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The Messengers Nominated For Christian Country Music Vocal Group/Band Of The Year

The Nashville based Inspirational Country Music Association has announced that The Messengers have been nominated top 10 vocal group/band of the year. The Messengers are having a great year on the national charts, with "My Saviour Paid it All" reaching #11 US and #1 in Europe. Their song "Thanks to Mother's Prayers" will be positioned at #10 on the US August charts. A second ballot will be mailed out to reduce the top ten nominations down to the top five nominations. The top five in each category will be the finalists, with the winners being announced at the ICM Country Music Awards Show.

The annual Inspirational Country Music Awards are dedicated to honoring and showcasing the biggest names and emerging talent among artists who perform Christian and Inspirational Country music. This year's awards show will be nationally televised from Nashville on October 15th with award winning actor David Keith hosting and Ricky Skaggs, Tracey Lawrence and others performing and presenting the various awards.

Previous show performers and presenters have included: Collin Raye, Ricky Skaggs, Tracey Lawrence, Natalie Grant with Wynonna, Charlie Daniels, Lonestar, Josh Turner, Lee Greenwood, Emerson Drive, Diamond Rio, Randy Owen, The Isaacs, Del Way and many more.

The Messengers, from Gorman, Texas, are; Glen Clement, Tommy Clark, Jeff Clark and Jeff Seaton. They state that they are awed by the nomination, and are grateful to have the opportunity to share the gospel of Christ to so many listeners around the world.

PEANUT FESTIVAL/BBQ COOKOFF SET SEPT. 12

The 25th Annual Gorman Peanut Festival & 6th Annual Shin Oak Springs BBQ Cook-Off will take place Saturday, September 12th. The BBQ contest will begin at 5:00 the Friday evening before. A parade will kick off the festivities at 10:00 a.m. followed by a car show, bake-off, food and craft booths and entertainment all day long. Plans are pending for a Ranch Rodeo and a 42-tournament. To end the day, we are pleased to announce that "The Cross Country Band" will be performing for a free street dance from about dark til' it's over. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Gorman City Office at (254)734-2317 and we will try and answer them for you. We hope to see ya' there for a good time with good food and great company!!!!

PEANUT FESTIVAL QUEEN'S CONTEST

This year's contest will be on Sunday, September 6th. Any girl entering Pre-k thru 12th grade enrolled in Gorman school is eligible. We have 5 age groups and would love to have you represent Gorman as our next Queen. The High School girls will also be eligible to win a \$250.00 scholarship. For more information, please contact Veronica Seaton @ 254-734-5052. Entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 28th.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Called Meeting at 9 a.m. On Thursday, August 27th in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom in Eastland, Tx to consider the following agenda items:

1. Public hearing for Budget FY2010

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

SPEEAL GUEST at CIA this MONDAY - CIA continues and invites you to a special night. This Monday we will finish our focus on Impacting Your World with special guests Grace and Jordan Watson of New Hope Baptist Church. They will be sharing about their trips to India and how young people, as they, can also be World Changers. Also joining us will be missionaries, Landon and Alycia Darilek, from Southeast Asia. Parents are welcome to come be a part of this special night.

Children In Action (CIA) is an outreach of Firstfruits Christian Fellowship to children of Gorman and surrounding areas. CIA meets Mondays at 6:30 at PCF. Children ages 6-12 come and learn to be agents for Christ. There is music, games, food, fun and so much more. Children receive CIA Bucks for participation and get to spend them at the APEX Store. For more information call 734-3203.

Standings From 281 Speedway

Street Stock Top Ten Point Standings

- #75 Ed Cox - Gorman, Tx - 432
- #27C Cody Skidmore - Tolar, Tx - 419
- #37 Robert Tullos - Tolar, Tx - 413
- #3 Josh Cox - Gorman, Tx - 391
- #74 - Bobby Cox - De Leon, Tx - 386
- #48 - Kyle Tullos - Tolar, Tx - 384
- #23 Lenard McGowan - Tolar, Tx - 316
- #22 - Jack Jenkins - Waco, Tx - 315
- #1 - Jay Watts - Stephenville, Tx - 292
- #12 - Mike Burnside, Jr. - Mineral Wells, Tx - 250

