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Family and Friend Day Set At Church of Christ Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Meeting Set

Everyone is invited to the Gorman Church of Christ this Sunday, June 6 as we kick off our first annual FRIEND AND FAMILY DAY. All guests will be honored at worship, which begins at 10:45. We will have a BBQ lunch with all the trimmings and then the ladies will go head to head in a no-holds-barred dessert contest. Various activities and games for the whole family are scheduled throughout the day. Everyone bring a friend and your appetite and come to find out what it means to "Bloom Where You're Planted".



The Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association was organized and incorporated by the State of Texas in 1992 as a non-profit organization. The nineteenth Annual Meeting will be held June 12, 2010 at 11 a.m. At the Gorman Housing Authority Hotel Apartment Building in Gorman.

A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon. Immediately following the meal there will be a Business Meeting, a full Financial Report and a Trustee Election.

Thanks to all those who express concern for the care of the Cemetery. If you have a loved one, family or friend buried there, you should be interested in its care. Your participation is important to quality care of the Cemetery.

Donations, Memorials or Estate Planning may be made to:
Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association
C/o Mary Waller - 7726 CR 362 - Desdemona, Tx 76445
Trustees and Officers: Daryl Hirst, Dale Curb, Tommy Clark, Gaylord Battenfeld, Doyle Clark, Aline Garrett and Mary Waller.

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Candidates



Viridiana Maldonado
Lions Club Candidate

Hello, my name is Viridiana Maldonado, I'm 15 years old and I will be a Sophomore this coming year. I'm involved in UIL, One Act Play, Choir, Basketball, Twirler in Band and I'm a part of the Ministry Praise and Worship Center. I've lived here practically all my life with my mom, Imelda Maldonado, my dad, Jose Maldonado, my older sister, Perla Maldonado, who has recently graduated from Gorman High School and my younger siblings, Jose and Asael Maldonado who also attend Gorman Schools.

I like to sing, hang out with my family and friends, and play the piano at Church.

I would like to thank the Gorman Lions Club for sponsoring me.

Thank You

More Contestants In Next Weeks Paper

TO OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN GORMAN

During Bob's recent illness, the enormous amount of love, support and condolences we have received from the Gorman community has been truly overwhelming. You will never know how much your prayers and generosity have helped us get through these trying times. We will never be able to thank you enough for everything you've done.

Current and past City Grocery employees have stepped in and offered their own time to help keep the store running. To these employees we owe a great debt of gratitude. If not for them there's no way we could have kept the store open during this time.

Bob has received well over 100 cards during his hospital stay. These cards have kept his spirits up and he looks forward to the mail each day. In one day alone, he received over 20 cards. He was truly touched by the cards from the school kids.

Bob is responding well to treatment and therapy, and we hope to have him home by the middle of June. He can hardly wait to thank everyone personally for all the prayers and support he's received.

Gorman - Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have been a blessing to us and shown us what good people live in this town.

Bob and Brenda Hammontree

JUNE 14, 2010, COMMUNITY CENTER 6:30

In this Town Hall meeting we will discuss plans for cleaning up our town. Neglect has caused great deterioration of the place our forefathers worked hard to build. We must begin to be good stewards over what has been given to us to oversee. It is our responsibility to preserve our home town. Please, come and help us plan for our future. LET'S RECLAIM GORMAN.

Tour of Peanut Country 11th Annual Bike Ride and Walk

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.

Dorcas Class Adjourns Until Fall



The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ has concluded its formal classes for the Spring. They will resume on September 14, 2010 and will begin with a study of 1&2 Samuel. All ladies are cordially welcome!

Posing for a group picture on May 18 were: Standing L-R: Becky Bussey, Monda Oldham, Gail Clayton, Joy Rogers, Nell Moore, Bobbie McKillip, Patty Dold, Donnie Rodgers, Marie Patty, Lil Brudnack, Virginia Griffith, Ruthie Rodgers, Louise Smart, Jerry Brown, Francis Simpson and Carolyn Gilbert. Seated L - R: Floydene Gilbert, Wanda Martin, Ellen Parker, Bonita Moorman, Aline Garrett, Betty Region, Kristie and Alizabeth Wilder.

