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Melissa Henderson Leads Notre Dame to Nat. Soccer Championship



EASTLAND COUNTY TRIVIA

The BEST soccer player in the United States has deep roots in Eastland County. Melissa Henderson: granddaughter of E. G. Henderson who was born in and grew up in Gorman, graduating from Gorman High School in 1946; granddaughter of Betty Mason Henderson who was born in and grew up in Gorman, graduating from Gorman High School in 1949; and daughter of Kelly Henderson who was born in and grew up in Gorman, graduating from Gorman High School in 1973.

Melissa Henderson is one of only seven high school juniors to win the National Gatorade Player of the Year Award. Notable previous winners are LeBron James, Candace Parker and Marion Jones.

Melissa was recognized as the best women's soccer player in the U. S. while she was still in high school at Berkner High School, Richardson, Texas and gained international acclamation while playing on the United States National Team (for players under 20 years of age) and the U. S. Soccer 18 Player Pan American Games team, prior to receiving a scholarship to Notre Dame. Melissa has played in Germany, Chile, Brazil, Japan and England.

This year, as a junior, Melissa led Notre Dame to a National Soccer Championship. And get this: two of Melissa's childhood friends and soccer teammates also play on the Notre Dame soccer team. These three girls grew up together traveling all over Texas to play soccer while actually talking and yes even dreaming of playing together and winning a National Soccer Championship.

On December 21, 2010, Melissa received The Hondo Award for being the top college soccer player.

E. G. Henderson's (Melissa's granddad) mother, Vera Henderson, lived 102 years in Eastland County. When she was 95 and Melissa was about 7, they were walking down a lane where Vera lived and Melissa said "Grandmother, someday you are going to be watching me play soccer on T.V." Some time later, E. G. made his daily visit to see his mother, and she was watching soccer on T. V. He was surprised and asked her what she was doing. She told him "Melissa told me I would be watching her play soccer on T.V. so I thought I should learn a little about it."

Melissa's granddad, E. G., needless to say, is very proud of her, as are all of her family. E. G. smiles really big when he says, "Melissa is a strong Christian; it is the norm that she pauses after each game to pray, thanking God".

Without a doubt, there will be many more good stories about Melissa Henderson and her soccer career. William Arthur Ward, one of America's most quoted writers of inspirational maxims said "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." We need only to know of Melissa Henderson to know this is true.

(Article provided by James Bruton.)

Lacey Wilson and Garret Vaughn Compete In UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, Lacey Wilson and Garret Vaughn competed in the UIL Solo & Ensemble competition at Crowley High School. Garret performed "In the Hall of the Mountain King," from Peer Gynt Suite No. 1, composed by the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg in the 1800's. The composition is known as "Incidental Music," which is background or "mood" music for the action in a play. In the drama Peer Gynt is a man who is recounting the experiences he encountered while traveling around the world. "In the Hall of the Mountain King" describes the adventures that Gynt experienced running from trolls in an under ground cave. Garret received the highest rating possible at this kind of competition, bringing home a gold medal. Congratulations Garret on an excellent performance!

Lacey performed Poeme Petite, which is French for Little Poem. Poeme Petite was composed by James Lewallen, a French Romantic as a lyrical solo for flute and piano. Lacey received the highest rating possible, bringing home a gold medal. Congratulations Lacey on an excellent performance. Both students were complimented by their judge and their accompanist on their preparation for this competition. These students are to be commended for such an excellent representation of our school.

On Saturday, February 26, ten students will compete in Cleburne at the vocal solo and ensemble competition.