IMCA Southern SportMods Top Ten Point Standings

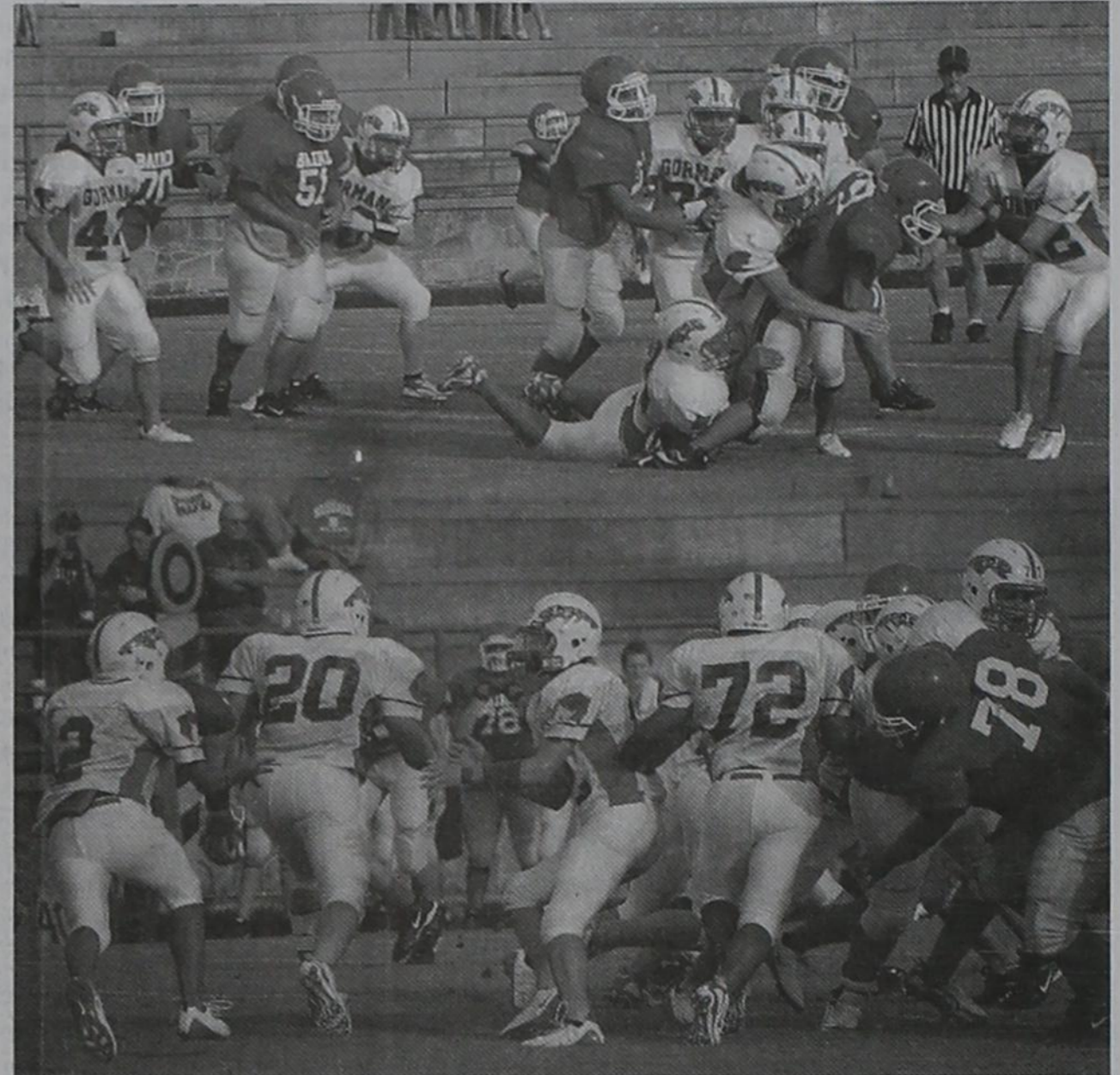
- #28 Gabe Tucker - Carbon, Tx - 449
- #16 Don Owens - Azle, Tx - 430
- #8F David Feltner - Stephenville, Tx - 381
- #4 Lance Tucker - Keller, Tx - 375
- #69 David Sparks - Stephenville, Tx - 368
- #17 Chad Kosse - Poolville, Tx - 299
- #40 Jeff Reynolds - Joshua, Tx - 227
- #210 Tony Austin - Weatherford, Tx - 205
- #37X dean Abbey - Comanche, Tx - 147
- #95 Steve Hayes - Eastland, Tx - 74

IMCA Modifieds Top Ten Point Standings

- #7 Randy Martin - Springtown, Tx - 456
- #Gabe Tucker - Carbon, Tx - 430
- #24B Chris Bragg - Springtown, Tx - 409
- #23 Jason Irwin - Millsap, Tx - 391
- #87 Floyd Gaines - Millsap, Tx - 388
- #75 David Place - Fort Worth, Tx - 360
- #86 Kenneth McGowan - Tolar, Tx - 347
- #104 Kevin Switzer - Millsap, Tx - 286
- #76 Jason Etier - Weatherford, Tx - 263
- #22 Eddie Triem - Millsap, Tx - 236

Where Are Your Kids Tonight?????

Panthers Scrimmaged Baird Bears Football Season Opener Set Sept. 4th



These photos were taken during the scrimmage with the Baird Bears on Friday night. The Panthers looked better in this game with more experience and getting more acquainted with the new coaches and plays. The Panthers will start the preseason games on Friday, September 4th when they host the Dallas Gateway team. Go Get "Em Big Red!!!

MEET THE PANTHER AND LADY PANTHER

Thursday, August 27th the Athletic Booster Club will be hosting a meet the athlete night. This will be held at the Gorman gymnasium and introductions will begin at 6:00 pm. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be a photographer available to take family group pictures and pictures for buttons of your athletes and athletes to be. If you would like to have a picture taken with parents and athletes together that will also be fine. Any kind of family group that you would like to put together we will take that picture!! So put on your best Panther gear and get in the picture with your athlete. Then beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will begin introducing the Gorman athletes. We would like to introduce all athletes grade 7 - 12 in football, volleyball and cheerleading. So make plans to come to the new Gorman gym on Thursday, August 27th and meet the all of the Gorman athletes.

Audrey Johnston and Tyson Swanner Update

Audrey is attending Ranger College and is playing Volleyball (as a walk on thanks to Shirley Burns) and Softball. First Volleyball game is August 26th. First home game is September 2nd as well as the first softball game. If her ankle is better by the 2nd. She will play Volleyball instead of softball on that day. If you want a schedule - See Amy.

Tyson is attending Howard Payne University in Brownwood and is playing football. They had their first scrimmage on Sunday and the next scrimmage will be Saturday, August 29th in San Antonio against Trinity. Tyson doesn't know yet if he will be on the traveling team or starting on JV as Quarterback. Game schedules come out next week and I will have some if you want one. Amy

Carbon's Fifth Saturday Singing

Carbon's Fifth Saturday night musical will be August 29, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Come to Carbon Community Center for an evening of music, singing, eating, or just visiting. The food service of sandwiches, chips, drinks and wonderful homemade desserts will begin at 5:30 p.m. for \$5.00. The music will begin shortly thereafter. To put your name in the lineup for the evening call T. J. or Brenda Cummings at 254-639-2226. Don't have a group but a really good singer, T. J. will find someone to play for you. Got a good joke to tell, let T. J. know that you are entertaining. At any rate, the evening is free for everything but the food.

REMINDER TO THE CITIZENS OF GORMAN:

The lids must be closed on the poly carts in order for the waste management people to keep the waste from falling onto the street. Please DO NOT overfill them. If you need an extra poly cart, (trash receptacle) please call the City Office at 734-2317 and we will be happy to get you one. Also, you must have your trash to the curb by 7:00 a.m. in order to insure pick up. Thank You, Gorman City Hall.

5th Sunday Singing Is Coming!!!!

August 30th will be the big day for 5th Sunday of the month and we all know what that means...its time to sing and fellowship! This month the Gorman United Methodist Church is proud to host the community for the fun and fellowship event! Invite all your friends and neighbors; your aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents...

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

REMEMBER: BRING A LOVE OF SINGING AND A SNACK TO SHARE! Drinks will be provided!

