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### Randy Bledsoe - Candidate For Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Hello, my name is Randy Bledsoe, candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 3. I have been your neighbor in Eastland County for all of my 45 years. I grew up farming peanuts and raising cattle. My father taught me the importance of hard work, integrity, and taking care of your family.

My work experience includes employment at Texas Department of Transportation and Eastland County Precinct 3 as a heavy equipment operator. While working for the county, I oversaw the paving of several county roads, and I also assisted Precinct 2 in repaving many roads around Lake Leon. I've also worked at Arnold Stone, Inc. As Production Manager and Capitan Materials, Inc., where I managed three mobile rock crushing plants and two screening operations, producing materials required to build wind farms on site. At present, I am employed part-time with the City of Ranger as Street Foreman, and I raise cattle.

In these tough economic times, I believe we need to measure twice and cut once. Should you elect me as you Commissioner, I will do my utmost to use county funds, your tax dollars, to their full capacity. Your time and your vote are greatly appreciated. God Bless.

Paid Political Ad by Randy Bledsoe, CR 295, Carbon, Texas 76435

### Special Mother's Day Service Set At Gorman Family Bible Church May 13

Gorman Family Bible Church, extends invitation to the Community to be part of a Special Mother's Day Service on May 13th at 11 A.M.

We welcome Brother Victor Pina as our Guest Speaker. Brother Pina and Karen are well known in the community, he being a former minister in Gorman, where they were very active in the community for several years.

We will have a Special Time of Honor and Remembrance for our Mother.

As we make flower presentations for all mothers. Take time to celebrate this very Special Day with your Mother.

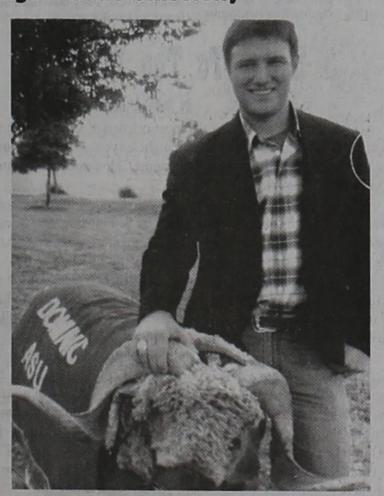
### Cameron Clark Graduates From Fort Benning - 19th Delta Cavalary Scout



Cameron Clark completed his 16 week field and classroom training at Fort Benning, Georgia on March 8, 2012. Cavalry Scouts are the eyes and ears for their Commander. When information is needed about the enemy they call on the scouts. Cav-Scouts engage the enemy with anti-armor weapons and scout vehicles and report enemy movement and activities. Cav-Scouts are trained in various weapons, operate and maintain scout vehicles as well as navigational tactics.

Cameron is now stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas.

## Corey D. Clark Graduates From Angelo State University



The President, the Faculty and the Graduating Class of Angelo State University, College of Arts and Science announce the Graduation of Corey D. Clark on Saturday, May 12, 2012 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness.

Commencement Ceremonies will be held at Junell Center / Stephens Arena, May 12th at 2 P.M.

# Gorman Panthers Baseball Team District Champs



On May 4th the Gorman Panthers defeated the Goldthwaite Eagles by a score of 5-2 to represent District 11 as the # 1 seed. Zach Carlton was hit by a pitch in the 2nd inning and moved to 2nd base on an error on a pick-off attempt by Goldthwaite. Jon Fenley drove him home on a sharp single up the middle to score the Panthers 1st run of the game. BJ Ramirez and Matt Fox both reached in the top of the 3rd and Dakota Pacheco hit an RBI single and Carlton laid down a suicide squeeze for another RBI. Fenley and Daniel Herrera each singled in the 6th inning along with a walk by Yovani Palacios before Ramirez ripped a game winning 2 run double into left center field. Carlton struck out 4 and pitched 5 and 2/3 innings, while Pacheco pitched 1 & 1/3 innings striking out 4 to pick up the win. The Panthers had 3 sacrifice bunts on the day (Fox, Hipolito, and Daniel Herrera). Goldthwaite scored one run in the 4th and 2 runs in the 5th inning. Gorman outhit the Eagles 8-4. Pacheco and Ramirez each had a double.

Goldthwaite defeated Moody 4-2 & 6-5 to advance to the area round where they will play Santo. Petrolia defeated Ranger 8-0 & 11-12 to advance and play Gorman. The Area game between Gorman and Petrolia has been scheduled for Friday May 11th in Jacksboro at 7:00. The boys would like to thank all of those who cheered them on last week and would love to see you in Jacksboro Friday night.

