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Gorman Peanut Festival Big Success For 25th Anniversary



Grand Marshall for the 25th Gorman Peanut Festival - Brent Lasater



Peanut Festival Queens Float - Katey Thackerson - Miss Peanut Queen - Kayce Dodd - Junior Miss Peanut Queen and Annesty Rainey - Little Miss Peanut Queen.



Gorman EDC Notes

I received this 1934 Political Cartoon in an email a few weeks back, and I realized that economically we have been here before. Fortunately, we, as a people, are strong and stubborn. Gorman has lost industry and we have survived. We have viable businesses that continue to grow. There is a rumor that ZJ'S is going to be rebuilt; and I am happy to tell you that it is in the works. Our clean up project continues making this a more disirable place to live and enjoy. I encourage everyone to support our local businesses, and keep the faith that ALL IS WELL. Political Cartoons can apparently be recycled.



GISD To Hold Special Meeting October 10th

GISD will hold a special meeting at 5:30 (before October's scheduled board meeting) on Monday October 10th. At the public meeting GISD will present the School FIRST rating for the 2009-2010 school year. GISD received a Superior Rating with a score of 74. The passing standard score is 56.

Building and Standards Commission Meeting - Sept. 26th

The Building & Standards Commission will be meeting Monday, September 26th, 2011 at 5:30 for a regularly scheduled meeting in the Gorman City Commission Chambers, located at 116 S Kent. The board will be reviewing properties that are in violation of City of Gorman Ordinance 302.2.

Panthers To Travel To Perrin Whitt To Take On The Pirates

The Gorman Panthers will travel to Perrin-Whitt on Friday night to take on the Pirates at their homecoming game. The Pirates are reported to have a strong expe-

rienced team this season and will give the Panthers a hard battle.

The Panthers are coming off a couple of tough, close losses and are looking forward to a victory this week. But they will have to play a real strong game to get their first victory of the season. So follow the Big Red to Perrin-Whitt on Friday and back them to a victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

WATSON REUNION

Friends and family of the late James N. and Ora (Seale) Watson met August 21, 2011 in Desdemona, Texas. There were 45 in attendance. James and Ora had six children that attained adulthood. They were; Ora Mae, Arland, Honnoll, Ima Lee, Elmer and Willa Delle. Descendants from each of these families were represented on Sunday.

Richard Watson gave the prayer of Thanksgiving for the meal and fellowship. We had a wonderful meal, prepared and shared by the great cooks in the Watson family. Everyone had a great time and vowed to be there next year and were looking forward to 2012.



Larry Womack To Speak At Hamilton County Master Gardeners Assoc. Meeting



Larry Don Womack, above, will be speaking on fruit and pecan trees at 6:00 p.m. October 18 at First United Methodist Church in Hamilton. All are invited, according to Glynna Torres of Hico, program vice president of Hamilton County Master Gardeners Association (817-991-2684). Admission is free, but donations are welcomed to support Master Gardener projects in the county.

" Pray For Rain "

Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Beat Bryson Cowgirls

Gorman volleyball team defeated Bryson this past Tuesday 25-16, 25-23, 25-12. The Lady Panthers traveled to Bryson to beat the Cowgirls in straight sets. "It was really good to see the girls stay focused and play a complete match. We seem to lose our focus from time to time and let teams take a game off of us in some of our matches" head coach Jim Wood said.

"We played a pretty solid match" said Wood "and despite missing 5 serves in the first set we served very well in the next two". "Our passing was really good this match which helped our offense really get on track. As a team everyone had at least one kill with Sr Cortney Shirley and sophomore Melissa Ramirez having 12 kills each. Sophomore Holly Wood had a season high 22 assists" Wood added. "I was also very pleased with our defense. The girls were really hustling all over the court. As a team we had 32 digs for the match and 12 blocks."

Cortney Shirley 12 kills, 5 digs, 2 aces; Kinsey Johnston 4 kills, 7 digs, 3 aces; Melissa Ramirez 12 kills, 7 blocks, 8 digs; Holly Wood 22 assists, 3 aces, 5 digs; Megan Gray 9 assists, 3 blocks; Rachel Tucker 6 digs, 1 kill and 1 block.