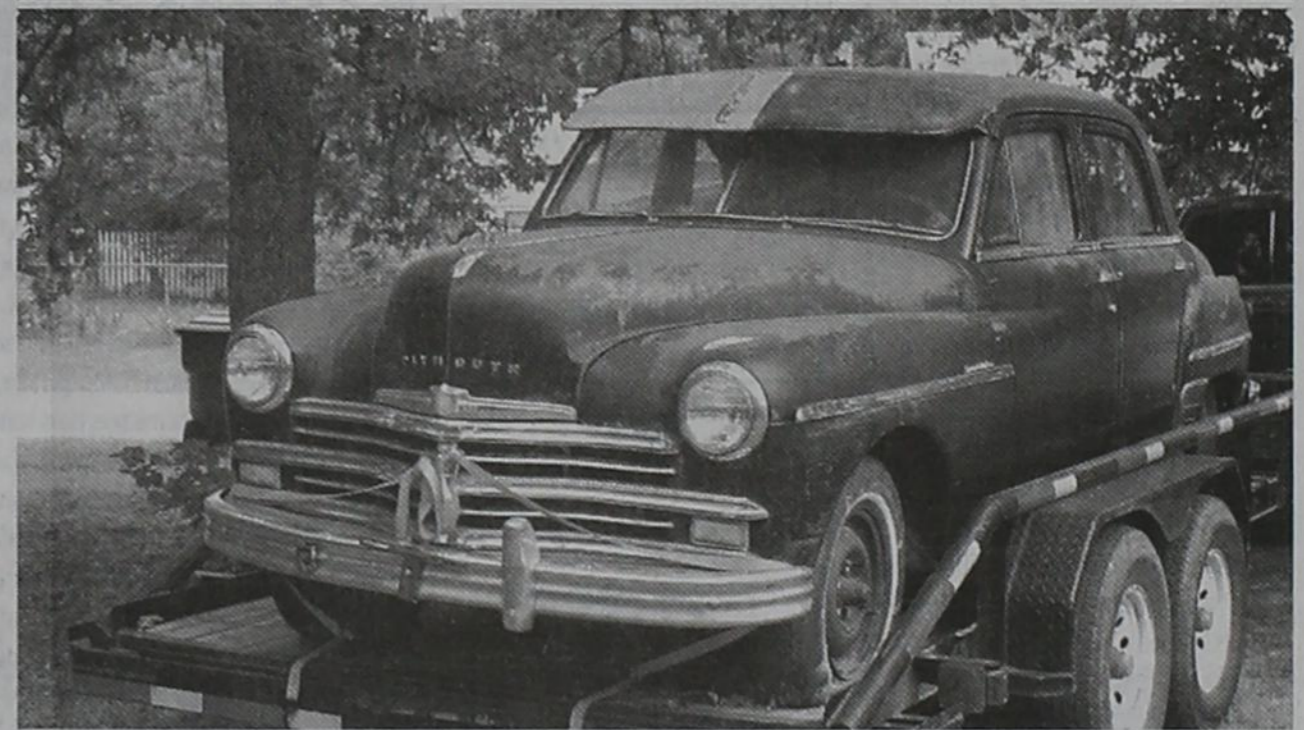
SCHOOL MENU Week of Aug. 31 thru Sept. 4

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk
TUESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Biscuits, Eggs, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage Biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickle Spears, Fresh Carrots, Crackers, Chips, Oranges and Milk.
TUESDAY - Roast or Steak Fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberry cake and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Rings, scalloped potatoes, green beans, Sparkle apples, Biscuit and Milk.
THURSDAY - Fish or Mini Corn Dog potato wedge, pinto beans, cornbread, pumpkin pie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken Fajita or Taco Salad, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, crackers, sherbet and Milk.



ICY'S OLD CAR - Icy Munn's old car to be given new life by her grandson. The car was moved from its resting place behind Icy's home in Gorman after her passing. Hopes are that the car will restore to its original styling.

**Gorman Lions Club
BROOM AND MOP SALE
118 S. Kent Street in Gorman
Thursday - October 8th - 8 a.m.
Please Come By To Support Our Club!**

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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

Boy Scouts

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

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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

G.E.D. Classes Forming for Fall

If you are 18 years of age or older and need study classes or information about taking the G.E.D. Test, now is the time! Take advantage of this FREE service in Eastland County sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Abilene ISD Adult Education.

Eastland County G.E.D. Study Classes will resume August 31st with a MANDATORY orientation beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Eastland First Baptist Church (large conference room). Trained G.E.D. volunteer tutors will be on site at each study class to help students prepare to take the G.E.D. Test. Each student is required to go through placement testing the first two weeks of class to identify specific areas of intensified instruction. It is critical that students attend the first two weeks of class. Study Guides and computer software will be available to students.

Locally, the G.E.D. Test is given at Cisco College and at the Abilene Adult Education Center (325/671-4419).

If you need more information, or would like to ask questions regarding the G.E.D., please contact County Extension Agent, Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu

Classifieds

HELP WANTED!
UPTO \$8.00 HOURLY
For qualified applicants. DQ of Gorman - 419 W. Lubbock - Now accepting applications. Need to love working with people, meeting new faces, drug and smoke free environments. Apply in person to Manager, Jesse Lopez. 4-8-20 C.

LAND FOR SALE: Approx. 11 acres on County Rd. 4820, water well, septic system. Asking price \$33000. call 254-734-5209. 5-9-24 C.

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IF YOU LIKE TO PUTTER - This spacious 33' X 30' workshop is just for you! The 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath from home with LR, DR, breakfast area, enclosed front porch, carport & RV shed is surrounded by beautiful trees and extra lots. Don't pass this one by, the workshop is a craft-minded handyman's dream! 010 DO YOURSELF A FAVOR - Stop and Take a look at this 2005 DWMH located in a quiet neighborhood surrounded by large trees on half an acre. This home offers comfortable living with spacious living room, a fully equipped kitchen, 4 BR, 2 baths, a front deck & Nice stg. Bldg. Call today - tomorrow may be too late! OWNER AGENT 02 REMODELED AND READY TO ROLL! The work has been done on this one! From ceilings & floors to wiring to exterior - this 3 BR, 2 bath brick with LR, DR, IG, FP, spacious kitchen & utility is sure to please. Outside offers nice landscaping, a fenced back yard, garden area and a fantastic front deck fit for summer day dreamin! Word travels fast - call us today! 05

