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Student Insurance Available

A reminder to parents, the school will no longer carry supplemental insurance on extracurricular activities. Parents have the option to individually purchase the insurance carried previously by the school. The insurance can be used as a supplemental insurance, or if you do not have primary insurance, it can be used as a primary insurance provider. Form are available in the High School Office.

Gorman Middle School and High School Registration

Gorman High School and Middle School schedule confirmation will be Monday, August 13th and Tuesday, August 14th in the high school foyer. Students will be able to finalize schedules at the following times.

Monday, August 13th 9:00-11:00 - Seniors
1:00-3:00 - Juniors
Tuesday, August 14th 9:00-11:00 - Freshman and Sophomores
1:00-3:00 - Middle School

Ex-Students' News

It's time to start planning for this year's Ex-Students Homecoming events. We will meet at the Dairy Queen on August 2 around 6 p.m. We encourage anyone who is interested to come to our meeting and help with the plans. We also need to decide who we want to honor at our meeting, September 8th. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will make our Homecoming more successful, please try to attend. We are especially interested in getting some of our younger ex's interested in Homecoming. According to our football schedule, we will have a home game on the Friday night before Homecoming and our annual Peanut Festival.

Kenneth Welch - President
Shanda Morrison - Vice President
Joy Rogers - Secretary
Cecilia Hirst - Treasurer

De Leon Study Club Spaghetti Lunch

Keep this date open! August 11th noon to 2 p.m. A delicious Spaghetti Lunch will be served by the De Leon Study Club.

Many classes will be eating with us at the De Leon High School's Cafetorium. This will be a terrific time to eat lunch, support the community, and visit with former classmates.

Adults will be \$7.00, Children \$3.00 from noon to 2 p.m.
COME JOIN US! EAT, VISIT, AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS!!

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dear Library Patrons,

We have noticed recently that there are quite a few books missing from our collection. Our guess is that most of these have been "forgotten" by our loyal readers, ic. YOU! If you would please look through your book shelves and return any overdue books it would be greatly appreciated. Overdue fines on all books (no matter how long they have been out) will be forgiven until the end of summer. After school starts there will be 25 cents per day overdue fee for each day the book is late.

We rap up our Summer Reading program this week with an awards party. Watch the paper next week to see who won the big prizes!

The library is open 3-5 Tuesday through Friday. Mondays are usually 3-7, but August hours on Monday will be 4-7.

We still have lots of "Grab Bags" so come by and pick up some good summer read.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB TO SELL PAVERS

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club will now be selling pavers to add to the previously sold pavers. The Club intends to make a lasting tribute to Gorman Panthers of all ages with the pavers. The pavers will be built into a display at the front of the high school building. However to make this happen we need YOU to help out. If you would like to have a paver (brick) with your name or your family's name on it we need to hear from you. The pavers will sell for \$20.00 for a 4X8 size, \$30.00 for an 8X8 size, and \$80.00 for a 16X16 size, other sizes are available. Pavers can be engraved with individual, family, or team information. Please contact Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176 or by email at bswanner@gormanisd.net. You may also contact Kenny Welch at 254-734-4444 or call Pam (Foster) Childers at the High School office at 254-734-3171 for information.

Gorman Food Bank To Operate As Usual; Mobile Pantry Delayed

The Gorman Food Bank will operate as usual. Mobile Pantry has been delayed. Watch for Next Month. If you have questions, call Howard Hagood - 734-5729 or Karen Pena - 734-5890.

Panthers Ready For 2-A-Days

Players report at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, August 6th for beginning of 2012 football workouts. We have had a great turnout this summer for weight room and agility workouts and expectations are high going into the 2012 season. B.J. Ramirez, who had almost 1500 yards on the ground and 10 touchdowns, returns as the Panthers leading rusher, and Zach Carlton returns at quarterback after making great progress as a sophomore. Luis Limon will lead the Panthers up front on both sides of the ball, and receiver/defensive backs Dakota Pacheco and Yovani Palacios will contribute again

to what was a very potent offensive attack last year. Tony Ramirez and TJ Trevino, who have both had a great summer of work, will be counted on to help Limon up front. The Panthers will rely heavily on a talented young group of incoming freshmen to fill some important roles. They have worked very hard this summer and are ready to step in and meet the challenge. We are very excited about the season and are looking forward to competing in our new district. On Thursday, August 16th, we want to invite all parents, boosters, fans and students out to the stadium at 7 p.m. To have "Ice Cream with the Panthers". Anyone interested in making some ice cream, or just eating some ice cream is invited to come.