## Food Protection Management Training Course Available to Food Service Establishments

A two-day Food Protection Management Training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held May 21st and 22nd, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo Grounds in Abilene.

The training will allow food establishments permitted by the Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. The exam being used is the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe exam. Food service establishments permitted by the Environmental Health Section of the City of Abilene are also invited to attend. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contamination, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas. The course is sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension in Jones, Nolan and Taylor Counties and the Environmental Section of the City of Abilene. Cost for the class is \$115, which includes the course book and exam. The cost for the exam only is \$65. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325/672-6048, Jones County Office at 325/823-2432 or the Nolan County Office at 325/235-3184.

Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

## **Academic Awards Assembly Set For May 16th**

The end of the year **Academic Awards Assembly** will be held Wednesday, May 16th in the auditorium. The high school awards will be presented at 10:00 a.m. and the middle school presentation will be at 1:00 p.m.. The high school awards assembly will include scholarship presentations. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact the school if you need further information.

## **Spring Band Concert Set For May 15th**

The Spring Band Concert will be Tuesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m. In the Auditorium. The Fifth Grade Band, Junior High Band, and High School Band will all perform. Make Plans To Attend.

## Time for a new Gorman Cookbook.

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this project. It has been several years since we printed a Gorman Cookbook. The proceeds will be used for Parks and Recreation fund. We need to update our swimming pool to be handicapped accessible. Please bring your recipes to Terry at school or Jill at City Hall.

You can email your recipes to:

Terry Treadway - terry@cctc.net Jill Rainey - katiethan@yahoo.com Cliffa Vaughn - vaughn.cliffa53@gmail.com

#### 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, MAY 16TH 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, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

#### SCHOOL MENU Week of May. 14 thru May 18 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Animal Crackes, Juice and Milk. TUESDAY - Donut, Fruit, Juice and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk. THURSDAY - Bacon, Eggs, Toast, Juice and Milk. FRIDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Hot Dog, Baked Chips, Pork n Beans, Oranges, and milk. TUESDAY - Burrito, Chili Beans, Salad, Crackers, Fruit and

Gravy, Rolls, Brownie and Milk.

THURSDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Fruit and Milk. Last Day For Salad Bar

FRIDAY - No School.

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158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A (11-27-27-27-150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fer A. Lake pudity water wells, 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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#### "On The Wilder Side"

Summer time is quickly approaching and that means that we need to make sure we drink plenty of water. Dehydration and heat stroke/exhaustion are illnesses that don't give too many warning signs. One moment you are fine and the next you are on the floor wondering what is wrong.

Did you know that the amount of water in our body determines the vitality, strength, and energy associated with daily living? Think about these facts about our body and water: The human body is 2/3 water. The body absorbs cold water faster than hot water. By the time you are 70-years-old, you will have required 11/2 million gallons of water. Studies show that increasing water consumption can decrease fat deposits. Water is a natural appetite suppressant. If you lose 2% of your body's water supply, your en-WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, ergy will decrease by 20%. A 10% decrease in water will make you unable to walk, and you will die if there is a 20% decrease.

In John 4:13 Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." As long as we stay connected to Christ through prayer, study, and fellowship with our brethren, Jesus says we will never be spiritually thirsty again.

But just as a person could easily forget to stop and drink a glass of water while working outside, it is also easy to forget to stop and take a daily portion of Christ's "living water". No doubt all of us have been guilty of depriving our souls of the spiritual nourishment found in Christ. Be very careful that you do not cut yourself off of Christ's living water because if you do you are certain to face decreased spiritual zeal, unable to walk by faith, and even eternal death.

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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#### WOMEN

### **Inspire Confidence in Your** Wardrobe for Sunnier Days

NewsUSA

(NU) - We welcome the revival of warm, sunny days, but sometimes the onset of warm weather is stressful. Sure, ladies get to refresh their closets with hot styles and new clothes, but there's the whole bathing suit debacle.

In fact, the little terror called swimwear causes us so much anxiety that Americans spend anywhere from \$30 billion to \$60 billion each year on weight loss, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

But warm-weather fashion isn't all scary. Adorable spring trends are emerging, and they sure are fun and spicy this season. Check out three bold tips to get the best of the budding 2012 fashion trends:

1. Don't squeeze your curves into the wrong swimwear.

Too many women ignore their body type and look for so-called "sexy" swimwear because Victoria's Secret tells them that's how to look great. But there are suits available that accommodate real figures while maintaining style and comfort - like Girltrunks (mygirltrunks.com).