41 ACRE HORSE HAVEN + a charming home with rustic highlights! 3 BR, 3 bath custom built brick with FP, large living area & An abundance of windows. New 1 BR, 1 bath log cabin. Arena, large metal barn with concrete floor shedded off on 3 sides for equipment & Covered stalls, good productive coastal field, as well as some native pasture & 1 stock tank located on Hwy. 6. JUST REDUCED! HA18 ALMOST COUNTRY & REDUCED! Set on 3.7 acres on the outskirts of Gorman. This spacious 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath brick offers a living room, dining room, office, DAG, stg. Bldg. & metal barn both w/ electricity, several outbuildings and an abundance of extras. Country living at it's best is only a call away - this property was just reduced so call us today. 03

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - This property consists of 2 structures. A 2 story office building, old cafe. This property has a lot of possibilities!! C19 DO A LITTLE AND SAVE A LOT! Great potential for this 3 or 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home nestled in 7 wooded acres with outbuildings at the edge of Gorman. SAVE \$\$\$ HA17

VENDORS FOR THE De Leon chamber of Commerce and Heritage appraisers Antique Road Show. Sell your antiques, collectibles, Flea Market and Garage Sale Items. Call 254-893-2083. 3TC

HELP WANTED: LVN PRN approximately 20 hrs per week; Flexible Hrs.; Competitive salary. Apply in person. MedWay Home Healthcare, 141 N. Texas - De Leon, Tx. 2TC

HELPWANTED: CNA, able to Work variety shifts. LVN - 2/10 and 10/6 rotation. Weekend RN - every other weekend. Apply in person to Bell or Ann at De Leon Nursing and Rehab, 809 E. Navarro. 2TC

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BEAUTIFUL/HANDSOME BABY CONTEST

This years contest will be Saturday, September 12, 2009 during the Peanut Festival. Age divisions are 0 - 12 months, 1 year olds, 2 year olds and 3 years olds. We will be selecting a winner from each age group for girls and boys. We will also be giving out individual awards for various categories. Entry fee is \$10.00. For further information please contact Veronica Seaton @ 254-734-5052 or pick up an entry form at City Hall. Entry deadline is September 1st.

Obituary

Betty Louise Sadberry

Betty Louise Sadberry, age 68 of Fort Worth passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at Harris Methodist in Fort Worth. Services were held on Wednesday, August 26th at 2 p.m. At De Leon First United Methodist Church with Pastor Eddie Smart officiating. Music by Jessica Locke, Deral Brown and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born April 23, 1941 in De Leon to Woodley W. Sadberry and Monnie Bell Newton Sadberry.

She was a graduate of De Leon High School (Class of 1959); graduate of Texas Tech University; received a Masters Degree in Interior Design from Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, OK; taught at Texas State University at San Marcos; taught Family Living Skills and homemaking in Fort Worth middle schools; taught marketing education at Everman High School. She had resided in Fort Worth for 20 years and was a member of First Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Betty was a member of a large, close family, the first of which settled in Comanche County about 1880. Their first home was near the present site of St. Joe Church. They were a farming family and Betty was enjoying restoring and reclaiming her recently deceased father's house and farm. When her great-grandmother, Sarah Mahan Morren Wall, was a young widow with to young children, the Comanche Indians were still roaming through. She lived on her farm, along with the children, and one night she awoke to hear the Indians taking the corn from her corn crib. She called out and begged them not to take it all, They left her some. Betty came from sturdy stock. Some of Granny's descendents' family names are Adcock, Wall and Locke.

Survivors include her companion, James Collins and his children, son Kenneth and wife Rhonda and their son Robert; daughter, Jamie Collins and her son Joseph Chandler; Cousins, John R. Adcock, Grady West, Gerald Locke, Jim West, Fred West, Darla Adcock Nelson, Dena Adcock Buttenhoff, Bobby Wall, Patricia Wall, Dean Newton, Connie Gilchrest and a host of good friends.

HOUSE FOR SALE

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Agents: Ronnie Golden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Newman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler

SOLD 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [D502] \$1,995/acre
162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Brick Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA02] \$585,000
102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, mins. & owner finacing possible [JB02] \$285,000
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000
80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
SOLD 30 A, 3-2½ Custom Home, garage, porch, shop, barn [DB01] \$450,000
Under Contract 20 A, home site, rural water avail, [WM01] \$75,000 \$60,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
SOLD 15.7 A, Hwy. 16 frontage, costal, water well [J602] \$40,820
7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [JN02] \$220,000
4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage, +76' x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
4+4, 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
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
Under Contract 3-2 Frame Home, remodeled, new floor covering, shaded lot [JF01] \$30,000
2-2 18'x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000
REDUCED 2-1/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000
REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000
Fully-equipped Restaurant, large one acre lot on Hwy. 6 in De Leon [RL01] \$85,000
Commercial Bldg, on Hwy. 36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [RC01] \$82,500
Fully-equipped Restaurant, Hwy. 6 DeLeon, 2,998sf(CAD), paved lot, [GM02] \$180,000

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SOLD
NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.
NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
NEW: 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
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
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.
NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.
NEW: 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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'09 Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Sept. 12th

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter the cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizens Building (Downtown next to the City Hall) on Saturday, September 12 from 8 a.m. To 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 2 p.m.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Candy and Snacks/Appetizers.

There will be four age groups: Pre-K thru 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade thru 8th Grade, High School and Adult.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products.

Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned).

Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category.

Each category age group will have a first place and etc. Ribbons, a category champion and an overall grand champion of the cookoff.

Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic (may be clear plastic wrap or clear plastic cake dom). Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

Judges' Decisions Are Final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-off, Peanut Festival, and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entries left after pickup time at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Martha Harrington at (254) 734-2150.

Notes From Dr. Dan

Did you hear about the dyslexic [a condition where one sees words backwards]... agnostic {an agnostic doubts there is a God}, the dyslexic, agnostic, insomniac? He lays awake at night wondering if there really is a doG. {God}

Sometimes there's nothing better than a good night's sleep. There are reasons for insomnia and one of the biggest is stress and anxiety. Easier said than done to get rid of that nowadays, huh?

However there are measures to take to rescue your beauty sleep. One of the best ways to alleviate that condition is good "sleep hygiene". No, that doesn't mean taking a bath before bed, but for some people it helps

Sleep hygiene is a set of habits that train your body to associate the bedroom with sleeping. The first thing to do is... to make your bedroom a place for sleeping. Make sure you have shades to make it dark. Do not have a T.V. in the bedroom. Make your bed as comfortable as possible by regularly turning the mattress. This will help your back as well. Most of all, take anything out of the bedroom not associated with sleeping [or that other thing].