GORMAN PANTHERS 2012 2-A-DAYS & PRE SEASON PRACTICE SCHEDULE

| Day | Date | Time | Location |
|-----------|-----------|---|---|
| Monday | August 6 | 8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm | on the field weight room |
| Tuesday | August 7 | 10am-11:30am 2:30pm 3:15pm-4:15pm | on the field Abilene Reporter (pictures) conditioning |
| Wednesday | August 8 | 8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm | on the field weight room |
| Thursday | August 9 | 8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm | on the field conditioning |
| Friday | August 10 | 8am-10am 11am-12pm | on the field weight room |
| Saturday | August 11 | OFF | Sunday August 12 OFF |
| Monday | August 13 | 8am-10am 11am-12pm | on the field weight room |
| Tuesday | August 14 | 8am-9:30am 10:30am-12pm | on the field conditioning |
| Wednesday | August 15 | 8am-10am 11am-12pm | on the field weight room |
| Thursday | August 16 | 5:30pm-7pm 7pm-8pm | on the field Ice Cream with the Panthers |
| Friday | August 17 | 9am-10am 4:15pm 6pm | weight room Leave for Santo scrimmage |
| Saturday | August 18 | OFF | Sunday August 19 OFF |
| Monday | August 20 | 3:30pm 4:15pm | weight room practice |
| Tuesday | August 21 | 3:30pm | practice |
| Wednesday | August 22 | 3:30pm 4:15pm | weight room practice |
| Thursday | August 23 | 3:30pm | practice |
| Friday | August 24 | 9am 3pm 6:30pm | weight room Leave for San Angelo scrimmage |

"Thank You"

We would like to Thank Everyone who helped prepare the food and served at the Benefit for Lawrence Perez. A Special Thank You to Lee and Sonja Hornbeck for sponsoring the Event and Cooking.

Also would like to Thank Everyone who sent Flowers, Cards and Donations.

Thanks and God Bless You,
Lawrence and Shelia Perez

De Leon X-Treme Boys 9 and Under Win TTAB State Game



DeLeon X-Treme Boys 9u won TTAB state Friday night July 27 in Eastland Texas with an 11-4 win over Eastland Comets. In the pic L-R Skyler Parsons (Representing Gorman), Mattson Locke, Kasen Seider (Representing Dublin Texans), Trey Lopez, Zakarie Halcomb, Isaiah Sparger, Lane Powledge, Dawson Mathews, Zach DeVries, LJ Herron, Dominic Heaslet and Ryley McGinnis. Coaches L-R Head Coach Ro Lopez, Matthew Locke and Angela Powledge.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO HOLD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Gorman United Methodist Church will be having Vacation Bible School on August 13, 14, and 15 from 6-8pm each evening. The name of this Bible School is "OVERBOARD". This is for Children who will be going into K thru 6th grade in the next school year. We invite all Gorman children to go "OVERBOARD" with us! We look forward to all children joining us for singing, snacks, learning and FUN!

The First United Methodist Church Announces New Bible Study

The mid-week Bible study group at Gorman UMC is starting a new book. The title of the book is God Keeps Covenant - A Thirty Day Study on God's Love for Israel written by Wendy D. Beckett. This study will take us through the end of September. It should prove very interesting with lots of Bible reading and "covenant" conversation taking place. Any one who is interested should call Debbie Bellingier, co-pastor at 325.642.7524 for more information.

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

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 OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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. Stan Harper, 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, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/C, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fence, water well, steel pens. \$525,000.
 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.
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 322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.
 NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.
 407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 /fr. 1/2 acre, 1/2 acre, metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

This Saturday is 'Breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00 until 10:00. Hope to see you all there.
 Coming up on August 10 in the annual alumni dinner and fish fry here at the DAC. This annual event began as a get-together for classmates at the Desdemona School. As the time has passed, we have included everyone for a fun evening. The menu will be the same - fish and chicken. Everyone who wants a great dinner, please join us. The visiting starts at 4:00, with the meal being served at 6:00. Y'all come!

Please keep Terry and Diane Denson of Desdemona in your prayers. Terry's son, Brandon, passed away last Thursday at 25 years of age. It must be the worst kind of heartache to lose a child. Friends want so much to do or say something to ease the pain, but, of course, that is impossible. We love you, Diane and Terry.

Our sympathy, also, goes out to the family of Alta Mae Wilcoxson of Odessa who passed away recently.

Put on your calendars, August 11 for the dance and August 14 for the jam session here at the DAC.