Carbon Golden Exes Meeting

Friday Night before the Golden Exes meeting on Oct. 1 or on September 30, the First Baptist Church of Carbon's Fellowship Hall will be open that afternoon for visitation, lemonade, cookies and peanuts; and a 6:00 p.m. meal of Spaghetti, salad, and desserts for all the people visiting Carbon for the big day. Join us there. The Classes of 1949, and 1948 will act as your host. If eating an \$8.00 fee will be assessed. Please join us there. If you have a question please call June Tucker Hicks at 254-639 -2444. Please invite others as the e-mail names on this list are all that I have in my contacts. There is a nostalgia about Carbon, Texas that no other town can claim.

GLRA Annual Kick Off

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association will hold the annual kick off meeting this Wednesday Sept. 14 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Gorman Community Center.

If your child is nine years of age, or in the 3rd grade, and is planning on showing in the Eastland County Livestock Show in January and you want to be a part of GLRA (a uyers pool) please make sure you attend this meeting. We are starting fund raising events on this date.

If you need information regarding animals to purchase for showing you may contact Mr. Boles @ 254 734-3171 (#2 then #3)

If you need other information regarding GLRA please contact Tacy @ 734-5017.

Henry A. Buchanan's New Book "A Preacher's Tales" Available At Bookstores

Henry A. Buchanan is now releasing "A Preacher's Tales" and it is available at the publisher, authorhouse - 800-839-8640 or by request at any bookstore. "A Preacher's Tales" is a collection of humorous, witty and sometimes satirical stories accenting the nature and the depth of the Preacher's Role in the Church and out-

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to the Preacher Sunday after Sunday may still be surprised and pleased to learn something new about their preacher.

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

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Just a reminder to all Senior Citizens, that we will meet next Wednesday the 21st of September. Please come and bring a dish, the usual time of 11:30 a.m. Maybe it won't be too hot.

Hasn't the weather been gorgeous!! You can feel the nip in the air at morning time. We are having two hot days right now, but back to 80's and 90's late in the week. I'm so grateful the worst is over. Never has it been this awful hot in the 50 years we lived in Texas! I was ready to go back to California. HA!

I did visit Daisy Slaton last Saturday the 10th. She is doing well and fitting right in. The Woodlands such a lovely place with many activities for all. Lil Brudnak had been to visit her also and Margie Nell Treadway.

Hope many of you come to the dinner next week. Please don't forget.

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Memorial Service For Constance P. Birdsong

Memorial service for Constance P. Birdsong will be on Monday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Stephenville, Texas.

Reception following at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Not too long after my wife and I bought our first home, we were given several generous donations of toilet paper from our youth group. Now, I like TP, but I wasn't so excited about these particular donations because I had to pull them down out of the trees before I could use them. Once, we were even watching TV when about half a dozen boys decorated my yard as if it were Christmas!

Now I say all of this because it made me realize that as a home owner, I need to be more cautious in safe guarding my See You Soon, Carol. house. Some go through great lengths and measures to make sure their family and personal belongings are as safe as possible. They install security lights, house alarms, tall privacy fens es, stronger locks, bars on windows, or even get a noisy dog that they can be prepared for that 'just in case'. I think it is within our human nature to be ready for those "just in case" times. We don't like to leave our safety up to chance or 'luck'. To be sure, no soldier would ever go into the heat of battle without body armor, and just hope for the best. No, they want to be sure they are well prepared and well equipped for whatever lies ahead.

> Charles Wesley wrote the following words concerning the importance of Christian readiness "Leave no unquarded place, no weakness of the soul. Take every virtue every grace, and fortify the whole. That having all things done and all your conflicts past, you may over come through Christ alone and stand complete at last." Just as a soldier has essential gear that he or she must carry to be effective and prepared, a Christian has essential tools that he or she must have so "that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 2:21). We are given tools such as the 'Fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22), steps to the ladder of faith (2 Pet 1:5-8), and my personal favorite, the Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18). Satan is ruthlessly attacking all children of God. Doesn't it make since that we should be as prepared for battle as possible?