Do not read in bed if you have insomnia. You will start to associate reading instead of sleeping with your bedroom. If you cannot sleep after an hour, get up and leave the bedroom. You can read or watch T.V. in another room. Get a drink of water before getting anything to eat at night. Often our bodies confuse the hunger and thirst signals in our brain. If the water doesn't work, sometimes a SMALL snack will help. Night is the worst time to eat if you do not want to gain weight.

There are some over the counter products to use for insomnia if these measures don't work. Melatonin, Valerian root, and tryptophan containing foods like ... you guessed it, warm milk...or cold milk.

Tylenol PM works by using an antihistamine drug called diphenhydramine or benadryl. If you have a problem with antihistamines, please do not use tylenol pm or benadryl.

Finally, if nothing else works, there may be something more complicated in play... You may need to stop thinking about doGs ...just kidding. You may have a physical problem that needs to be looked after. Insomnia can lead to unwanted weight gain and even to obstructive sleep apnea where you do not breathe right when you are laying down. Sometimes you need to see your doctor. Hope this helps.

This article is not intended to be a substitute for medical care and consultation.

ORDINANCE #335-C

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry -- dperry@gorman.esc14.net

We had a great open house last Thursday. I am sorry if you missed it. We were especially proud to have Judge Rex Fields and his wife as our guests. The new high school is incredible and the gym is the best in the area. If you missed it though, we will have it open during the Peanut Festival on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from noon until 4:pm. It will be a great place to cool off!

School began without a hitch Monday morning just as it always does every year. Our faculty and staff are excited to have all of our students back and to see how they've grown and matured over the summer, or not, whichever the case may be. It is great to see the kids leaving in the afternoon with the same smiles on their faces that they had when they arrived. I think everyone had a good day!

Last Friday night we hosted the Baird Bears to a scrimmage. The Panthers looked better than the week before against Cross Plains and they are becoming stronger and faster. You can tell their confidence in themselves is increasing and I expect they will be in great mental shape by district play. They are already in excellent physical shape which was evident in the second half of the scrimmage as the Bears tired. Come out and support our athletes. They are the best show in town!

Pam Childers has been moved to Abilene Regional. She is doing well, but had some complications they felt could be addressed better in Abilene. Continue to keep her and her family in your prayers. They are working. We look forward to her return to school.

You may have heard about our new hair policy for the boys. Our boys should be looking a little neater and better groomed by the end of the week. Although, I noticed some boys are getting their hair cut right at the limit of the code. I am sure this will please those folks that cut hair for a business because some of these boys are going to have to get at least one haircut a week depending on how fast their hair grows. I think I'd just get a good haircut that would last me a month and be done with it, but that's me.

You'll probably hear about our cell phone policy as well, but we can't have students using their phones during school and texting during class. It will cost them \$15.00 if they are caught using their phone or if it goes off during school and they lose it until the following Friday. They get three chances and after that they lose their phone until the end of the semester. Similar policies are being put in place at most school districts across Texas. So remember, if you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the school and we will bring your child to a school phone. Thanks!

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



HISTORY OF THE CARBON SCHOOL

Taken From Records of the Office Of Eastland County School Supt. (Subject to Revision)

On July 29 1884, R. M. Black, County Judge for Eastland County, a check in the amount of \$78.20 to C. J. Jordan, A. Warner, and W. B. Cole, school trustees of Carbon to build a school house.

A small structure was built near the present home of John Guy, and provided a place for educating the pupils in Carbon at that time. W. B. Train, was the first school master, and thirty pupils were enrolled in 1884.

School was held during a three month period, and total expenditures totaled \$173.85.

By 1890, the school at Carbon had 80 eligible pupils; \$200.51 was spent for an addition to the school and S. W. Wharton taught school from January through May.

By this time, other schools had sprung up in the surrounding territory; records show that Union (Flatwood) had 65 students; Jewel, 113; Center Point, 19; Latham (Picket), 55; Long Branch, 70; Rodgers (Bear Springs), 44; Pleasant Valley, 45; Nash Creek, 50.

By 1900 Carbon had grown to such an extent that a new four room structure was built at the present site, and in 1902 the attendance there was 152 students. The school at Britton had 20 students; Pleasant Hill, 26; Oak Grove, 51; High Knob, 32; Grapevine, 29; Hallmark, 39; and High Point (Mangum) 65 were in operation by 1900; the area became very educationally minded.

It was not until 1910 that graduation exercises were held in the Carbon High School and at that time Willie Stubblefield, Flora Reese, and Vici Dover received their diplomas.

Some schools changed names, some were dissolved; others were created; however, it was 1929 before consolidation had any effect on the Carbon Schools.

At that time, the State of Texas decided to consolidate many of the smaller schools, and since Carbon had complete4d a modern structure in 1915, it was chosen as the center for the schools of Jewel, Wheat Springs, Bear Springs, and Oak Grove.

By April, 1931, the consolidation was affected, and Carbon became the educational center of this area of Eastland County.

In March 1940, Mangum became a part of the Carbon schools and by 1942, an addition of eight classrooms and an auditorium was completed, making sixteen rooms available for class instruction, and providing other needed space.

Also in the 1940's a new gymnasium replaced the one that burned, and an Agricultural Building, Homemaking Cottage, and lunchroom were added to the existing facilities.

These facilities were needed, for it was during the same period that the schools of Flatwood, Long Branch, Center Point and Kokomo became a part of the Carbon Schools. By 1950 Carbon School served the same area that is presently serves.

Constant renovations, repairs, and remodeling have kept the facilities of Carbon School in good condition.

A bus barn and lighted baseball field was completed in the early 1960's, the football field has been renovated and bleachers added; city water has replaced the three wells that were used for a water supply.

But the basic buildings are still those who housed the many students after the consolidation of the 1940's.

THANK YOU!!!! PANTHER FLIP

We would like to say THANK YOU in a big way to Mr. Shawn Boles and his class for rebuilding our patio cover before school was out. Now school has started and we just want them to know how much we have enjoyed our new patio this summer. They did such a great job. We are so fortunate to have such caring teachers, administration and students in our town. Thank you again Mr. Boles and students for doing this and Mr. Perry thank you for allowing them to do this.

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Please call any cheerleader or Becky Swanner at the above number. Don't be left out, get your Panther fan flips now!!!