CAR WASH
Saturday, June 5th
Gorman Car Wash
Across from DQ
\$5.00 Donation
to
Viridiana Maldonado
Miss Gorman Candidate
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Gorman Lions Club

BAKE SALE
Thursday, June 3rd
In front of Gorman Pharmacy
Brownies - Cakes - ETC.
Viridiana Maldonado - Miss Gorman Candidate
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The Senior Class of 2010 greatly appreciates Snider Nursery for donating the magnolia tree for their graduation gift to the school. The senior class selected the magnolia tree to be planted in front of the new high school. The seniors shown planting the tree are Jarrett Blankenship, Jose Velasquez, Jonathon Flores and Justin Little with help from the principal Jeff Byrd. Thanks to those of you who helped plant the tree. It did not appear to be an easy task.

First Baptist Church

invites you to

VBS

on June 7th thru 11th. Kids ages 3 yrs to 6th grade.

8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Contact FBC for details. 254-734-2420

Abundant Life Church invites you to join their Summer Lunch Program free to GISD students. We will be serving lunch Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays until we go back to school at the ALC Education Facility located next to ZJ's at 101 South Keni from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Jthjr77

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

Boy Scouts

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

Obituaries

Dorothy Katreen Cockrell

Dorothy Katreen Cockrell, age 78 of Ranger, passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2010 at Villa Haven Health and Rehabilitation Center in Breckenridge. Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 6th at First Baptist Church in Ranger.

Mrs. Cockrell was born on October 27, 1931 in Weatherford to Frank Mosley and Una (Wortham) Mosley. She married Allen Ray Cockrell on July 31, 1948 in Weatherford. Mrs. Cockrell was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Ranger.

Survivors include her husband, Allen Ray Cockrell of Ranger; daughter, Susan Pendleton and husband, Ronnie of Breckenridge; sister, Evelyn Grimes of Weatherford; four grandchildren, Wendi Fox and husband, Roger of Haysville, Kansas, Amy Pevey and husband, William of Fort Stockton, Jennifer Lynn Cockrell of Mesquite and Randy and Sherri Pendleton of Paris, France and Roy Dan and Marcie Pendleton of Breckenridge and five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, John Cockrell, two sisters, Elizabeth Parkey and Una Mae Moore, and a brother, Frank Mosley, Jr.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. At the First United Methodist Church in Breckenridge.

Donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Rufus Manford Lewis

Rufus Manford Lewis, age 77 of Desdemona, passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the Comanche County Medical Center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 30th at the Desdemona Cemetery with Denver Rainey officiating.

Mr. Lewis was born April 14, 1933 in Gorman to Robert Leo Lewis and Grace (Lane) Lewis. He married Mary Ruth Sharp on September 8, 1951 in Desdemona. She preceded him in death on September 7, 2008. Mr. Lewis was a farmer and a member of the Bride of Christ Church. He had lived in this area most of his life.

Survivors include four sons: Melvin Lewis and wife, Connie of Desdemona, Allan Lewis and wife, Kara of Eastland, Rocky Lewis and wife, Vicki of Dublin and Bit Lewis of Desdemona; one brother, Joe Carroll Lewis and wife, Dodie of Desdemona; three sisters, Zoe Shoemaker and husband Joe of De Leon, June Lewis of Ranger and Linda McLearn and husband, W.R. Of Desdemona; eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, David Lewis, two brothers, Wesley Lewis and Gary Leo Lewis and one sister, Elaine Battenfield.

Classifieds

HUGE GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, 207 Fisher Street in Gorman - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Apartment size (22") stoves, Washer and Dryer, file cabinets, and lots of computer equipment, Lots of Clothes, High Chair and miscellaneous items.