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

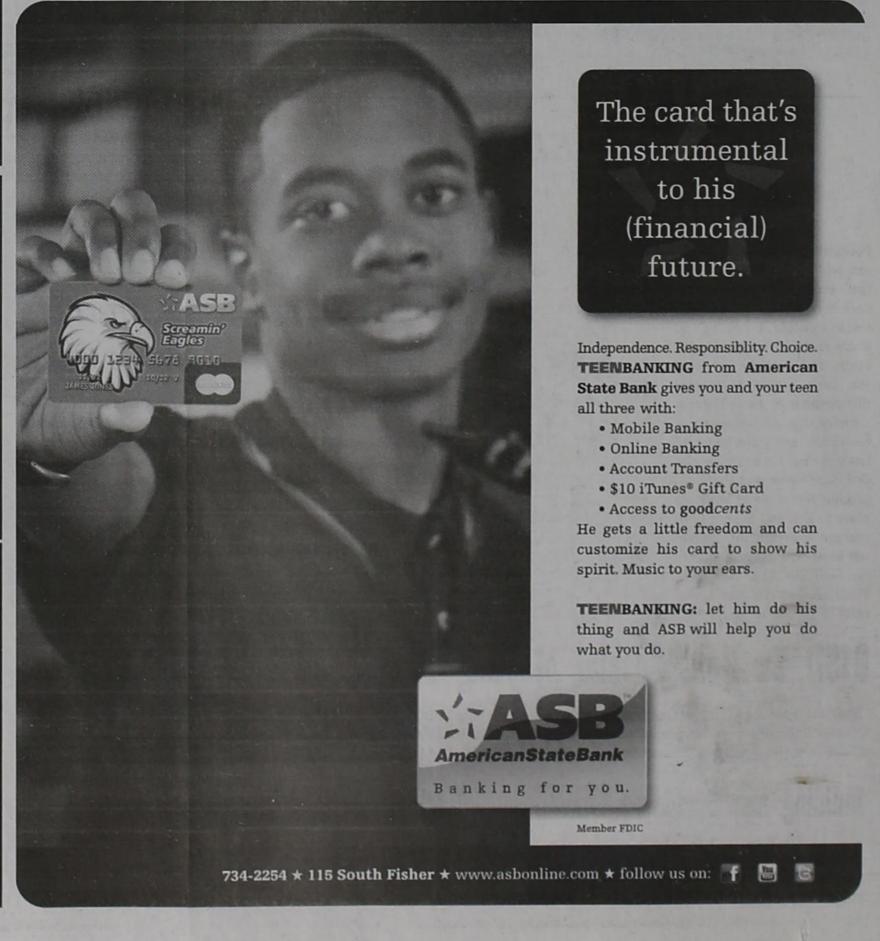
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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Our crowd at the dance last Friday night was a bit sparse. I know there are football games and other things going on. We had a great time anyway. Hope to have a larger crowd next month.

The post office here in Desdemona is in danger of being closed. This is very disturbing news to those of us who utilize the post office every day. There will be a meeting with P.O. officials later this month to discuss the situation and we need everyone to attend. The meeting is tentatively set for September 29 at 5:00 P.M. at the old schoolhouse in Desdemona. This will be our only chance to protest the closing of our post office. Please plan to be there.

There are several overdue books from the library. If you have visited the library, please check to make sure that you have returned the books that you have borrowed.

Pray for rain.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

Peanut Festival Photos





Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for everything that was done for us at the loss of our loved one, Alvis Scitern. For all the pretty flowers, pot plants, cards, phone calls and kind words of sympathy. The lunch for everyone at the Church of Christ and for Jason Wilder for his kind words. For our Grandsons who was pallbearers, Stephen Scitern, Scott Scitern, Kevin Scitern, Michael Jordan, Wesley Collins and Jimmy Woodall. Allen Scitern was unable to come due to illness but he is our thoughts and prayers.

