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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.

EASTLAND COUNTY 2010 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE PROPOSED

JANUARY 1, 2010	FRIDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 18, 2010	MONDAY	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2010	MONDAY	PRESIDENT'S DAY
APRIL 2, 2010	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 31, 2010	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 5, 2010	MONDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2010	MONDAY	LABOR DAY
OCTOBER 11, 2010	MONDAY	COLUMBUS DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2010	THURSDAY	VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 25&26, 2010	THURSDAY&FRIDAY	THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 23&24, 2010	THURSDAY&FRIDAY	CHRISTMAS

Notes From Dr. Dan

And so the little boy said: "How is giving me a shot down there going to help my sore throat?" Well he was to the point at least.

Have you ever wondered how my acupuncture works? Those of you who have experienced it have noticed that I rarely start sticking needles in the part that actually hurts... and I have heard many of you say "So you're gonna make it hurt in my leg so I don't feel my back right?" Not really. God really did a good job putting us together. It's a shame we lost the instruction manual.

The answer to how acupuncture works is muscles and electricity. Anyone who has touched a hot wire fence can tell you that our muscles respond very well to electricity. Our muscles actually control almost all of our bodily functions. We know about our skeletal muscles that move our arms and legs etc. But our eyesight is controlled by the small muscles in our eyes, our hearing by the small muscles in our ear that hold the 3 ear bones together [It's strange to think of having bones in our ears isn't it?], our blood pressure is controlled by the muscles in our arteries, our glands secrete using muscles, our breathing is controlled by so many muscles it's hard to name all the things they do. Thinking may not be controlled by muscles directly, but anyone who has had a muscle tension headache will tell you that muscles certainly influence thinking, and thinking is all about moving electricity anyway.

The Chinese developed acupuncture over 3000 years ago. They did not know about bio-electricity so they called it Qi [pronounced like the first syllable of Chia plant or Cheetos, you know, chee]

When we are injured or even threatened to be injured, we flinch and get muscle spasms which were designed to prevent further injury. The same as when we hear a sudden loud noise, our shoulders come up. That particular reflex protects our neck from any sudden danger.

If this spasm doesn't go away, the body does not function normally and illness follows. The needle is designed to short circuit these spasms and allow the body to return to normal functioning. The acupuncture points are located where the Qi or bioelectricity tends to get backed up. That is why a treatment is more uncomfortable when you are more ill or injured. There is more electricity to unblock.

Acupuncture is as diverse as western medicine. I not only am I one of the first seventy doctors in the world to be board certified in Medical Acupuncture but I am trained in over 25 distinct types of acupuncture and still learning more so that I can better serve you. Be safe.

This article is not intended to be a substitute for medical care and consultation.

De Leon Study Club Plans Spaghetti Lunch

The De Leon Study Club is making plans for another delicious spaghetti lunch. It will be served on Saturday, August 8 from 11 a.m. Until 2:00 p.m. It will be at the Senior Citizens Center Dining room. This is where the Melon Patch Tour begins and ends.

The price is \$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children. The proceeds from this lunch will be used for many civic needed projects.

Make your plans now to attend and enjoy the meal, visit with old friends. Class Reunions are welcome!

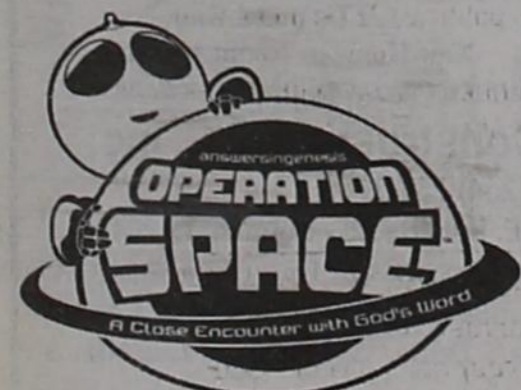
Do You Know Who Is Having A Birthday Party?

The Family of Aurther Dalton
Watson request your presence
to celebrate this wonderful
occasion, Saturday the 8th of
August, 2009 At the
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Gorman Booster Club Gearing Up For New Season

The Gorman Athletic Booster Club is gearing up for the new school season. All new Gorman Panther spirit shirts will be arriving soon, everyone will need one of these because they are a cool new design and are only \$10 each. Sizes will be youth extra small up to adult XXXL. Quantities are limited so get yours soon!!

Also the booster club has some Gorman Panther window clings that will sell for only \$2, these are great because they do not "stick" to your window, they are a cling that can easily be removed. And last, but not least don't forget the great new decorative tiles and dog tags that can be ordered with personal names and numbers on them, or you can just get Gorman Panthers on them. They are completely made for personalization, you can order mom or dad dog tags, or maybe for a group you are with like the band!!

