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ATTENTION ALL GORMAN PANTHER BAND MEMBERS!

Summer Band Camp will begin on August 10, 2009 in the Gorman Band Hall. Americana Meets Hip-Hop is the theme for the 2009 marching season. The schedule for summer band is as follows:

Monday, August 10, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, August 11, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, August 12, 2009	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Thursday, August 13, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday, August 14, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Monday, August 17, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, August 18, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, August 19, 2009	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Thursday, August 20, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Friday, August 21, 2009	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Looking forward to seeing you there! - Mr. H

Durward and Mary Webb Honored On 60th Anniversary

Durward and Mary Webb were honored with a family dinner at their home on July 4, 2009 for their 60th wedding anniversary. Lots of stories were told and much reminiscing was done.

Durward and Mary were married on July 8, 1949 at the Church of Christ in Lueders, TX. They have lived in Lueders, Abilene, Carbon and Gorman, TX during their married life. Durward Webb has been a truck driver with his father, then an uncle, and later for Halliburton. The family moved to Carbon in order for Durward to spend more time with his growing family. He retired from Birdsong Peanuts in 1992 as a farmer's stock and warehouse superintendent. Mary Webb is a home-maker. Durward and Mary Webb are members of the Church of Christ in Gorman where Durward serves as an elder.

Their children are Donald and Marcia Hale of Carbon, Durward and Shelia Webb, Jr. of Fort Worth and Leisa Jobe of Athens. Their grandchildren are Scott and Stephanie Catoe of Fort Worth, Chris and Susan Webb of Waller, Travis and Melissa Walston of Fort Worth, Dan and Sarah Webb of Granbury and Brandon Hale of Carbon. Great grandchildren include Carson and Cassie Webb, Nate Catoe, Trevor and Garrett Walston and a grandson due to make his arrival in November-Elliott Webb.

Maxfield Elementary To Offer Four Year Old Pre-K Program

Maxfield Elementary would like to inform parents the Three Year Old Pre-K Program is being discontinued. The Four Year Old Pre-K Program will still be offered and will still be all day. Your child must be 4 years old before September 1st to enroll in this program. If you have not registered you child please call the Elementary Office at 254-734-2617 for information.

De Leon Study Club Plans Spaghetti Lunch

The De Leon Study Club is making plans for another delicious spaghetti lunch. It will be served on Saturday, August 8 from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. It will be at the Senior Citizens Center Dining room. This is where the Melon Patch Tour begins and ends.

The price is \$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children. The proceeds from this lunch will be used for many civic needed projects.

Make your plans now to attend and enjoy the meal, visit with old friends. Class Reunions are welcome!

Do You Know Who Is Having A Birthday Party?

The Family of Aurther Dalton Watson request your presence to celebrate this wonderful occasion, Saturday the 8th of August, 2009 At the Activity Center in Desdemona, Texas at 5:00 p.m. For Dinner, Music, Fellowship and Cake



Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion - August 8, 2009

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Children ages 3-12 come join us for a galactic adventure!
August 3-7 from 9:00 to 11:30AM
New Hope Baptist Church
For more information call 734-2906



Maxfield Elementary School Registration for New Students

Maxfield Elementary School will be holding registration for new students August 13th and August 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Elementary Office. Please bring Shot Records, Social Security Card, Birth Certificates, and a copy of student's report card from previous school if available. Also, we will need identification of person registering the student.

This registration is for students that have not enrolled or previously registered for the coming 2009-2010 school year. Pre-Kindergarten students who registered in the spring or this summer need not register again.

Notes From Dr. Dan

I was talking to a patient in the hospital the other day and mentioned I had some serious matters to discuss with her and that we needed to not be disturbed for a little while. She immediately proceeded to push the nurse call bell. I asked her why she did that because we needed to not be disturbed for a little while and she replied: "Oh, I know doctor. Whenever I push that button, nobody comes in for 30 minutes."