To Ray Daniels, Carolyn Foster and Marjorie Treadway for helping us in every way. To the Singers at the Church of Christ. To the neighbors who brought food to our house.

Thanks So Much, The Family of Alvis Scitern

Proctor VFD Fundraiser Set For Sept 17

Proctor volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit organization in Proctor. The goal of this organization is to serve the community in all areas of need, whether they be non-emergency related, or emergency related. PVFD consists of 17 members, 2 of which are women. We have six fully functioning fire trucks, which are individually prepared to handle any situation that we are called to handle, as well as assist with.

Throughout each year, the firefighters and their families work together to plan the annual Fish Fry. This fundraiser is put together with every type of audience in mind. This year we have the pleasure to say that we want this to be our best year yet. Every firefighter has been given tickets to sell for a 50" LG Plasma Television. If you or anyone you know would like to purchase tickets before the fundraiser, you can contact any PVFD member. Tickets are being sold at 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. You may purchase tickets at the door of the event.

Each year, local businesses donate items that are to be given as "door prizes" which will be given sporadically throughout the evening. Clark Tractor in Comanche was gracious enough to donate a John Deere Pressure Washer, which will be selling chances for as well. Chances for the pressure washer will be sold at 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20, just as the television chances are. This year our event is set to take place at Proctor Community Center in Proctor. Serving of fried fish, chicken strips, hushpuppies, french fries, coleslaw, pinto beans, homemade peach cobbler and all the trimmings will begin at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, September 17th. The winners of the pressure washer and the television will be drawn at 7 p.m. You do not have to be present to win either of the items, we will use alternate methods of communication to let you know. After the winners are announced, an auction of different items will begin.

Without the aid of local businesses and members throughout the surrounding area, this event would not be what it is today. We are very excited about this year's event and hope to see you and your families there!

2011 Peanut Festival **Coloring Contest Winners**

Pre K 1st-Lily Madera 2nd-Emma DeLaCruz 3rd-Ethan Torres

1st Grade 1st-Kimie Squyers 2nd-Michelle Snider 3rd-Caroline Crain

3rd Grade 1st-Stacy Gonzales 2nd-Braeden McDonald 3rd-Kaitlyn Maton

Kindergarten 1st-Ceidy Guzman 2nd-Mary Crain 3rd-Mya Aguirre

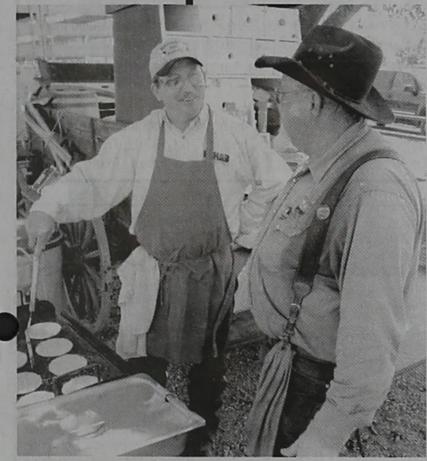
2nd Grade 1st-Clarrisa Cox 2nd-Alan Olvares 3rd-Marco Ramirez

4th Grade 1st-Kamren Sparger 2nd-Asael Maldonado 3rd-Alexis Estrada

5th Grade

1st-Lauren Underwood 2nd-Breanna Landa 3rd-Jesenia Rodriguez

52nd Roundup For Rehab Held September 13th



Rodger Kennedy (left) and Archie Jobe (right) cooking cornbread for the Eastland area Round-Up for Rehab 2010 event.

The Texas Cattle Exchange auction barn is partnering once again with West Texas Rehabilitation Center for the 52nd Round-Up for Rehab on Tuesday, September 13th. As a private, non-profit organization, the Rehab is dedicated to providing outpatient care annually to over 28,000 children and adults with disabilities, regardless of their financial circumstance. Through the years, numerous Eastland area residents have used and continue to utilize the Rehab's services to overcome the disabling effects of illness or injury.