Panthers Beat Newcastle 53-31 In Bi-District; To Meet Throckmorton In Breckenridge On Thursday At 6:30



The Panthers rolled Newcastle 53-31 in bi district playoff action Monday night, at Breckenridge. Gorman was hot early, getting three pointers from Brandon Velasquez and AJ Vaughn, and jumping out to a 20-6 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Panthers then slowed the game down and protected their lead into the halftime break. "I thought our kids did a great job being patient on offense with the lead. We really took care of the ball, and defensively forced them into mistakes all night," said Panther Head Coach Tommy Simmons. In the third quarter, Gorman exploded again with an offensive outburst, outscoring the Bobcats 16-7, and were paced by Jon Fenley who came off the bench for a game high 13 points. According to Simmons, "Jon is just now getting his legs back after his knee surgery, and he really adds another dimension to our offense. It's great to have him back." Zach Carlton and Cody Wood were dominate on the boards. Carlton had 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Wood added 8 points and 12 rebounds. BJ Ramirez was almost flawless at point guard, scoring 4 points and adding 5 assists, 5 steals and just 1 turnover on the night. Simmons added that "BJ has embraced his role as our point guard and is learning how to play with a true point guard mentality. He knows that his role is to make opportunities for other scorers, and he is getting better at it every game." Velasquez finished the night with 8 points and 3 steals, while Vaughn had 5 points. Luis Limon had 2 points, and Sergio Hipolito, with a good effort off the bench both offensively and defensively, capped off the Panther's scoring with 1 point. Matt Fox and Dakota Pacheco played critical defensive roles in the effort, and all ten players made big contributions.

PANTHERS EDGE COYOTES

The Panthers edged the Richland Springs Coyotes by a 54-52 margin in a warm-up game. They jumped to a 13-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and held a 21-16 lead at halftime. They added 17 in the third and 16 in the fourth for the victory.

Cody Wood led the Panthers with 18. Fox had 11. Ramirez got 9. Vaughn and Velasquez each had 4 and Hipolito had 2.

Lady Panthers Make District Playoffs!!

The Lady Panthers played well against the state ranked Lipan on February 14th in Lingleville. Unfortunately the Lady Panthers had to many turnovers in the first half but came around in the second half closing the gap in the 4th quarter outscoring Lipan 7 points which made the final 61 to 42.

Our team leader was Senior - Jaime Johnston with 9 points, 9 rebounds, 2 steals; Freshman - Melissa Ramirez came though adding 13 points, 14 rebounds and 3 steals; Freshman - Kinsey Johnston finally got the opportunity to show what she was made of contributing 10 points, 1 steal; Junior - Ally Little had 2 points, 1 rebound; Junior - Chelsea Griffin had 8 points, 2 rebounds and Sophomore - Rachel Tucker had 4 points. Congratulations to the Lady Panthers for making the Playoffs. We are proud of you.

Total stats for the season for the Lady Panthers. Ally Little - 64 points, 75 assists, 44 rebounds and 28 steals. Kinsey Johnson - 99 points, 24 assists, 6 blocked shots, 97 rebounds and 17 steals; Jaime Johnston - 429 points, 43 assists, 11 blocked shots, 189 rebounds and 45 steals; Rachel Tucker - 74 points, 7 assists, 2 blocked shots, 89 rebounds and 6 steals; Jaylon Miley - 12 points, 7 assists, 17 rebounds and 8 steals; Melissa Ramirez - 308 points, 30 assists, 5 blocked shots, 314 rebounds and 60 steals; Chelsea Griffin - 111 points, 14 assists, 3 blocked shots, 32 rebounds and 16 steals; and Katey Thackerson - 2 points and 9 rebounds.



#3 Jaime Johnston drives the ball down the court to score two points on an easy lay-up. Jaime was named District Offensive Co-MVP for 2011.



The Gorman Lady Panthers play intense defense. The Ladies shown here are #1 Ally Little, #12 Chelsea Griffin, #5 Rachel Griffin and #3 Jaime Johnston.



Named as District Newcomer of the Year is #11 Melissa Ramirez.

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THE GORMAN YOUTH SPORTS COUNCIL WILL BE HAVING SIGNUPS FOR YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SUMMER LEAGUE ON FEB. 26TH FROM 2P-4P IN THE NEW GYM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING COME UP THERE. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE, OTHER DATES AND TIMES WILL FOLLOW.

WE WILL BE SENDING FORMS HOME WITH THE KIDS FROM SCHOOL, ALSO. THANK YOU GYSC

City of Gorman General Election To Be Held May 14th

The City of Gorman General Election will be held on May 14, 2011. Positions to be on the ballot are Commissioners Place 1 and Place 3.

