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Spring Portraits By Riley Studio

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.

Thank You

The City of Gorman would like to thank Billy Don Simpson and Charlie Torrez for working hours to help the city crew get the water breaks repaired and water back going to Gorman residents. It is great to have citizens who despite the cold, miserably conditions, jump in and help. Also, we would like to thank Lori Dodd for bringing those great Dublin Dr. Peppers just to let the working crew know they were being thought of. Thanks again to all for your patience and understanding. City of Gorman, Mayor, Commission, and Employees

Major George B. Erath 2679 United Daughters of The Confederacy Travels



Major George B. Erath 2679 United Daughters of the Confederacy traveled to Waco on Saturday January 30 to attend Texas Division Forum. Five members are pictured at the chapter's sale table with Recipes & Remembrances a rebel inspired cookbook collected by members of the Order of Confederate Rose & Sons of Confederate Veterans. The hard cover book contains more than 600 recipes and several articles such as "First You Have to Catch the Chicken" and "Hog Killing Done".

Members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Stephenville; Joy Rogers, Treasurer, Gorman; Sharon Weible, Recorder of Military Awards, Dublin; Betty Leatherwood, Historian, Stephenville; Becky Bussey, 2nd Vice-President, Gorman.

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SCHOOL MENU Week of Feb. 15 thru Feb. 19

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake on stick, fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, fruit, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - French toast, fruit, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Ham, Biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Enchiladas or Burrito, chili beans, Spanish rice tossed salad, crackers, sherbet and milk.
TUESDAY - Oven fried chicken, steak fingers, baked potato, English peas, biscuit, gravy, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti/Meat sauce or pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, bread stick, oatmeal cookie and Milk.
THURSDAY - Ham and cheese Stromboli or Turkey sandwich, tossed salad, chips, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and milk.

Daylight Savings Times

Begins Sunday, March 14th

Filing Dates For City General Election

The City of Gorman Uniform Election Date will be May 8, 2010. The first day a candidate may file for a place on the ballot will be February 6, 2010 and will continue through March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Those terms that will be expiring are those of the office of the Mayor, currently held by Robert Ervin and Commissioner Place 4 Joe Casey, and the Commissioner Place 2, currently filled by appointment Durward Webb.

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.

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.

Co. Clerk Announces New Service

The new service is called Eagle Web. It allows the public to view index information and images from the comfort of their home or office. Documents are uploaded to the Eagle Web on a nightly basis after they have been scanned, indexed and verified. This usually occurs within two business days.

You must be a registered user but there is no charge to register and search the index.

Images may be purchased in one of two ways.

1. Images may be purchased at the cost of \$1.00 per page
2. A monthly subscription may be purchased for \$250.00 per month, which allows unlimited access to document images.

To take advantage of this new technology go to: <https://www.countygovernmentrecords.com>

For questions or assistance contact: Cathy Jentho, County Clerk at 254.629.1583

Cathy Jentho Re-Election As Eastland County Clerk

My name is Cathy Jentho and I would like to thank the Citizens of Eastland County for the honor of allowing me to serve as their County Clerk since 1998. I am again seeking for your Vote and the privilege of serving you for another term.

The Office of County Clerk is very complex and is ever Changing. One of the duties is the recording and filing of instruments. I have implemented the computerization of real property Records. The documents are now indexed, imaged, archived and Protected. The images are quickly available on seven public terminals in the County Clerk's office. I have just recently put the land records online and they can be purchased through the website. In 2002 I supervised the much needed repair of many of our books. I have redesigned the index books into a simpler format. I am currently in the process of making electronic recording available.

The Clerk files misdemeanor cases and keeps the cases updated until the case is closed. I purchased a filing system for quick retrieval and better use of the limited space available for the ever increasing number of files. Last year over 500 misdemeanor cases were filed in the Clerks office.

The Clerk is responsible for filing, recording and maintaining probate records. The County Clerk is the clerk of the Commissioners Court and is responsible for posting notices, taking and recording the minutes and indexing those minutes.