I hate being in the hospital.... especially when I'm sick... almost as much when I'm working there. I guess no one really likes being in the hospital. It's usually nicer at home. If you or one in your family have serious illness, it can be completely exhausting for the patient and the family at home or in the hospital or nursing home. I know from when we were caring for my father at home and now my brother is seriously ill. It takes its toll on the whole family.

I've been so glad for those who help us with the care of our family members with chronic, long term, illnesses. They make such a difference. Patients need the care and families need a break now and then.

There are 2 types of home care, Home health and Hospice. Home health is shorter term than hospice and offers physical and occupational therapy, nursing care and nursing assistance with activities of daily living until the illness passes. There are some illnesses that do not go away or that we do not have a cure for. In some cases we may have a cure, but it would be too hard for the patient to endure the treatment or some other extenuating circumstance stands in the way of pursuing curative therapy. In this instance we call on palliative medicine and hospice to treat the whole patient, body, mind, and spirit to keep the quality of life of people as optimal as possible. These services are not only for the patient, but also for the entire family and support group. The heavy weight of illness is not a load we have to bear alone whether we are a patient, a family member or a caregiver... or all three at the same time which is not infrequent. The biggest waste is to have help and not use it and therefore have those we love or ourselves suffer needlessly. After all, we are here to serve one another just as Jesus washed his disciples' feet, we are to care for others and allow others to care for us. Thank you to all of those people who care for us in our weakness.

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

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!

Desdemona Alumni/
Community Fish Fry
Friday, August 7th --
Visiting begins at 4:00

GORMAN PANTHER FLIP FLOPS ARE HERE

The Gorman Panther flip flops have arrived!! If you ordered a pair of these shoes then please expect to see the cheerleader you ordered from soon.

If you are not contacted, then please call Becky at 734-2480. Any persons who want a pair of the flip flops, but did not order can still get them while sizes last.

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

Carbon Community Center Items of Public Interest

Several Items of public interest were presented at the quarterly business meeting of the Carbon Community Center. First and perhaps most important was the appreciation for the hamburger cookout provided by Eastland ISD Superintendent and former Carbon resident, Donald Hughes. Already Mr. Hughes has stated that he would be glad to return in the fall for another cookout. Thanks goes to Donald for his willingness to donate his time and financial support to the community center. The hamburger supper was well attended and enough money was made to cover the expense of purchasing two new air conditioning units for the building making for a more comfortable setting for center events.

In other business the group decided that as the Community Center was a gift from Carbon people through monetary donations. And, the hard labor of Carbon people keeps the Center up. Carbon people should not be charged a Use Fee for many events but be put under a donation only bracket. All others should be expected to pay \$150 for daily rental. Reunions and weddings will be \$150, with weddings requiring a two day minimum. Several organizations and educational groups etc. will be allowed to use the building with no Use Fee but the Center would appreciate donations.

In other business plans were made for the August musical in which sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be served. T.J. and Brenda Cummings will co-ordinate the musical groups or other entertainment for the evening.

Also, the group approved a fund raising spaghetti supper for Friday evening October 2 at 5:30 p.m., which is prior to the Saturday Golden Exes.

Looking For Carbon High School Yearbooks

The data input into the Carbon School website is going well. The School's yearbooks are being used as a resource for senior photos and class rosters. I have been successful in locating some of the books; however, I am still missing several editions. If you have copies of any of the ones listed below I would appreciate it if you could loan them to me for a short period of time -- Just long enough to copy and scan.

Email or call me if you have any of these editions, and we can make arrangements for me to pick up when I am in Carbon. I am there every month. Please do not mail. It would be a tragedy if one were lost.

My thanks to the officers and directions of the Carbon Community Center for allowing me to borrow yearbooks from its library.

Editions needed: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, and 1983.

Linda (Jackson) Neeley

Phone 830-598-5613

email: lneeley47@yahoo.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY OF GORMAN WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 6, 2009 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GORMAN CITY COMMISSION. THE GORMAN CITY COMMISSION WILL MEET BEGINNING @ 5:30 P.M. @ 116 S. KENT ST.