Girltrunks are swim shorts for women. The tankini-styled tops are paired with tailored women's swim trunks available in two leg-covering lengths. It enables you to be fashionable without worrying about revealing what you don't want or don't feel comfortable revealing. Plus, they are versatile enough to wear in your day-to-day life. Girltrunks are made from a quickly drying fabric, and they come in sizes 4-24 for all the women who aren't sized like Goldilocks.

2. The brighter, the better. Warm-weather fashion is all strong appearance.



Must-haves for warm-weather fashion.

about bold colors and floral prints. Celebrity stylist from Bravo TV, Brad Goreski, calls it a "pop of color." Whether it's a scarf, purse, belt, shoes or pants, a splash of color brightens any outfit. Although pastels may be replacing neons, bright colors never go out of style. And if pastels or bright colors aren't your thing, according to Adam Glassman of O Magazine, white jeans or pants can "freshen up anything you wear."

3. Accessories to watch: clutch-

es, kooky sunglasses and silver

Accessories add a unique flair, and sometimes they pull the whole look together. For sexy dates or just a night out, clutches are a musthave. This year, they're coming out in loads - neon clutches, snakeskin clutches, leather clutches, velvet clutches and more. And yes, the brighter, the better!

Kooky, oversized sunglasses debuted in spring 2012 fashion week, the star being retro-inspired cat-eye glasses. If you can pull it off, be daring and go for it. Another bold look is the metallics sweeping the accessory market from bags to pumps. Silver totes, satchels and Marc Jacobs heels show that the futuristic, sci-fi look is making a

#### **SUMMER FASHION**

### Ladies, Take Shyness Out of **Swimwear With Girltrunks**

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(NU) - Bathing suit season. The words strike fear in the hearts of women of all sizes, conjuring images of teeny-weeny bikinis and the inevitable wardrobe malfunctions. With bottoms that ride down and tops that ride up, women truly get the short end of the stick when it comes to summer swimwear.

That is, until now. Launched in 2009, Ohio-based designer Debbie Kuhn is bursting onto the market with a comfortable new concept that will have you gearing to go this summer: girltrunks. Kuhn designed the two-piece suits because the traditional swimsuit market offered nothing that covered the legs. After accepting an invitation to tube down the Madison River in Montana, she remembers futilely searching the racks at Nordstrom when she had a novel idea.

"Why don't I pair a tankini top with men's swim trunks?" said Kuhn. She did just that and wore her newly created swimwear in Montana. "It was a day in time I remember vividly. I felt so liberated, in swimwear of all things, and I wanted to share that feeling with other women."

We're glad she did. The trunks
fit like Bermuda shorts and

are made of a quick-drying polyamide material with mesh lining that dries almost instantly, unlike many traditional women's bathing suits. They are available at www.mygirltrunks.com in sizes 4-24 and come in two legcovering lengths. Pair the trunks



Swim trunks for women help you look great and feel confident on the beach, at the pool or on the go.

with a halter or tank top that has a flattering fit, and you have more than a swimsuit. You have an outfit - no cover-up needed.

Like their slogan, "Reinventing swimwear for women," girltrunks deliver a sense of confidence women so desperately lack during bathing suit season. But the suits don't just flatter they're versatile, too. Swimming, hiking, volleyball, waterparks and building sand castles on the beach; women's swim trunks lend themselves to any activity.

Short to tall, skinny to plussized, apple to pear, teenager to grandmother; women no longer must remain prisoners to their beach towels. They now have the freedom to choose.

About Chen By Henry A. Buchanan

Chen Guangcheng is the most celebrated Chinaman in the world today. He is blind. He is a self-taught lawyer. And he was under house arrest because he is outspoken against China's policy of limiting the population by abortion.

In the ten seconds interval between the changing of the guard Chen escaped and sought asylum in the U. S. Embassy, and became world famous because this forced the two greatest powers on earth, America and China, to face off over the fate of this one man.

The outcome of this face-off is that Chen will come to the U.S.A. as a visiting scholar and bring his wife and children with him. He would like to fly on the same plane with Secretary of State Hillary

China and the U.S. have different ideas about the civil rights of a man who is outspoken in his criticism of his own government. But Chen has broken the ribbon that separates those two world powers. China has to let Chen go. The United States has to apologize for interfering in China's business. The relationship between America and chia will never be the same again. I don't know whether or how it will affect our credit relationship with China. But I believe that we are going to be more honest with one another.