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FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Saturday, June 5th - 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Norris, Burleson, Shane and Allen's - Microwave, Like New Bread Machine, Dishes, Beddings, Clothes, Purses, DVD's and VHS Tapes and Lots of Different Miscellaneous Items at 106CR505 in Desdemona (Off Hwy. 16a and 8 Near First Baptist Church.

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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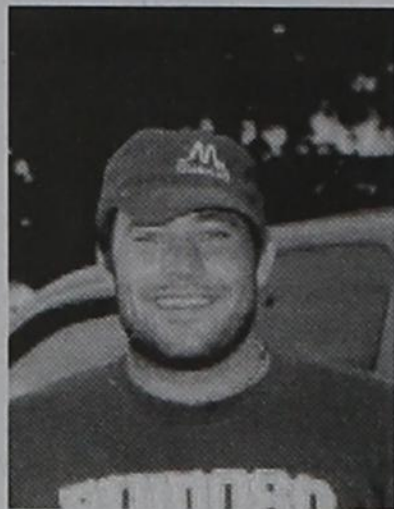
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If your family plans to participate in the 2011 Eastland County Livestock Show with a sale project, please notify Mr. Boles, Ag Science teacher, or Mr. Byrd Principal at Gorman ISD. The Gorman Livestock Raisers will begin fund raisers for the 2010-2011 year very soon.

Grant Lane Burgess

GORMAN -- Grant Lane Burgess, 26, passed away Sunday, May 30, 2010, in Cleburne, from a oil field accident.



Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday at Triple Cross Cowboy Church. Burial will be in Gorman Cemetery in Gorman, Texas. Visitation: 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wiley Funeral Home.

Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Tillye Burgess Scholarship Fund at the American State Bank in Gorman, Texas.

Grant was born October 12, 1983, in Stephenville, to Billy and Cheryl Arnold Burgess. He married his childhood sweetheart, Michelle Ann Barker, March 20, 2008, in Stephenville. Grant grew up in the Granbury and Tolar area. He was an outdoor enthusiast enjoying sports of all kinds, bar-b-queing and being outdoors with his friends of all ages.

Survivors: Wife, Michelle Burgess of Gorman; daughter, Tillye Day Burgess of Gorman; parents, Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury; sister, Alissa Burgess; Michelle's parents, Terry and Doris Barker of Granbury; paternal grandparents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess; paternal great grandmother, Aline Garrett; maternal great grandmother, Betty Arnold; additional family members and many friends.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2010 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2011, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the budget for the City of Gorman, Texas for the year June 1, 2010- May 31, 2011 has heretofore been published in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such public hearing and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said budget; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the budget presented by the City Secretary and reviewed during the public hearing is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year 2010 - 2011

SECTION 2: That the City Secretary can be authorized to make intra and inter department fund transfers during the fiscal year as becomes necessary in order to avoid over expenditure of a particular account only when such authorization is given during a commission meeting.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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1,260 A, hills, mesas, wildlife, RV hookups, creek, tanks, much more [FE01] \$2,396/acre
 685 ± A, irrigation, pumps, cabin, barn, tanks, rural water supply [CE01] \$3,500/acre
 REDUCED 455 A, rolling hills, 150' elev. chg., poss. owner finance [RS01] \$3,000 \$2,850/acre
 210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500
 102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, minerals, possible owner finance [JB04] \$252,450
 SOLD 100 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$210,000
 REDUCED 81 A Pecan orchard, 900± trees, possible owner finance [REM01] \$405,000 \$300,000
 SOLD 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000
 69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, costal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900
 45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, costal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500
 24 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000
 18 A, water well, stock tank, rural water available, wildlife cover, hunting [AB03] \$64,500
 7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000
 REDUCED 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$199,900 \$89,000
 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
 3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500
 UNDER CONTRACT 3-1 Frame Home, carport, shaded lot, strg. bldg. [DS03] \$39,500 \$36,500
 SOLD 3-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, large lot, CH&A, fenced [JG02] \$95,900
 3-2 Frame home, 1 car garage, carport, large lot, fenced yard [KS01] \$55,000
 2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2.99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000
 2-1 Frame Home, carport, large lot with garden, well, large pecan trees [DH02] \$29,500
 REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000

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We would like to extend our appreciation to the scholarship donors who contributed funds to Gorman High School 2010 graduating senior class. We are very fortunate to have a community that supports our students.