The County Clerk conducts countywide and general elections. I have worked with local, state and federal agencies in the implementation of HAVA (Help Americans vote Act). Through this act we have been awarded a grant for \$153,101.00 which has been used in the purchase and training on new voting equipment for the election process. I contract and work closely with the local Republican and Democratic chairs, Cities, School Districts, Hospital, Water Districts, and College Districts to conduct their elections.



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

50th Wedding Anniversary for Harold and Rebecca Fritts

The Children of Harold and Rebecca Fritts are honoring them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. On February, 20th at Harvey Baptist Church in Stephenville.

They were married on February 20th, 1960 in Burnet, Texas. They have three children, Bob Fritts and wife Lolly, Matt Fritts and wife Angie, and John Fritts and wife DeeAnn. They have six grandchildren, JT, Heather, Katie, Jacob, Haylee and Luke Fritts.

Friends and family are invited to attend this special occasion. NO GIFTS PLEASE.

Power Lifting Meet Results From Hamilton



The Gorman power lifting teams travel to Hamilton this past Saturday to compete in the 1st annual Bulldogs power lifting meet. Ally Little took 3rd place in the 105 lbs class with a total of 400 lbs. Tyler Johnson took 1st place in the 220 lbs class with a total of 1240 lbs. Erica Limon took 3rd place in the 165 lbs class with a total of 615 lbs. The team will travel to Santo this Saturday to compete in the Wildcats power lifting meet. Lifting should start around 9 am.



Obituary

Leo C. Williams

Leo C. Williams, age 82 of Desdemona passed away on Friday, February 5, 2010 at Eastland Memorial Hospital. Graveside Services were held on February 8th at Desdemona Cemetery with Rev. Margie Holmes officiating. Music by Dr. Dan Brudnak, Phillip Lewis, M.D. Smart and Joe Williams with burial following under the direction of Nowlin Anders Funeral Home.

Leo was born on January 2, 1928 in Desdemona to Clayton Hope Williams and Beulah Kay Williams. He married Eloise Wisdom on January 23, 1949 in Desdemona.

He was a farmer/rancher; served in the U. S. Navy WWII; employed as an ag teacher, physical science teacher and principal before moving to Eastland County where he has lived and farmed since 1972. He was a member of various agricultural organizations, served as State Director for Farm Bureau and locally on the Soil Conservation Board.

Survivors include a son, David Williams; three daughters, Donna More, Delores Helms, and Enid Williams; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister, Evelyn Yardley, also of the Desdemona community.

Preceded by his wife, Eloise Williams; one brother and one sister and his parents.
 Memorials: Desdemona Activity Center, P. O. Box 2, Desdemona, Tx 76445.

Notice Of Amendment Change

Notice of Amendment to City Ordinance #216. Amending the penalty for violation.

SECTION 5. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor.

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PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l. N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well & frontage on 2 county roads. A13
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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 1, 2010 is the last day to register to vote
 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

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FCF's Children In Action kid's program is on again starting this Monday the 15th at 6:30 pm. We'll see you there for all the fun and excitement. For more info call 254-737-3203.

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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. \$2,500 Acre.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 38 A M/L south Gorman, Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,200 Acre - Seller Financing
 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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1,260 A, hills, mesas, wildlife, RV hookups, creek, tanks, much more [FE01] \$2,396/acre
REDUCED 455A, rolling hills, 150' elev. chg., costal, creek, hunt [RS01] \$3,000 \$2,950/acre
 210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500
 162 A, 2 story 2-1 1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000
 147 A, Horse Property, 5-4 1/2 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000
SOLD 400-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] \$198,000
 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
 45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
 24 A, new water well and septic system, costal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000
 19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
 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] \$159,900 \$89,000
 4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
 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
REDUCED 3-1 Frame Home, carport, shaded lot, storage bldg [DS03] \$39,500 \$36,500
 3-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, large living area & lot, CH&A, privacy fence [JG02] \$95,900
 2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2.99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000
REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000
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WHEN: February 13, 2010, 9 AM - 5 PM

WHERE: Mountain Top Church, Cisco
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WHAT: Participants will learn the mission of the American Red Cross, receive an overview of the activities performed while working a shelter, how to work as a team to effectively and sensitively meet the needs of people displaced as the result of a disaster.