Currently serving as Commissioner Place #1 is Nathan Files, and serving as Place #3 is David Stanley. The first day to file for a place on the May General Election ballot will be February 12, 2011 and the last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 14, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church To Hold Bible Study

The Gorman First United Methodist Church is having Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m., starting February 16th. Everyone is Welcome - Not Too Late to Join!!! We will be studying - "RESPECTABLE SINS"

Obituary

Dorothy Mae Barron

Dorothy Mae Barron, passed away at the age of 79 years, February 10, 2011 in Odessa Hospital. She was born to Charlie and Clara Rich on December 22, 1931 in De Leon. Funeral service was in Andrews on February 15th by McNett Funeral Home.

Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Virginia Hernandez and husband, Raymond of Andrews; two brothers, Marvin Rich of Gorman, Bill Rich of Zapata and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, granddaughter Bonnie Earhart; two brothers, Jerry Rich and Joe Rich; one sister, Jewell Whitely and a large number of great grandchildren.

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"EDGE OF GORMAN" - 1.3 AC, m/l. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk. bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06

HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18

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HOMESTEAD HAPPENING



Homestead is happy to announce the return of Darrell Graham as Maintenance Supervisor and Ina Smith as Activity Director.

We celebrated our February birthdays on Tuesday Feb. 22 which included Lucille Johnson and Sunny Kellogg.

We invite everyone to come by and welcome our new Administrator, Tim Thomas and to welcome Darrell and Ina back to the Homestead Family.

Gorman ISD School Board Election To Be Held May 14th

Three positions will come open for the May 14, 2011 election for school board trustees and special election to fill an unexpired term. These positions will include two three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Larry Thompson and Noah Landa. The third position is a two year unexpired term ending May 2013, this term vacated by Beth Underwood and filled by appointment by Don Whitten.

First day to file is February 12, 2011. Deadline to file is March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Superintendents' office during school hours.

"On The Wilder Side"

I've always been intrigued with the railroad. I used to have an office window facing rail road tracks and I enjoyed gazing at the trains passing by bound for anywhere loaded with anything. Loaded onto many of the flatbed railcars were stacks and stacks of truck frames that were tightly anchored to the car.

I cannot say exactly where those truck frames were going but one thing I can say is that while on that rail car those frames are useless... they are nothing but overgrown paperweights. Worth nothing but the current scrap metal price. And if those truck frames aren't used for their intended purpose that's most likely where they'll end up... just scrap. Now, if those frames are put to use for their intended purpose then they will be taken to an automobile plant where they will serve as the foundation on which every nut and bolt of a truck is anchored. With a good owner and proper care, that truck will last for many years to come.

Our bodies are nothing more than truck frames, and God has a specific plan and purpose for our bodies. We were never intended to be scrap sold to the highest bidder and thrown into a pile with the rest of the garbage. No, God made us then gave us a divine purpose of serving Him and loving others. To do this He takes us as we are and transforms our empty shells and fills them with His Holy Spirit. And, if we walk by faith and live within God's will, then we will live with the Father for an eternity. Right now, some of you reading this are nothing but truck frames about to be undersold for nothing but scrap. God doesn't want you to be scrap. To God, you are more than a frame, you are a son... you are priceless!