THE GORMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. IS SEEKING LOAN / GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE TO ASSIST IN THE BUILDING COSTS OF A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE WILL FINANCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEREFORE FINANCE THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

THIS NOTICE POSTED ON JULY 28, 2009 AT GORMAN CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 116 S. KENT ST GORMAN, TX 76454.

Icy Munn

Services are pending at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman for Icy Munn who passed away Monday night. We will have a full obituary in next weeks paper.

Thomas "T.J." Lopez, Jr.

Thomas "T.J." Lopez, Jr. age 18 of De Leon passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at his residence. Services were held Thursday, August 6th at 10:30 a.m. At De Leon First Baptist Church with Daniel Harper officiating. Music by Bro. David Kelly and Martha Bunting. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

He was born August 16, 1990 in Austin to Thomas Lopez, Sr. and Roberta Lynn Gibble Lopez.

He had lived in De Leon all of his life and was a member of First Baptist Church in De Leon.

He is survived by his father, Thomas Lopez, Sr., mother, Roberta Lopez of De Leon; grandparents, Herb and Carlotta "Cindy" Marley of De Leon; daughter Kiana Lynn Lopez of Dublin; brothers, Michael Lopez, Julian Lopez, Gerardo Andrade, Jr. and sisters, Lisa Sepeda and Samantha Lopez.

Classifieds

Wanted Vendor's for De Leon's Golden Saturday, Saturday August 8, 2009. Call The Chamber of Commerce at 254-893-2083.

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.

HELP WANTED - Students! Workers Needed. \$14 Base/Appt. Flexible Schedules. Scholarships Possible. Customer Sales/Service. No Experience Necessary - 325-646-2408. 4-8-13 P.

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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

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LVN NEEDED: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for LVN. 10-6 Shift and 6-2 Shift - Parttime. Excellent Pay with Shift Differential. Full Time Benefits. Call 254-734-2202. or Come by and fill out an application. EEOC 7-16 FNC.

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YARD WORK - Call Big Jim to do your yard work. 254-734-3388. FNC.

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RBI-35823 5-8-6 C.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for R.N.s and L.V.N.s. Full or part time shifts are available. For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. Salary is negotiable and benefits are available. EEOC 6-4 FNC.

Land Home Financing
3 or 4 Bedrooms w/Acres.
Land sites in Stephenville,
Granbury, Glen Rose, Dublin.
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Obituaries

Adell Woodford "Woodie" Powell, Jr.

Adell Woodford "Woodie" Powell, Jr., age 79 of De Leon passed away on August 1, 2009 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday, August 5th at 10:30 a.m. at De Leon Church of Christ with Bro. Geoff Litke and Bro. Bennie Whitehead officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

He was born March 16, 1930 in Wylam, Alabama to the late Adell Woodford Powell, Sr. and Iva Elizabeth Howard Powell. He married Frances Richmon on February 17, 1950 in De Leon.

He was a Custom Farm Contractor/Operator, member of the De Leon Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Francis Powell of De Leon; three sons, Garry Powell of De Leon, Roy Powell of San Angelo and Ronald Powell of De Leon; one sister, Vivian Wooldridge of Tyler; four grandchildren, Bobby Powell, Randy Powell, Kolby Powell and Kristen Powell; and 1 great grandchild, Cassidy Powell.

He was preceded by his parents; a sister Imogene Davis.

Pallbearers were Terry Richmon, Greg Woodcox, Max Wilkinson, Clifton Wooldridge, Rickey Wilson, Lee Hood. Honorary were Kerby Richmon, Gregory Wooldridge, Jackson Johnson, David Johnson, Jim Wilson, Ray Cupp and Rickey Davis.

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GARAGE SALE CLOTHES: For Little Girl - Sizes 6, 6X and 8 at the Hair Shoppe on Hwy. 6 in Gorman. 1-8-6 C.