Pray for rain!
 See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

Obituaries

Bennie Fred Duske

Bennie Fred Duske, age 55 of Gorman, passed away Thursday, July 26, 2012 at his home after a long illness. Memorial services were at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, July 29, 2012 at First Fruits Christian Fellowship Church in Gorman with Clay Wheat officiating.

Bennie was born May 19, 1957 to Willie Fred Duske and Mary Lois Morris Duske. He attended Gorman Schools. Bennie had worked as a welder, truck driver and for D & D Sexton. He married Marcelina "Margie" Ramirez on December 9, 1983 in DeLeon, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Duske of Gorman; two daughters, Becky Ramirez and Wendy Duske; three sons, William Duske, Brian Duske and Benjamin Duske; one sister, Hannah Diamond; grandchildren, Paige Duske, Toni Tarver, Ayden Duske, Bella Duske, Cynthia Duske, Marlie Duske, Tyler Duske, Mason Duske and McKinzie Duske.

The family had lunch at the First Fruits Christian Fellowship Church at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday.

Byron Lewis "Jug" Warren

Byron Lewis "Jug" Warren, age 84 of Dublin, passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at Castlevue Nursing & Rehab in Stephenville.

Graveside service were at 10:00 A.M. Friday at Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman with Jason Wilder officiating. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mr. Warren was born February 12, 1928 in Slaton, Texas to Byron Adolph Warren and Beatrice Biffle Warren. He married Shirley Ann Reed on February 6, 1953 in Lubbock, Texas. He was a veteran having served in the United States Air Force. His career was spent in law enforcement beginning with Levelland, Texas Police Department, State of Texas as a Highway Patrolman, Midland County Sheriff's Department, City of Midland Police Department and retired in 1993 from Collin County Sheriff's Department. He was a member of Westside Church of Christ in Stephenville.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Shirley Warren of Dublin; son, Lee Warren and wife, Norma of Anna, Texas; daughter, Diane Hutcherson and husband, Warren of Princeton, Texas; six grandchildren, Jamie Dockery and husband, Eric, also, Warren, Jessica, Heather, Casey Lee and Matt Warren and two great grandchildren, Chloe and Reagan.

Donations may be made to the Foster's Home for Children, P. O. Box 978, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 115 S. Briscoe beside park in Gorman. Saturday, August 4th - 7 a.m. to ??
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Jaime Johnston of Gorman Named to Dean's List at Howard Payne University

Jaime Johnston of Gorman was one of 246 students awarded for academic success at Howard Payne University during the spring 2012 semester. Johnston was named to the Dean's List. Students must earn a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the Dean's List.

Founded in 1889, Howard Payne University is a Christ-centered academic community dedicated to excellence by developing and equipping the whole person for intellectual inquiry, personal and professional integrity, and service to God and humanity.

Located in Brownwood, Texas, HPU offers a full array of undergraduate programs and a limited number of graduate programs in a traditional residential academic community. The university also offers selected undergraduate and graduate course work by electronic means and an extended learning center in El Paso, Texas. HPU maintains a low student-to-faculty ratio, which contributes to the university's reputation of being "a place where everybody is somebody."

On the web: <http://readabout.me/achievements/Jaime-Johnston-of-Gorman-Named-to-Deans-List-at-Howard-Payne-University/4696705>.

Public Hearing Notice Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

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The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing at 5:30 PM on August 2, 2012, at City Hall in regard to the submission of an application (or applications) to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this application (or applications) and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall during regular office hours. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

A Letter To The Editor -

By Henry A. Buchanan

Air Force Chaplain Timothy Wagoner got into trouble by attending a wedding. Well, it was a same sex civil union and the ceremony was performed by another Chaplain, Col. Kay Reed, an evangelical Lutheran. Chaplain Wagoner is a Baptist, and he was publicly criticized by leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Colonel Wagoner has withdrawn from the Southern Baptist Convention and joined its rival, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Bully for him.

When I was a student at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, Professor Dobbins - or was it Witherspoon? - told us "Boys, when Baptists are fighting don't let it worry you. It's like when cats are fighting. There's just going to be more Baptists."

What I think it means is that there will be more kinds of Baptists. I just read about a Baptist church in Mississippi that refused to allow a black couple to be married in the white church which they attended.

So we are going to have Baptist churches divided over race and Baptists divided over same sex marriage. The joy of being a Baptist is that nobody can tell you how to perform the sex act. An added benefit is that if you live long enough and get old enough, you can keep people guessing not only how you do it, but even whether you can do it at all.