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

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9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2-story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, metal roof, carport, 30x50 metal shop, several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00
S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000
S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
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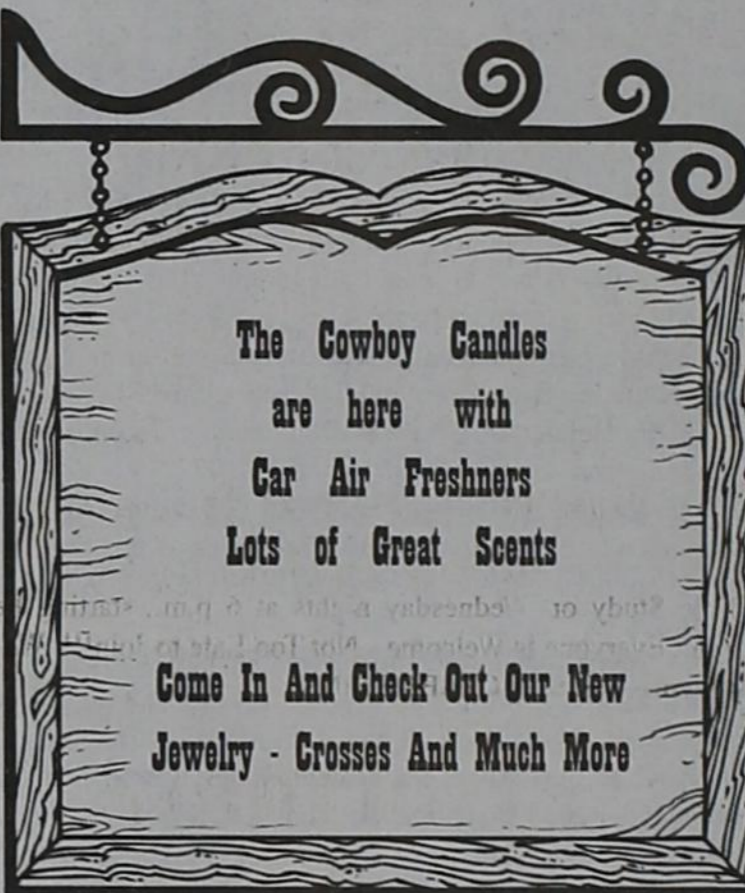
A Letter To The Editor By Henry A. Buchanan

The flames of revolution are sweeping through the nations of the Middle East, toppling the Heads of State, bringing something new: the Democracy of the Streets. The people have taken to the streets in Egypt, in Bahrain, in Libya and Iran, in Tunisia, in Yemen and Kuwait. Even in Iraq we planted seeds with our talk about Democracy. But it was only talk.

We didn't bring democracy. We brought the discontent to the boiling point. But it's not what we had in mind. No, we have been supporting the Heads of State now being toppled by the people. And the people who are taking control are not thanking us. They are blaming us for supporting the toppled Heads. Too long we have been pouring billions into those toppled Dictators' pockets while the people have gone hungry. Now the Peoples Revolution is spilling over in hatred in U.S. It is now playing in Wisconsin where teachers and public servants are in the streets shouting down the Governor who wants to strip them of bargaining rights. It will spread to other States and eventually to the Capital. It will not end until there is a revolution here in America. For the Voice of the People will be heard. Shouting. It's not the way to do business in a Republic but if the Republic threatens to become a monarchy the People will shout in the streets.

Henry A. Buchanan
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Frank Willis Estate -- Sean Michael Willis
- (2) The street address or legal description of the Property:
Building located at 516 W Lexington, Gorman, Texas (JC Nall AB 1614/HWY 8)
- (3) A general description of the improvements: Vacant housing unit with other buildings and vehicles left on property.
- (4) A list of defects on the Property:

The house is sitting vacant with broken glass, high weeds and old vehicles sitting in area and has been deemed a dangerous building as defined by Ordinance No. 302.2 (the "Ordinance") and constitutes a danger to life, safety or the general health of the occupants of the building and/or the citizens of Gorman, Gorman, Texas.

- (5) A brief statement of the action to be considered by the Commission:

Consider whether the Property is in violation of the Ordinance, order abatement or removal of the building and debris located on the Property, determine the amount of civil penalties for the violation, and consider other lawful orders authorized by the Ordinance.

- (6) Hearing Date and Place: March 7, 2011, 5:30 p.m., Gorman City Hall, City Council Chambers, 116 South Kent Street, Gorman, Texas

NOTICE OF HEARING IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

- (1) Name of Owner, occupant and other persons interested in the Property: Jason Pierce, owner of the Property;
Colonnade at Polo Park Venture, Judgment lien holder
American State Bank, Judgment lien holder
- (2) The street address or legal description of the Property: Building located at 109 S. Kent Street, Gorman, Texas (N 16 2/3 of S/2, 2 Blk 8, SE Pt 1 & N/2 2 Blk 8, S 8 1/3 2 N/2 3 Blk 8)

- (3) A general description of the improvements: Two story commercial building that has been extensively damaged by fire.