Ranger College	\$2500	Jose Velasquez
Ranger College	\$2500	Perla Maldonado
Cisco College Agriculture Scholarship	\$500 fall and spring	Justin Little
Cisco College Agriculture Scholarship	\$500 fall and \$500 spring	Tyler Johnson
Eastland County Farm Bureau	\$200	Perla Maldonado
Career Colleges & Schools of Texas	\$1000	Clifton Lipson
G.W. Maxfield	\$200	Erica Limon
Cisco College Volleyball Scholarship	\$200 + books	Kimi Seaton
Gorman Lion's Club	\$250	Brittany Henderson
Eastland County Retired Teachers Association	\$400	Perla Maldonado
Ruth Bryant Memorial	\$100	Ben Burgess
Hampton Paint and Body	\$200	Justin Little
Ruth porter	\$200	Adriana Madera
Howard Payne Heart of Texas Scholarship	\$48,000	Kelsi Gibson
Order of Eastern star	\$250	Jonathon Flores
Miss Gorman	\$500	Brittany Henderson Kimberly Seaton
Miss Gorman candidate	\$100	Perla Maldonado
Gorman Peanut Queen	\$250	Erica Limon Brittany Henderson
Gorman ATPE	\$250	Brenda Velasquez
Gary Clayton Memorial Scholarship (Order of Confederate Soldiers)	\$500	Kimi Seaton
Irene Panter Memorial Scholarship	\$300	Tyler Johnson
Gorman Masonic lodge	\$250	Tyler Johnson
Darlene Hampton Memorial scholarship	\$100	Kathryn Fritts
Gorman ISD Achievement Scholarship	\$100	Alex Giles
Valedictorian state tuition fee waiver	Up to \$4000/year	Erica Limon
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NEW - 14.12a Lake Proctor, secluded, join lake property, elec., well, wooded, lots wildlife. \$67,070.00

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,300/acre

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

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. \$2,400 Acre.

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.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.

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Mark your calendars:

- WEDNESDAYS:** 6:30pm Youth - Bring your friends!
- June 2nd** - 6:30pm - "Strings Attached" Concert - Featuring Sondra Brudnak & friends.
- June 6th** - 11:00am - Cross Country Band in Concert.
- June 7th thru June 11th** - Vacation Bible School - **KIDS BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!!**
- June 12th** - 8:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Please come to enjoy great food, friends, and fun!
- June 13th** - 10:00am - Adult's Sunday School Classes - Begin New & Fantastic Video Series!
- Summer Camp:** Youth is 7/12 to 7/16 & Kids is 7/26 to 7/29 - Bring donations to Church Office.

Special Presentation: James Tucker read a stirring letter that was written to his Aunt explaining the death of her son, "Tuck", in Germany on 11/30/44 while serving in the Military.

Children's Sermon: Liz held our Country's flag, and asked what the colors red, white, and blue meant to the children. Red, white, and blue remind us of the United States of America and our freedom. M&M's have every color, and all colors are meant to remind us of Jesus. May every color you see remind you of the sacrifice and freedom Jesus has given each one of us.

Special Appreciation: The congregation recognized our Veterans in attendance.

Special Music: "Are You Washed in the Blood" & "Amazing Grace" - (Vocalist Sarah Jackson and FBC Praise Band) Moving and Inspiring!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Memorial Day Reality" - II Corinthians 1:3&4 - Retail stores promote Memorial Day for big in-store sales and outdoor barbeques. The reality of this day is to Remember the casualties of the USA's Soldiers.

1. Honor War Dead. - Memories of Military folk that have given their lives for our freedom.

2. Remember Family/Friends who have passed on. - A Soldier's passing bears an intense pain for family and friends that are waiting for their homecoming. Remember those that are dear to you, and find your hope in the Gospel, the truth of seeing them again in heaven.

