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T. J. Cummings Issues Statement For Candidate For Eastland County Commissioner - Pct. 3

Hello, I am T.J. Cummings. I would like to present myself as the incumbent candidate for Eastland County Commissioner, Precinct 3. I have been honored to serve you since February of this year when I was appointed by Eastland County Judge Rex Fields to fill the unexpired term of Commissioner Bill Underwood.

I was born and raised in Odessa, Texas. Growing up in a Christian home I was taught the importance of honesty, respect for others, hard work, love for family and friends, and to stand firm in what you believe. That is still who I am in a nutshell. I attended Odessa High School where I graduated in 1982. That same summer I moved to Stephenville, and enrolled at Tarleton State University where in 1986 I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business.

After college graduation I moved to Eastland County where I have been a resident the last 24 years, 16 of which I have lived in Carbon.

I am married to Brenda Adams Cummings who was born and raised in Olden. Brenda is a Registered Nurse who works at Lighthouse Hospice in Eastland, and the surrounding area. We have 1 son, Justin who lives in Stephenville, and 2 daughters, Becca who lives in Abilene with our 5 year old grandson Gaven, and Sarah who lives in Austin. Brenda and I attend Olden Baptist Church where she grew up playing the piano and singing. We enjoy playing gospel and bluegrass music in the area and host the Carbon Musical.

I have spent most of my career as a foreman/manager on farm and ranch operations in the area or self employed as a contract welder. In these lines of work I became familiar with various pieces equipment, its maintenance and operation, employee supervision, and operating within budgets. Each of these tasks is a fundamental part of the commissioner's daily activities and responsibilities.

My education and experience in business have proven to be an asset as the commissioner's court is responsible for the management of county finances, in addition to the maintenance and improvement of the county road and bridge system. I believe spending should be taken seriously at any time but especially so under the current economic conditions. I pay the same taxes you do and expect the same prudent use of these funds by our government as you.

Commissioner Underwood had placed very capable and loyal employees around himself, who have extensive knowledge and experience in the construction and maintenance of the county road and bridge system. These men have proven to be very valuable assets not only to Eastland County but to me as well, making my transition into the job much less overwhelming. I would at this time like to thank each of them publicly for their help and support this year and would encourage you to do the same when you see them working in your area.

The county commissioner position, as is your decision as to who should fill it, is not to be taken lightly. The only promise I can make you is this: I will represent you, the people of Precinct 3, to the best of my ability and in your best interest. At this time I would like to ask for your continued support in the November 2 election. I work for you now, and I would be honored to continue to do so should you elect me as your commissioner.

Pol. Ad. Paid for by T.J. Cummings 620 E. Coal Carbon, Texas 76435

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk Last Day To Register To Vote - Oct. 4

People may begin calling my office to see if they qualify to vote by mail procedure
The number is 254.629.1583

Last day to register to vote is October 4, 2010

Early Voting in person at the County Courthouse is October 18, 2010 through October 29, 2010 - 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM

Saturday early voting will be conducted on October 23, 2010 from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM
November 2, 2010 Election Day polls open 7:00 AM till 7:00 PM

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Firstfruits CIA In Full Swing

Firstfruits children's outreach, CIA, is in full swing now. Over 100 kids attended in September. If your kids haven't come yet there are missing a lot of fun. It is for ages 6-12, but younger ones can come if you parents come with them. There is always music, games, dramas, food and don't forget the APEX Store. If you have never come or it's just been awhile or you were there this past Monday, either way, we hope to see you there. It's the place to be for fun on Monday nights, in Gorman. For more info call 734-3203.

Notice Of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Called Meeting at 8:00 a.m. On Thursday, September 30, 2010 in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Adopt the Eastland County Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
2. Adopt the 2010 Eastland County Tax Rate
3. File copy of adopted Budget with County Clerk
4. Bills, Claims and Accounts

Posted by the 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.

Daylight Savings Ends Sunday, November 7th

Letter To The Editor

And To Whom It Concerns Especially Mr. Skiles

i Denver Rainey can't speak for all Raineys. But as for my self i Say, in Raineyville all that i own i payed for myself, and i pay the taxes. If i need you HELP i'll ask for it.

The truth is WARS have been fought and men have died over land and the right that goes with ownership. So let me say it plain if i move or sell my property it won't be because of some with a concealed gun permit or the Rest of the Self Righteous Dogooders that are always trying to run someone else's business that want Raineyville cleaned up and moved out of town.

My question is how does a Law abiding citizen know drugs and girls are available at the House on the Hill.

As far as Back Bone is Concerned i don't know. But i would like some Commissioners who would send the Whinners and Those who want to Run everone elses business Home with the message if you Don't own it, it's none of your Business.

P. S. if your not Registered To Vote Call me i'll Bring You a Card - 734-5131. Sincerely - Denver Rainey.

Panthers Edged By Menard; Go To Santo On Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE

GORMAN	MENARD
13 First Downs	16
32/218 Carries/Yds.	45/291
19 Yds Passing	26
3 of 6/2 Pass Cplt./Int	1 of 4/1
1 / 1 Fumbles/Lost	0 / 0
2 / 34 Punts/Avg.	2/32
8/65 Penalties	4/40

The Gorman Panthers traveled to Menard on Friday night and had a bad night with 2 intercepted pass tries and 1 fumble and it sure hindered their offensive output. They were up 7-0 in the second quarter and 14-12 at the end of the second but failed to score in the second half and came out on the low end of a 23 to 14 score.

The Panthers played the Yellowjackets on even terms on the first possession, but were hurt by an interception. They got a break on an interception of a Jacket pass try and took the ball on the Jacket 28. They scored in 8 plays with Brandon Velasquez getting the honors of a 4 yard run with 6:25 left in the second. Flanary then booted the extra point for a 7-0 lead. The drive featured runs of 1, 7, 4 and 11 by B. J. Ramirez and runs of 3 and 2 by Matt Fox.

The Jackets came right back following the kick-off and moved 65 yards in 8 plays with Jonathan Burgess scoring from 17 yards out with 2:16 left in the second. The kick try for points failed and the score was 7-6.

However the Panthers fumbled the following kickoff and the Jackets got the ball on the Gorman 37. They scored in 5 plays with Elliott Jones catching a 25 yard pass for the score with 1:03 left in the half. The run for 2 points failed and the Jackets had a 12-7 lead.

