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Gorman Rays To Travel To State Tournament In Hawley On July 27



Coaches back row: Joe Olvera and Larry Thompson; Standing: Stratton Thompson, Kaiden Petree, John Tyler Warren, Trent Fenley, Jacob Ervin, Rafael Ortiz, Kolby Gaines; Kneeling: Christopher Cox, Tiyhler Rainey, Reece Scitern, Travis Teague, Bryce Petree, Justice Fischer, and Ike Torrez; Not Pictured Colin Simmons. The Sponsor for the Gorman Rays team was **Robert & Son Tree Trimming**.

The Gorman Rays competed in DeLeon for their District Tournament. The Gorman Rays finished second in their league play. The Gorman Rays finished second in the District Tournament and they are getting to go to the State Tournament in Hawley the week of July 27th. The boys will be doing fundraisers to help them go. On Friday July 24th there will be a Hamburger Lunch at Laminack's shop from 11AM until 1:30PM. The cost is \$5.00 a plate. They will be having a bake sale at this time also. On Sat. July 25th there will be a car wash and bake sale at Smith's Station from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We hope to see you there. Please come out and support the boys.

Gorman Junior High Cheerleaders Attend NCA Camp at Tarleton



L to R - (8th graders) Mykisha Hampton, Skye Lewis, Kinsey Johnston, Melissa Ramirez, Haven Gibbs; (7th graders) Lauren Spivey, Holly Rainey and Chey Gibbs (mascot)

The Gorman Jr. High Cheerleaders attended an NCA (National Cheerleaders Association) camp at Tarleton State University from June 22 through June 25. Each day of camp the cheerleaders are evaluated on a cheer and chant that they have learned at the NCA Camp. The squad received one red excellent ribbon and four blue superior ribbons. This year is the first year for junior high to have a mascot and Chey Gibbs did an excellent job. She also had evaluations each day on skits by the mascot coach and received excellent ribbons.

Kinsey Johnston, Melissa Ramirez and Haven Gibbs were nominated to try out for All-American Cheerleader. This is a great honor for each cheerleader while at camp because they have to demonstrate outstanding qualities in one of the categories of jumps, motions, tumbling, leadership or dance. These girls did a great job trying out for the All-American team. Also, while at camp the squad received the spirit stick, the SPOT award for safe stunting, and a bid to the National Cheerleaders Championship in Dallas, Texas in December.

I am proud of their accomplishments and I hope they keep improving throughout the Cubs football season this year.
Great Job Girls - Keri Guthery

Old Blair Building Collapses Tuesday Afternoon



The Blair Building above once held a general store to buy all type of goods in the early 40's and 50's. The Building was being used for mostly storage until the collapse. The front of the building left standing was finally pushed down later.

Free GHS Sports Physicals Planned July 28-29-30

Dr. Dan will be offering free Sports Physicals for the GHS Boys on July 28th, Girls on July 29th - and all others that can't make the first two days will be taking on July 30th. Make Plans to be there to get your physicals done.

Baseball and Softball All-District Honors for 2009

All District honors for the 2009 baseball and softball teams have been announced. The following athletes were named for the Gorman Panthers and Lady Panthers.



Audrey Johnston
District Co-Defensive Player of the Year



Brittany Henderson
First Team All District



Jaime Johnston
First Team All District



Kimi Seaton
Second Team All District



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Second Team All District



Abby Pacheco
Honorable Mention



Tyson Swanner
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-- GORMAN RAYS --

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Southern Charm To Be At Mangum Baptist Church

The award winning Southern Gospel group Southern Charm will be sharing their talent through their music and testimonies on Sunday, July 26th at 10:45 a.m. At Mangum Baptist Church, located at 902 CR 194 (between Eastland and Carbon).

Southern Charm consists of Kathy Fogarty, Karen Dominey and Diane Brown, and is from the Fort Worth area. The group has been singing together for 13 years with the goal of always being able to follow the Lord through the door He opens. Southern Charm has always felt a strong calling to minister to hurting people, Christians and non-Christians alike. Through powerful testimonies of God's love, grace and healing power, these three ladies allow God to minister to people's deepest needs and restore their joy.