Me? I am a ninety year old Baptist minister.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 7/29/2012

HOME IMPROVEMENT
Hunkering Down With Home Improvement: 3 Sensible Projects

NewsUSA

(NU) - One thing for sure in this unpredictable economy is that homeowners are staying put. In fact, most people do not plan to move any time soon, according to a 2011 Harris Interactive poll. This shift from sell to stay is why it pays for homeowners to look beyond resale value when making home improvement decisions.

As Designer and HGTV Personality Lori Dennis explains, "People today are looking more holistically at home remodeling, choosing projects that add comfort, efficiency and functionality." In this new era of home improvement, three projects stand out.

Window Replacement
 Nothing does more to enhance the look and feel of a home than windows - they are visible inside and outside and can add comfort by helping to eliminate drafts and regulate temperatures. They can also pay off as an investment. Advancements in energy-efficient windows are helping homeowners save 30 percent or more on energy bills, not to mention recoup about 70 percent of the cost of window replacement. The latest window designs include a combination of energy efficiency, durability and aesthetics. The Essence Series from Milgard, for example, comes Energy Star rated and features a beautiful wood interior and durable fiberglass exterior.

Kitchen Remodeling
 The kitchen is the heart of the home and an opportunity to set the tone for style and functionality. Two of the most popular ways to expand kitchen work space are to add an island/peninsula and natural lighting. Modern kitchen solutions feature cabinets and drawers that open, organize and spin in convenient ways. Homeowners can recoup about 70 percent of their kitchen-remodeling costs.

For more remodeling tips and window-replacement budgeting tools, visit www.milgard.com/ip-smart-investment.

more than 60 percent of architects say they have seen an increase in outdoor living space requests. Since owners are thinking long-term, patios, decks, sunrooms and other spaces contribute to both the experience at home and its property value. It's possible to earn back 50 to 75 percent of the cost of your outdoor addition.

Outdoor Spaces
 According to a survey by the American Institute of Architects,

Farm Service Agency Announces Continuous Sign-up for CRP Highly Erodible Land Initiative

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that continuous sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) started on July 23, 2012. Texas received a total allocation of 50,000 acres. Offers will be accepted until either the state acreage allocation limit is reached or September 30, 2012, whichever occurs first.

CRP is a voluntary program that has protected environmentally sensitive land for more than 25 years. This initiative will accept offers with an erosion rate of at least 20 tons per acre per year for new cropland or CRP acres that expire on September 30, 2012. Existing grass stands that are not considered expiring CRP will not be considered eligible.

Producers can stop by the Eastland County FSA office to determine if their land qualifies for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative and to receive additional location-specific details.

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Incentive payments are not authorized under this initiative.

New land contracts approved during this continuous sign-up initiative will become effective the first day of the month following the month of approval and are valid for 10 years.

CRP contracts set to expire on September 30, 2012, may be offered for consideration and approved contracts will become effective October 1, 2012, and are also valid for 10 years.

For more information, please contact the Eastland County FSA Office at 254-629-1636 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

GORMAN ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB PAVERS

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club along with the Gorman Ex's Association is offering pavers to be sold. Funds raised by the sale of pavers will be used with previously sold pavers to create a display in front of the high school. Any additional funds will be used towards the building of trophy cabinets in the gym foyer. It is the goal of these two organizations to bring Gorman's history back into display for all to see. This is not for athletics only, any individual, family or team can purchase and put any information desired on the paver. Can be Class of..., band, academic UIL, FFA, etc., anything you want, including just your name.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS GOAL BY PURCHASING A PAVER TODAY.

Paver sizes available are shown below, along with lettering requirements, and prices.

All pavers are produced by Texas Rock Art Co. in Fredericksburg, Texas. Graphics are available for an additional fee, prices will be based on the graphic chosen, please call Becky Swanner for additional information on graphics.

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| 4 X 8 paver | 3 lines max/14 characters per line max. | \$20.00 |
| 8 X 8 paver | 4 lines max/14 characters per line max. | \$30.00 |
| 6 X 12 paver | 4lines max/18 characters per line max. | \$40.00 |
| 12 X 12 paver | 6 lines max/18 characters per line max. | \$60.00 |
| 16 X 16 paver | 10 lines max/20 characters per line max. | \$80.00 |

The History of Gorman needs to be preserved and displayed for all to see. Please help by purchasing a paver. Contact Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176 or bswanner@gormanisd.net, additional contacts are Kenny Welch at 254-734-4444 or Pam (Foster) Childers-high school secretary, at 254-734-3171. Ordering grids for the 4x8 and the 8x8 pavers are included.