However, the Big Red came back on a drive of their own going the distance in 5 plays with B. J. Ramirez getting the final 7 yards on a run as time ran out in the first half. The drive featured a beautiful 54 yard run and a 5 yard run by B. J. Flanary booted the extra point and Gorman had a 14-12 lead at halftime.

The Panther Marching Band performed a nice routine at intermission and the Jackets had their Homecoming Activities.

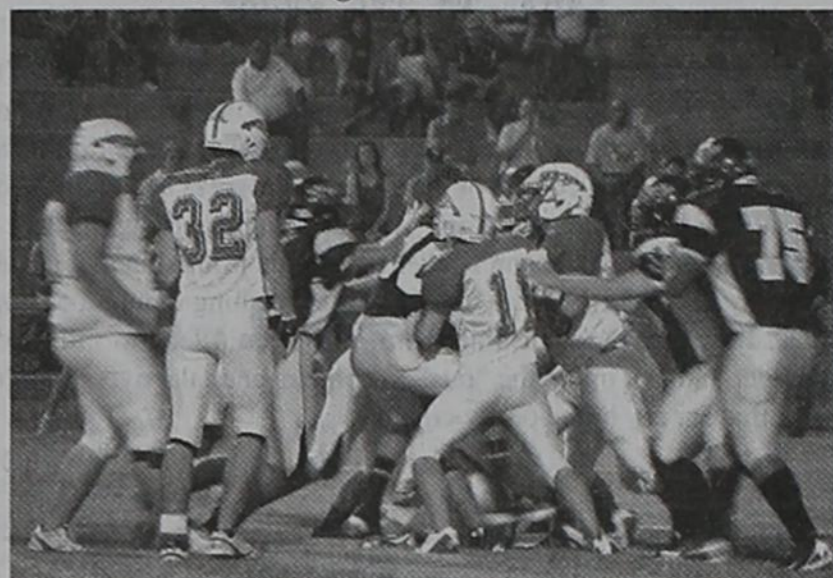
The Jackets came back on their first possession following halftime and drove 68 yards in 9 plays with Grey Wagoner getting the final yard on a keeper play with 5:40 left in the third. Wagoner then added the 2 pointer on a run to make the score 20 to 14.

The Panthers then had a good drive on their next possession before having an interception by the Jackets on their own 26 and scored in 18 plays with their kicker booting a 28 yard field goal with 2:19 left in the game to up the score to 23-14. Ramirez led the Panthers with 170 yards on 17 carries. Velasquez got 42 yards on 7 tries. Flanary had 18 on

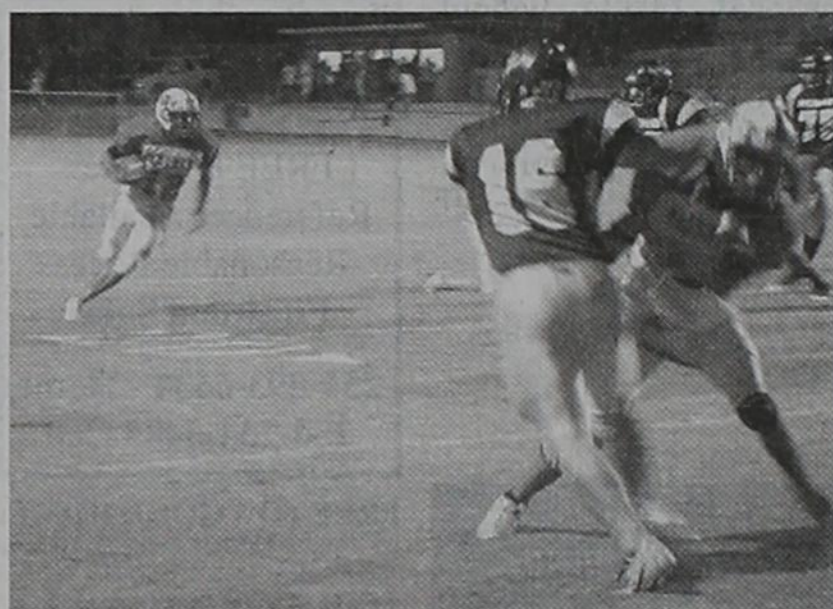
3 keepers and Matt Fox had a minus 2 on 5 tries. Wagoner led the Jackets with 95 on 15 keeper plays.

The Panthers hit the travel again this Friday night to take on a tough Santo team. Santo has a very good team and will give the Big Red another tough test. So follow the Panthers to Santo Friday night and back them to a victory over the Wildcats.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!



STOPPING FOR SHORT YARDAGE - The Panther Defense are shown stopping a Yellowjacket in game action Friday. Pictured are Cody Wood, B.J. Ramirez, and other unidentified Panthers.



BJ COMING AROUND THE END - B. J. Ramirez is shown trying to gain extra yards in game action Friday. Blocking in the picture is Matt Fox



BRANDON VELASQUEZ GAINING EXTRA YARDS - Brandon Velasquez is shown trying to avoid the rush in game action against Menard. Also shown is Randy Woodall and B. J. Ramirez

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1. Discuss and consider executing a contract with AT&T for Texas Department of Public Safety cellular phones.
2. Discuss and consider advertising to take bids to sell 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche pickup (Commissioner Honea)
3. Discuss and consider advertising to take bids to purchase one used 1-ton pickup (Commissioner Honea)
4. Discuss and consider approval to declare two vehicles as surplus or salvage (Sheriff Bradford)
5. Line Item Adjustments
6. Bills, Claims and Accounts

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 - 4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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Letter To The Editor

CHEERS to Msgrt H.K. Williams Texas Air National Guard, I can't wait to meet you and your family when you do retire and move to our friendly little town. Thank you for your Letter to the Editor in the September 23rd edition of the Gorman Progress and thank you for serving this great nation and your help in preserving our freedoms. As for Mr Buchanan's letter on suicide printed in that same issue, just because I "break a dish" while washing them, does not mean I can just stop washing them. That would lead to filth and disorder and just invite the "rats" to come in and take over. I don't wish that for my home or my country.