Pig Tales From Hogtown

I have just a few reminders this week:

Our usual 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held on September 5th from 7:00 until 10:00.

Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here on the second Friday of September, which will be the 11th. Come early - the concession stand opens at 6:00 P.M.

You'll make plans to come to the Hogtown Hootenanny here in Desdemona on October 17th. There will be a craft show for your early Christmas shopping. We also plan to have some local bands perform during the day. The guys will be cooking barbeque on the porch - you know they are great at cooking breakfast and fish. Let's see if they can cook barbeque as well! We will have the volleyball net up and other games to enjoy. If you would like to rent a booth for the craft show, the price is \$30.00. If your band would like to perform during the day or you alone, call me - 254-758-2420.

Our Activity Center is available to rent for your holiday parties - Call me at the above number for information.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

NOTIFICATION TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND HOME SCHOOLS

TO: Private School Administrator or Home School Parent
FROM: Special Education Department - (Local School District / East End Education Co-op)

RE: Invitation to Participate in IDEA Funded Programs for Children with Disabilities Voluntarily Enrolled in Private Schools

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the conditions, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), through which special education and related services may be provided to children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled by their parents in private schools, including religious and home schools.

Child Find

The Local Education Agency [LEA] has a child find system for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities (birth through 21) residing in the school district, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services.

If you have a child or children whom you suspect of being disabled, you may initiate a referral for a full and individual evaluation by notifying your local school district or East End Education Co-op at 254-734-2020.

Services to Parentally Placed Private School Children with Disabilities

The law does not require that services be provided to all children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private or home schools, or to every private or home school. However, every effort will be made to provide appropriate services with proportionate IDEA funds. If you will contact your local school district or East End Education Co-op, you will assist us in our effort to accurately count all IDEA eligible children enrolled in private and home schools. This count will help to determine how best to use the proportionate share of IDEA funds to meet the needs of children with disabilities voluntarily enrolled in private and home school settings.

If you have any questions, please contact: Your local school district or Tommie Lee at East End Education Co-op 254-734-2020

Diabetes Cooking Classes

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is proud to be offering diabetes cooking classes entitled "Cooking Well with Diabetes". The first diabetes cooking class was held August 4th at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room. A total of 13 people participated in the diabetes cooking class. The first cooking lesson covered information on helping help you to recognize food sources of carbohydrate, identify the special cooking properties of sugars and sugar substitutes and be able to reduce, eliminate or substitute ingredients in recipes to reduce the sugar content. The second cooking class was held on August 11th with 14 people participating. Lesson two involved reducing the fat in recipes. Participants learned to identify the sources and types of fat, reduce the cholesterol content of main dishes by eliminating or substituting ingredients when cooking and use low-fat recipes and cooking methods.

The next "Cooking Well with Diabetes" cooking class will be Tuesday, August 25th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room. This class will cover information about reducing sodium and increasing fiber while preparing side dishes. You will learn how to prepare healthy starchy and non-starchy vegetable side dishes, how to use more spices and herbs and increase the fiber content of meals through wise selection of vegetables, whole grain breads, cereals, pastas, rice and fruits. In addition, you will learn how to identify sources and amounts of sodium and fiber by reading the food label on products.

The last class will be Tuesday, September 1st beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room. This lesson will teach you how to plan meals that include foods from each of the food groups. Modification of some favorite recipes to reduce fat, sugar and sodium or increase fiber will be included in the class. You will learn how to develop strategies for planning special occasion meals and coping with temptations.

Participants will receive a booklet with resources and recipes. Three to four recipes will be sampled at each session. For more information, call Halee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent at (254) 629-2222.

Central Texas Child Care Conference "Take a Walk on the Wild Side"

The 2009 Central Texas Child Care Conference will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the O. A. Grant Humanities Building on the campus of Tarleton State University. The Central Texas Child Care Conference is a collaborative effort between Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Tarleton State University.

This year's conference will feature a dynamic and motivational keynote speaker, Anne Barab, who will teach us about resilience using humor. She has served as a school board member for one of the top 100 school districts in the United States. She has also been the CEO of a billion dollar mortgage bank and contributing author to two popular books: *Humor Us!* and *The Leadership Path*.

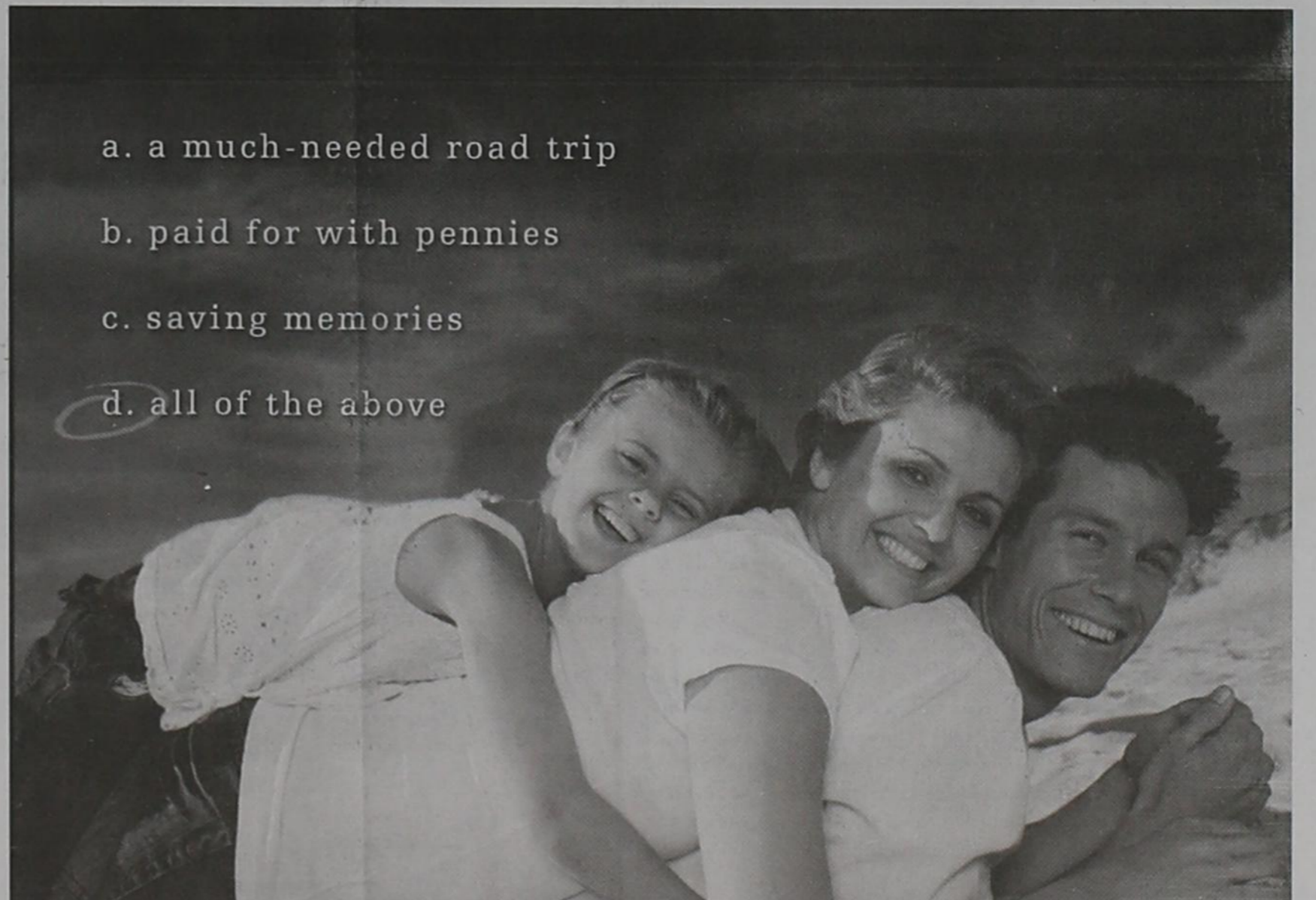
In addition to the keynote address from Anne Barab, participants will also have the opportunity to attend break-out sessions throughout the morning. Session topics include:

- CPR certification through LifeQuest
- What children's TV has taught us about how children learn
- Dealing with difficult people
- Nutrition and Menu planning for children
- Special Needs Children in child care environments
- Help! I'm Working with Small Children - How Do I Manage Their Behavior?

Cost for the conference is \$20 and is due by August 28, 2009. The conference will provide 5 hours of in-service training credit. Five (5) CEU's will be given for an additional charge of \$10 per person if desired and must be noted on registration form. Door prizes and refreshments will also be available.

For more information, please contact County Extension Agent, Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or hdwalton@ag.tamu.edu

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

It is hard to believe school has started again. We had a group discussion last week about getting kids ready for school. It sure was a lot easier when the residents were getting their kids ready for school, they only needed a # 2 pencil, ruler, scissors, some glue and a Big Chief notebook and Sears, Roebuck jeans would do with homemade shirts.

We have lots of fun comparing then with now.

We would like to thank Ennis Joiner for the delicious melons he brought us. They sure are good. Thanks again Ennis.

We had a Fun Fair recently. Everyone really enjoyed going from one game to the other. Of course everyone enjoys Bingo. I greatly appreciate Pat Graham and Billie Marble for donating their time to come and help us.

We will have our August birthday party following Gospel Singing Monday Aug. 31. Those having birthdays in Aug. are Mary Donham, Wes Couch, Mildred Roberts and Elbert Bennett. Everyone is invited to come and join us. If you don't want to join the singing come and listen. Our Monday afternoon Gospel Singers do a wonderful job. What a blessing they all are.

We are busy getting ready for the Peanut Festival Parade. Plans are to have a float this year. If you would like to help with this project let us know.

Christmas is not too far off. If you need a unique gift, we are still making and selling wooden pens (\$10.00 each) The residents put a lot of hard work into this project and do a great job. The money we make off these pens will go towards Christmas gifts for the residents.

Have a good week.

Gorman City Minutes

August 20, 2009

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey and Nathan Files. Absent was David Stanley. Others present were Davy Daniel of Allied Waste, Blakeney French with Crime Victim Assit. Center of Eastland, Mark Simmons, Durward Webb, and Trace Gortt.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Cameron Gulley, CPA was present to go over the 2008-09 audit report with the Commission. Cameron explained the necessity of increasing the utility rates. He explained that the city cannot afford to continue absorbing increases without raising utility rates. Mr. Gulley went over the entire audit report with the Commission. Joe made the motion to accept the 2008-09 Annual Audit Report with a second from Nathan. Motion carried.

Davy Daniel was present to answer any questions and briefly explain the contract with the City and Allied Waste. The Commission discussed the manner in which the poly carts are 'handled' during pick up day, and the use of the big roll offs for clean up instead of the curb side. The roll off containers can be placed through out the year allowing the City and its residents to have better clean up response.

Joe made the motion to accept the new contract with Allied Waste. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2009-03 was read. Joe made the motion to adopt said ordinance. Nathan made a second. Motion carried.

The 1st reading of Ordinance #335-C was read at this time. The Commission discussed adding to and or amending several things. The Commission agreed that the additions and clarifications that ACO, Trace Gortt made to the "old" Ordinance #335-B was very acceptable, there is still a need for more instruction on housing sizeable livestock in different sized lots and neighborhood areas. Numerous residents have ag use (1-d) land inside the city limits. This of course, would more than likely be more suitable for livestock such as cattle, or horses in reasonable amounts, or even chickens as long as they are in pens or coops. The Commission felt residents with the ag use on their property tax, would be exempt, in most instances. However, if smell, noise, or run-off, etc. are a problem, then the exemption would be on a "case to case" review. Tacy will submit the additions to the City attorney for proper wordage so each and every citizen will have a more clear definition and hopefully rid the problems that exist.

The 1st reading of Ordinance #2009-04 the Levying of Taxes for Fiscal Year 2009 - 2010 was read at this time.

The Commission reviewed the effective rate and the rollback rate set for the 2009 tax year in an effort to determine the rate for the City of Gorman 2009 tax rate. The tax rate will be voted on at the next regular Commission meeting.

Blakeney French was present to represent the Eastland County Crisis Center and Child Advocacy Program. She presented a hand out to the Commission with information regarding the services they had provided during the past year concerning domestic violence and sexual assault cases. The Crisis Center wants the City to again consider contributing at least the same amount as last year. Nathan made the motion to contribute \$200 to the Child Advocacy Center and \$200 to the Eastland County Crisis Center. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

Upper Leon River Municipal Water Dist. notified the City that the board had approved a 0.66% rate increase. After considering the audit report and advice of Mr. Gulley, and the Upper Leon rate increase, Nathan made the motion to increase the base rate for the City to \$20.00 for water, and \$12.00 for sewer. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion and consideration Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 7:25 p.m.