The Eastland area auction is one of several special Round-Up events that offer a great experience. Starting at 11:30 am, the Rehab Chuckwagon will provide a meal of beans, cornbread and campfire cobbler. In addition to the usual Live Auction beginning at Noon, a Silent Auction will be set-up in the barn's front entry. Lots of items will be available for both auctions including livestock, agricultural, general merchandise, crafts, baked goods and more.

Local chairmen and Rehab friends heading up the 2011 Round-Up program are Kris & Kristen Scitern, Bob Bruner, Joy Rogers, Frances Simpson, Jim Horn, Bill Wright Jr. and Joe Cooper. Big Country general chairmen this year are Mike Alexander and Randy Carson. They're joined by Concho Valley chairmen Jody Frey and Bob Helmers as well as legendary Western cowboy entertainer Red Steagall who's serving as honorary spokesman for the drive. All join in a simple but sincere message: "Let's help Rehab help all who turn to them for assistance in overcoming illnesses and injuries". "In spite of our own trying times with drought, range fires and a tough economy, we want to do whatever we can to help these children and adults facing struggles for independence every day."

"The early support of business friends -- B-4 Farms, Bar-G Feedyard, Basic Energy, Group IV Electric Cooperatives, Raford, Rafe & Mark Hargrove families, H-E-B Food Stores, Lone Star Beef, Stamford Insurance/America First Insurance and Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife - help Round-Up for Rehab begin on a positive note in otherwise challenging times," said WTRC President/CEO Woody Gilliland. "What donors need to know is that we never take their support for granted ... and we work hard every day to continue to deserve such loyal friendship."

For more information contact WTRC-Abilene at 325-660-8338. Eastland area residents wishing to support the Rehab Center through donations or auction items can contact the Texas Cattle Exchange at 254-629-2288 or for hauling donated animas call 325-660-8334.



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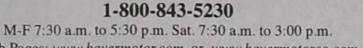


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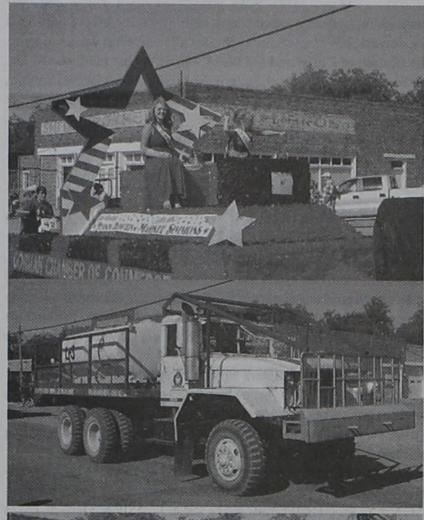


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Festival Photos





Happenings At FBC!!

Word! The Word of God is a transforming power in the life of a believer. May we forevermore strive to mature in the Word and cultivate a closer relationship with our Almighty God. Mark your calendars:

Sept 17th – 3pm to 5pm – Sunday School Bunco @ FBC Fellow-Sept 18th - 6pm - Baptism & Celebration Service @ Backyard

Tank of JS & Glenda Ripley. Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and

Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends! It's fun to learn about Je-

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children an elephant statue named Queenie. Then told how Queenie lifted her trunk to sniff her friend Elizabeth and never forgot her scent. The Bible tells us in Deuteronomy to be careful not to forget the Lord. Like Queenie never forgot Elizabeth, we must never forget God and all the good things He freely gives.

Bro. Barry's Message: "One Nation Under Fear" - II Timothy 1:7 - Bro. Barry wrote himself a personal note to stay positive while facing 9/11 - a day that brings the reminder of tragedy and sadness to the forefront of our Nation. Our Nation is gripped with fear. When we're in a surgery waiting room and the doctor comes to tell you that your loved one's test for cancer is negative it is good news. Negative for cancer is positive news!!!

The USA's undisputed leadership was reason for confidence and pride as the helper of the helpless, the feeder of the hungry, and the caretaker of the Nations. The USA and beyond has faced unprecedented trials and tribulations of unimaginable magnitude Unstable Economy, Farming, Livestock, Natural disasters, Earthquake rocking nuclear plant, Drought, Flooding, Deceitful Politicians, etc. Nevertheless, stay positive! The Bible says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

I. The Author of Our Fears. - Satan and he has set the world aflame while making one feel powerless, mindless, and loveless.