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Obituaries

Bessie Rainey Shupp

Bessie Rainey Shupp, age 64 of De Leon passed away on Friday, July 17, 2009 at his residence. Services were held on Monday, July 20th at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with interment on Downing Cemetery. Bro. Denver Rainey officiated. She was born on October 29, 1944 in Gorman to Hubert and Sarah Ann Hughes Rainey. She married Roger Shupp on September 1, 1962 in De Leon.

She attended and graduated from Desdemona ISD, and then graduated from Ranger Jr. College, attaining her LVN. She lived in De Leon all of her adult life, and was a member of Northside Baptist Church in De Leon.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Shupp of De Leon; a son, Judson Shupp and wife, Bridget of Conway, Arkansas; a daughter, Kristi Williams and husband Bill of De Leon; sisters, Nelda Keith of Fort Worth, Freddie Sadberry of De Leon and Ann Hinkle of Whitney; grandchildren, Justin Cloud, Brice and Kayla Shupp, Michaela Burns, Cameron Shupp, Candice Shupp, Lyndi Shupp, Maci Williams, Megan Williams, Bailey Williams, Chloe Williams, Addison Williams; great grandchild Laykin Cloud.

She was preceded by her parents, Hubert and Sarah Ann Hughes Rainey; brothers, Kenneth Rainey and Jessie Tom Rainey; sister, Ruth Coutorie; brother-in-law, Murdell Shupp; sister-in-laws, Betty Richards and Juanda Bibby; nephew, Larry Keith; great-niece, Shenna Chupp.

Pallbearers were Tommy Hudson, Robert Hudson, Clayton Hudson, Mike Parker, Stephen Shoemaker, and Jeff Auvenshine. Honorary were: Alan Sadberry, Clay Scott, Mike Keith, Jim Rainey, Cody Rhodes, Burke Hudson, Jody Luttrell, Randy Bibby, Kolby Abbey and Joey Lindley.

Domingo Garcia

Domingo Garcia, age 79 of De Leon passed away Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Castleview Nursing Home in Stephenville. Services were held Friday, July 17th at 4 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Father Elias Robles officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

He was born on March 30, 1930 in Pawnee, Tx to Justo Garcia and Adela Sanchez Garcia. He married Maria Garcia on April 18, 1947 in Beaver, Texas.

He is retired employee of Birdsong Peanuts in Gorman, Tx and has resided in De Leon for 44 years. He was a Catholic. He is survived by his wife, Maria Garcia of De Leon; six sons, Joe Garcia of Stephenville, Hogan Garcia and Domingo Garcia, both of De Leon, Gilbert Garcia and Rickey Garcia, both of Tennessee and Johnny Garcia of De Leon; two daughters, Daisy Rangel of Virginia and Sylvia Alvarez of De Leon; a brother, Junior Garcia of Lubbock; three sisters, Janie Venegas of Lubbock, Eva Alerman of Tahoka and Elvin Pallia of Idalou; grandchildren, Elizabeth Garcia, Eric Garcia, Daniel Garcia, Monica and Michelle Alvarez, Nellie Villarreal, Isaac Garcia and 14 other grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, Justo and Alela Sanchez Garcia; a daughter, Adela Garcia; one brother, Fernando Garcia; and grandsons, Jordan C. Bob and Gilbert Jonathan Garcia.

Pallbearers were Eric Garcia, Richard Gonzales, Aaron Villarreal, Rudy Villarreal, Randy Wright and Ronald Bob.

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

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,200 Acre - Seller Financing

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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.

NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.

NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

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Smart Biscy, a Rising Star, Texas, Paint Horse, Wins APHA World Championship

FORT WORTH, Texas—Locally owned Paint Horse Smart Biscy, owned by Wood Ranch of Rising Star, Texas, captured a World Championship title recently at the 2009 Summer World Championship Paint Horse Show. The show, which was held in Fort Worth, Texas, June 24 through July 4, is one of the American Paint Horse Association's (APHA) premier events.