Three cheers for Chen! Come to America, on Secretary of State Clinton's plane even, and be a warning and an example to inspire us to live up to the goals of our Revolution.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 4/30/2012

P.S. My Mother would approve Chen's action. Whenever we failed to show appropriate appreciation for food she set before us, she would say "Think of all the straving Chinese, and be thankful." Happy Mother's Day to all of you.

## Happenings At FBC!!

Relay! Carefully passing the baton in a relay can determine if you win or lose the race. Likewise, carefully passing faith on through your children and grandchildren can determine if you will or will not spend eternity with them. Teach God's insistent supremacy & follow Him!

Mark your calendars:

May 12th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Come, eat, & enjoy fellowship!

May 13th - Mother's Day - God bless all Mothers, may you

delight in this special day!

Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and

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

Children's Sermon: Traci found a stick on the ground that fell off her apple tree. If you take that stick and plant it, water it, and fertilize it nothing will happen and it'll still be a stick. John 15:5 says that if you're a vine rooted in God your branches will ar His fruit. Without God you will do nothing. Let Jesus help you make good decisions for your life so you may bear His fruit.

Special Music: FBC Choir - "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" - You literally can't go wrong with a closer walk with Thee!

Bro. Barry's Message: "The Scum of the Earth" - Matthew 9:10-11 (NLT) When you're invited to dinner, do you always know who will be there to dine?

Matthew 9:10) Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.11) But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

There is no difference between sins. Yet the religious leaders of their day did ask the Disciples why they would find Jesus eating with scum. Were they stiff and stuffy and passing judgment?

Matthew 9:9) As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.10) Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. 11) But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"12) When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." 13) Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

We suffer calamity at the hand of natural disaster, family tension, financial difficulties, children growing up in split homes, and illness to name a few sources. Only certain people feel the call to Preach the Word or Sing the Word. Real people that claim to be Christian are labeled as Evangelical. Churches try to reach people, even diversify the music program to appeal to different needs. Lost people are sometimes perceived irrelevant.

One Poll indicated the most difficult Biblical Question as: When I am in heaven with God, will I have to mix with murderers and rapists and child molesters just because they asked God to forgive them?

We're all sinners saved by grace. The absolute truth is that it doesn't matter what you have done, God receives us in spite of ourselves and takes us AS IS! The scum and appalling sinners are washed clean by the blood of Jesus and saved by grace. Ask Jesus for forgiveness, repent, follow Him in believers baptism, and reach out to save the souls of lost people for Jesus!

So here we are. There is no place to hide. Our tags are big and in plain sight. Jesus says I see your tag and I am willing to take you "As Is".

Bro. Barry extends the invitation to all, 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! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

#### Fish Stocking Program

The Pecan Bayou Soil and Water Conservation District is again offering a fish stocking program for area pond owners. The fish will be delivered, May 31, 2012 with the last day to order and pay for the fish being May 29, 2012.

Offered as a public service of the Pecan Bayou SWCD, the program was established to provide local pond owners an opportunity to purchase fish for stock ponds while making available information on pond management including fertilizing, clearing, aquatic weed control and stocking species and rates. Natural Resource Conservation Service and District personnel will be available to make recommendations

concerning specific ponds.

Fish available for purchase through the program include: Channel Catfish 4-6 inch - .50, 6-8 inch - .85; Bluegill 1-3 inch - .50-.85, Hybrid Bream (Bluegill) - 1-3 inch - .50; Largemouth Bass - 1-4 inch - .95; Redear Sunfish - 1-3 inch - .55; Fathead Minnows - \$12.00 per pound; Shiner Minnows - \$12.00 per pound; Grass Carp - 12 inch - \$15.00 each, and Goldfish - \$12.00 per pound. Minimum order on most fish is 25. Other sizes and species are available upon request.

The fish, all in healthy condition, will be delivered on May 31, 2012. Each order will be filled by placing fish in a large plastic bag filled with oxygenated water. The bags will contain enough oxygen to enable the buyer to get the fish to their pond in good condition. Fifty (50) pound paper feed sacks are needed as carriers for the plastic bags.

To place an order, individuals will need to come by the local Natural Resources Conservation Service Office at 2608 B Highway 377 South in Brownwood, to prepay for the fish. The fish stocking program is one of several public service projects offered annually by the Pecan Bayou Soil and Water Conservation District.

## **Pig Tales From Hogtown**

Thanks to all who came to 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday morning. We had a great crowd.