Jill Rainey
 "In God We Trust"

Classifieds

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"On The Wilder Side"

What good is food other than to feed the body and what good is Oxygen other than to fill our lungs? Food and air has no value other than to sustain our earthly bodies. You could even say that food and air were created by God strictly for the purpose of serving humans. As a matter of fact God created everything in this world and gave it to humans to use (Gen 1:28-30). God is master over humans and humans are masters over material objects. This is God's intention.

Unfortunately humans are always foolish and never satisfied. Wasn't that the case with Adam and Eve? They weren't satisfied with what God had given them in the Garden of Eden; they wanted more. They wanted to be more like God and in their pursuit to find happiness, they were kicked out of their paradise and found hardship instead.

Well, times have changed but mankind has not. We are still very foolish and still very greedy. Because of this gluttony, humans - Americans especially, have found a way of serving "stuff" rather than allowing "stuff" to serve us. Let me give you some facts to put this in perspective: The average employed American works 163 hours a year more than they did in 1969. U.S. manufacturing employees alone work 320 hours more than their French or German counterparts. A recent study by the National Sleep Foundation shows that 38 percent of all full-time workers spend 50 or more hours on the job each week. What's worse is that with all this extra work, the average household's personal debt is \$84,454. We manage to work harder and get less, or like Adam and Eve, we look for happiness but only find hardship. I'm reminded of what the richest and wisest person who ever lived once said, "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind" (Eccl 1:14).

My final thought comes from Jesus on the Sermon on the Mount. Stop serving food, and clothing, and "stuff" and start serving God and His righteousness. Only then will "all these things" be given to you (Matt 6:33).

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder
 Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

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POLITICAL CALENDAR
PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:
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 Eastland County Offices - - - - - \$50.00
 Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - - \$50.00
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 Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.
 The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the General Election, November 2.

Eastland Co. Comm. - Pct 3:
 Incumbent - T.J. Cummings

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman are now accepting applications for D.O.N. Please apply in person 600 West Roosevelt in Gorman, Texas FNC

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 NEW - Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
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Pig Tales From Hogtown

I can hear everyone breathing a sigh of relief with this wonderful cooler weather! The weeds have just about taken over my flower garden because I didn't want to get out with the temperatures being so high. It's a pleasure to be outside now. Did you all have lots of grasshoppers this summer? I have never seen so many and such a variety of sizes and colors!

We had a great turnout for the dance last Friday evening. Beginning next month, the band for our fourth Friday night dances will have a new name a few new faces. Gene Williams is off on another venture and cannot be with us anymore. We will have a new lead singer. I hear he is wonderful. The band will be called 'Burning Daylight'. Y'all come and make them welcome on October 22nd.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held this Saturday, October 2nd. Come and join us for a great start to your weekend.

See you in Desdemona!
 Carol Pell

Seaman Recruit Alexander Rorie Completes Basic Training

September 21, 2010(FHTNC)--Navy Seaman Recruit Alexander D. Rorie, son of Shirley K. and Joseph D. Rorie of De Leon, Texas, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Rorie completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Rorie is a 2010 graduate of De Leon High School of De Leon, Texas.

State Grants for Renewable Energy Available to Rural Communities

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) is offering grants through two programs that help rural communities use renewable energy to cut energy costs and develop new sources of drinking water.

The agency anticipates having up to \$681,500 available through its Renewable Energy Demonstration Pilot Program (REDPP). Priority for these grants is given to projects that use wind power or solar power to help provide electricity for water treatment or wastewater treatment plants.

TDRA also anticipates having up to \$3 million available in its Desalination Fund for projects that use wind power for desalination of brackish groundwater.

The deadline for applications to the Desalination Fund is December 17, 2010. The deadline for applications for the REDPP is January 28, 2011. Application forms and guides will be posted on the TDRA Web site by October 12. See www.tdra.texas.gov

TDRA will hold two workshops regarding these grants: one in Austin on October 12 and one in Sweetwater on October 14.

Applicants for both grant programs must be cities with populations of less than 50,000 or counties with populations of 200,000 or less.

For more information or to register for the workshops, contact Travis Brown, TDRA renewable energy program manager, at 512-936-7878 or at travis.brown@tdra.state.tx.us

Gorman Panthers Football Schedule

- ✱ October 8 - Ranger - Here - 7:30
- ✱ October 15 - Cross Plains - There - 7:30
- ✱ October 22 - OPEN DATE
- ✱ October 29 - Baird - Here - 7:30
- ✱ November 5 - Meridian - There - 7:30
- ✱ District Games

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Watson Family Reunion

The descendants of John Lynn and Margaret Naomi (Egger) Watson met on Sunday, September 9, 2010 at Desdemona, Texas. There were 50 in attendance. This was an annual event in the past but it had been about 14 years since the last time the families had gathered for a reunion.

John Lynn Watson was born in 1850 in Alabama. Her first came to Texas in 1870 before his 20th birthday. His oldest brother, James Newton Watson came with him. They rode horses and traveled along with covered wagons. They were in Comanche County most of their stay in Texas. John and his brother and George Britt went back to Alabama in the fall of 1872. The following year, John Lynn married Margaret Naomi Egger in Caledonia, Mississippi.

John Lynn and his wife Naomi and their three sons moved from Alabama to Palo Pinto County, Texas in the winter of 1882. They bought a small place on Little Sunday Creek, near Santo.

Six of the nine children of John Lynn and Naomi lived to adulthood. They were James Newton Watson, Hugh Lynn Watson, Johnnie Monthees Watson, Samuel Cannon Watson, Bettie Watson, and Clemmie Watson. Bettie married Tom Richburg and Clemmie married Willis Seale. These families were well represented last Sunday at the Watson Reunion.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS

Texas Midwest Community Network will host the 17th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Oct. 20, at the Abilene Civic Center. The theme for the conference is "Leadership Makes the Difference".

City & county officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce executives and board members, civic volunteers and student leaders attend the annual conference to learn more about the resources available to benefit communities. Information is provided for community development, tourism and economic development. Features of the annual conference are Solution Seminars, Information Expo, luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse and community awards.

Agencies and organizations participating in the Info Expo include Abilene Regional Airport, Aerial Focus Inc., Big Country Area Health Education Center, Cisco College, Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd Engineering, Hendrick Health System, Jacob & Martin Engineering, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA), Texas Tech SBDC, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Texas Rural Challenge, Texas Water Development Board, USDA Rural Development, West Central Texas Council of Governments, and Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

For complete details on solution seminar topics and pre-registration go to the Texas Midwest website at texasmidwest.org or call 325-795-8626.

TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Gustine, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

RAISE THE YOUTH!!

The De Leon Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is inviting Everyone from Everywhere to join them for an evening of positive praise and live entertainment as they host "Raise the Youth" at the De Leon Community Park.

The event will take place on Wednesday, October 20th starting at 7 p.m. and will feature performances by the Nick Gainey Band and 100 Watt Witness. Vertical Adrenaline Motocross Ministries will also be on hand to visit with those in attendance.

Raise the Youth is an opportunity for our young people to come together for a time of fun and fellowship. You do not have to be a member of the FCA to take part; this event is for the masses. If you have a large group that would like to attend, please RSVP so that you may be recognized during the celebration. Any individual, organization or business that would like to participate by becoming a sponsor or by simply making a donation is greatly appreciated. You will help to insure that this event is a success. Raise the Youth is free of charge, but donations at the gate are welcome. All profits from this event will go directly to the De Leon FCA. The FCA is dedicated to building relationships that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence. Please help us build those relationships with the youth of our communities.

Please contact us at rasiethyouth@yahoo.com or call Crystal Nabors at (254) 485-7223 for more information. You can find Raise the Youth on facebook!

America's Bounty

It's officially fall – the time of year when the weather starts to cool, leaves begin to change and, for America's farmers, harvest is in full-swing.

For the 98 percent of Americans who are not directly involved in the agriculture industry, the 24/7 life of a farmer or rancher may go unnoticed.

But, if you are reading this article, thank a tree producer for the paper and a soybean producer for the ink. If you are enjoying a cup of coffee, glass of milk, or a bite to eat while you read, thank a farmer or rancher. When you dress for work or play – you guessed it – thank the 2.2 million Americans involved in production agriculture.

It's because of these individuals that we enjoy the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter – in abundance and at a lower percentage of our expendable income than anywhere else in the world.

Nowhere, but in the United States, is such a wide variety of food available to everyday consumers. It's important to consider the farmers, ranchers and growers who work day in and day out to produce a plentiful, safe, affordable supply of food, fiber and fuel.

To bring the perspective closer to home, Eastland County's 1324 farms comprised of 520,132 acres of land produce agriculture products with a market value of more than \$28 million, contributing significantly to the county's economic infrastructure. Farms and ranches in Eastland County produce cotton, peanuts, wheat, hay, and cattle.

So this week, as you visit the grocery store, a restaurant or farmer's market, or sit down to a meal with family and friends, I ask that you join my colleagues and me at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in thanking America's farmers and ranchers. I'm certain they will be grateful to know that their fellow citizens appreciate their role in making America a truly great nation.

Written by Brenda Carlson, Farm Service Agency

FREE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP TEACHES IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DETECTION

As 10 Million Baby Boomers Develop Alzheimer's, Early Detection of the Disease Becomes Critical to Future Planning

Current data suggests that less than 35 percent of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias have a diagnosis of the condition in their medical record (Boise et al., 2004; Boustani et al., 2005; Ganguli et al., 2004; Valcour et al. 2000). "In 2011, the first wave of baby boomers begins turning 65 – the age that one's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease begins to increase significantly," said Mindy Bannister, Caseworker, of the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "Knowing the warning signs of Alzheimer's and getting diagnosed early is vital to receiving the best help and care possible."

To help concerned individuals understand the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's disease and the benefits of early detection, the Alzheimer's Association – North Central Texas Chapter will be hosting a new workshop, Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2010, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., at the Gholson Hotel Apartments, located at 215 W. Main St., in Ranger.

Key topics that will be discussed include:

- The 10 warning signs
- Basic overview of Alzheimer's disease
- Risk factors
- What is involved in getting a diagnosis
- Benefits of early detection including accessing available treatment, planning for the future and participating in clinical trials.

Seating is limited, so reservations are strongly encouraged. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

Dinner And A Movie

Saturday, October 2nd
Dinner starts at 6 PM and Movie Begins at 7 p.m.

At First Baptist Church in Gorman - Showing "Facing The Giants"

Public Notice

Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

Date of Publication: September 30, 2010

The City of Gorman is giving notice of the intent to submit a Community Development Fund application along with Eastland County for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is for \$350,000 for the following activities:

Water System Improvements: Construction of 300 LF of 8" water line; 44,500 LF of 6" water line; 1,500 LF of 4" water line; 5,500 LF of 3" water line; 13,000 LF of 2" water line; valves, casing, fire hydrants, service reconstructions, and asphalt repair; and First Time Water Service: New water line connections for 37 residential and 11 non-residential customers in the Desdemona community. Project activities will be located in Gorman on E. Roberts & Upton to E. Carter and FM 8, and then northeast of Gorman on FM 8 to and within the community of Desdemona.

The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

894 N. Graham Street -- Stephenville, TX 76401 Call 254-965-4125 or Call 254-965-4145 For Pool Sales & Service

Jacks Pool and Spas

Jacks Chemical and Janitorial Supply, Inc.

To The City Commission Of Gorman, Texas

I am Henry Buchanan, recently come to Gorman. I coming to live here I accept the governance which this body represents. I have read the published minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting of the Gorman City Commission, and see that Mister Ron Skiles commends Mr. Keeping for setting me straight.

I am a native born citizen of the United States and I accept the responsibility of citizenship to work for the good of the nation and to preserve the union in which my son and grandsons will inherit and my fellow citizens will live.

I am a writer. It is my duty to serve my country and preserve the future of my children and yours by the use of the written word.

In this manner I seek to influence my nation's leaders to act in the best interest of the people now living and those who are to follow after us.

I know from experience and from observation of current events that my views on the course the nation should take will run counter to the views of some of my fellow citizens. These differences of opinion should be expressed in the proper medium. Ideally when my neighbor and I differ on the course of the nation, we should meet and discuss the issue. The newspaper is also a medium for this discussion. The City Commission of Gorman is not the proper medium for trading insults and disparaging the persons who have expressed their views in either written or oral speech.

I am well aware that my views on national politics are controversial. It is my duty to be a gadfly on the body politic in the hope of influencing our leaders to desist from wrong action and to do what will insure the happy future of all the citizens.