The 8-year-old gelding was shown to his Solid Paint-Bred Cutting Championship by Steven Pickett of Cross Plains, Texas. In the class, horses must calmly enter a herd of cattle, drive and separate a single cow then keep it from re-entering the herd. This is repeated until time runs out.

Open competitors may be youth, amateurs, or professional trainers, and they can compete on their own horses or those owned by another individual.

Happenings At FBC!!

Talent! The Bible says that a manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial (1 Cor.12:7). Be extremely cautious that you do not use the talent that God has given to you to benefit yourself, rather use the talent God has given to you to further God's work.

Mark your calendars:
July 27th thru July 30th - Boys & Girls Mission Camp.
 Please pray for our campers and our sponsors. If you would like to "send a kid to camp" please bring your donation to the Church Office. If God is calling you to be a sponsor call Veronica at the Church Office for details.

Children's Sermon: Liz asked Caitlyn to walk, walk like a penguin, and dribble a basketball in slow and fast motion. Watching Caitlyn do each of these activities demonstrated the difference between slow and fast. The Bible tells us in Psalms to be quick to obey the commands of Jesus. We often make excuses and take our time. Do not delay, make God happy and be fast to obey Jesus' commands.

Bro. Barry's message was "Joy Busters" - John 16:24 - One day we will each come face to face with Jesus. The difference between joy and happiness is that being happy is affected by things and joy is independent. The Bible tells us that if you ask in the name of Jesus then you shall receive, and your joy will be complete. There are benefits and privileges a Pastor receives such as being able to visit people in the Intensive Care Unit, praying at a ballgame, and baptizing people. Bro. Barry says he loves being downtown and hearing a child from across the street yell, "Hey Bro. Barry!" Although Bro. Barry loves to hear his name, the name above all names is the name of Jesus.

Joy Busters:
 1) Unsatisfied Expectation - Life doesn't turn out the way you want, and once you're satisfied you want more so you are led to deep disappointment.

2) Unresolved Conflict - Deal with it before your joy evaporates.
 3) Unconfessed SIN - God is your Heavenly Father and Jesus is your Savior. Jesus died in atonement for your sin, so confess your sin to Him and repent.

Joy Builders:
 * See God as Joyful - God does not strike you each time you do something wrong. Recognize all the things God has created to reveal the joy you can have in Him.

* Learn to Praise in Worship - Everything you have and everything you are is because of God. Make your public profession and give all Glory to God.

* Reaffirm your Commitment to be Good to Others - Doing something for someone else brings fullness in joy, as it is better to give than receive.

* Reignite the Spark and Passion for Living - You are responsible for you. Wake up and ask God to give you a new spark for life.

* Release your Problems to the Lord - Give it to God! Let Go and Let God!

* Stay Close to Jesus - Jesus died for you, and Jesus is the key to joy! Study His Word!

(Romans 14:17) Joy is not what you eat and drink for they are fading gratification; Joy is living with goodness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. A child of God is filled with the fullness of joy in the face of Jesus. God has never failed to provide what we need, and he will send rain in His time. Are you living with the Joy of the Lord?

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The Family of the late Earnest and Lela Daniels Holds Reunion

The Family of the late Earnest and Lela Daniels met July 11, 2009 for a Family Reunion at Proctor. There were 38 present, we enjoyed visiting and some of the adults and kids played in the pool.

Travis and Vicki Skaggs from St. Petersburg, Florida; Bill and Mary Ann Barrentine was the hostess and they did a good job. Those attending were Grady and Dorothy Daniels from Granbury, Mary Beth from Granbury, A. D. And Sonnie Daniels of De Leon, Melvin Daniels and Ray Daniels of Gorman, Linda, Brandon, Justin, Neva, Jarret, Terry, Zepher, Annett Reed from Proctor, Judy Painter of Zepher, Alvis, Bonnie Glenn and LaVeda Scitern of Gorman, Allen, Dena, and Reese Scitern of Cisco, Bryce Petree of Gorman, Jeremy, Jennifer, Kade and Kameron Sparger of Gorman, Brenda Tucker of Desdemona, Johnny and Ina Smith of Gorman, Willard and Laverne Hodge of Cisco, Joe and Ellen Thames of Cisco and Shirley Moran of Cisco.

