunny conditions. When air or plant temperature is approximately 90 degrees or higher, damage will likely occur. On bright days, leaf temperature may be 5-15 degrees higher than the surrounding air, thus increasing the possibility of injury. Avoid temperature extremes, either high or low.

(2) Do not apply pesticides under conditions which will not promote drying. Plants sprayed when cool, humid conditions exist for extended periods will remain wet for long periods of time and increase the possibility of injury. Never spray plants when they are in need of water. Wilted or dry plants are extremely sensitive to spray injury.

(3) Wettable powders are usually safer to plants than liquid pesticides because they do not contain solvents. The disadvantage of wettable powders is the objectionable residue on the foliage.

(4) Almost all aerosol formulations of pesticides will cause plant damage if applied at less than the recommended distance between aerosol nozzle and plant. The distance usually recommended is 18-20 inches. In some experiments it was found that almost all of the aerosols tested were damaging to plants when applied at eight inches.

(5) Study the label and any brochures that are available concerning the particular pesticide to be used for rates, application instructions, and plant damage information. Do not overdose. Clean out sprayer, hose, and nozzles after each use.

If you need further explanation or clarification or need more in depth information, please contact the Texas Cooperative Extension Office, Dale Dunlap, County Extension Agent-Ag at 629-1093 or 629-2222.



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Skaggs Reunion Set July 28

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Marie couldn't remember which year it was, but one year they had it at Grandma and Grandpa's house because it rained. Don't you know there were a few happy farmers on that day!"

Both Sherry (White) Draper and her sister, Peggy Barton, share some of the same favorite memories of those Fourth of July Bass Lake reunion days. "I have always loved the reunion," says Sherry, "and I am not sure if, when I was a youngster, I most enjoyed going to Bass Lake and being able to go swimming, or if I liked the idea of being able to drink as many sodas as I wanted that day. I remember Grapettes being one of my favorites."

Peggy recalls the soft drinks as presenting a challenge for the Skaggs family youngsters: "Who can drink the most sodas in a day?" She also remembers the annual question of whether Bobby or Roger Clement would "land a big one from Bass Lake this year?"

Sherry and brother-in-law Jerry also share a fond memory. "I wouldn't take a million dollars," Sherry says, "for the memories of Daddy (Sherley White), Uncle Arlin (Clement), Uncle Lloyd, Uncle Archie, and several other people playing dominoes under the shade trees—and the laughter." Sherry also recalls "Grandpa and Grandma walking around or just sitting and talking to everyone," while Frances notes that "it was usual to see Grandma and Grandpa on their canvas cots taking an afternoon rest."

Paradoxically, "the reunion seemed to last a long time," says Frances, but "the day would end all too soon," Peggy adds.

The reunion has changed over the years. Frank and Lizzie are long gone, and only the youngest three of their daughters remain from their generation. The swimming, fishing, and domino games of the outdoor years have given way to a lot of four-part, shape-note gospel harmony from Stamps-Baxter-style songbooks. But the food and fellowship are still to be had in abundance, although sodas are not quite as rare a treat as they were in earlier days.

"Things seem different now," Peggy notes, "and we compete with a glitter-laden world of entertainment. None of the glitter compares with my memories of Bass Lake."

"I just wish we could have those relaxed, casual days back," Frances adds.

"I guess the most rewarding part," Jerry concludes, "is the fellowship and warm sense of family that I remember the most. Everyone should have family reunions. If they did, the world would be a better place."

And the Skaggs reunion is open to everyone—Skaggs or not.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped us during the flood at Lake Leon. There were so many, we will probably miss some but we want you to know we appreciate everyone who had any part in helping to make things easier for us.

We want to thank the Red Cross for personal and cleaning supplies. Kokomo Baptist Church for feeding everyone on a Saturday, the Salvation Army who brought meals twice a day, plus all the water, ice, and cleaning supplies we needed. Also special thanks to Mike and Darryl who were so faithful to be there every day. We also appreciate the Highway patrolmen and others who were there day and night to make sure everyone and everything was safe and secure.

May God Bless each and every one!