- (4) A list of defects on the Property: The two story commercial building has been extensively damaged by fire and is a dangerous and uninhabitable building as defined by Ordinance No. 302.2 (the "Ordinance") and constitutes a danger to life, safety or the general health of the occupants of the building and/or the citizens of Gorman, Gorman, Texas.

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Is Your Story Written?

In recent issues of this paper you have been invited (maybe even encouraged) to write your remembrance of January 1, 2006. Please complete your writings and send them in by March 1, 2011 to: **JODY FORBUS, CHIEF CARBON VFD**
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Thank you for your help -- your support is always appreciated.

MANY THANKS

Several days ago there was a fire near Desdemona at CR509. Both the Desdemona and Gorman Fire Departments came out and got the fire under control very quickly. The wind was blowing fairly strong and things would have been really bad without the help of everyone who assisted in stopping the fire that day. Thanks for all.

Donald C. Holder

WITH MANY THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who dropped by Smith's Service Station for cake and coffee and visit during my retirement celebration. I would also like to thank everyone for their patronage throughout the years.

Johnny and Ina

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Gorman City Minutes Approved

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Nathan Files, Durward Webb, and late arrival David Stanley. Others present were Barbara Fenley, and Glenn Scitern.

Durward led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Durward made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with one type o correction, to instead of ot. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion on bills rendered the decision to have all receipts brought in for any and all credit card purchases. Joe then made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Durward. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to have Glenn to try using the old fire hydrant not being used, and to order a new one as well. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The water tower estimates and repairs will be on the next agenda. Plan is to have at least one representative there to explain bid estimate and pay options.

David arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Reports were submitted or given by department heads.

There was discussion on how the chipper was being used. This will be on the next agenda.

Joe made the motion to appoint Julie Clark and Melinda Abbey to serve on the EDC Board of Directors. Durward made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to allow the City crew to aid with back hoe and equipment to push up the cleaning of the Wooten lot. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to move forward with setting up credit card use at the City Office. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken on Distribution of Assignment of duties to personnel at this time.

There being no further business for discussion on the agenda David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:55 p.m.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed being back at the Center on the 16th after two weeks of ice and snow. Now it is too hot! Can hardly believe this weather, wish it would hit a happy medium. I had been wishing for snow, but not that long and such low temperatures. It was very beautiful, but wore me out keeping the wood stone going. I believe we had 16 people here on our return. Henry Buchanan gave the blessing for all. Henry tried to talk through all the other people talking, so rude! So from now on everyone must be seated before the prayer. If we are going to act like children, we must be treated like them.

Mr. Tim Thomas was here with us for dinner. A very nice man, he talked to us briefly. He is the now administrator for our Homestead Nursing and Rehab. Good luck to him in his new endeavor. Quite a change from being a pastor.

It was good to see Jimmy Stell for lunch. He works at the Shell Station and doesn't always have the time off for our dinner. Glad he is working and doing better in life. Also good to see Jackie Burns, but Betty Frazier couldn't make it. She is much improved after her fall, but having other health issues. I had a fall about two weeks ago at my daughters house. She has step down places that worry me. So I stepped down on step then the other foot didn't find the floor. I go down like a ton of bricks, but no serious injuries. I always fall on right knee and hands. Those artificial knees are very tough, still together - HA! Days later you find numerous little bruises here and there on your body.

Our meal was very good with meat loaf, baked corn and egg casserole, mashed potatoes, peas, spinach, green salad, Cole slaw, Mac and cheese and cornbread. Our desserts were tasty with cake and ice cream, chocolate pie and banana pudding.

With this good weather it is time for trimming the bushes, etc. My grandson Tyson Swanner helped me do these jobs. I used to do all but can't anymore. I'll clean out the pots and some flower beds. He will have to come back and do a little more raking. Last fall he mowed all the leaves, sure did help.

Now if we could just get some rain. It is very dry and scary out there. The snow didn't water the Earth much. There are hardly any bluebonnets up in my yard due to lake of rain last fall. That is when they sprout and then lay there all winter.