AUTOMOTIVE

Plan Ahead for Safe Senior Driving

NewsUSA



Approaching the topic of safe driving with a senior can be delicate.

(NU) - No one wants to admit that aging affects their ability to drive safely. But experts agree that, although not all drivers are the same, driving ability generally begins to deteriorate around age 55.

Kathleen Marvaso, AAA's vice president of Public Affairs, said that as the population ages, senior-driver safety is becoming an increasingly relevant and challenging issue for many families. "Many adult children of senior drivers are looking for help navigating this new and sometimes challenging road," she said. "Our research shows that one of the biggest questions is how to begin the conversation."

AAA's senior safety and mobility Web site, offers the following advice:

- **Plan ahead.** It's never too early to begin the conversation. Planning ahead means you can discuss gradual adjustments that may be needed over time as a senior gets older. Sometimes, just a few simple adjustments, such as avoiding night or highway driving, can help prolong a senior's safe driving years.

- **Approach the conversation with safety as the main objective.** Because driving is such a big part of independence, AAA advises to be prepared to face some resistance from the senior driver. Having facts and concrete examples available will help; and a caring tone may make all the difference.

- **Talk about the issue during discussions about retirement.** Take the same careful approach to transportation that you would with finances and other retirement-related decisions.

Future transportation needs may affect other retirement decisions, such as selecting a retirement home. For example, convenience to public transportation or the availability of onsite transportation become important criteria.

"At AAA, we want to foster a society where older adults can remain confident and independent and live to their full potential," Marvaso said. "AAA's senior.com gives seniors and their families the tools necessary to create an action plan to help manage the inevitable consequences of aging, and to help seniors drive for as long as safely possible - and remain mobile thereafter."

In addition to information about how aging affects driving, and tips for talking to seniors about safe driving, AAA's senior.com also provides an expert advice section, driving skills assessment tools, tips for choosing a safer car, fact sheets, brochures, and referrals to driver-improvement courses and free community-based programs.

HEALTH

Safeguard Yourself Against Mosquitoes, West Nile Virus

NewsUSA



Protect your family from West Nile by avoiding the outdoors at dawn and dusk, and using a mosquito repellent that contains DEET.

(NU) - Although national consumer confidence has risen in recent months, the recession is still significantly affecting homeowners. While foreclosure figures underscore the current economic conditions, the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) reminds homeowners to remain vigilant of an ancillary issue stemming from continued increases in vacated homes - potential mosquito infestations, especially in or around foreclosed properties with clogged gutters and neglected pools.

Carried by mosquitoes, the West Nile Virus can cause deadly inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or inflammation of the membrane that surrounds the brain (meningitis) in humans. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. saw 1,358 cases of West Nile Virus in humans in 2008, resulting in 44 deaths.

Although no specific therapy or vaccine exist for the West Nile Virus, the NPMA recommends the following preventive measures:

- Avoid mosquito nesting and breeding sites. Try to eliminate standing water and other sources of moisture in or around the home in flowerpots, water dishes, bird-baths, swimming pool covers, barrels and other objects that can collect water.
- Keep windows and doors properly screened to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Be alert when outdoors during dawn, dusk and early evening

hours, when mosquito-biting activity can peak. Also, avoid areas near water where mosquitoes gather, especially during peak activity.

- Avoid wearing bright colors, open-toe shoes and sweet-smelling perfumes or colognes.
- Plan ahead for spending time outdoors. Wear mosquito repellent with DEET as well as appropriate apparel such as long pants and long-sleeve shirts.

To learn more about mosquito-control options or to find a pest-control professional in your area, visit www.pestworld.org.

REMINDER

TRASH PICK UP ON TUESDAY BEGINS AT 7:00

a.m. IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR TRASH TO BE

MISSED

YOU MUST HAVE IT OUT BY THE CURB.