Lester and Sue Seaton

Thank You

Medway Home Healthcare would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement we have received during our first full year of serving the public. A special thank you to all of our clients for welcoming us into their homes and letting us be a part of the family during their time of need. We look forward to serving our communities with quality healthcare for many more years. Sincerely, Medway DeLeon. 254-893-5990

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"Hidden talent counts for nothing." -Nero

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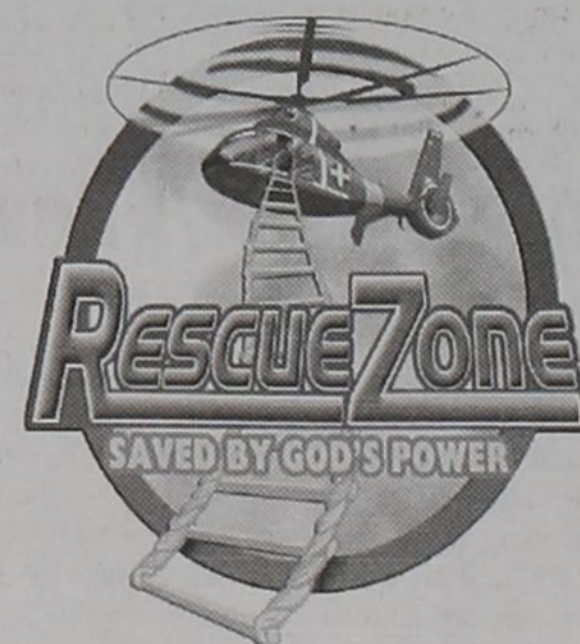
Paying up to \$300 in prizes annually, CWC's contest closes Tuesday, July 31, so consider another Roman's sage words and mail your entries today:

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Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward / Ann Maxfield

Another Wednesday, July 18th and another gathering for fellowship and a wonderful meal.

Barbara Bush welcomed the 31 people attending and introduced as guests Jill Torres, Payton Maxfield and Marley Carlton. It was good to have John and Willo Rice and Barbara Morrison back with us. Perhaps our attendance will increase as summer winds down and vacations are completed. We were given a report about those who are ill and unable to be with us at this time. Our hope is that they will soon be feeling better and able to join our weekly lunch.

Barbara Bush asked that we please remember those affected by the recent floods in our thoughts and prayers. Also, we must remember and give thanks for those who have responded to help with the clean-up and repairs. Some have traveled a great distance to assist in the process. Zelda Jordan voiced our opening prayer before our meal.

For several days we have enjoyed dry weather, sunshine, wind, and unusually cool weather for mid-July. Of course, with all the rain we have a huge problem with insects. The mosquito is capable of carrying West Nile virus, so please take precautions to avoid being bitten.

A final thought: *You can either complain that rose bushes have thorns - - our rejoice that thorn bushes have roses!*

Remember Thursday night is game night so come and join in the fun.

Happenings At FBC!!

Perfect Timing! What a Super weekend we had in the House of the Lord! Saturday evening we had a wonderful crowd attend "The Future is Now" - you can plan now for the Legacy you want to leave. Ron Johnson provided education on how we can get "our house in order", and how we can give while we are still living. Ron was called to this ministry over a decade ago, and he can help you with your questions about Wills, Trusts, Investments, and Financial Planning. Check Ronnie L. Johnson out at NASD.com, and if you need his assistance please contact him at (877) 774-0233 or email to rjohnson@mfgdenver.com

Sunday morning the House was filled with friendly fellowship. Ron Johnson is married to Bro. Barry's sweet sister, Nancy Jean. Bro. Barry and Sharlene were in 'hog heaven' to have them and their two great nephews in Gorman for the weekend. Ron Johnson brought a powerful and concise message from Psalm 30:5. Life is full of disappointments. Our world today is plagued with many things - physical abuse, health issues, financial problems, child abuse, and natural disasters. There is a lot more weeping than there is joy in the mornings. You don't have to live with the abuse. Don't be imprisoned by troubles or the ways that you have been abused or wronged. Jesus can and will help you get LOOSE from all of these things. Forgiveness is not as much for the forgiven as it is for the Forgiver.

Please join us next Sunday to receive a Word from Jesus.

The SBTC Disaster Relief Team continues to work out at Lake Leon. They are making progress, yet there are still many families in need. God Bless these volunteer workers.