I invite you who differ with me to come to me and discuss the issues without resort to insult to the persons of us who are engaged in efforts to achieve a just and equitable life for all of us.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
1131 N. Kent Street
Gorman, Tx 76454
254-734-4569
September 24, 2010

A New Religion -- Nine Eleven

The terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York was the dramatic birth of a new religion: Nine Eleven.

This is not surprising. The violent crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth ushered in the Christian era now in conflict with Islam, and teaming with its parent and former rival, Judaism.

I use the term "former rival" because, until Islam became a force challenging the Western world, Christians and Jews faced off against one another, with the Holocaust being the "Battle of Armageddon" that sickened Christians in their victory.

The present conflict between Christianity and Islam is now heating up as a Book Burning contest. Since Christianity is identified with America it involves Flag burning too. The American Flag symbolizes the power of a "Christian" nation at war against the emergent Muslim forces of revolution in the world. The Middle East is the present focus of conflict.

The Jewish religion is nurtured by the ceremonial of the Sabbath, with a ritual circumcision as the entrance way. Christianity admits members by Baptism and sustains them with the Mass and the Lord's Supper. Both advocate much Bible reading for daily sustenance, and Islam follows the same practice with the Koran. All have their High holy Days, the Jewish and Christian "holidays" being well known as the Jewish/Christian equivalent of Islam's Ramadan.

Now our new religion Nine eleven is kept alive by constant reminders that nearly three thousand people were innocent victims of the violent attack on the building which stood until the eleventh day of September 2001, on what is now "hallowed ground," which must be protected from being defiled by the proximity of an Islamic mosque. If the mosque is only two blocks away it may be leering at "hallowed ground" as an assertion of "Muslim" superiority over "Christians' America."

It would make as much sense to declare the gas chambers of Auschwitz "holy places" and the bay at Pearl Harbor "holy waters" as it does to refer to "hallowed ground" in New York City at the site where we suffered a terrible blow. I think Abraham Lincoln started this in his Gettysburg Address, but I am not sure that Concord had not given him the idea. At any rate, emotion plays a big part, as Texans' feelings about The Alamo will testify, and the Muslim will remember Abu Ghraib whenever they need to stir the people to violence. In the new religion of Nine Eleven we will hold a big celebration on each anniversary to give an outlet for this emotion and for patriotic speeches justifying whatever acts of war and violence we may be doing in the world when the calendar reminds us of the humiliating even that we can now turn into glory as the ancient Greek/Athenian society dealt with the social problem of bastardy by claiming divine parentage by the gods' entrance to human society via the sexual exploits of Zeus and Apollo.

This birth of a new religion leads to a violent expansion. Moses first broke the power of Egypt with terrorist force, The Death Angel, and his successor Joshua extended the terror into The Promised Land by the power of the sword. Once Christianity got going in Rome, the Emperor Constantine extended it with imperial force under the banner of the cross. "In this sign I conquer." Islam swept across the medieval world with a bloody sword that converted the populace rather quickly and was accelerated by the Christian Crusades, and slowed down in its march across Europe by Spain's Ferdinand and Isabella.

What we face now has the greatest potential for violence because we have modern weapons and because we have more to defend. Witness the "Economy" as well as our image of military power. And the amount of amalgamation of Jewish/Christian religion with the new Nine eleven will be seen as time and circumstance will reveal.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
September 14, 2010

Accepting Applications

Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program - Special Education, EC-6 Generalist, Math, and Science

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2011-2012 Alternative Certification Program for Special Education, Math and Science Teachers will be accepted September 1, 2010 thru November 12, 2010.

The program allows college graduates wanting to be teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirement:

Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution Of higher education.

For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program OR visit our website at www.esc14.net

Financial reimbursement is available if grant requirements are met. This program is made possible by a 1.4 million dollar federal Transition to Teaching Grant.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For more information, contact: Gay Ann Walts - Special Education - 325-675-7017; Donna Ray - EC-6 Generalist - 325-675-8670; Charlotte Taggart - Science - 325-675-8684 or Sandra Carter - Math - 325-675-7006.

John Stevens - Associate Director

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

YELLOW PECAN APHIDS

The yellow pecan aphid occurs later in the season. Outbreaks of this species can cause defoliation and reduce yield and quality on most cultivars. Both species of yellow aphids have piercing sucking mouthparts for removing water and plant nutrients from leaf veins. As they feed, aphids excrete large amounts of excess sugars. This sticky material, called honeydew, collects on leaves.

Honeydew serves as a food source for sooty mold, which can cover leaves when humidity is high. The shading effect of sooty mold can reduce photosynthesis. Studies have also shown that aphid feeding can reduce leaf efficiency; large, persistent infestations of the yellow pecan aphid, *M. pecans*, can defoliate trees. This leaf injury and loss can reduce current and subsequent yields and quality because of lower carbohydrate production. Yellow aphid eggs survive the winter hidden in bark crevices on twigs and tree trunks. Immature aphids, called nymphs, hatch from eggs in spring and begin to feed on newly expanded leaves. Nymphs mature in about a week and give birth to live young. All individuals are females that reproduce without males during spring and summer. In late September and October, males and females develop, and females deposit overwintering eggs.

Consider treatment when infestations of yellow pecan aphid exceed 25 per compound leaf, indicating the onset of an outbreak. Scouting the orchard on a 4- to 5-day schedule will determine if yellow pecan aphid numbers are increasing or decreasing and indicate the need for insecticide treatment. Do not base the need for treatment on the amount of honeydew alone, as infestations often decline rapidly ("crash") because of weather or physiological effects.

Insecticides do not consistently control either species of yellow aphids. Aphids may become tolerant to an insecticide used frequently in an orchard. An insecticide that is effective in one orchard may be ineffective in a nearby orchard. Studies have shown that in some cases, applications of pyrethroid insecticides (Asana, Ammo, Cymbush) to control casebearers or aphids may be followed by large increases in yellow aphids.

If you have questions, please contact the Eastland County Extension Agent, Heath Begeman at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

Wild Horse & Burro Adoption and Expo Heading to Wichita Falls, TX, Oct. 7-10!

Moore, OK--The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption in Wichita Falls, TX, October 7-10, 2010. The adoption is the centerpiece of the BLM's 16th Annual Wild Horse & Burro Expo being held this year at the J.S. Bridwell Agricultural Center. It'll be four days of exciting entertainment, competition, and education and all free to the public!