Gorman A's Secure A Berth

At State Baseball Tourney

The Gorman A's placed second in the Texas Teenage Baseball District tournament held in Eastland last week, losing only to a strong Clyde team who won the tournament championship.

The second place finish secured a berth for Gorman in the State Tournament to be held in Brownwood beginning July 27.

The A's finished with an 11-1 record in regular season play. In the District Tournament, they defeated Miles 13-3, Stephenville in a come from behind victory 10-8, and Ballinger in their best defensive performance of the year 4-3 to advance to the championship game. They lost twice to Clyde in the double-elimination tournament 18-10 and 16-6.

The A's, playing in the age 15 and under division, will be vying with teams from Alto, Athens, Brownwood, Clyde, Colorado City, Ennis, Rusk, and Stamford for the state championship.

Congratulations to the A's for their fine representation of our community on the baseball diamond in 2009, and best wishes in the State Tournament.

Maxfield Elementary To Offer Four Year Old Pre-K Program

Maxfield Elementary would like to inform parents the Three Year Old Pre-K Program is being discontinued. The Four Year Old Pre-K Program will still be offered and will still be all day. Your child must be 4 years old before September 1st to enroll in this program. If you have not registered your child please call the Elementary Office at 254-734-2617 for information.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

What a wonderful time we had last Saturday at the ice cream social here at the DAC! Not only are the ladies of Desdemona great cooks but they sure can make great ice cream also! What yummy flavors! Thanks to all our wonderful ladies. Running right up there with the ice cream eating was the jam session that was on going through the evening. Thanks to our local folks, the folks from Gorman and from DeLeon for the great music!

Hope you all had as much fun as we did! We have a jam session here at the DAC every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00. Come on back and jam with us or just listen!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention a special treat that happened at the end of the ice cream social - a young man who is visiting from Wisconsin came in to enjoy some ice cream. After the musicians had played their last song, this young man sat down at the piano and played some Beethoven. That old piano thought it had died and gone to heaven! Thanks, Mike, for that treat! Enjoy your visit here!

Breakfast at the DAC will be August 1st and our regular dance will be August 14th. In between, on August 7th we will have the Desdemona Alumni/Community Fish Fry. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a good meal and great company. Visiting will start at 4:00 with a short program to follow. Then we will serve fish, chicken and all the goodies that go with it. There will be door prizes and musical entertainment. The cost of admission is by donation. Hope to see you here!

The annual Desdemona Homecoming dinner will be held at the Desdemona School House on Saturday, Aug. 8th. If you make Desdemona your destination that weekend, you can have 2 great meals!

We are so thankful for the rain we have received and could use a lot more! Please remember that the drought is not broken and things will dry out very quickly.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

HOME

Shake Up Your Space With Color, Indoors or Out

NewsUSA

(NU) - Economic news got you feeling the blues? A little jolt of color can take care of that. Budget-consciousness doesn't always mean having to abandon your dreams for a more colorful living space. Using a little creativity and materials such as spray paint, you can still enjoy a love affair with color, without a big commitment of time or money.

Do-it-yourselfers choose spray paint because it's fast and easy to apply and leaves a smooth finish with no brush marks. Krylon has introduced a unique 360-degree dial spray tip that makes it even faster and easier to spray in hard-to-reach places without runs or drips. By using spray paint for simple fix-ups, you can quickly and easily make a striking difference around the home and yard.

Brightening architectural details such as shutters, garden gates and light fixtures with a punch of color can increase a home's curb appeal. Indoors, strategic use of color can transform attic treasures and bargain finds ranging from tables and headboards to picture frames and wicker baskets into fresh accent pieces.

"The key color drivers this year are the economy, nature and fashion," says Donna Schroeder, who develops color palettes for the Krylon spray paint brand. "Neutral colors are always popular during economic downturns, but today's more educated consumer loves color and seeks shades that are enchanting and beautiful, honest and natural."

Color has been proven to affect mood. Magical colors infuse



A punch of color can add a whole new feeling to your home.

energy, counter despair and fulfill a genuine need for art, culture and beauty in life. Examples from Krylon's Indoor/Outdoor color palette include Rich Plum and Jade, Raspberry and Hyacinth - floral hues that impart a dreamlike aesthetic.