Make Your Words Sing: Poetry! Wesley Valek at WordLaunch Sun., July 29

The Cisco Writers Club is pleased to present Wesley Valek of Cisco in its WordLaunch Workshop this Sunday, with "Make Your Words Sing: Poetry!"

This is the last in a series of eight intense, focused workshops dealing with the many faces of writing today, from books to short shots. As a favorite form of expression in America, poetry certainly deserves a place in that portrait gallery.

The workshop will be held in the American State Bank, 418 Conrad Hilton Avenue in Cisco, 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, July 22. Individual help and questions follow. Cost is \$15, or \$10 for students, teachers and those over 60.

Like many writers, Wesley Valek came to poetry as a literary outlet.

"I was tired of the strictures placed on historical writing," he recalls, "so I turned to unrhymed poetry."

At the time, Wesley was a history instructor at Cisco Junior College, a post he held for thirty-seven years. His articles had appeared in the Panhandle-Plains Historical Review, the West Texas Historical Review, the Cross Plains Historical Review and several others.

"Oh, I've had a few poems published," Wesley admits, "but it was pretty special to have my poem, 'The Revival,' win the Poetry Guild Grand Prize in 1998."

Wesley was born on a farm in 1934 between Ennis and Waxahachie. "I was the seventh of nine children," he recalls, "and I grew up amid Czech immigrants, redneck Anglos and a few Afro-Americans." His family included some of those Czech immigrants.

After graduating from high school, Wesley spent four years as a field instructor in the US Air Force Survival School.

"That experience influenced me to enter the field of education," he recalls.

After two years on the west coast, he enrolled at East Texas State university, from which he earned a Bachelor of Arts in history and anthropology in 1963 and a Masters in history in 1965.

"That's the year my wife, Evelyn, and I moved to Cisco, thanks to being offered a position at Cisco Junior College."

He's in Cisco still. Since retirement, he has written some family memoirs, but mostly, he says, he has devoted his life to his three loves: "My family, my garden and a half-breed dog named Chewbacca."

As with each workshop, participants receive a certificate to enter one piece free in a corresponding category of CWC's 31st Annual Writing Contest. This contest is open to the public and ends July 31.

Contact Karen Donoho or Ruth York regarding the contest or WordLaunch Workshop at 254-442-3100 or 254-442-3530.

Spend a couple of hours Sunday with a writing expert, and launch your words to the world.

WordLaunch is underwritten through the generous support of Frac Tech Services of Cisco.

TX Volunteers Needed

Pacific Intercultural Exchange, a non-profit organization, is seeking approximately 40 volunteers in Texas to welcome international teenagers in their home for the 2007-08 school year. Students aged 15-18 years old from countries such as South Korea, Germany, Iraq, Brazil, Sweden, Russia, Japan, Iran, Pakistan, and more will be arriving soon. Volunteers need to contact PIE at 1-888-743-8721 by August 15. The international exchange students, many sponsored by the US Department of State, Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs, spend 10 months in the USA learning democratic values and institutions and giving back to their host community. The program strives to promote peace and understanding between the cultures of this world.

For more information, contact Elvia Meza or John Doty at 1-888-743-8721.