EAST END EDUCATION CO-OP JOB POSTING

East End Education Co-Op is looking for a **JOB COACH** for students with special needs. This is a full time position with regular school benefits. Cisco, Eastland, and Ranger are the school districts where this individual will probably be assigned. Responsibilities will include working with students to help them develop job skills that can be used after the student graduates from public school. Applications may be picked up at the East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, 539 W. Roosevelt, mailed upon request (254-734-2020), or email bmadore@eastend.escl4.net for an application. Applications will be accepted until August 12, 2009. East End Education Co-Op is an equal opportunity employer.

Gilder REALTY
254-893-3404
Comanche Office: 325-356-3739
Broker: Robert Gilder
Agents: Ronnie Golden, David Gilder, Wayne Parsons, Bobby Newman, Debbie Gilder, Neal Butler

SOLD 2362A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$1,995/acre
102A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig., wells [REM01] \$405,000
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
SOLD 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shop, barn [DB01] \$450,000
21±A, Sprigged with World Federal Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500
REDUCED 20 A, home site, rural water avail, possible owner finance [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 [JS02] \$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+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 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 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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254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX
NEW: Rising Star, operating laundromat, washers, dryers, folding tables and seating. Great investment opportunity. \$27,500.
NEW: De Leon: Nice older 3-1 Frame home, 1308 sf, new roof & Plumbing, 2 car garage, fenced yard, corner lot, large Pecan trees. \$250,000.
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 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.
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R. C. Lendon Shipman

R C Lendon Shipman, age 79 of Gorman, passed away Monday, July 27, 2009 at his son's home in Little Elm.

Services were at 2:00 P. M. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Lendon was born May 3, 1930 in Dawson County, Texas to William Mason Shipman and Cordelia Hogg Shipman. Lendon married Frankie Jo Moore on June 9, 1969. She preceded him in death on April 12, 2008. He honored the Lord in everything he did. He used his hands and his skills to serve the Lord, from raising his boys, to loving Frankie Jo, to serving others. He was a mechanic, a carpenter, and a handyman. He was a retired mechanic for Birdsong Peanuts. After retirement he and Frankie Jo served with Campers on Mission until they were no longer able. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons: Doyle Shipman and wife, Martha of Little Elm, Burl Harper and wife, Patti of Marble Falls and Michael Shipman and wife, Linda of San Antonio; one sister, Lavona Sharp of Gorman; one brother, Neldon Shipman of Desdemona; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Granville and Eldon Shipman and two sisters, Maudine Appel and Louise Merrill.

ORDINANCE #2009-03
SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE
WHEREAS, IN GORMAN, TEXAS The Texas Department of Transportation conducted a traffic and engineering study on FM 8 and FM 679 near the Gorman I S D.
WHEREAS, It is recommended by the Texas Department of Transportation a 25 MPH school zone be placed on FM 8 from MP 4.007 to MP 4.126; and on FM 679 from MP 0.000 to MP 0.251 during regular School zone hours.
WHEREAS, The Texas Department of Transportation is requesting that the Gorman City Commission Pass an ordinance approving the addition of the 25 MPH school zones on FM 8 and FM 679.
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF GORMAN CITY COMMISSION hereby agrees that it is necessary for the placement of the 25 MPH school zones to be placed on FM 8 and FM 679. This will further provide better safety control for the students of Gorman Independent School District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-04
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010: PROVIDING DISCOUNTS FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
WHEREAS, notice of a regular meeting with the adoption of a tax rate was duly posted on the agenda,
WHEREAS, a regular meeting was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such meeting and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said tax rate; and,
WHEREAS, it is necessary, at this time, that said ordinance be passed levying taxes on all property, both real and personal, within the City of Gorman, Texas, in accordance with such budget and all requirements of Article 7244c RCS of the State of Texas have been complied with:
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

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Some parts of the county have received much needed rain while others have had small showers or no rain at all. Many of these small showers have created a scab environment for tree varieties susceptible for scab.