II. The Action of Our Fears. - Is opposite of what God wants us to have. Romans 8:31 - 31)"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against

III. The Alternative to Our Fears. - Only two Roads: (1) Road Marked Fear. (2) Road Marked Faith. - Philippians 4:6-7 - 6)" Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7) Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."

Jesus is the beginning and the end. FEAR KNOCKED AT THE DOOR, FAITH ANSWERED, NO ONE WAS THERE! Stay positive in the name of Jesus!

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Local Leaders Attend Statewide Conference

AUSTIN - Eastland County Sheriff Wayne Bradford, District Clerk Carol Brittain, Tax Assessor - Collector Sandra Cagle, County Clerk Cathy Jentho, and County Auditor Loretta Key joined other leaders of many of Texas' 254 counties in Austin last week to hear legislators and local government experts discuss how the outcome of the 2011 state legislative session will affect their counties and their local taxpayers.

The five Eastland County officials attended the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) post-legislative conference Aug. 24-26 in Austin, where U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) wrapped up the event with a talk on national issues affecting Texas and lo-

Almost 800 county officials registered for the conference, at which also included important sessions with Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples, state Reps. Tryon Lewis (R-Odessa) and Veronica Gonzales (D-McAllen) and former state Rep. Fred Hill of Richardson. The conference included special recognition of three state legislators for their work with county officials - Sen. Royce West (D-Dallas) and Reps. Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) and Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville).

Due to state budget cuts and a tight economy, county officials were much interested in unfunded mandates and cuts to state programs that could translate into higher costs at the local level.

The attendees broke into round-table discussions on topics such as health care, redistricting, indigent defense, juvenile

justice and election law changes. Keynote speaker Evan Smith, CEO and editor-in-chief

of the Texas Tribune, gave his take on Texas politics.

Many of the county officials also earned hours of required continuing education at the conference.

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING



We won 1st place with the Homestead Nursing and Rehab Float in the 25th annual Gorman Peanut Festival. Our slogan was "Celebrating Silver in our Golden Years". Good job everyone who helped on the float.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the parade for coming by Homestead. The residents had a blast. A big Thank you to our wonderful staff for getting them outside.

We had a big crowd for our Monday gospel singing. Larry and Joy Campbell, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Billy Joe Dennis, Marjorie Treadway, Ruby Lee Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, and Ann Warren.

Visiting Edgar Reynolds were Sylvia and Jerry Shugart of Clovis, NM, Margery Churchville of Ft. Worth, Johnny Smith, B.E. Simpson, and Nelda Mauney. Sandy Warren visited Ima Brown and attend our "boot scoot" and danced with several of our residents. Thanks Sandy. Ray Daniels visited Melvin Daniels, Teri Huse of San Angelo, Rusty and Claudia Simmons visited Sue Simmons, Mary Lou Smith of Ft. Worth, and Henry Shook visited Mary Shook. Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Hogan, and Chris Hogan of Albany and Carroll Hogan visited Leta Hogan. Nell Kennedy of Olden visited Nell McAnally, Visiting Lilly Rubio were Josie Lopez and Sara Reyna of DeLeon. Brent Lasater visited Mayvis Lasater, LaVern Carr of Whitney visited Troy Scitern, John and Tresa Gilbert and Carolyn Gilbert visited Floydeen Gilbert. Sara Bays of DeLeon, Karen Kirk and Mary Reeves visited Mary Kirk. Gary and Kimberly Hattox of Stephenville, and Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon visited Frankie Stacy. Visiting Sunny Kellogg were Francis and B. E. Simpson, Tacy Warren, and Tami Underwood. Ellen, James and Rachel Tucker visited Robin Tay-

Everyone is invited to join us next Monday following Gospel singing for our Monthly Birthday Party. Those having birthday in Sept. are JoAnn Murdoch on the 11th, Leta Hogan on the 15th and Floydeen Gilbert on the 30th.