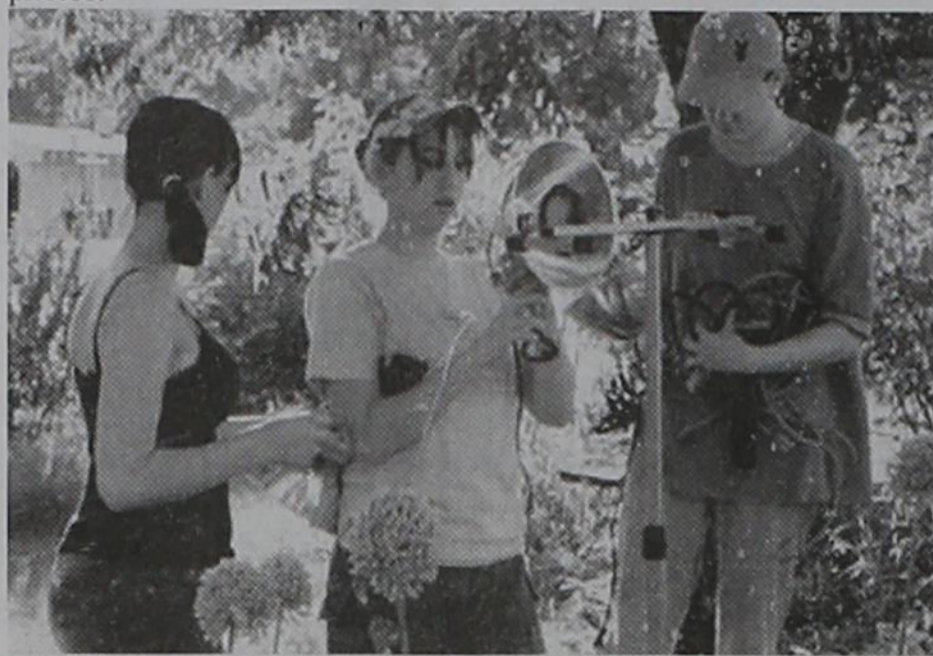
It's almost impossible to believe that fall is upon us and time for reunions already! Oink! Where has this year gone! The Desdemona Alumni Reunion will be held this year on August 10 at the DAC in downtown Desdemona. Visiting will begin at 4:00 P.M. and dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. Cost is by donation. There will be musical entertainment and door prizes. Please RSVP to one of the following by August 1 so that we will know how many to plan for: Floyd (Jr.) Moore - 254-578-2610 or Carol Pell - 254-758-2420. Or you may respond by writing to the DAC at P.O. Box 2, Desdemona TX, 76445. We would like to invite the entire community and friends of Desdemona. The 'new' settlers in Desdemona would enjoy hearing stories from the 'older' settlers. Y'all come!

Mark your calendars for August 4 for 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Breakfast is always served the first Saturday of each month at the DAC from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. We have a great time and a great meal. Hope you will make it a habit to come each first Saturday.

Carol Pell

Behind The Scenes of "Trial by Self"

Gorman residents have been hearing about the movie that is currently being shot in Gorman for months now. Here are a few behind the scenes photos:



Amanda Branham (actress), Jolie Mayfield (Assistant Director), and Brandon Powell (writer/director) set up lights for one small scene.



Amanda Branham applying 'effects' make-up to her legs to make them look scraped.



"One of our actresses does most of the make-up for certain scenes. It helps having someone who knew a bit about make-up on the cast. Amanda is great at it."



Amanda Branham, Lauren Doxey (actress), and Jessica Guess (actress) as they discuss a scene with the director.

"When time permits, I like to discuss the scene and go over lines before arriving at the set to shoot. Since I wrote the script, sometimes ideas come to me at the last minute and there are line changes. It helps the actors too because they understand the scene better and the new lines usually fit their particular style of speaking better than the words that were originally written."



Brandon Powell, Lauren Doxey, and Jolie Mayfield set up for a shot at Bass Lake.

"It was a blast shooting at bass lake. It really has a lot to offer cinematically and save for the random heavy metal festival it went off without any problems."

-Brandon Powell



Jolie Mayfield, Jack Reynolds (double), Brandon Powell, and Amanda Branham preparing a shot

"Actor often also serve as crew. This simplifies things on small sets."

Brandon Powell



Brandon Powell cleans up watermelon after recording some necessary sound effects for the film.

"Watermelon is more than a good snack. It is also a wonderful tool when it comes time to record certain sound effects."



Amanda Branham and the rest of the crew preparing Lauren Doxey for her final shot in the movie.



Various Actors and Extras wait as the crew prepares the "classroom scene," which was shot at Gorman ISD.

"We all really enjoyed shooting in the Alleys of Downtown Gorman. It was one of the most physical scenes and there were countless sound issues but it made an excellent cinematic backdrop. Besides, it was interesting watching everyone watch us shoot. Everyone probably thought we were crazy."



Amanda Branham, Nicole McKenzie (actress), and Kevin Crank (actor) wait as the crew prepares a shot.

"We had to shoot most of the Cemetery scene twice because of bad stock... The actors weren't any happier than I was."

"Trial by Self" will complete principal photography on August 5th. Rain and illness put the production slightly behind schedule. For more information please write Brandon Powell at newdionysuspictures@hotmail.com or Jolie Mayfield at jm_newdionysus@hotmail.com.

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