3. Just another Bar-B-Q. - Some people miss the meaning. Men and Women are called to serve in a Military capacity that renders an unprecedented freedom for the United States of America. Our Military stand a post so you and your family may gather, enjoy each other, and BarBQ. So do it!

The Reality of Memorial Day is the Homecoming of a US Soldier in a casket. It's not the way we want it; it is, however, sometimes the way it turns out. God Bless All the US Soldiers and their Families; God Bless America! Freedom Rings!

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

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Attendance was down a bit at the dance last Friday probably due to the holiday weekend and graduations in various places. But we sure had a great time and great music! Join us for the next dance on June 11th for Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers.

This Saturday is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Get a great start to your weekend with a wonderful breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. Breakfast is served from 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM and cost is by donation.

The annual DAC garage sale that usually takes place at the end of May or the first of June was postponed due to some scheduling conflicts. It is now set for the middle of July. This is an annual fundraiser to help pay off the Activity Center and we all look forward to it each year (we have fun here even if we are working!). If you have some gently used items that you would like to donate to help us, please call me at 254-758-2420.

Well, summer has hit with a bang! Remember that with less and less rain comes the danger of fire. Please be very careful with fire and pay attention to the fire bans when they go into affect.

I hope you all had a safe and fun holiday weekend. Did you take a moment to remember what Memorial Day actually celebrates? The freedom that we cherish is not free - it has been paid for by the brave men and women who have fought and died to keep it for us. Brave folks are still on guard to keep us free. It would do this country good if we all would reflect on that fact occasionally.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

CARBON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION JULY 10, 2010 (A NO-EXCUSE-NOT-TO-ATTEND-REUNION)

By Linda Neeley, Chairman of the 2010 Carbon High School Reunion

As I am writing this today (May 30, 2010) the countdown clock on the Carbon High School website says it is 40 days until July 10 and the Carbon all-school reunion. The invitations were mailed last week. There are some of you who have already made plans to be there, and there are some of you who are thinking of all sorts of excuses not to attend. One of the most often used excuse is "I don't look like I did when I was in High School. I have aged and gained some weight and have wrinkles. - My hair has turned gray. I have lost all my hair." Well - if you think that the passage of time has only affected you - think again!

I graduated in the class of 1965, and I want to share with you a picture of the class on our senior trip to Galveston. These were the days before curling irons and blow dryers and the girls' hair suffered from the high humidity on the coast. As you can see, several methods were used to try to cover up the unruly tresses. These were also the days when the boys wore their hair shorter so they didn't share our "bad hair day."



See what I mean about a bad hair day.

Now let's fast-forward to 2009 - 44 years after graduation. Recently a few of the girls in our class met at Rico's Restaurant in Eastland to go over plans for the 2010 reunion. Four of the five ladies in this photo are also in the Senior Trip photo. How many can you match to the photo above?



So forget about the little extra weight, wrinkles, gray hair or no hair and come join in the fun on Saturday, July 10 at the old Carbon School House. Actually, I think our hair looks better now than it did 44 years ago!!

Schedule for Class Reunions:

Friday, July 9

NOTE: The Spaghetti Supper at the Carbon Community Center has been cancelled.

Classes of 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Carbon Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be served and organizers are requesting a donation of \$5.00 per person to cover the expense.

Classes of 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 will meet at Cricket's Restaurant, 3800 East 120 in Eastland at 6:00 p.m. Attendees may choose between the buffet or the menu.

Class of 1956 will meet at Nell Files' house south of Carbon at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 10

Class of 1963

Class of 1963 will meet at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 10 in the Meals on Wheels building in Eastland, 110 N. Ostrom, across the street (west) from Rico's Mexican Food Restaurant. The building is reserved for the afternoon so attendees can stay as long as they wish. The building is roomy and air conditioned. All exes are invited to stop by and visit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Linda Neeley, phone 830-598-5613, email lneeley47@yahoo.com or on the school's website www.carbonhighschoolreunion.org.