Hope all had a good Valentines day. I have the best mail carrier in Marceil Laminack. She always give little gifts to me and others on the Holidays. I received a little box of candy and a Valentine, so nice of her. My daughter-in-law Sandra gave the Easy feet cleaner to me. Its been on TV. Should help a lot in keeping feet up and in better condition. My daughter Becky gave me a pot of tulips, sure did enjoy them. I even bought my own gift, a pot of pink miniature roses.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

2011 Garden Preparation (Fertilizing)

Proper fertilization is an important key to successful vegetable gardening. The amount of fertilizer needed depends upon the soil type and the crops you are growing. Texas soils vary from deep sands to fertile, well-drained soils to heavy, dark clays underlain by layers of caliche rock or hardpan. Crops grown on sandy soils usually respond to liberal amounts of potassium, whereas crops grown on clay soils do not.

Heavy clay soils can be fertilized much more heavily at planting than can sandy soils. Heavy clay soils and those with lots of organic matter can safely absorb and store fertilizer at three to four times the rate of sandy soils. Thin, sandy soils, which need fertilizer the most, unfortunately cannot be fed as heavily without burning plants. The solution is to feed poor, thin soils more often in lighter doses. For accurate recommendations regarding fertilizer rates, contact your County Extension Agent and request a soil test kit.

In general, if your garden is located on deep, sandy soil, apply a complete preplant fertilizer such as 5-10-10 or 6-12-12 at the rate of 1 to 2 pounds per 100 square feet. If your soil has a high percentage of clay, a fertilizer such as 10-20-10 or 12-24-12 applied at 1 to 2 pounds per 100 square feet should be suitable.

Make the pre-plant fertilizer application a few days before planting. Spade the garden plot, spread the fertilizer by hand or with a fertilizer distributor, and then work the soil well to properly mix the fertilizer with the soil. After the fertilizer is well mixed with the soil, bed the garden in preparation for planting.

On alkaline soils, apply 1-20-0 (superphosphate) directly beneath the intended seed row or plant row before planting. Apply the superphosphate at a rate of 1 to 1 1/2 pounds per 100 linear feet of row. Make sure the nitrogen material will be 2 to 4 inches below the seed or transplant roots so it will not harm them. Later in the season you can apply additional nitrogen as a furrow or side dress application. For most soils, 2 to 3 pounds of 21-0-0 (ammonium sulfate) per 100 linear feet of row, applied in the furrow and watered in, is adequate. For crops such as tomatoes, peppers and squash, make this application at first fruit set. Side dress leafy crops such as cabbage and lettuce when they develop several sets of character leaves.

Planting around 15th-20th of February is a good time to plant the following vegetables: asparagus, beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, mustard, onion, parsley, peas, potatoes, radish and turnips. The weather is our most limiting factor for planting this early in the year.

If any questions, please contact the Eastland County AgriLife Extension Service Office, Heath Begeman, County Extension Agent at 254/629-1093.

What Is AgriLife Extension Service?

Texas AgriLife Extension is a statewide educational agency and a member of the Texas A&M University System linked in a unique partnership with the nationwide United States Department of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension System and the Eastland County Commissioners Court. Extension values and promotes principles of citizen and community involvement, scientifically-based education, lifelong learning and volunteerism. Texas AgriLife Extension Service provides access to citizens in all 254 Texas counties and works cooperatively with the 10 universities and 8 state agencies of the Texas A&M University System and other state and local agencies to bring the necessary resources to Eastland County that will address local issues and solve local problems. The mission is to improve Eastland county residents' quality of life with custom-made educational programs which are based on community-identified needs and developed by local volunteers. The goal is to protect the environment, develop youth, strengthen families, improve health, support agriculture, and enhance horticulture. The Texas AgriLife Extension Service staff of Eastland County provides a high level of expertise in the following core service areas:

- * Agriculture and Natural Resources
- * Horticulture
- * Nutrition, Diet, and Health
- * Urban Development
- * Integrated Pest Management
- * Family and Consumer Sciences
- * Youth Development (4-H)