G.E.D. ORIENTATION STUDY CLASSES

If you are 18 years of age or older and need study classes or information about taking the G.E.D. Test, now is the time! Take advantage of this free service in Eastland County sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, The Open Door and Abilene ISD Adult Education. Eastland County G.E.D. Study Classes will resume August 28, 2012 with a mandatory orientation starting at 6:00 p.m. located at 504 South Madera Street in Eastland. Trained G.E.D. volunteer tutors will be on site at each study class to help students prepare to take the G.E.D. test. Each student is required to go through placement testing the first two weeks of class to identify specific areas of intensified instruction. It is critical that students attend the first two weeks of class. Eastland G.E.D. Study Classes will be held at 504 South Madera Street in Eastland and at The Open Door Center located at 1906 Highway 206 in Cisco.

Please call the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 254/629-2222 or email us at hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions.

HEALTH

Snoring Can Be More Than Just a Sleep Problem

NewsUSA

(NU) - Do you have a partner that constantly complains about your snoring? Do you wake up feeling fatigued even though you slept all night long? If so, you may have more than a noise complaint on your hands. Snoring is no laughing matter. In fact, 50 to 60 percent of people who snore have a condition called obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), which can be life-threatening if left untreated.

This was the case for Geoff Malecha, a retired computer professional. For most of his adult life, Geoff maintained a strict workout regimen and was quite healthy. A few years ago, his wife, Cassie, began to notice something alarming in Geoff's sleeping patterns. He would frequently snore and even stop breathing during sleep. As the situation progressed, Geoff would often choke in his sleep and awaken in a panic, gasping for breath. According to the American Sleep Apnea Association (ASAA), one of the main signs of OSA may be a complaint by your bed partner that you snore loudly or that you stop breathing repeatedly while you're asleep.

"That choking and gasping really got my attention," Geoff said. "It finally got me to finally see a physician about what was happening."

Then, the answer was deliv-

Did you know:

- 50 to 60 percent of people who snore have sleep apnea.
- If left untreated, sleep apnea is associated with serious health problems such as the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke and even heart failure.
- Sleep apnea can be treated with lifestyle changes, breathing machines or surgery.

Visit www.WakeUptoSleep.org or call 1-877-389-8888 to learn more.

ered. While reviewing the results of his sleep study, Geoff was told that he stopped breathing a total of 125 times per hour. Obstructive sleep apnea doesn't just leave you tired from a non-restful night of sleep. When you stop breathing, your heart beats faster, raising your blood pressure and increasing your chances of heart attack and stroke. Insufficient sleep can affect your job performance and ability to perform basic functions, like driving a car.

"My doctor recommended I begin continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) treatment," Geoff recalled. The respiratory therapist fitted Geoff with a mask, and soon Geoff found himself waking up in the morning feeling like a new person. From then on, Geoff committed himself to using his CPAP device every

night for a better night's sleep.

"One of my main concerns when diagnosed with sleep apnea was how I would feel (or my wife might feel) having a mask on my face, hooked by a tube to a machine for the rest of my life. But because it has worked so well for both of us, my wife and I have accepted the device and have adapted our lives to include it. I take it everywhere because I do not want to try to sleep anywhere without it. It is just like brushing my teeth and putting on my pajamas," said Geoff.

"I sleep better because he sleeps better," said Cassie. I don't wake up during the night because he's choking or not breathing or making strange gasping sounds. That used to be awful and made me really anxious. I don't think I ever really got into a deep sleep because I was always worried about whether Geoff was breathing. Now I have peace of mind about my husband's health, and I sleep much better as a result."

Sleep apnea is not complicated. It is an easily managed condition that won't slow you down. Being motivated to better your health is essential in your journey to a restful night's sleep. For more information on sleep apnea symptoms and solutions, visit www.WakeUptoSleep.org.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

The Seniors enjoyed their monthly lunch on July 18th at 11:30 a.m. Susan Lipson did the honors for me in my absence. I had to be in Houston for pre-op tests, etc. My Surgery will be on July 30th. Not looking forward to this, bit has to be done.

Tracy Starr from Integra Care brought fried chicken from Brookshires, so good. Susan Lipson brought pizza from Bob and Brenda's Pizza Pro. Betty Region made her good rolls for all. There were 2 cakes and several veggie dishes also. There were seventeen in attendance. Henry Buchanan gave the blessing for all in his good words. Tracy also checked BS and BP, thanks to her.

Ina Smith was visiting along with the administrator of the Homestead Nursing and Rehab, Ada Mayberry. He also brought two of his directors to dine with us. Wish I had been there to meet all. Ina, you need to bring Johnny sometimes.