PARENTING

Get Your Kids Into the Game

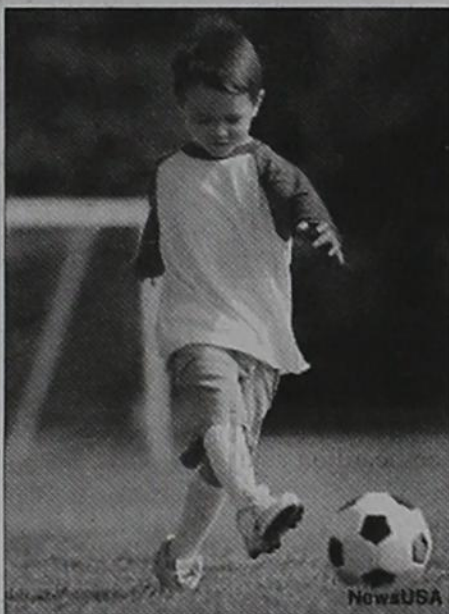
NewsUSA

(NU) - When it comes to improving academic performance, boosting self-esteem and teaching social skills, few things beat team sports. Sports give kids the opportunity to get attention and respect, and to use the natural skills that come with youth, like speed and coordination.

According to one survey of 2,185 children conducted by The Women's Sports Foundation and Harris Interactive, kids who played sports or who participated in activities like frisbee, camping and hiking felt healthier and more confident about their bodies than those who did not. Other studies demonstrate that children active in sports perform better in school and are less likely to use drugs as young adults.

Of course, sports can have a downside. Overly competitive leagues, discouraging coaches and injuries from unsafe practices can quickly turn kids away from sports. So how can you make sure that your child has a positive experience? Here are some tips:

- **Make sure that your child is mature enough to participate.** In general, kids aren't equipped for the rules and cooperation required in team sports until age six or seven. But each child develops differently. Don't push children if they're not ready.
- **Make sure that the league or coach emphasizes fun.** If you ask children why they want to play a sport, they'll probably say that they want to have fun or make friends. No matter their sport of choice, make sure that your child's enjoying him or herself.
- **Don't stress winning over everything else.** Extreme competitiveness overrides any sports-



Team sports offer many benefits - if children enjoy them.

manship your child would otherwise learn. Focus on personal markers of success, not the league championship.

You can reward your child for playing a sport even if their league does not. PlaqueMaker Plus (www.plaquemakerplus.com) allows you to print your child's photo in a sports-shaped frame. You can also order your own trophies and present them for a job well done, whether that means making the winning hit or simply putting in a good effort.

- **Don't force your child to specialize too soon.** Few kids are going to get sports scholarships - instead of trying to turn your child into a baseball or basketball star, let them try out a variety of sports. Some children are never going to enjoy sports. Instead of forcing kids into an activity that they don't like, find another physical activity, such as track, cycling or hiking, that they can enjoy.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had average attendance on Sunday. Alan SADBERRY of De Leon was the guest speaker for the Morning Service. Sunday School at 10 a.m. And morning service at 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome to attend to share God's word.

John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney, Elise and Katie Duke and friend, William Elmore all of Early visited Memorial Day with Humpy and Betty Duke.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Agnes (Holder) Rushing, 88 of Ranger. Burial was in the Crossroads Cemetery, south of Ranger. Survivors include three daughters, Frances Hitt, Linda Wilson and Barbara White; two sons, Larry Rushing and James Rushing. Preceded in death by her parents, S. J. and Ida Holder; her husband, James Rushing. Agnes attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1940.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Manford Lewis, 76, of Desdemona. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include four sons, Melvin Lewis, Allen Lewis, "Bit" Lewis and Rocky Lewis; three sisters, Zoe Shoemaker, June Lewis and Linda McClearn; one brother, Joe Lewis. Preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Grace (Lane) Lewis, his wife, Ruth (Sharp) Lewis, two brothers, Wesley Lewis and Gary Lewis, one sister, Elaine Battenfield, one son, David Lewis. The Lewis Family lived in the Desdemona are for years where all their children attended school. Manford was in the Class of 1952.