WHO: Anyone who is currently a Red Cross volunteer or would like to become a volunteer is invited to attend this special training.

HOW: For more information, or register for training contact: Tim Cox at (325) 677-2622 or email cox@usa.redcross.org; Pastor Scott Rasco (254) 442-4479 email mntopchurch@sbcglobal.net

From Branson, Missouri

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Thursday, February 18, 2010
7:00 PM De Leon City Hall
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POLITICAL CALENDAR

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 Eastland County Offices - - - - - \$50.00
 Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - - \$50.00
 Eastland County Constable - - - - - \$50.00

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 Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.
 The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the March Primary Election.

Eastland Co. Justice - Pct. 1: Incumbent - Ronald (Ronnie) White (R)	Eastland County Clerk: Incumbent - Cathy Jentho Cecil Funderburgh (R)
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The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association will be serving lunch at the Gorman Community Center from 11 - 2

We will be serving Brisket, Ham, Beans, Potato salad, bread, dessert and drink.

The cost will be \$9.00 per plate.

We will be decorated for 'sweethearts Day'!! Please make plans to join us for lunch!

City Minutes

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Durward Webb, David Stanley, and Joe Casey. Absent was Nathan Files. Others present were Carlos Herrera and Manon Locke.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, noting one correction. The word prayer was left out of the sentence in the 2nd paragraph. With that Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

After looking over the bills, Joe made the motion to approve for payment with a second from Durward. 3-0.

No Citizens were present other than the two parties interested in the job position.

Durward made the motion to approve the application for permit to move a mobile home to 415 South Susquehanna Street. David made a second. When payment is received, the permit will be considered complete.

The Commission approved some minor requests presented by David on behalf of the police department. Items were purchase of rain jackets/slickers, approval of annual leave time, and riders with police personnel when such rider is pursuing some form of law enforcement training, etc.

Reports were submitted by department heads.

Joe made the motion to order the City of Gorman May General Election for May 8, 2010, with two Commissioner places and Mayor on the ballot. Durward made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken on item #9. The previous issue has been taken care of.

The amendment to Ordinance # 216 was read at this time. The amendment will read: Section 5 - Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be charged with a Class C Misdemeanor. This amendment will be published in the February 11 paper.

The first reading of Ordinance #2010-01, City of Gorman and TXDOT was read at this time. This ordinance pertains to FM Highway 8 and City agreeing to the same speed limits.

The City will continue to accept applications until the February 18th meeting for the advertised position. Carlos Herrera and Manon Locke were present to express their interest in the position.

There being no further business for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried, time was 6:25 p.m.

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

Looking Ahead - 2010 Pecan Management

Most of your hands are still cracked and sore from shelling pecans in the early winter months, and you probably do not want to even see a pecan tree until it warms up in March and April. I feel that it is never too early to start thinking about managing pecan trees for the 2010 harvest. So in this article I wanted to hit some critical needs for the pecan crop to be successful this year.

The first issue that comes to mind when I think about pecan trees is fertilization. This is very important for young trees. Nitrogen is necessary for rapid tree growth and is the only soil-applied nutrient that most pecan trees ever need. It is important to apply nitrogen in frequent small amounts during the first few years. Spread fertilizer on the soil surface, under the tree, but well away from the trunk. Nitrogen fertilizers are very soluble and are readily moved into the soil by watering. It is inefficient and unnecessary to make holes around the tree to pour the fertilizer into the ground. Ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) and ammonium nitrate (33-0-0) are common, economical nitrogen fertilizers that can be used.