In the weeks to come, I will be giving you a more defined look at the benefits AgriLife Extension Service can afford you. If you need additional information or have questions regarding our services, please call the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222. mailto:hdwaltong@ag.tamu.edu.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, February 26th at the Community Center (former school building). The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians and singers are invited to attend. There will be plenty of Country and Western music to enjoy with some Gospel and Bluegrass included. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance. Visitors last Sunday were two students from Stephenville - Tarleton State University and Geraldene Boyd of Brownwood. She is a long time friend of Bro. Charlie Johnson and wife, Jana. The Ladies Sunday School Class got off to a good start on Sunday and they have plans for the future. At the close of the morning service a young lady came forward as a candidate for Baptism and the date for this service will be set real soon. Visitors are welcome to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Vivian (Powell) Wooldridge, 87, of Tyler, Texas passed away. She was born in Alabama on March 1, 1923 to Adell Woodford Powell, Sr. and Iva Elizabeth (Howard) Powell. Survivors include two sons, Clifton Wooldridge and Gregory Wooldridge and one daughter, Glenda Dyess.

Preceded in death by her husband, Joe Wooldridge, her parents, one brother, Woodie Powell and one sister, Imogene (Powell) Davis.

The Powell family lived in the Robinson Springs Community and their children attended school in Desdemona where Vivian graduated with the Class of 1940 and Imogene with the Class of 1941. Woodie finished his High School years in De Leon and graduated with the Class of 1949.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to this family.

Our Community would like to say "Thanks" to the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department and the De Leon Volunteer Fire Department and other area towns around that are always willing and ready to send their fire trucks to the Desdemona area when needed. We really appreciate these men and women for their time and effort to help others.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie.

Happenings At FBC!!

Surrender! Give in and give up all your troubles to God. God makes your life worth living!

Mark your calendars:

Feb. 26th - 2pm - Deacon's Valentine Banquet.

April 24th - Easter Sunday - Make plans for Baby Dedication, call Church Office to sign up.

Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and have fun learning about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children her toolbox, and inside we found a lot of different tools. The hammer, whisk, scissors, marker, measuring spoon, and screwdriver all have different jobs. The Bible tells us that God works through people in different ways, and people have different jobs. In our Church we have people that preach, teach, sing, pray, cook, etc. We all work together with the same purpose, and that is to tell others about Jesus and take care of people.

Special Music: "Amazing Grace" is a favorite song for many, and Katie Southall gave us a special blessing by singing it and praising the Lord with her beautiful voice.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Living Through Darkness" - Matthew 4:16 - Christians have the greatest possible hope, so why do some live in darkness? In the darkness we lose sight of the light. Brother Barry shared his scuba diving experience, and how he asked the Lord to get him out of the absolute darkness of the ocean's abyss. Some darkness can even hurt your eyes. The light is within Christians. How do we find the light in overwhelming darkness?

THROUGH THE DARKNESS: Darkness is the biggest non-element, there is no measure, no weight, and you cannot touch it. Some people that live in darkness hold on to it, and dare say, enjoy it.

1. Admit You have a Problem. - We all make Bad Decisions & Choices! - When we let things get under our skin the darkness comes out, and we end up being the jerk so learn to say you're sorry. - What is your SIN? The list of sins is long. The sin that matters to you is the sin that is keeping you in darkness and out of touch with God. You must name the sin, admit the sin is your problem, and turn away from the sin.

2. Jesus has the Power. - Colossians 1:15-20 Your sin has been reconciled through the blood of Jesus. - We can't get our self through the darkness, nor can we solve it. - We need Jesus' Power to change dark into light. - We live from Crisis to Chaos, and we fail to see the light in between. Use the power of prayer. The blood of Jesus made Peace. When you love Jesus, He is your Savior. When you follow Jesus, He is your Lord. Make Jesus the Lord of your Life, and may you know the light and the peace only knowing Jesus can bring. If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

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

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WEDDING TRENDS

Rules of Engagement: What to Know Before Popping the Question

NewsUSA



Choosing the right engagement ring can help make your big moment memorable.