PETS

Prevent Pets from Bringing Fleas and Ticks Home

NewsUSA

(NU) - Spring is a time of rebirth and rejuvenation. Invigorated by warmer weather, many of us make our way outdoors to soak up the new found sun. But despite the cheerfulness outside, spring can often bring unwanted critters indoors - by hitching a ride on our pets.

Before people take their pets for hikes or nature walks this spring, they should consider precautions to protect their pets - and themselves - from fleas and ticks.

A flea or tick infestation is no fun for the whole family. Flea saliva can cause anemia, dermatitis and transfer tapeworms - a dangerous internal parasite. Worse, fleas reproduce quickly and can infest whole homes, requiring professional extermination. Perhaps more harmful than fleas, brown dog ticks and Lyme-disease-carrying deer ticks typically enter homes through pets as well. Once in the home, they can begin laying up to 5,000 eggs at a time.

There is no need for pet owners to lock their dogs and cats inside all spring and summer. In fact, the National Pest Management Association, a 75-year-old non-profit organization committed to the protection of public health, food and property through proper pest management and homeowner education, offers these tips to Americans hoping to protect their pets and their homes from fleas and ticks:

- Avoid tick habitats such as low-growing, brushy vegetation along the edge of the woods or a trail.
- Check your pet thoroughly after you have been in potentially tick-infested areas. Finding and re-



Avoid walking pets in tall grass - it can hide ticks.

moving all ticks helps prevent disease.

- Check pets frequently for fleas and flea dirt, especially after being outside. Look for excessive scratching and licking.
- Bathe pets after walks or playtime with other animals, as fleas can jump from host to host.
- Talk with a veterinarian about prevention and treatment options available to kill fleas and flea eggs.
- Wash pet bedding, collars and plush toys.
- Wash bed linens and vacuum carpets, floors and furniture frequently. Empty vacuum bags and throw the contents away in an outside receptacle.
- If you suspect a flea or tick infestation, contact a licensed pest professional immediately to treat the pest problem.

For more information and tips, visit www.pestworld.org.

SAFETY

Homeowners Look to DIY Projects to Secure Peace of Mind

NewsUSA

(NU) - In the midst of today's soft housing market, and during a time when saving money is top-of-mind, many homeowners are embarking on small, do-it-yourself improvement projects around the home instead of extensive overhauls or making the move to a new home.

In fact, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry reports that many of today's homeowners, apparently reacting to current market conditions, are opting to undertake a series of "partial" improvement projects as their schedules, budgets and lifestyles evolve over time.

While many of these updates are intended to make the home's interior more functional and aesthetically pleasing, homeowners can also make simple improvements to the outside of their home. For example, homeowners seeking an added sense of security can take steps to increase their awareness of what is happening outside the house - from the driveway to the doorway to the backyard patio or pool. Now, enhancing your knowledge of any movement on or around your property can also be a manageable DIY improvement project that any weekend-warrior can tackle in no time.

Created by Chamberlain, the world's largest garage door opener manufacturer and leading do-it-yourself access control innovator, the CWA2000 Wireless Motion Alert system allows homeowners to safely monitor



A new wireless motion alert system alerts homeowners to guests or potential intruders approaching their property.

the outside of their property from inside their home. Providing affordable peace-of-mind about what's happening or who is approaching their property, these motion alert sensors allow easy installation at key areas around the perimeter of the home. Equipped with one portable base station and one motion sensor, this easy-to-install system is expandable up to four sensors, so homeowners can be alerted to any unexpected deliveries, unannounced guests and even potential trespassers.

Versatile and portable, the sensors can detect movement from up to 30 feet away and then transmit that signal, using both light and sound, to a portable base station capable of receiving alerts from up to a half-mile away, also making it ideal for the lake cabin, the boat house or even the campground - offering the homeowner both peace-of-mind and protection at all times.