Woman Receives 15 Year Sentence for Arson

Christina Star Utley, 21, was sentenced to a term of 15 years behind bars for four counts of Arson after State District Judge Steven R. Herod heard testimony in a hearing on punishment in the 91st District Courtroom recently. Utley had previously waived her right to a jury and entered a plea of guilty to the Court, hoping to convince the Court to grant her a probation sentence.

On Sunday, March 22, 2009, several fire departments and the Eastland County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of a person(s) starting fires in Eastland County. Although no structures or residences were destroyed in the fires, Utley and two other men, Brian Freeman and Michael Thomas, were arrested that date by the Eastland County Sheriff's Office. The three arsonists started five fires in Eastland County and three fires in Callahan County. The Cisco Police Department and investigators from the National Forest Service assisted in the investigation. In July, Freeman and Thomas each received 15 year sentences in a plea bargain with the Criminal District Attorney. Arson carries a punishment range of two to twenty years.

Utley was sentenced on August 18, 2009. That afternoon in the 91st District Courtroom, three witnesses were called by Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason. Chief Walter Fairbanks of the Cisco Fire Department and Chief Phillip Arther of the Eastland Fire Department testified regarding the locations of the fires set by the trio, the economic costs to the taxpayers and the dangers that the public and firefighters faced that day. Becky McCrary, Administrator of the Woodlands Assisted Living Center testified regarding how one of the fires and the Center's emergency preparations had affected the facility and its residents. Defense Attorney Landon Thompson called two witnesses, Utley and her grandmother, Joy Hawkins of Comfort, Texas seeking to establish Utley's suitability for probation. During cross-examination by Thomason, Utley admitted that she had lied under oath in a prior hearing about not knowing that she was pregnant when she was out setting the fires. Utley who testified that she was currently 6-7 months pregnant, admitted to having had two of her prior children removed from her custody and adopted by another family. Utley also admitted under cross examination, that after they realized that the fire they had set near Highway 6 North was out of control, the trio left to have lunch at McDonalds, only to return later to set another fire between Cisco and Eastland.

During sentencing, Judge Herod thanked Chiefs Fairbanks and Arther as well as other county firefighters and emergency service personnel for being willing to risk their lives to protect us, saving both property and lives. Herod noted the recent history of disastrous fires in Eastland County and the fear that fires place in county residents, telling Utley, that her acts were essentially that of a terrorist.

Utley had no prior felony history and was probation eligible but the District Attorney refused to make an offer of probation due to the seriousness of her offense. Utley had been in the Eastland County Jail since her arrest on March 22, 2009. She now is awaiting transfer to Callahan County where she faces three counts of arson there.

National Fire Protection Association figures (2005) estimate that the 323,900 intentional fires in their databanks resulted in 490 civilian fire deaths, 3 firefighter on duty deaths, 1,500 civilian fire injuries, 7,600 firefighter on duty injuries and caused over \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. The insurance Information Institute reports that arsonists destroyed nearly \$900 million in insured property, and killed 295 civilians in 2007.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" was held on Saturday, August 22nd at the Community Center (former School Building). Several musical groups and singers attended. We appreciate all these musicians that attend each month. We appreciate the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession stand. Next musical will be held on Saturday, September 26th. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Gail Clayton enjoyed a trip out of town over the weekend.

Angela Powledge and daughter, Kaley hosted a birthday supper on Tuesday, August 18th for Vonnie Guthery. Those attending to help Granny Coon celebrate her 75th Birthday were Pug Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan, Karen Fair and Lorin, Belinda Guthery, Ronnie Ryon all of Desdemona. Everyone enjoyed a good meal followed by birthday cake and ice cream.

"Happy Birthday" to our daughter, Karen Fair in Desdemona on Sunday, August 30th from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Lois Walston. Survivors include her son, Gary Walston and wife, Jody; two grandsons, Travis Walston and Grant Walston all of Desdemona. Burial was on Saturday, August 22nd in a Waco Cemetery.

Larry and Barbara Holdman of Sundown visited recently with his brother, Virgil and Jo Holdman. Virgil is doing better since his recent stroke.

Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney and Elise Duke of Stephenville spent the weekend with "Humpty" and Betty Duke.

"Hello" to Rex and Billie Tilly in Gatesville. We missed you all at our Annual Homecoming and School Reunion on August 8th. Rex and this reporter were classmates in Desdemona. Rex and family moved to De Leon later on where he graduated with the Class of 1951.

Dylan, son of Donal and Kandice Cogburn in Desdemona entered De Leon Kindergarten Class this year. He is very excited about school. "Good Luck" to Dylan from Granny Coon and Granke Guthery.

Watch out and protect our children during this school year. These children are our future leaders of tomorrow.

Take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "Hello" means so much to a shut-in.

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

Thanks and have a great day, Coon.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Since we have not gathered in the month of August, there has not been much to write about. I have missed our dinners, but the rest has been good. I'm feeling improved, so hope by the 2nd of September all with go well.

Hasn't this rain been a blessing? We are very lucky here in the Gorman area, green and look good for this time of year. I know some of the farmers have made 3 cuttings of hay. Great for them! Other parts of Texas are suffering terribly in drought.

I was saddened by Ruthie Porter's daughter Sherry Thornton passing. I had hoped she could have some kind of recovery. Its not in the order of life that we lose our children first. But sometimes this occurs and hard to understand. But she did get to live most of her life and raise her girl. That is a blessing. I lost a sister at 21, she never really lived her life, it was just starting.

The Bushs returned after a two week trip to Colorado. The camped in several RV spots and rested up. Sounds like good fun time pulling their fifth wheel.

I visited the new high school on the 20th of August for Open House. The Gym is fantastic! I really thought all quite beautiful and functional. The Classrooms are large and bright. Should make the kids want to study and learn. The only thing - Ceiling fans should of been installed in the class rooms as they are quite stuffy and warm. Other people remarked about this also. Strange no one thought to do this, they are quite inexpensive!

I talked with Annie Fay Foster, and she is OK, after the ordeal of her daughters illness. Pam Childers is now in Abilene Regional Hospital and much improved. We all hope and pray she will be able to come home soon. Her new office is waiting at the new High School, ready for her return.

Hope all is well and see you soon. Carol

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