For mature trees apply 1 pound of 21-0-0 or 33-0-0 for each inch of trunk diameter in late March before bud break. If the tree produces a very heavy nut set in May, make a second application in late May or early June. Apply the fertilizer broadcast on the surface starting 3 to 5 feet from the trunk and extending out a few feet past the tree canopy. Water the fertilizer into the soil promptly. Avoid scattering fertilizer on sidewalks or paved driveways because some materials can cause unsightly, although seldom permanent, spotting.

Frequent zinc sprays are essential for rapid tree growth. Trees deficient in zinc usually have small, weak leaves, highly branched (rosetted) twigs at shoot tips and, in severe cases, dieback of twigs and branches. During the first 7 years, trees grow best if foliar sprays of zinc are applied at least every 2 weeks throughout the growing season of April through early August. If the trees are not growing, reduce the spray frequency. Spray mature trees with zinc at least three times between bud break in late March or early April and early June. Zinc is needed primarily by young expanding leaflets. Leaflet expansion on mature trees usually stops by mid-June. Two of several choices of zinc materials to spray are:

Zinc nitrate is formulated as a liquid. Use 2 to 4 teaspoons per gallon or 1 to 2 quarts per 100 gallons of water.

Zinc sulfate is formulated as a powder. Use 2 teaspoons per gallon or 2 pounds per 100 gallons of water.

UAN liquid fertilizer (32-0-0) can be added at a rate of 1 quart per 100 gallons of the zinc sulfate solution to improve penetration of zinc into the foliage. Zinc sulfate spray can cause leaf burn on other trees in the home landscape, especially peaches, plums and other stone fruits. Zinc sprays are most effective if applied early or late in the day with little or no wind. The higher humidity under these conditions allows longer wetting and more zinc absorption. Zinc sprays pose a minimal hazard to man and animals, yet care should be taken not to contact the spray directly. Zinc sprays are not likely to stain sidewalks, houses, cars, etc.

For more information on pecan management or insect control, call your County Extension Agent Heath Begeman at the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-1093.

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. The site also provides blogs by the host agents, explaining some of each entree's nutritional facts, sharing culinary information like how to keep food fresher longer and posting tips on how to personalize a dish to your family's tastes. Find the "Dinner Tonight" program at http://healthyliving.tamu.edu. Users will need to download QuickTime or Windows Media Player to view the demos. This week's "Dinner Tonight" recipe is called "Smoked Chicken and Spinach Calzone"; please see recipe below. "This recipe makes a wonderful family meal" said Sarah Holland, Tarrant County Extension Agent and host of this week's demo. "It includes foods from all of the food groups on the United States Department of Agriculture's food guidance system, MyPyramid. The preparation is easy enough to allow your children to play an active role in helping prepare and serve this meal. If you have school age children, talk about the 5 color bands on MyPyramid and help them identify which color band each of the foods in this recipe would fit into. For older children and teenagers, consider talking with them about eating a variety of different foods from all of the color bands. Explaining why this recipe would benefit them personally is also important to older children and teens. For example, you could explain how eating foods from the milk group, like the mozzarella cheese in this recipe, helps keep our bones strong, the vitamins from the spinach and tomato keep our skin looking healthy and the protein from the chicken is full of protein which is good for strong muscles. Most of all however, use the time you spend in the kitchen preparing meals to communicate with your children and enjoy your time as a family together! This recipe is a wonderful addition to your list of healthy family recipes and I hope that your family will enjoy it as much as mine does!" 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 254/629-222 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.

Smoked Chicken and Spinach Calzone

- 2 cups cooked chicken breast, diced
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
1 cup part skim mozzarella cheese, shredded
1 refrigerated pizza dough crust
1 1/2 cups fresh spinach
1 Tablespoon olive oil
2/3 cup low-sodium tomato sauce
2 Tablespoons Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon liquid smoke
Non-stick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Coat a large baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray. In a large mixing bowl, combine chicken, cheese, spinach, tomato sauce, liquid smoke and hot sauce; mix well and set aside. Un-roll rectangular pizza dough on the large, greased baking sheet. Spread chicken mixture over the long half of the uncooked pizza dough within one inch of the edge. Fold over un-opened side so that it meets the other side. Pinch the edges of the pizza dough together to seal. Lightly brush the top of the calzone with olive oil and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Using a sharp knife, make a few slits in the top of the calzone to allow steam to escape during cooking. Bake for 10 minutes or until puffed up and golden brown. Allow to stand 5 minutes before serving. Slice into 4 pieces.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 10 minutes