I visited with Jerry Underwood a couple of weeks ago. She looks well, just can't hear. We had a time trying to talk. Ann Maxfield was there so she interpreted for us. Jerry can hear her voice better for some reason. Sure was nice to visit with Ann also, hadn't see her in a long time. Also visited Daisy Slaton, she doing good. Her sister Velsie Rawson sound asleep, so no visit.

Ryan and Kendra Wright had a First Birthday Celebration on July 7th for their son Cannon. He enjoyed a big blast with lots of people. His Grandpa Tim Swanner cooked short ribs and hot dogs for all. There were many other dishes also. His cake looked like a pitching mound with a Ball on Top, with one candle. Green and white icing and a delicious yellow cake inside. All enjoyed a good time, must of been 30 or more people in attendance.

My grandson Tyson Swanner gave Jamie Johnston her engagement ring the same day as party. They seem very happy and excited over the wedding next Spring or Summer. He's worked hard all summer so he could surprise her. They had been looking together, so he knew what type of ring she wanted.

Ellen Parker has been gone on a two week bus tour to Canada and U.S. They visited the Canadian Rockies, Calgary Stampede and the Glacier National Park in Montana. Sure did want to go, but no way with my health like it is. Hope she lets me know about her trip.

The Swanner's will go camping this next week on the Comal River near New Braunfels. They do like to go tubing, the water spring fed and very cold. They spent the first week of July in Missouri and visited Branson.

Hope you all come out for our meeting in August - Carol.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

Multi-County AgriLife Extension Program Addressing Issues Affecting Landowners

A Multi-County Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program targeting issues affecting landowners is slated for Thursday, August 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Baird Community Center in Baird. Participating counties are Callahan, Shackelford and Taylor.

"The program is meant to address some of the more pressing issues faced by landowners in our three-county area, but the information is applicable pretty much anywhere in the state," said Jerry Warren, AgriLife Extension Agent in Callahan County.

Speakers will be Will Hatler - AgriLife Extension program Specialist out of Stephenville; and Dr. Judon Fambrough - Senior Lecturer, Texas Real Estate Center, Texas A&M University in College Station.

Will Hatler will speak on the region's status in terms of rangeland recovery from the record drought and heat of 2011. Dr. Fambrough will address oil and gas leasing, condemnation relating to pipeline easements, deer hunting lease terms and limited landowner liability.

One (1) CEU (Continuing Education Unit) will be available for those with a valid Private Applicators License.

Individuals pre-registering by August 13th cost will be \$15 and after that date the cost will be \$20. This includes a catered lunch.

Contact the AgriLife Extension Office in Callahan County for more information and/or to R.S.V.P. by calling 325/854-5835.

What Are Galls?

Within the last several weeks I have been receiving calls on, those weird looking round things that are "taking over trees"! Well, yes they are weird and the little creature inside of them is just as strange, but these things come in a variety of shapes and sizes, but the one that has been most common is the large round galls. At the Texas AgriLife Extension Office we have a publication on Gall-Making Insects and Mites for any of you who might be interested in learning a little more about those pesky objects taking over those trees!

A gall is an abnormal swelling of plant tissue. It can be caused by mechanical injury or by several species of insects, mites, nematodes, fungi and bacteria. In fact, there are more than 2,000 species of gall-making insects in the United States. The association between the gall-making organism and the host plant is usually quite specific. Different organisms produce galls of characteristic size, shape and color. These visual characteristics are useful in species identification. The following is basic information on the biology and ecology of common gall-making insects and mites and suggestions for managing galls.

Gall Development

Galls usually occur on leaves and stems, but also may occur on flowers, fruits, twigs, branches, trunks and roots. Some galls are easy to recognize and the common terms used to describe them reflect their appearance -- blister galls, bud galls, bullet galls, flower galls, fruit galls, leaf galls, leaf spots, oak apples, pouch galls, roly-poly galls, root galls, rosette galls, stem galls and twig galls.

Galls develop in three phases -- initiation, growth and maturation. Gall initiation is a reaction of the plant to a specific stimulus by the gall-maker. The stimulus may occur during colonization, egg-laying or feeding. Galls can be induced by secretions from developing eggs or larvae, by saliva or other substances associated with feeding, by insect or mite excretions, or simply by the presence of the insect or mite in or on the plant tissue. Once stimulated, the plant produces gall tissue to surround the egg or immature insect or mite. As it grows, the gall and the insect/mite use nutrients from the host plant. Gall makers may live within individual chambers or within communal chambers inside galls, depending on the species. Mature galls stop growing and cease to use host plant nutrients. The developing insects or mites remain protected inside mature galls, grazing on the ready food source.