Have a good week

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held last Monday morning at the Community Center. Several ladies attended to enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. Next Social will be held on Monday morning, October 10th at the same time and same location. Visitors are welcome.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had 32 in attendance for morning worship service. Special Music was presented by Bro. Charlie and Jana Johnson. Our pastor brought a "Special" message to remember the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. This message was very impressive. Song service was led by Jana Johnson with Mildred Million at the piano. There was two that came foward to move their Church letter back to our Church. We welcome them as they begin to serve the Lord. Visitors were Ann Miears of Stephenville and Geraldine Boyd of Brownwood. Visitors are welcome to attend each Sunday.

Our hearts were sad to here our friend, Jackie Walls, 76, of School Hill Community had passed away. Burial was on Thursday, September 8, 2011 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Nell Walls, step children, their families and a host of friend Preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Nettie (Pool) Walls; brother, O. T. Walls. Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to this family.

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INTEREST

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST FROM 9 TIL

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

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

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.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election November 8, 2011

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 14)

SJR 14 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran with an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the surviving spouse's residence homestead as long as the surviving spouse has not remarried, the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the qualifying veteran died, and the property remains the residence homestead of the surviving HJR 63 would amend the consti-

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 4)

SJR 4 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue additional general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for one or more accounts of the Texas Water Development Fund II, with the restriction that the total amount of bonds outstanding at any time does not exceed \$6 billion.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$6 billion at any time outstand-

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 50)

SJR 50 would amend the constitution to authorize the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or its successors to issue and sell general obligation bonds on a continuing basis for the purpose of financing educational loans for

students, subject to certain constitutional restrictions, including a restriction as to the maximum principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Texas to finance educational loans to students.'

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 63)

tution to authorize the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county, and to pledge increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county for repayment of such bonds or notes. The amendment does not provide independent authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area and to pledge for repayment of the bonds or notes increases in ad valorem taxes imposed by the county on property in the area. The amendment does not provide authority for increasing ad valorem tax rates.'

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 26)

SJR 26 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to allow cities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities and counties without having to assess an ad valorem tax and set aside a specified amount of funds for the payment of costs under the interlocal

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment

authorizing the legislature to allow cities or counties to enter into interlocal contracts with other cities or counties without the imposition of a tax or the provision of a sinking fund."

Proposition Number 6 (HJR 109)

HJR 109 would amend the constitution to increase the amount of principal that is available for withdrawal from the permanent school fund each year and would also clarify certain references to that fund in the constitution. Increased access to the principal of the state public education trust fund would be based upon HJR 109 granting the authority to consider alternative market calculations when determining the amount of principal that is available for distribution to the available school fund. HJR 109 distribute to the available school fund annual revenue from school fund land or other properties up to \$300 million per year.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: The constitutional amendment clarifying references to the permanent school fund, allowing the General Land Office to distribute revenue from permanent school fund land or other properties to the available school fund to provide additional funding for public education, and providing for an increase in the market value of the permanent school fund for the purpose of allowing increased distributions from the available school fund."

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 28)

SJR 28 would amend the constitution by adding El Paso County to the list of counties authorized to create conservation and reclamation districts to develop parks and recreational facilities financed by taxes.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 16)

SJR 16 would amend the constitution by requiring the legislature to provide for taxation of open space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment providing for the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of openspace land devoted to water-stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity."

Proposition Number 9 (SJR 9)

SJR 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the governor, on the written recommendation and advice of the Board of Pardons would also provide authority to and Paroles, to grant a pardon, reprieve, or commutation of punishment to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervi-

> The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: 'The constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant a pardon to a person who successfully completes a term of deferred adjudication community supervi-

Proposition Number 10 (SJR 37)

SJR 37 would amend the constitution by extending the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain local elected officeholders if they announce candidacy or become candidates for another office from one year to one year and 30 days.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to change the length of the unexpired term that causes the automatic resignation of certain elected county or district officeholders if they become candidates for another office."

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