For more information, visit www.chamberlain-diy.com.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed a nice crowd of 31 people at our dinner on the 26th of May. Hopefully we can continue with a good attendance for the summer. James Miers was here with us so he gave the blessing for all. We are always happy to see him, and hope he continues to visit.

Our meal was tasty with pork and beef shepherd pie, salmon patties, chicken spaghetti, pinto beans and Cole slaw. Also many veggies with peas, green beans, potatoes and mixed vegetables in the pie. There was corn with fritos and catalina dressing, good. Martha Rainey taught us this one. Our desserts seem to keep being low with one chocolate cake, coconut pudding, Jello with peaches and rice cakes to munch. Also a Buttermilk chess pie by Estelle Lindley.

We forgot to sing Happy Birthday to Estelle Lindley last time, so we sang to her and Raymond Hattox. She is so blessed to have lived so long and look 60. She is 94 and continues to enjoy good health and an active life.

Sure was good to see Ray and Goldie Warren. Had been awhile since a visit, wish they would come more often. He is Ruthie Porter's brother. Our banker James Bruton was with us, always enjoy seeing him. He needs to come earlier, as he seem to be eating our leftovers, HA!

We were all excited to see Wilburn Overstreet. He has finally recovered from his fall. His good neighbor Ron McCormick came with him for more support. Very fortunate to have a close good neighbors to help him out when needed. They built a lovely white stone home right next door to Wilburn.

Max and Barbara Bush had a graduation in Lubbock. Their grandson Jordan has finished his 12 years. Now comes some kind of higher learning. He is now visit with his grandparents on their ranch.

Daisy Slaton had a short visit from her granddaughter, Shawn McCauley. She always enjoys those visits. Shawn's brother, Sterling has been quite ill, but much improved. Maybe he can come and visit Grandma soon.

My son, Mark had his 54th Birthday on the 30th in Brownwood. They had a big party planned and offered to come get me. But since my food poisoning, I just don't feel like all that. So I chose to stay home along the whole Memorial week end. I did miss getting to see the great grandkids, I only have two, a boy and girl. Lucky to see them once or twice a year.

We were saddened to hear Ailene Garrett's great grandson, Grant, lost his life in a fall. He was working on a oil derrick when the accident happened. I know how tragic and nightmarish this can be, as I lost a sister in a fall from a horse. Our prayers and thoughts are with your whole family, Ailene.

The weather is so hot now, close to a 100! We were lucky and had a pretty cool May. But summer is here with a vengeance! Sometimes I don't think I can stand another summer. Have to nearly hibernate in this house. Go out early to do my chores.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

We would like to welcome Donna Warren. Donna is our new director of nurses. We will have more about Donna next week. Welcome Donna.

If anyone has any neckties, clip on ties or bow ties, they no longer want or need, we would like to have them for our "tie one on" contest for Father's Day.

Ah, the great outdoors! On Wednesday Mr. John Howard and his band students presented our annual outdoors concert. The first group to perform was the high school band, followed by the Jr. high band. Everyone enjoyed the great music, visiting with the students and a good cold glass of lemon aid. Thanks Mr. Howard and band students. We hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to next year.

On Friday we had our Memorial service, honoring those who died fighting for our freedom, and also the residents who have passed away since last year as well as family, members and friends who have passed away.

Billy Self, Briley Johnson, and Cecilia Hirst visited Christine Self, Julie and Barry Hazel visited Jelma Smith, Faye Faulk took Edgar Reynolds out for his birthday. LaVerne Carr visited her mom, Troy Scitern. Raymond Hattox visited Frankie Stacy, Brent Lasater visited Mayvis Lasater, Billy Earl Simpson, and Pat and Howard Hagood visited all the residents.

This is National Dairy Month. On Friday afternoon we will have ole fashion root beers, Please come and join us at 2:30.

Congratulations to all the graduates. Job well done. Until next week

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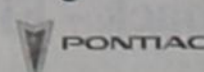
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