"At the same time, the green movement is in everyone's consciousness, so consumers are exploring natural, honest colors and textures," Schroeder says. She points to Pistachio and Pebble as colors that are ideal for refreshing and repurposing the home with soothing, nature-inspired tones.

Once you've introduced a color you love, Schroeder suggests building on it with flower arrangements, pillows, throws and other accessories. For inspiration and home-improvement hints, visit the Krylon Web site at www.krylon.com.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" will be held on Saturday night, July 25th at the Community Center (former School Building). Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. There will be Country and Western music with some Bluegrass and Gospel included. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Vonnice Guthery enjoyed a short visit with Woodie and Frances Powell last Sunday in De Leon. Woodie spent fourteen days in the Comanche Medical Center. Woodie attended school in Desdemona with his sisters, Vivian and Imogene (now deceased). Get Well wishes to Woodie from friends in Desdemona.

There is a lot of sickness in our Community at this time. Take time out from your busy schedule to remember these and other shut-ins with your cards and prayers. Just a note of "cheer" means so much to a shut-in.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Bessie (Rainey) Shupp, 64 of De Leon; survivors include her husband, Roger Shupp of De Leon; son, Jud Shupp; daughter, Kristi Shupp and their families; three sisters, Nelda Keith of Fort Worth; Freddie Sadberry of De Leon and Ann Hinkel of Whitney; several nephews, nieces and a host of friends. The Rainey family are former residents of Desdemona where all of their children attended school. Preceded in death by her parents, Hubert and Ann (Hughes) Rainey; two brothers, Kenneth Rainey and Tommy Rainey; one sister, Ruth Coutouri.



Increasing Ethanol Mandate Bad For Cattle Raisers

Fort Worth, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) opposing an increase of ethanol levels in gasoline from 10 percent to 15 percent.

"Corn ethanol production is important to cattle producers because it directly impacts the cost of feed," TSCRA President Dave Scott, a rancher from Richmond, Texas said. "Before any decisions are made, I hope the government will take a serious look at how this new mandate will affect every industry that depends on corn. Not doing so could severely damage the ability for hard-working ranchers to produce safe, healthy and affordable food."

"Over the past few years it has become very clear that putting our food and fuel in competition with one another isn't good for producers or consumers," he continued. "While cattle producers strongly support alternative and renewable energy options, we don't support government mandates that favor one industry over another."

TSCRA's comments were submitted in response to the Federal Register notice of April 21, 2009, Volume 74, Number 75 Pages 18228-18230 (Docket no. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0211).

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 132-year-old trade organization and is the largest livestock association in Texas. TSCRA has more than 15,000 members who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement services, livestock inspection, legislative and regulatory advocacy and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

Food Bank

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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

4-H - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I was saddened that we only had 23 on the 15th to celebrate our Birthdays for July. We will always do this on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. I'm sure people could let other things go for this one day a month. One Birthday lady Beth Shirley couldn't be her to a fall. She broke her nose and also had two black eyes. Poor dear soul, how it must hurt. So we missed Beth, but hopefully she will be back on the 22 so we can sing to her. Ailene Garrett and Jil Torres were with us for their Birthday. We enjoyed Dark Chocolate Cake, ice cream, the Birthday song and good fellowship.

Alan and Linda Gibbs came to visit and brought us some brisket, a good treat. We do enjoy visiting with them and hope they return more often. Alan was kind enough to give thanks for us all.

We missed Betty Regian being with us as she had her cataract surgery. She will not be here the 22nd either as she will have a checkup. So far she is doing well. She is a good helper in the kitchen and I miss her. Also her good rolls, none of the rest of us too good at that.

Our meal was very delicious and versatile. A real smorgsboard. We enjoyed brisket, roast with potatoes and carrots by Emma Jane Larch, meat loaf and chicken. Also mashed potatoes, crowder peas, green beans, green salad, macroni salad and beans. Our dessert besides Chocolate Birthday Cake was Red Velvet Cake cream cake pudding, cool whip and strawberries, a mix I made and good and easy. Also a fruit and cool whip dessert with marshmallows and our usual corn bread and french bread this week.