Serves: 4 portions

Nutrition facts per serving:

- Calories: 333
Total Fat: 14 g
Cholesterol: 24 mg
Sodium: 620 mg
Total Carbohydrate: 37 g
Protein: 16 g

Branson Comes To De Leon

By Marsha England

Ever thought about going to Branson and seeing one of the shows up there? Figured it was too expensive, too far and didn't really have the time to go?

On Thursday, February 18, Branson is coming to De Leon. From the Hamner Barber Theater, in Branson, Missouri, the Women's Division Chamber of Commerce will present Ricky Boen and Texas Mud in concert at the De Leon City Hall. The show starts at 7 pm. There will be food and drink available by the Purple Lily Theater Troupe. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at the door, from Linda in the Chamber Office, Bella's, Paw Prints Parlor, La Joyce, Ms Sue's Cleaning, Dublin, Shade Tree, Proctor or from any member of the Women's Division.

Come on out, see a really great show and think about all the money you saved by not having to go to Branson! This group will only play three dates in Texas and De Leon is one of them!

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Tears are flowing again in Hogtown - we have lost another good friend. Our prayers go out to the family of Leo Williams who lost his battle with cancer last Friday morning. Leo always had a smile. He loved playing music with Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids. We will miss Leo in lots of ways and we will miss his onions! He planted a huge garden each year with lots of onions. When we had something going at the DAC, he would say, "I'll bring the onions!" They were always good. Thanks Leo!

The annual General Meeting of the Desdemona Activity Center will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. We would like to have all members come and be a part of the meeting. There will be one spot to fill on the Board of Directors. Anyone who has been a member for at least 60 days may vote. It is also time to renew memberships. The dues are \$25.00 per year. Membership in the DAC earns you the right to vote, serve on the Board of Directors and be given a discount if you want to rent the building. It, also, puts you in line for a lot of fun because we do have fun here at the DAC!

A lady from the census bureau will be here on Tuesday, February 16th to recruit folks to help with the 2010 census. Come to the Activity Center at 2:00 and see if you would like to have a temporary job during this census-taking year.

Bravo! to Jon Awbrey of the Free Press for his Jon Q. Public article in last week's paper. If you have forgotten what it said, you might go back and read it again. This would be a better world if we followed his advice! Try giving people you pass a big smile and a 'Hello' and wave at folks as you drive. Folks waving was something my husband and I noticed when we first began coming out to this area many years ago. It still happens but not as much lately.

We had a large crowd at breakfast last Saturday morning - thanks to all who came. We will see you all at 'Breakfast at the DAC' next month on the first Saturday as usual.

Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here this Friday for our dance. Remember we have a dance the second Friday of each month. The music starts at 7:00 P.M. The concession stand opens at 6:00.

Are you ready for a fish fry? Keep March 20th open on your calendars and watch Pig Tales for more details.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith



Thank you Dorcas Class Ladies from the Gorman Church of Christ. These wonderful ladies make 75 Valentine bags for our community. 31 of these came to our residents at Homestead and Rehab.

Our residents enjoyed the thoughtfulness of the Valentine's gift bags and the uplifting singing. Punch and cookies were to everyone.

Those Wonderful ladies are; Francis Simpson, Krisie Wilder, Betty Region, Gail Clayton, Ellen Parker, Louise Smart, Floydene Gilbert, Aline Garrett, Joy Rogers, Kay Cozart, Carolyn Gilbert, Beck Bussey.

DON'T FORGET TO COME TO HOMESTEAD AND VOTE FOR VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN. A penny a vote. Accepting votes until 9:00 am Friday Feb. 12. Valentine containers will remain outside each residents door until Monday morning. Remember Valentine's Day is Sunday Feb. 14. We will have our Valentine Party at 2:30 on Friday.