Damage and Host Plants

Gall-making insects are generally not considered pests, and some galls are even considered attractive and are used in flower arrangements and other crafts. Most gall-making insects do not damage the host plant; however, certain species may cause aesthetic damage -- such as leaf discoloration, early defoliation, or twig and stem drop -- to valuable plants in the nursery or landscape. Heavy infestations of the pecan stem phylloxera can reduce pecan yield.

Galls occur on a wide variety of plants, but the most common ones occur in oaks, hackberries, roses and their relatives, willows and asters. The susceptibility of plant species varies. Some plants support only one or two species, while others, such as oaks and hackberries, are hosts to several species. Individual plants of the same species, especially those propagated from seed, may also show differences in susceptibility.

Gall Wasps

There are more than 1,000 species of gall-making wasps worldwide (Hymenoptera: Cynipidae). Their biology is quite complex, with alternating sexual and asexual generations. Many species of gall wasps develop inside galls induced by other gall wasp species. Gall wasps produce species-specific and generation-specific galls on several species of oaks. In some species, the adults and galls are similar in the first and their generations, while very different in the second and fourth generations. The galls produced by the sexual generation occur in the spring or early summer and the galls produced by the asexual generation occur in the summer and fall of the same year.

The mealy oak gall wasp, *Disholcispis cinerosa*, is an example. It causes one of the most common galls on live oak. The generation-specific galls are different in size and general appearance. Galls of the asexual generation are spherical, 1/8 to 1 inch in diameter, and appear on branches and twigs of live oak in late summer and early fall. When first formed, the galls are pink to pinkish brown outside and yellow-green inside. The inside tissue is moist and soft in newly formed galls but becomes brown and dry during late fall as the gall matures. Adult wasps emerge by chewing holes in the bases of the galls during December and January. All adults are female (asexual generation); they do not mate before laying eggs in swollen leaf buds.

Eggs laid by adults of the asexual generation hatch in early spring as leaf buds begin to open. The larvae develop quickly in the leaf tissue and stimulate the development of small, beige leaf galls that resemble kernels of wheat. Adults of both sexes emerge from these galls after a few weeks and then mate. Mated females lay eggs in twigs and branches. The eggs remain dormant for 3 to 5 months; then the larvae hatch and stimulate the formation of the spherical galls of the asexual generation.

Next weekend I will have the second part of this article on galls. If you have any questions, or need more information or would like the publication itself, call or come by the AgriLife Extension Office on the 1st floor of the courthouse or call the County Agent, Makenzie Wyatt at 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

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Happenings At FBC!!

Hallelujah! Worship service began with the baptism of one young boy; what a privilege it is to witness ones follow Christ in baptism. Praise the Lord!

Mark your calendars:

July 30th thru Aug 2nd – Mission Camp. Pray for our Campers as they experience camp
Aug 6th – 10:30am – Associational Senior Adult Rally at Bethel Baptist Church, Eastland.

Children's Sermon: Skye shared pictures of a vacation she went on with her grandparents. Jesus Disciples came to Him and told them how busy they had been teaching and ministering to the people. Jesus told them to come with Him to a solitary place and rest. We thank the Lord for work, play, and school. Additionally, we thank the Lord for time to get away and rest.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Do Something" – II Kings 7:3-4 (NLT) The majority of people are familiar with the "Little Miss Muffet" nursery rhyme. It goes, "Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet, eating her curds and whey. Along came a spider, who sat down beside her and frightened Miss Muffet away." Some important times we do nothing but sit on our tuffet like Little Miss Muffet.

II Kings 7:3) Now there were four men with leprosy sitting at the entrance of the city gates. "Why should we sit here waiting to die?" they asked each other. 4) "We will starve if we stay here, but with the famine in the city, we will starve if we go back there. So we might as well go out and surrender to the Aramean army. If they let us live, so much the better. But if they kill us, we would have died anyway."

Isn't it interesting that the Syrian Army is fighting even today?

- The King. – Wars then and now are rooted with hatred.
- The King's Man. – Must tell that the army has fled & share food with the starving people.
- The Lepers. – Disease that eats tissue outside and inside. Never allowed in city; unclean.
- The Leper's Reasoning. – Thought of different scenarios that all end in death.

Decisions to make, things to do, and it's time to surrender all to Christ! Doing nothing gets nothing done!!!