This coming Saturday night is our regular second Saturday dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The music begins at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

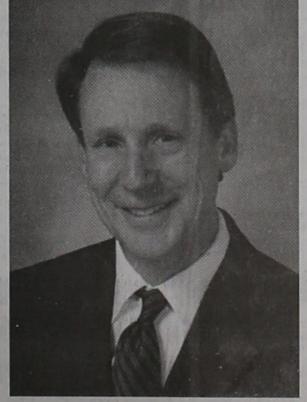
Are you doing your spring-cleaning? If you have gently used items that you would like to get rid of, you can donate them to the DAC for our annual garage sale. You can deliver your items to the DAC on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:00. Or you can call me at 254-758-2420 to arrange for pick up.

I am writing this on Monday evening and I am hoping to see you at the jam session tomorrow night. Remember that we have a jam on the second Tuesday of each month. The music starts at 6:30 and there is no charge.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell



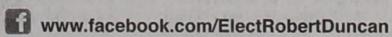




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## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had thirty-two in attendance last Sunday. Bobby Duncan of Merkel was the guest speaker. Song Service was led by Alanna Hubbard with Karen Fair at the piano and Mildred Million at the organ. Worship service is at 11:00 a.m. Each Sunday. Visitors are welcome.

Ladies Monthly Social will be canceled for Monday, May 14th at the Community Center. May is a busy month for everyone with graduaiton, weddings, vacations, etc. Social will be held in June.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 11th at the old School Gym. Morning program at 10:00 a.m. With lunch at noon. Make plans to attend this annual event.

Remember the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers.

Have a good day, Coon

## Homestead Happenings

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our Open House a hugh success. Thank you to those who attended, Alpha and Omega Hospice for furnishing the hamburgers, hot dogs and chips, our great dietary department for the fruit bowl, dips, cheese plate, cookies and punch. The Donnie Evetts band for the great music, and a big thank you to our Homestead staff for all the great team work. We would also like to thank these local businesses for their support and for the great door prizes they donated: Clarks Building Supply, Smith's Service Station, Gorman Milling, Bob's Gro., City Gro., Josefina's, Gorman Progress, City of Gorman/Fire Dept., Gorman Pharmacy, Gilmore Auto, and Panda's Floral and Gifts. Thanks again.

We will be honoring our Mothers on Friday at 2:30 please come and join us.

National Nursing Home Week is May 13-19. We have lots of fun things planned. Monday will be Hat Day , Tues. is Western Day, Wed. is Crazy Sock Day, Thurs. is Beach Day, and Friday is Tacky Day. For more information on what all is taking place during the week give us a call or better yet come join

Have a good week.

## **G.E.D.** Graduation Date

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Eastland County, in conjunction with Cisco College, will be having a graduation ceremony for all students who have passed their G.E.D. from May, 2011 through April, 2012. The graduation will be Monday, May 21st from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria. At this cap and gown ceremony, students will receive a Certificate of Completion from our State Representative Jim Keffer. A short commencement address will follow. Family members and friends of the G.E.D. graduates are invited and encouraged to attend.

If you know of any individual who has received their G.E.D. within the dates listed and would like to participate in the ceremony, please have them contact the Eastland Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 by May 11th.



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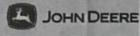
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Answer: Yes! Regardless of the amount of assets you own, in most cases, the stay at home spouse is allowed to keep all of the assets of the couple. This includes the home, an auto, and all of the cash accounts of the couple. In most cases, Medicaid would pay 100% of the monthly costs for the spouse in the nursing facility.

Question #2: "Does a single person in a nursing facility have to spend down all of his/her money before he/she can apply for nursing facility Medicaid

Answer: No! In most cases, a single person in a nursing facility can protect a substantial amount of his/her assets from nursing facility spend down, and still apply for and receive Medicaid benefits. In some cases, a single person may protect all of his/her assets from nursing facility spend down.

Question #3: "Can I lose my home to claims by the state?"

Answer: Yes! The Estate Recovery Law, passed in Texas in March 2005, does allow the state of Texas to file a claim on the home of a

Medicaid recipient. However, there

legal remedies, that would allow the recipient to protect their home from claims by the state.

Question #4: "Is all the information I need on Medicaid available from my state Medicaid Office?"

Answer: No! That is like saying everything you need to know about taxes is available from the IRS! Your state offices can provide you with general knowledge about Medicaid program requirements, but what you need to know is usually not available from the people employed by the state. They are paid to gather information. They are not in the position to be your advisor or

It is usually prudent, when faced with a nursing home crisis, to seek the assistance of a professional advisor that is well versed in Medicaid eligibility requirements and long-

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