Symptoms of scab can be found on the leaves, stems, and shucks. Foliage systems will occur on the lower leaflet surface between and along the veins. The spots are initially olive green and will turn dark brown as they age. Infections may become severe along the midrib of the leaf and the leaf tip will begin to die, curl and turn a chocolate brown. With high humidity and frequent rain events the disease can spread throughout the tree. This disease can also infect stem growth. This will result in elongated twig cankers and are usually a secondary infection. If the infection is severe it can kill growth beyond the infection.

Shucks are susceptible from the time they form until a few weeks before harvest. Early infection is visible as small, dark-brown to black lesions on the shucks. These lesions will continue to develop on the shuck and become depressed and the center of the lesion will begin to form a crusty appearance. As the scab spreads over the shuck it will affect the movement of nutrients through the nut. If shucks are infected in May or early June we will usually see premature drop. Pecans that are infected with scab this time of year will result in poorly filled pecans and/or create shucks that will not open properly.

Controlling pecan scab is very important on susceptible varieties. Plant spacing becomes critical for air movement. Trees that are spaced close together will not have the air movement slowing water evaporation from the leaf surface and creates an environment for the disease that makes it difficult to control. Thinning trees and improving air circulation is a critical part of disease management. Keeping orchards clean is another step in disease management. Scab can survive over winter on old leaves, shucks and stems.

The third step in scab disease control is to provide a fungicide protectant. If you have varieties that are susceptible to scab you should already have protectant on your trees and/or planning to spray before the next showers move in. Both protectant and systemic fungicides should be applied at intervals short enough to insure that foliage has fungicide protection when environmental conditions favor infection.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Office, County Extension Agent Heath Begeman, at 254/629-1093.



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Eastland County 4-H Banquet

The Eastland County 4-H Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Center in Cisco. Red Gap 4-H Club is the host for the banquet this year. Each 4-H family is asked to bring a dessert. Each 4-H club is to donate 5 items for the Silent Auction.

Please call the Extension Office at 629-2222 or 629-1093 and make reservations to attend the Banquet. Let's show support to these 4-Hers for their accomplishments during this past year. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office.

Eastland County 4-H Rally Day

If you are looking for a youth organization that blends family, fun and education together, come to the 4-H Rally Day on Friday, August 7th. The activities will be from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Eastland City Pool. The 4-H program requires members to sign a new enrollment card every year. Therefore, in order to receive up-to-date information from the Extension Office, all those interested in becoming a member must have a current 4-H card on file for the 2009-2010 year. The 4-H Rally Day is a perfect opportunity to sign up, see old friends and made new ones. There are clubs in Eastland (Carbon 4-H Club), Rising Star (Rising Star 4-H Club), and Cisco (Red Gap 4-H Club). 4-H is open to youth between the ages of 9 or third grade and 18 years of age, and other opportunities are available to serve as adult leaders or volunteers. Kids ages 5-8 can join as a 4-H Clover Kid.

Hot dogs with all the trimmings and drinks will be served free of charge. For more information, contact Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222. Extension serves people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin with the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Sewing Camp

Looking for something fun and creative for your youngsters to do this Summer? Sign them up for Sewing Camp!!!.....August 14th and 15th at the Hillside Village Community Center. Not only will they have a great time, but they will learn a lifelong skill. At the Sewing Camp they will make projects that will help them build the fundamental skills necessary for sewing. Sewing Camp offers them a fun and safe environment, where they can learn and be creative during those hot summer days. Several projects will be sewn during the day.

Please register for Sewing Camp by Friday, August 7th by calling the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222. Supplies will be purchased for those calling in by the registration date. Those not registering ahead of time may not have supplies to make all the crafts. Cost for the Sewing Camp is \$10.00. General supplies to bring to workshop every day:

- Scissors, pins and pin cushion, thread
- Sewing machine with extra needles -- be sure you know how to thread your own machine. If you do not have a machine, call the Extension Office at 254/629-2222.
- Sack lunch and extra drinks/snacks if you wish
- Plus additional supplies requested above for the day/days you plan on attending.