We would like to invite everyone to come and participate in our Mardi Gras Parade on Tues. Feb. 16 at 11:15. If you would like to come early and help us get ready come on up.

We would like to wish Lucille Johnson a Happy Birthday on Sat. Feb. 13.

Michelle Gray came on Sat. and led exercise with the residents. Thank you Michelle.

Some of our residents enjoyed watching the Super Bowl on Sunday. I know Marge Hudson was excited because her team won.

Our bingo winners on Friday were Sara Rodgers, Mayvis Lasater, Christine Crews, Ima Boles and our Blackout winner was Louise Clark. Monday's winners were Mayvis Lasater (won 2 games) Edgar Reynolds, Lula Schneider. Edgar was our blackout winner.

I wasn't able to be here on Monday for singing, I really appreciate those who came.

Visiting Frankie Stacy were Maxine Huddleston and Raymond Hattox. Visiting with Mayvis Lasater were Lou Evelyn Rodgers and Brent Lasater, visiting Jelma Smith was Jeff Smith, Ray Daniels visited with Melvin Daniels, Frank Crews visited Christine Crews. Ralph Hudson and Kay Craddock visited with Marge Hudson, Dale Johnson visited Faye Johnson, Clyde and Shay Johnson visited Lucille Johnson, Bonnie Stewart visited Myrtle Davidson.

The First Baptist Church members came on Sunday at 2:30 for church services. Every Sunday morning at 9:00 someone from the Baptist Church comes and hold Sunday School for our residents. On the 2nd Sunday Kokomo comes at 2:30. On the third Sunday we NEED someone to come and hold worship services at 2:30. The fourth Sunday the Church of Christ comes and on the fifth Sunday New Hope comes. You are invited to come and join us for. On Wed. morning at 9:00 the Church of Christ comes for Bible Study. Bro. Durwood Webb has been coming and will continue to when needed. We are happy to welcome Bro. Jason on Wednesdays now.

We are glad to have Claudie Shelton back with us. Ms. Claudie has been in the hospital. Welcome home.

Remember Please come and vote for Valentine King and Queen and place a valentine in our "Sweethearts" containers.

Ina

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was canceled last Monday at the Community Center due to some wind damage on the roof of the old school building which caused some water leaks inside the building. The severe thunderstorm that came thru Desdemona a week ago Thursday did a lot of damage in the main part of town, also damage to several homes on the east side of town in the Genoway addition.

Bernard Keith spent several days in the Comanche County Medical Center. He is reporter to be doing much better at this time.

Avie Taylor of De Leon fell on Thursday night at her home and suffered a severe head wound. She was rushed to the Emergency Room at the Comanche County Medical Center then later transferred by ambulance to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth where the Dr. treated her head wound and she spent one night in ICU. Jean Cearly of Bedford brought her mother, Avie back home on Sunday afternoon. Avie is a sister to Vonnie Guthery and Bernard Keith both of Desdemona.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Leo Williams, 82 of Desdemona. Graveside service was held on Monday morning at the Desdemona Cemetery. Leo attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1945. See obit in this paper.

"Texas Weather" - As the old saying goes - "Thunder in February, Frost in April." Mark your calendar and see if this old saying comes true.

What Happened in 1930 -

1. The first red and green traffic light was installed in Manhattan.
2. The discovery of a ninth planet in our solar system and it was named Pluto.
3. Comic strip "Blondie" debuts in September.
4. Radar is first used to detect airplanes.
5. Over 1,300 U.S. Banks failed this year and unemployment rose to 8.7 percent.
6. Fashion designer, Elsa Schiaparelli becomes the first to use zippers in clothing.
7. Hostess "Twinkies" was invented by bakery executive, James Dewar.
8. Actors born in 1930 are Sean Connery, Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman and music legend, Ray Charles.

Have a great day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was so surprised and happy to see 23 people present at our meeting on the 3rd. The day was cool and dreary, plus trying to rain. I guess people just wanted to get out, tired of cabin fever. Hope more of you continue to come out, its good fun and many more different types of dishes to enjoy.