Besides the adoption opportunity, other weekend highlights will include:

- A horse show featuring trained mustangs and burros – along with their proud adopters! A full slate of professionally judged show classes and games is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8-9
- Gentling Demonstrations by noted horse trainers Bill Lopez, of Purcell, Oklahoma and George and Evelyn Gregory of Saint Jo, Texas!
- Vendor and equine information booths

Adoption Schedule

The competitive bid adoption begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 7th, with walk up adoptions following until 6 p.m. Walk up adoption continues on Friday, October 8, at 8 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. Gates open for adoption again on Saturday October 9, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Two prison-trained horses will be adopted by competitive bid on Saturday, October 9th, at Noon.

Adoption Qualifications

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum 400 square foot per animal with access to shelter. A 6-foot fence is required for adult horses and a 5-foot tall fence for yearlings. All horses must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist adopters through the short application process, to answer any questions, and load horses.

Adoption Fees

The minimum adoption fee is \$125 for un-trained animals and \$400 for trained horses. We accept cash, check, and all major credit cards.

\$500 Adoption Incentive

An adoption incentive program in which BLM pays a \$500 care and feeding allowance to adopters of horses 4 years and older. Younger or trained horses are not eligible for this incentive. The allowance is paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available for this incentive.

Wild horses – iconic symbols of America's western heritage – are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild make them ideal for work or recreation. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 220,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes across the country. The BLM periodically removes excess horses from the range to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals.

For more information, call toll-free 866-4-MUSTANGS (866.468.7826) or visit www.blm.gov/nm.

Directions to the J.S. Bridwell Agricultural Center (1000 5th St., Wichita Falls, TX)

Coming from the North on US-277/US-281, take exit 1A toward US-277 Business (0.1 miles); Stay straight to go onto US-277 South/Brooke Ave. (0.1 miles); Turn slight left onto Holliday St. (0.1 miles); Turn left onto 6th St.; Continue to follow 6th St. (0.4 miles); Turn left onto Travis St. (0.1 miles); End at facility, 1000 5th St.

Coming from the South on US-277/US-281, take the 6th St. exit and go right on 6th St. (0.2 miles); Turn left onto Travis St. (0.1 miles); End at facility, 1000 5th St.

2010 CUBS AND JV SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sept. 30	Santo	Here	4:00 & 6:30
Oct. 7	*Ranger	There	4:00 & 6:30
Oct. 14	*Cross Plains	Here	4:00 & 6:30
Oct. 21	Open	There	4:00 & 6:30
Oct. 28	*Baird	There	4:00 & 6:30
Nov. 4	*Meridian	Here	4:00 & 6:30

* District Games

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

We have started Panther Spirit Corner in the front area here at Homestead to show our support to the Gorman ISD students. If you have any items you would like to donate for us to display please let us know.

Also we will be decorating for Halloween soon. We can use your help. If you have any items you would like to donate or loan us they would be greatly appreciated. Also if you would like to help us decorate, come on up.

We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Donham. Mary will be greatly missed.

We would like to welcome Kay Henry and Jeanne Dorsett, and Sunny Kellogg to Homestead.

We have enjoyed the nice cool weather. Some of us went outside to enjoy the nice day.

Visiting Marge Hudson was Kelly Drafer of Cross Plains, Bill Townley, Jalynn Cox, Bro. James and Chris and Suellen Hunter, Howard and Pat Hagood, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, and Kay Craddock.

Junita Spence and Nita Cardinal of Little Elm visited Dorothy Beaty. Charlene Daniel of Arlington, Billy Self and Cecilia Hirst visited Christine Self. Visiting Anna Watson were Dorothy Sparks of Midlothian and Velda Baze. Kenny Welch, Faye Faulk, and Johnny Smith visited Edgar Reynolds. Billy Earl and Frances Simpson, Tacy Warren, and Tammy Underwood visited Sunny Kellogg. Donald and Pam Smith of Granbury, David Smith and Floyd Smith of Joshua, and Jeff Smith of Eastland visited with Jelma Smith.

Raymond Hattox and Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy. J.C. and Joel Looney of Ft. Worth, Jack Eison of Bridgeport, Bro. Joe of Eastland, Kay Craddock, Lori and Kayce Dodd, and Melissa and McKinsey Osborne visited Kay Henry.

Bingo winners on Monday were Faye Johnson, Christina Crews, Troy Scitern, and James Donham. Thanks Pat Graham and Nina Skiles for filling in for me.

Have a Great Week

PANTHER CHEERLEADERS FOR 2010



Pictured are the Panther Cheerleaders consisting of Ally Little, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Corney Shirley, Haven Gibbs, Kinsey Johnston, Melissa Ramirez, Luisa Silva with the Mascot - Mykisha Hampton.

Happenings At FBC!!

Laugh! Would you rather be with happy people or mad people? Are you one of the happy people? Humor and enjoyment lead to smiles and laughter. Try it; laughter is the best medicine!

Mark your calendars:

Oct. 2nd - 6:00pm Everyone Welcome! Dinner & Movie at FBC! Youth Fund Raiser! Please come!

Oct. 9th - 8:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast – Come, fellowship, pray, eat, & enjoy!

Oct. 12th – Senior Adult Day at Lueders. Call Church Office to sign up: 734-2420.

WEDNESDAYS: Come join us for fun learning about Jesus – TEAMKIDS at 6:00pm, MISSION FRIENDS at 6:00pm, and YOUTH at 6:30pm.

Children's Sermon: Traci shared with the children that she loves to watch it rains and it reminds her of the promise that God made to Noah. People make promises and break them. It makes us sad when people break promises. Try your hardest to keep your promises. God is always the promise keeper so we can always depend on Him. In Genesis we are told of the promise that God made to Noah; the rainbow is the reminder to the people of that promise.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Living Life On The Bubble" – Mark 14:1-9 - Many of us wake up some mornings and expect our bubble to break because of difficulty with things such as finances, government, or relationships with friends and family. The Bible tells us that wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed. It was the deed of a woman that gave her very best to Jesus; the alabaster jar that contained the finest perfume made from the essence of nard. This woman was a prostitute harassed by the people, and then changed by God. Amen!

What is the shape of our world? God help us if we cannot say sorry; God forgives.