Open and Cosmic Bowling!

Did you know that Lone Star Lanes here in Stephenville is one of only a few bowling alleys in Texas that is not licensed for alcohol sales. This is why we offering: Join us for Buzz Free and BYOB Cosmic Bowling Call for days available for this service. Another great reason families come to Lone Star Lanes for good, clean fun! Summer Only - Closed Sunday and Monday.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to the great crowd we had at the Saturday breakfast. There were many folks from Desdemona and the surrounding area. We appreciate all the folks that helped with the cooking and cleaning to make this event possible. We hope you enjoyed your meal and visiting with others.

We are having jam sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm. All you musicians pack up your instruments and join the fun.

Friday Aug.7th we will host the annual Desdemona Alumni/Community Fish Fry. Visiting will start at 4:00pm with a short program to follow. We will serve fish, chicken and all the goodies that go with it. There will be door prizes and musical entertainment. Cost is by donation.

Friday Aug.14th we will have our monthly dance featuring Johnny Johnson and the Memory Makers. Join us for some "boot-scootin'" and lots of fun at the coolest place in town. (We just added another air conditioner for your comfort.)

"See-Ya at the DAC the coolest place in town,"
Ron Pell

Texas Historical Commission Meeting

The Eastland County Historical Commission Executive Committee, Ed Allcorn - Chair, Jeane Pruett - Co-Chair, Ruth Stewart - Secretary, Donna Thackerson - Treasurer, and all Commission Members cordially invite county leaders and interested persons to attend a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2009 in the Ranger College Auditorium, Goleman Library Building, presented by the Texas Historical Commission. The meeting begins at 6:00 PM.

Texas Historical Commission (TMC) staff will be speaking about the Commission's programs for community development. TMC works with communities and individuals, encouraging historic preservation to stimulate economic development, tourism and the revitalization of local historic downtown districts.

This meeting will provide technical instruction for the preservation of communities to a diverse audience including city planners, city managers, historic district committees, historic preservation groups, and planning and zoning committees.

The Texas Historical Commission was established by the state legislature in 1953 as the state agency for historic preservation. TMC staff consults with citizens and organizations to preserve Texas architectural, archeological and cultural landmarks and to save the real places that tell the real stories of Texas. The agency is recognized nationally for its preservation programs.

Commercial Heifer Show at County Show

Attention Eastland County 4-Hers.....I would like to announce the addition of a

Commercial Heifer Show at the Eastland County Livestock Show. The new show will follow the breeding show rules which allow ages 5-18 to show. This show will be unique in comparison to the other shows, because we do not require the exhibitor to handle the animal (No Halter). The heifers will be shown in a pen. This show is set up for exhibitors to gain knowledge of the commercial cow system. We do not require the animal to be purchased like a show heifer, if your grandpa has a heifer and will let you show it, fine. However, all the commercial heifers will be sold through the Texas Cattle Exchange the following Tuesday of the County Show. The heifers will be marketed as either bred or open replacement heifers. We want to help promote the quality of commercial operations in the county. If you are interested, call or come by the Texas AgriLife Extension Office for a complete set of rules. I feel this could be one of the best projects for kids of all ages.

2009 Property Tax Rates in Gorman City

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for Gorman City. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 221,201
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 221,201
Last year's tax base	\$ 22,411,530
Last year's total tax rate	\$.987 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 220,837
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 22,590,840
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.97755 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 220,837
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 22,590,840
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.97755 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1.0557 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$ 1.0557 /\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/ DECREASE

If Gorman City adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.97755 per \$ 100 of value, taxes would Increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 1292.