For Us: (1) Withdraw. – As a Church and as individuals if you're hiding in the comfort of church you're missing blessings. (2) Stay Here. – Missing opportunity for change, as well as missing changing for the better. (3) Get Desperate. – Your own reasoning can lead you astray.

Listen to the Spirit of God speak to you. Turn your life over to Him and He'll make the difference. Do something! God has a purpose for you; make your victorious acceptance of God's plan for you! We're in a time of dire importance to realize we cannot outrun our problems, and nothing is beyond God! How can we who have found riches in Christ beyond all that we could ask or think, not share this wealth of HOPE, JOY, and PEACE with others?!

Listen to God's call for you, and Do Something!!!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour 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! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Carbon Community Center News

The 5th Saturday Musical for June was enjoyed by all attendees. Several musical groups sang and played country and western standards that were well received. The 1st Methodist Church Choir from Eastland sang hymns from the old Cokesbury Hymnal. Their performance ended with patriotic songs that encouraged audience participation, which was very enjoyable. A special treat was a visit from Janet Alexander and her friend Suzy (a ventriloquist dummy), from Flower Mound. Janet used her talent as a singer, ventriloquist and humorist to hold everyone's attention and put a smile on their face.

The meal consisted of beans, corn bread, condiments and pie. As usual, the food was great. The Carbon ladies are well known for their culinary abilities!

A highlight of the evening was the drawings, which were held several times. Donations from local businesses were offered. The Silver Bullet donated a gun cleaning kit, Higginbotham Brothers provided a crock pot, Greer's Western Wear donated a gift certificate and Radio Shack provided a home and auto tool kit. All were items of good quality and were happily received by the drawing winners.

Groups or individuals wishing to sing, play or otherwise perform in our next Musical, to be held September 29th, should contact T.J. Cummings, at 254-488-1249, in order to be scheduled. We extend our thanks, in advance, to all musicians and entertainers for using their talent to provide pleasure for others.

The Carbon Community Center is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens dedicated to providing a pleasant, well maintained location that serves the needs of the community by offering a meeting place with historical significance. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD and is an ideal site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon. If you are interested in using the Center for your next meeting, please contact Janis Keith at 254-639-2210, or LaTonne Rogers, at 254-639-2551.

2012 Crop Report for Eastland County

By John Bird

July 15 marked the end of the 2012 crop reporting for Eastland County farmers and ranchers who participate in programs through the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Last year, the big news was the increase in cotton acres. Eastland County jumped from 856 planted acres in 2010 to 3,866 acres in 2011. This year, due to falling cotton prices and other factors, the reported planted acres for Eastland County are down to 2,956. Though that's a significant drop since last year, it's still the second most cotton acres here in decades.

Total reported acres of wheat, hay grazer, peanuts, rye, grain sorghum, and watermelons also dropped. Combinations of drought, the high cost of inputs such as seed and fertilizer, and the low prices for harvested crops all contribute to the decline.

Last year at this time I wrote this: "Crop prices remain high. Sadly, the prospects for a good harvest, or any harvest, are slim across the entire state. As we all know, commodity prices are the highest when there are no commodities to buy or sell." This year, the prospects of a harvest are better, but not great, while the prices paid for those crops are falling.

Here are some of the totals for Eastland County. I've put the 2011 totals in parenthesis for comparison:

| | 2012 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Coastal Bermuda: | 55,249 (53,629) |
| Wheat: | 9855 (10,247) |
| Cotton: | 2956 (3,866) |
| Oats: | 2317 (1,733) |
| Hay grazer: | 825 (1,365) |
| Peanuts: | 349 (937) |
| Rye: | 195 (691) |
| Watermelons: | 18 (34) |
| Grain Sorghum | 0 (34) |

UPPER LEON RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT BOND COUNSEL SERVICES

The Upper Leon River Municipal Water District (the "District") is soliciting Request for Proposals ("RFP") and Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") from interested qualified professionals to provide the following: assist in obtaining loan and to provide legal opinion with respect to assessing the viability of authorizing and issuing evidences of indebtedness by the District for capital financing or refinancing; preparation of resolution, indenture or other authorizing and securing the Bonds and other authorizing documents as necessary.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this RFP are expected to be funded by grants/loans from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract. This RFP is issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act) and Title 40 CFR Part 31 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

This procurement is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy," which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to SMWBEs. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

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The RFP is available from the District upon request or by picking up a copy at the address below during regular business hours. One (1) copy of the SOQ package should be submitted by 10:00 A.M. (Local Time), August 10, 2012, in a sealed envelope to the following address and clearly labeled accordingly:

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