Nice to have James Miears, James Bruton and Jimmy Stell here to enjoy lunch with us. James Miears always kind to give the blessing for us all. Also good to visit with Geraldene Wright and Ellen Parker. Both looking good and improved. Must put in a retraction, Ellen only knocked out 1 tooth, then had to get the root pulled out. Ouch! Ellen also was kind to prepare the meal loaf for all to enjoy.

Our nurses from Medway Home Health in De Leon were with us to check our BS and BP. They are always here the 1st Wednesday of the month. Sure do appreciate Charlotte and Cathy being here to give us this service. I was glad they were able to stay and eat lunch with us. They are busy ladies and don't always have time to eat.

Betty Ellis, Anne Laminack's sister will be going home to Georgetown, GA soon. Anne is back from Kentucky with her man friend Henry Buchanan. They are such a happy couple. We will miss Betty at our dinner. But she will be back to visit from time to time. They arrived back in town for another cold blast. I'm sure they had enough snow, etc. bak in Kentucky. I'm really quite tired of the cold and dark days. The sun is sure welcome when we see it. I burn my candles, they help lift the spirit on bad days.

We missed Betty Regian and her good rolls. She was helping with a funeral. We enjoyed biscuits in the can, the Texas Style. Sure were good, something different. Our meal, we had a time getting on the table. Kept forgetting dishes. I left the pinto beans and Jello in my car. I'm used to Betty there to help carry in. Then Barbara Bush brought her mashed potatoes in, but left out the drink table. We did have a comedy of errors! HA! While Barbara got my dishes out of the car she forgot her own. But some people did manage to find them on the wrong table. Also we enjoyed mixed vegetables of broccoli, carrots and cauliflower. Thanks to the food bank for this gift. We also had some cabbage, which everyone seems to love. Thanks to Ruthie Porter. I also want to thank Ellen Parker for bringing our meat. Our desserts were a chocolate cake Barbara Bush made, a vanilla cake from Tyson Swanner's 19th Birthday. I had given him a chocolate one, so we had plenty of cake on his big day. Estelle Lindley mad a coconut chess pie, plus we had a apricot pie. All in all we had a very good dinner.

I went to Desdemona on Sunday the 7th to view the Super Bowl game with the Holdmans. They have a large flat screen TV. How beautiful the color and so sharp the picture. What a game! They best Super Bowl I'd ever watched. I'm so happy the Saints won, they so deserved this honor.

Hope all is well and someday warm, nice weather will return - Carol

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers

Annual Meeting to Provide

Important Policy and Research Information for Cotton Producers

The Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in conjunction with the Texas Farm-Ranch-Wildlife Expo, on the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene, Texas. The meeting will be held in the Big Country Hall. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting agenda will have very timely and important topics including an update on several policy issues from Eddie Smith, Chairman of the National Cotton Council. Juan Garcia, State Executive Director of the Texas State Farm Service Agency, will provide information about new farm bill regulations and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). In addition, Texas Agrilife Extension will present findings of the most recent cotton root rot research. RPCG and other industry reports will also be given.

A barbecue lunch catered by The Shed will be provided by sponsoring industry representatives at the end of the meeting. Following lunch, participants are invited to attend the Cotton Production Conference scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Producers will have the opportunity to earn three CEU hours toward their Applicators License.

Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. has served the producers of the Rolling Plains for over 40 years. The non-profit organization unites cotton producers from the 31 counties of the central and northern Rolling Plains, with the mission to improve the conditions under which Rolling Plains' cotton is produced and sold.

There is no charge for the meeting or production conference. All cotton producers and other interested associates are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this educational meeting. For more information, please contact the RPCG office at (325) 669-6447 or via e-mail at Karin@rpcotton.org.

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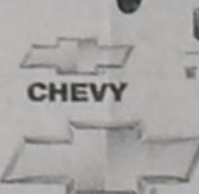
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