SCHEDULE A- UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	-0-

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Gorman City Hall
Gorman, Texas

Name of person preparing this notice: Steve Thomas, RPA
Title: Chief Appraiser
Eastland CAD

Date Prepared : July 29, 2009

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Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 4,362,815
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 4,362,815
Last year's tax base	\$ 863,923,829
Last year's total tax rate	\$.505 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 4,355,458
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 835,180,372
= This year's effective tax rate	\$.52149 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 4,355,458
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 835,180,372
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.52149 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.56320 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.56320 /\$100

Statement of Increase/ Decrease

If Eastland County adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.52149 per \$ 100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2008 taxes by \$ 159,122.

Schedule A- Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation	\$ 1,004,032
I&S (Bond)	\$ 21,883

Schedule B- 2009 Debt Service NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

Eastland County Auditors Office
Eastland County Courthouse
Second Floor Suite 205
Eastland, Texas

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion" will be held on Saturday, August 8th at the "Ole" School Building. The morning program will begin at 10:00 a.m. And the noon meal will be catered. Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends are invited to attend this annual event which began in 1921. Form many years the homecoming was held at the Community Tabernacle. It was moved to the High School Gym in August 1972. Make plans to attend for any enjoyable day visiting former Classmates and friends.

Roy and Angela Powledge and Holly Guthery hosted a Hamburger Cook-Out Birthday Party for their children, Lane and Karsan. Several family members and friends attended to help Lane celebrate his 7th Birthday and Karsan's 3rd Birthday on Saturday. A large water slide and jumping Castle was enjoyed by all the kids. Several enjoyed a swim in the big pool.

Elise Duke of Stephenville; Katie Duke of Early and Emily James of Whitney spent the past week in Desdemona with their grandparents, Humpy and Betty Duke.

Desdemona High School Class of 1949 will have their 60th Class Reunion on Friday night, August 7th at the First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona.

"Happy Birthday" to our sister, Avie Taylor in De Leon and to our daughter, Belinda Guthery in Desdemona on Saturday, August 8th from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Have a great day, Coon.

Eastland County Farm Service Agency News
July 31, 2009

New Livestock Indemnity Program Announced by FSA

Eligible ranchers and livestock producers can begin applying for benefits through the Livestock Indemnity Program provided in the 2008 Farm Bill on July 13.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to producers for livestock deaths that result from disaster. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, disease, wildfires, extreme heat and extreme cold, and lightning. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011.

The following table provides the final dates to file a notice of loss and/or application for payment for either 2008 or 2009 livestock losses.

Date of Livestock Death	Final Date to File a Notice of Loss	Final Date to Submit an Application for Payment
Calendar Year 2008	Sept. 13, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009
Jan. 1, 2009 to July 12, 2009	Sept. 13, 2009	Jan. 30, 2010
July 13, 2009 to Dec. 31, 2009	30 days after death is apparent	Jan. 30, 2010

Specific provisions for the other supplemental agricultural disaster assistance programs authorized by the 2008 Act - the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP) and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) - will be implemented through separate rulemakings and announced at a later date.

For more information on available supplemental disaster assistance programs, please visit your FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

REMINDER

TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00 a.m. IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE MISSED YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB.

Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooters Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge. The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns. For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567 or (254) 246-1972 (cell).

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH 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.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our group just keeps getting smaller. We only had 12 people here on the 29th. They are out of pocket or just don't care to come. So I then decided to not meet for the month of August. It seems we all need a summer break. Its getting hotter and some folks still have vacation to get through. I hate the August people will miss their Birthday Celebration. We will just celebrate their with the September people when we return on September 2nd. I do hope and pray we will have a good turnout and better attendees by then.

We enjoyed good sandwiches of Tuna salad, egg salad, and salmon. Also had pimento cheese for those that might want some, none did. Betty Regian made a delicious veg soup that was enjoyed by all. We had sliced tomatoes, green onions, and chips. Our desserts was Jello, carrot cake and a peanut butter pie brought by James Bruton. Always enjoy our banker dining with us. So you, see people, it wasn't just sandwiches! Betty Regian was kind enough to give the blessing for us all.

I'm glad Adiana Chamberlain was here to be with us. She is looking good and through her treatment. Hope all goes well.