(NU) - An engagement ring symbolizes your promise to love and cherish your partner forever, and shows the world your commitment to your fiancée. Many women dream about their engagement ring their entire lives, so choosing the right style is of utmost importance.

Here are some tips to ease the pressure of finding the ring and proposing:

It's Not Only About the Diamond

A ring's setting is as important as its diamond because the setting is what displays and secures the stone. Platinum provides an ideal setting as it is stronger than other precious metals, which means that you don't have to worry about losing the center stone with everyday wear. Also, platinum is a naturally white metal, allowing the diamond to sparkle even brighter.

Did you know that a platinum engagement ring will last forever? Since platinum is so durable and loses little metal over time, the ring will undoubtedly become a family heirloom that can be passed down for generations to follow. And platinum engagement rings are surprisingly affordable. Contrary to popular belief, they are available in a wide range of price points, starting at around \$1,000 at BlueNile.com.

Know Her Style

Before you go to the jewelry store, know your future fiancée's style, personality and lifestyle since there is a ring to suit her perfectly. For example, a woman with a hands-on job, like nursing, might prefer a simple band with a secure setting, while a woman who has a less active job might want something more intricate. A woman

with classic style will want a different band design than a trend-setting fashionista.

"A classic polished platinum band from Michael Barin will suit a girl with more traditional tastes, while a birth stone of colored diamonds on an embellished band like one from Suna Bros. will look bold and unique," says jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor. "To figure out her ring size, press one of your girlfriend's rings in a bar of soap until it leaves a mark. You can also put one of her rings on your own hand, mark where it falls on your finger and have the jeweler measure that area," suggests O'Connor.

How to Propose

Some women want a public proposal in front of friends and family, while others want something private and special. In either case, your fiancée will remember the day for the rest of her life. Think about what your fiancée likes, and where and how you met.

For more tips on proposing marriage or choosing an engagement ring, visit www.engagementguide.com or www.preciousplatinum.com.

AUTOMOTIVE

Hybrid Cars: The Performance Cars of the Future

NewsUSA



Hybrid cars can hold their own on the racetrack.

(NU) - When most people think of hybrid cars, they imagine practical, mild-mannered vehicles. But could we someday see hybrid racecars burning up the tracks?

In March of 2010, Porsche (www.porsche.com/usa/) unveiled three hybrids at the Geneva Auto Show: one for the road; one for the race track; and one that is a genuine Porsche supercar. These innovative new Porsches - the Cayenne S Hybrid, the 911 GT3 R Hybrid and the 918 Spyder - show that hybrids can be sporty, fast and powerful.

The Cayenne S, Porsche's first production hybrid car, features a sophisticated parallel full hybrid system with the combined power of a 380-horsepower V6 combustion engine and an electric motor. The car has the potential to significantly enhance fuel economy at high speeds - when the driver lifts off the accelerator at cruising or highway speeds, the gasoline engine can be switched off and disengaged from the drivetrain. This enables the vehicle to move without combustion or electric power.

The GT3 R's innovative hybrid technology has been developed especially for racing. The front axle features two powerful electric motors that supplement the car's 480-horsepower, naturally aspirated four-liter flat-six that drives the rear wheels. Instead of the heavy batteries found in hybrid road cars, an electrical flywheel power generator resides

next to the driver to deliver energy to the electric motors. The 911 GT3 R Hybrid competed in the 24 Hours on the Nordschleife of Nürburgring in May 2010, leading for eight hours before retiring after 22 hours and 15 minutes for mechanical reasons. In the 2010 Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta it finished 18th out of a starting field of 41 cars.

With the 918 Spyder high-performance mid-engine concept hybrid sports car, Porsche is displaying its expertise in the field of highly efficient and low-emission drive technology. The 918 Spyder prototype with plug-in hybrid technology combines high-tech performance features with electric mobility to produce a fascinating range of qualities. It has an ultra-compact car's emission levels of 70 grams of CO₂ per kilometer, and it consumes just three liters of fuel per 100 kilometers, but can go from 0 to 62 mph in just under 3.2 seconds and reach a top track speed over 198 mph.

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