Common Perception of the "UN-Churched":

I. The Church is an Organized Religion with Political Agenda. – Denominations argue over the little things. All the while American morals are getting worse.

II. The Church is Judgmental and Negative. – It's easy for a preacher to make the mistake of only preaching about the bad where there is good to tell. Do you feel the urge to go to Church, or not? Sunday is the only day of the week some people read the Bible. Sunday is the only day of the week some people get hugs, and they're from their Church Family.

III. The Church is Dominated by Males and Oppresses Females. – Laughter rings with this perception, God help us if the epitaph of the Church does not recognize that women are woven into the fabric and leadership of the Church.

IV. The Church is Homophobic. – It does exist. We speak like it's them or us. We're all children of God, are we not? We must help our children because they are dealing with homosexuality whether we like it or not.

V. The Church Arrogantly claims all other Religions are wrong. – When Jesus comes will he divide the people by denomination? We're all Brothers & Sisters in Christ, are we not?

VI. The Church is full of Fundamentalists. – Members of the Church that refuse to open their mind will stall the spiritual growth of the Church.

The Church needs to Break Out of the Bubble! Profess the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in your every day life! We're running out of time. The reality is that the Grace of God saves us!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbgorman@hotmail.com

Can Do With Canned Foods

According to research, the amount of time spent preparing meals at home continues to decline. Convenience is in high demand and, as a result, the number of meals we are eating out continues to rise. At the same time, however, people are becoming more interested in nutrition and the foods they eat. Is it possible to have convenience and nutrition in the kitchen? Yes, with a little planning, a variety of meals, snacks, and desserts can be prepared with canned foods that most of us already have at home.

The Canned Food Alliance consortium (<http://www.mealtime.org/recipes/>) Has developed hundreds of recipes, including Quick Goulash (see below) that can be made from canned foods. But how nutritious are meals prepared with canned ingredients? Researchers at the University of Illinois examined the nutritional composition of selected canned fruits, vegetables, legumes, poultry and fish. There results demonstrated that those foods were nutritionally equal and sometimes superior to the nutritional value found in the fresh and frozen varieties.

Nutrition is just one reason to give canned foods a second look. Other reasons include variety and quality. According to the Canned Food Alliance, there are more than 1500 different foods available in canned form. The high quality of canned foods, including legumes, fruits and vegetables, makes them a perfect substitute when fresh produce is not available or is too expensive.

Convenience is also another reason to use canned foods. For many canned foods, all you have to do is open, heat and eat. It really does not get much easier than that. Food safety rules still apply when using canned foods. When shopping, buy canned foods that are not dented especially if the dent is on the seam. If a canned food is leaking or if the ends are bulged, do not use it. Instead, return the unopened can to the place of purchase. After opening, refrigerate uneaten portions of canned foods immediately in a covered container. Remember, being thrifty should never come before food safety. For more information on preparing meals with canned food, please contact the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu.

Recipes (Source: Canned Food Alliance <http://www.mealtime.org/recipes/>)

Quick Goulash (Serves 6)

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| 2 pounds ground beef | 2 Tablespoons chili powder |
| 2 teaspoons salt | ½ teaspoon pepper |
| 1 green pepper, chopped | ½ cup onion, chopped |
| 1 can (28 ounces) whole tomatoes | 1 can (8 ounces) mushrooms, drained |
| 1 can (15 ounces) tomato puree | 1 pound elbow macaroni (cooked) |

Preparation: Wash your hands. Make sure your cooking area is clean. Cook macaroni according to package instructions. In a large skillet, brown the ground beef along with chili powder, salt, pepper, green pepper and onion. Add tomatoes, mushrooms and puree, simmer for 3 minutes. Add the cooked macaroni and mix well.

Preparation Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 15 minutes

Nutritional Information Per Serving:

Calories 617; Fat 19 g (Saturated 7 g); Cholesterol 100 mg; Sodium 1,487 mg; Carbohydrate 73 g (Dietary Fiber 7g); Protein 43 g.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had very good attendance on Sunday. Song service was led by Jana Johnson with Karen Fair at the piano. Bro. Charlie Johnson announced that it was 30 years ago on this date when he began his ministry for the Lord. It was a "Special" day for him to share this testimony with those present for the Morning service. An invitation for visitors to attend on Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for the Morning Service.

First Baptist Church Youth Group enjoyed a good time at the bowling center in Stephenville on Saturday night with their Sunday School teacher, Bro. Charlie Johnson and wife, Jana. It is wonderful for this Youth group to have a leader to guide them in the right direction.

Albert Holdman was injured in a car wreck recently while on his way to visit his son, Davis Holdman and wife in Sundown. He is reported to be doing much better at this time. He plans to visit his daughter, Ann Vardeman and husband, Don in Tomball, Texas.

Thanks to all the musicians, singers and visitors that attended last Saturday night for the Monthly Musical at the Community Center. Thanks to the ladies that donate food each month for the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to our great grandson, Justin Hornback as he celebrates his 5th birthday on Wednesday from Granny Coon and Granke. He attends Kingergarten in De Leon Schools.

"HAPPY 59TH ANNIVERSARY" to Benard and Ann Keith in Desdemona on Wednesday, September 29th from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

This reporter received letters this past week from Ex-Students of Desdemona. Willa Dean (Dickson) Butler of Rising Star, wrote a nice letter about her school day memories in Desdemona. She graduated with the Class of 1944. Regena (Read) Cooper of Whitewright, wrote to express her thanks to her Classmates and friends that attended the graveside service recently of her husband, Billy Cooper. Regena graduated with the Class of 1949 from Desdemona.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. This news article is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon on Monday morning. Thanks.

Thought for today -- "A Closed hand can't receive - A Closed heart can't love, so open up your hand and your heart to receive what the Lord has to offer."

Have a great day - Vonnie Rue.

Rising Star Oktoberfest Saturday, October 9th

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will sponsor its 15th Annual **OktoberFest** on Saturday, October 9, 2010 in the Rising Star City Park. Events include a **BBQ Cook-Off** sanctioned by the Lone Star BBQ Society, Pecan Pie Bake-off, Arts and Craft Booths, Musical Entertainment, Antique Cars and Tractors, and **Bounce House** for the kids to enjoy. There will be a **Parade** at 10 a.m. And the Chamber of Commerce will have BBQ Sandwiches for sale at Lunch time. Star Pride will be on hand with breakfast items and desserts to top off the brisket sandwiches. Vendors are welcome and encouraged to come and set up in the park.