I sure did miss Jerry Underwood as she had a Dr. appt. Ann Maxfield carried her to Brownwood. Her eyes were OK. So, she will visit another Dr. soon. Also missed Daisy as she had a checkup after surgery. Her eyes are doing fine, also Betty Regians. Sorry to hear about Ruthie Porter's daughter, Sherry. Lets all say many prayers to help her along after surgery.

Emma Jane Larch we have missed with her lovely cakes she makes for us. She has been in Colorado to visit a daughter. Should be home by now. The Bushs have been trying to go on vacation in Colorado, but Barbara developed some tooth problems. Hope she is better soon and can enjoy their trip.

I can hardly believe Lendon Shipman has passed away. We enjoyed him being with us for the dinner and also playing games. We have missed him and will continue to do so. He went so fast, it makes one think about our mortal soul and what's ahead for all.

Our game night has fallen off till we didn't eve have them the last two Thursdays. Hopefully that will pick up on our return in September. I really don't know how to make people more interested. There are so many Seniors in Gorman that don't participate.

Hope everyone is well and see you on September 2nd.

Carol

SUPER NOTES -- David K. Perry -- 734-5716

Can you believe it? Teachers will be back to work on August 10th and the students will be there shortly thereafter on the 24th. Two-a-days will begin soon for football and volleyball will be in full swing. The volleyball girls will be the first to get to use the new gym which by the way looks fantastic! We are almost complete. The inspection has already been ordered and we have already put a little furniture in place. Of course there are finishing touches that have to be performed and all will be done before school begins. We will have an open house to which the entire community will be invited as soon as a date is determined, probably at the next board meeting.

I understand that a new law created this last session prohibits motorists from using wireless communication devices, like cell phones and PDAs, unless they are hands-free, in active school zones. I believe the law, which goes into effect September 1, states that the only exception to this would be if a person was making an emergency phone call to an emergency response service: hospital, fire or police department, health clinic, medical doctor's office or an individual to administer first-aid treatment. The law won't apply to operators of emergency vehicles acting in an official capacity or motorists licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate a radio frequency device. Offenders of this law could face a fine of up to \$200.

We have several new faculty and staff members this year and I believe we are going to have another great year. Jeff Byrd of course is our new secondary principal and is also acting as athletic director. Charlie Bunch will be our boys coordinator/head football and golf coach and comes to us from San Angelo. Todd Lawdermilk will be our new head boys basketball, track, and tennis coach and a teacher and his wife Heather will be working at the elementary as a paraprofessional. Trey Felan will be our new head baseball coach and a teacher. Bobby Busby will be our head girl's coordinator and the head coach of girl's basketball and volleyball. Belinda Segura is returning to us as a teacher/coach and we are glad to have her back. She will be our head cross country coach, high school assistant, and head girl's J.V. Gera Lovelace comes to us from Merkel and will be a high school assistant and head J.V. coach for volleyball, basketball, and track. Not new, James Gerick, will be coaching football and our head girls softball coach and head power lifting coach. All coaches will participate in coaching track when available.

We also have the addition of a new elementary counselor, Marlow Byrd. I know all of the elementary teachers are glad to have her on board. Also at the elementary we have hired Crystal Snider as an elementary teacher and Dianna Doris and Dianne Snider as paraprofessionals. We hired Rebecca Peterson as our new middle school math teacher. Laura Hipolito and Rosa Ramirez have joined our custodial staff.

In case you have not heard, we have changed up our campus arrangement this year. Our old high school building will now be used as our middle school campus. That campus will house grades six through eight. The new high school will house only grades nine through twelve and Maxfield Elementary will house grades PK-fifth.

I've run out of time, but wanted to write something this week. I have seen some homes empty in town. If you are reading this article and live in the surrounding area and would like for your children to attend a progressive rural school that still has old time values and believes in their students ability to succeed, you might want to check us out. We accept transfers and move-ins and we have a brand new high school and gymnasium that of which we are very proud.

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

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