Anne Laminack, her sister Betty and I enjoyed the Great Santa Claus Bank Robbery in Cisco on the 18th. This is a true story that happened in 1927. It was preformed at the Hilton Hotel which he bought from Mabley. This was a dinner theater with a very good menu baked chicken, baked potato, vegetable medley and a different great salad. At the intermission we enjoyed our cheesecake dessert. This was one of the better plays I'd enjoyed at the Hilton.

On the 16th there were only 5 to play games. We played spinner until 3 went home. They were cold. The center is too cold in the evening. There should be a way to raise temp at night then cooler for those in daytime. Our library is done that way, I'd think they could do this at center also. It is all done automatically set. Daisy Slaton and I decided to stay and play two games of Skipbo. She beat me both games. We enjoyed.

This rain has been a True Blessing from God. Also these wonderful cooler temperatures. Looks like we will get more and surely needed. I was at the point I didn't think I could stand another 100 degree day.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol. P.S. - Getting More of you to attend our get togethers would be nice.

Notes From Dr. Dan

A mother walks into the bathroom where her 3 year old is sitting on the toilet. He is tapping himself on the top of the head with the palm of his right hand. The mother asks him what he is doing and he replies: "Well, I can't poop and this works with the ketchup bottle."

Constipation is a symptom of dehydration which is usually the result of drinking less water than your body uses. In these hot days we use much more water than we think. Every breath carries away moisture and sweat can evaporate faster than we notice it.

Other symptoms of dehydration are headache, irritability, back pain, faintness or light-headedness. I have seen all these in survival training when I was on active duty in the Air Force.

Dehydration can also contribute to heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke. Heat stroke is life threatening because the body stops sweating and if the body temperature gets too high brain damage may start to happen.

The treatment for heat stroke, as well as heat exhaustion and heat cramps is to cool down the body and hydrate with water or Gatorade or kool-aide or lemonade...but not beer please. Beer or any other alcoholic drink will make you more dehydrated and that is the reason for hangover symptoms. That's right. Hangovers are from dehydration.

Prevention is much more effective. Your body will tell you if you are adequately hydrated. Usually if you can pee clear urine 2 times in a short span of time, you are hydrated... unless you've been trying to hydrate with beer, which will always make you pee clear urine. Enjoy the summer but be safe.

Notes From Dr. Dan

Swarm isn't it? I could tell because a bee flew into my doorbell the other day. It was a hum dinger. I told it to beehive itself but it stung me anyway. That took guts...all of the bee's guts.

The bee's stinger with the venom sac are wrenched from the bee's body and after it stings you and it goes off to die with a big hole in its behind but the stinger in you.

Wasps on the other hand can sting multiple times because their stinger is the way that it hunts. Wasps can even poke you with their stinger but not inject any venom. You are too big for it to eat and it can save its venom for its prey.

With bees it is preferable to remove the stinger without pushing the rest of the venom from the venom sac into your skin. This can be done by SCRAPING the stinger off with a card or a knife NOT GRASPING the stinger apparatus itself with fingers or tweezers

The proteins in both wasp and bee stings are made of protein and can be "Denatured" or made safe by using vinegar or another MILDLY acid solution like DILUTED bleach [1 TO 5 SOLUTION]. It does not take much to make those proteins loose their sting and full strength bleach will hurt you more than help you.

If you develop itching, swelling, more pain, or especially shortness of breath, you may be allergic and need medical attention right away. If you turn out to be allergic to bee, wasp or ant stings, you should get an epipen which is a life saving medicine incase you get stung again. Your doctor should prescribe a quantity of 2 epipens and you need to keep them out of the heat and make sure they are not expired.

Allergies only happen after having been exposed previously. The very first time you are exposed to something you will not be allergic. You may have a reaction of another kind but allergy reactions only happen after the body has been exposed previous. Remember, beehive yourself.

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