An added feature this year will be **Beef Briskets** available for sale the day of the event. These will be prepared by professional cooks Gary McGinn and David McInroe. For details, call Judy at 254-643-4261. There will also be a **50-50 Ticket Sale** and **Silent Auction**. Something for everyone at **Rising Star OktoberFest!!!**

PARENTING

Are Your Kids Savvy About Internet Safety?

NewsUSA

(NU) - The Internet is an important educational tool. With a click of a mouse, kids can find information on just about anything. Unfortunately, children who don't practice basic Internet safety may expose themselves and their parents to certain risks.

Children can easily stumble upon inappropriate content. Chat rooms have a reputation for encouraging Internet predation, but pedophiles can stalk victims from Web sites like Facebook as well. Many kids don't realize that anyone can read what they write on the Internet, so they post home phone numbers, addresses, their full names or the names of their schools.

Social networking sites may also expose children to bullying, as peers can send demeaning e-mails, instant messaging and text messages without attracting attention from parents or teachers. Finally, children may download pirated music or movies, or even computer viruses or spyware.

"The Internet is an important resource for kids, if they know how to use it," says John Goslin, chief technology officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), a non-profit organization that strives to help young people realize their potential. "Parents need to be aware of the potential dangers and create guidelines to help kids avoid them."

CA Technologies, which serves as the BGCA's national information technology security partner through its global philanthropy program, CA Together IT, helps keep 56,000 BGCA computers secure. It starts off with se-



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curity software, including anti-virus, anti-spam and anti-spyware technology, and prevention measures that restrict unauthorized use.

"Software can help prevent viruses, spyware and inappropriate spam messages, and allow parents to monitor and help protect their children online," says George Kafarkou, general manager of CA Technologies. "But parental supervision is the best security measure available to kids."

Parents should know where their children go online and with whom they communicate. Placing computers in a family room can help you keep an eye on their activities. Parents should instruct children not to give out personal information online, even on sites like Facebook, and ask children to come to them if they encounter anything that makes them nervous or uncomfortable.

For more information, visit www.bgca.org.

PARENTING

Tips to Help Kids Avoid the Pitfalls of Sugary Snacks

NewsUSA

(NU) - Sugar can be difficult to pass up, especially when you're a kid. Today's children are regularly subjected to sugary diets and uninformed eating habits. Although, parents may not be giving their children foods that are high in sugar intentionally, there are steps that can be taken to help kids avoid the pitfalls of sugar, such as obesity and dental disease.

- Monitor snacking choices. Ration empty-calorie foods such as sugar-packed sweets. Instead, offer healthy alternative snacks such as fresh vegetables and fruits and low-fat yogurt with no added sugars.

- Beware of the juice box. Most fruit drinks are low in vitamins and high in sugar. And many contain less than 10 percent real fruit juice. Look for low- or no-sugar substitutes or provide water when kids are thirsty.

- Use oral care probiotics. Sugars are going to find their way into young mouths eventually. In addition to regular brushing and flossing, incorporate an oral care probiotic, like EvoraKids (www.myevorakids.com) into their oral health routine. Oral care probiotics work by flooding the mouth with beneficial bacteria, which adhere to tooth surfaces, including pits and fissures in the chewing surfaces, leaving less room for the harmful bacteria that feed on sugars to grow.

- Involve children in meal-time planning and prep. Take advan-



If your child wants a sweet snack, offer a fruit smoothie.

tage of meal preparation to help your child understand the importance of good food choices. Including them in the preparation process can be an important step for children who take more interest in hands-on activities.

- Keep a positive attitude. When your child makes healthy food choices, recognize his accomplishment. Be consistent with verbal praise and rewards when they make good choices. As is the case with many children, behavior is often repeated when there is a positive response.

- Be a role model. Probably the most important step is to practice what you preach. Most children learn by watching their parents. When you try to teach a child good behavior, incorporate these same actions into your own everyday actions. Words that conflict with your actions can be confusing to developing minds.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There were sixteen here at the Center for our weekly lunch on the 22nd of September. Henry Buchanan was kind enough to give the blessing for all. He has brightened up our lives by his write ups in our paper. I agree with most he has to say. Also Mr. Keeping did not set Henry straight as Ron Skiles stated at the City Meeting. He was only voicing his opinion as Henry does. We do not all have the same opinions, so tough!

Mr. T. J. Cummings was here to visit and eat with us. He is running for Commissioner in our County vacated by Bill Underwood. He was appointed so now we must vote in November. He sounded very good and knew what he was talking about. He will be a good replacement for Bill.

We have missed the Shirleys. Beth called me to let me know they couldn't make it. I appreciate her calls. Hope they can make it this Wednesday the 29th. Sure do miss her and the good cooking. Bro. Frank is always gracious to give our blessings.

Our meal was tasty with brisket by Bobs on the hill, pinto beans, mashed potatoes, greens, green beans, peas, corn salad by Ailene Garrett and green spinach salad. Emma Jane Larch brought us some chocolate cake from her reunion. Glad to receive this, so we had plenty of cake for once. We put some in the freezer for next week. Thanks a lot. Also Daisy Slaton made a good Lemon cake. Anne Buchanan brought a delicious Peach cobbler. We also enjoyed honeydew melon and a pretty cherry fluff with fruit by Bernice Hewson.

It was good to have Cliffla Vaughn come and dine with us. Where are you James Bruton? We've had plenty of food and you don't show. Hope to see you soon and have Cliffla join us more often.

We all signed get well cards for Martha Rainey and Ruthie Porter. I know they are improved, but I thought the cards would boost their spirits. Both have had a long recovery. We also miss seeing Ora Lee Lawrence and visiting with her. She is now in the nursing home and I'm sure they are taking good care of her.

Well I didn't make it to Tyson football game last Saturday due to the rain. But was nice and cool and the rain was only a mist. So I wish I had gone. They won! Maybe I'll make one soon. I just couldn't see myself sitting in the rain. I'm not that much of a football fan like my family.

Hope all is well and see you next time. Carol

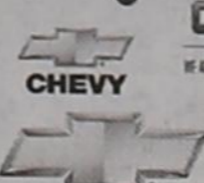
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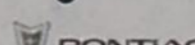
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