The possibilities are endless, call Becky at 734-2480 for more information. And watch for us at the football and volleyball games!!

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 you child please call the Elementary Office at 254-734-2617 for information.

GORMAN PANTHER FLIP FLOPS ARE HERE

The Gorman Panther flip flops have arrived!! If you ordered a pair of these shoes then please expect to see the cheerleader you ordered from soon.

If you are not contacted, then please call Becky at 734-2480. Any persons who want a pair of the flip flops, but did not order can still get them while sizes last.

Please call any cheerleader or Becky Swanner at the above number. Don't be left out, get your Panther fan flips now!!!

Looking For Carbon High School Yearbooks

The data input into the Carbon School website is going well. The School's yearbooks are being used as a resource for senior photos and class rosters. I have been successful in locating some of the books; however, I am still missing several editions. If you have copies of any of the ones listed below I would appreciate it if you could loan them to me for a short period of time -- Just long enough to copy and scan.

Email or call me if you have any of these editions, and we can make arrangements for me to pick up when I am in Carbon. I am there every month. Please do not mail. It would be a tragedy if one were lost.

My thanks to the officers and directions of the Carbon Community Center for allowing me to borrow yearbooks from its library.

Editions needed: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, and 1983.

Linda (Jackson) Neeley
Phone 830-598-5613
email: lneeley47@yahoo.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY OF GORMAN WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 6, 2009 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GORMAN CITY COMMISSION. THE GORMAN CITY COMMISSION WILL MEET BEGINNING @ 5:30 P.M. @ 116 S. KENT ST.

THE GORMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. IS SEEKING LOAN / GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE TO ASSIST IN THE BUILDING COSTS OF A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE US DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE WILL FINANCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEREFORE FINANCE THE COST OF THE PROJECT.

THIS NOTICE POSTED ON JULY 28, 2009 AT GORMAN CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 116 S. KENT ST GORMAN, TX 76454.

The Gorman City Commission Minutes of the July 23, 2009 will be ran in the next week edition of the Gorman Progress. Sorry for the inconvenience.

City Office

Desdemona Alumni/
Community Fish Fry
Friday, August 7th --
Visiting begins at 4:00

Newborn Enrollment Ends Friday for Texas Tuition Promise Fund

(AUSTIN) — Parents who want to get an early start on college savings for their newborns (children under the age of one year) have until Friday to enroll in the state's prepaid college tuition program and avoid higher costs in September, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today.

"The first enrollment period for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund ended Feb. 28, but enrollment for newborns is open until July 31," Combs said. "Instead of waiting until the next enrollment period opens in September, parents can enroll their newborn immediately, at 2008-09 contract prices."

New sale prices based on 2009-10 academic year costs for Texas public colleges and universities will be in effect when the next enrollment period begins Sept. 1.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows families to purchase tuition "units," with three levels of pricing to prepay undergraduate resident tuition and required fees at schools ranging from public community colleges to four-year state universities. Full details are available at www.Texas-TuitionPromiseFund.com.

Due to contract agreements, Allied Waste will no longer be conducting the quarterly curbside large item pick up. However, Allied will furnish a roll off container for city residents to use. If you have large items for the disposal please call the City Office at 734-2317. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.

Classifieds

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Big Country Immunization Coalition FREE Back to School Immunizations

Mall of Abilene
Monday, August 3, 2009,
4PM to 7PM
The state revised the immunization
requirements in March 2009 to more closely
match recommendations by the U.S. Center
for Disease Control and Prevention and the
Advisory Committee on Immunization Prac-
tices.



These changes go into effect August 1, 2009. "Vaccination requirements are reviewed about every four years because there are always new vaccines coming online," said Emily Palmer, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services. Requirements for students entering kindergarten, seventh grade and in high school will affect hepatitis A; measles, mumps, rubella (MMR); varicella (chicken pox); tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis; and meningococcal vaccines. Abilene Independent School District will not allow new students to enroll with missing shots nor will returning students be allowed to start school with missing shots, according to the AISD web site.

Parents of school age children are encouraged to check with their physi-
cians to ensure their children are up to date. Parents can also take their children to
the Abilene Taylor County Health Department or visit the Mall of Abilene, August
3, 2009. The Big Country Immunization Coalition will be at the mall from 4PM -
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SOLD 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shop, barn [DB01] \$450,000
21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Costal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500
REDUCED 20 A, home site, rural water avail, possible owner finance [WM01] \$75,000 \$60,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
SOLD 15.7 A, Hwy-16 frontage, costal, water well [JS02] \$40,820
7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [JN02] \$220,000
4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage, + 76' x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
4-A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
REDUCED 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
3-2 Frame Home, remodeled, new floor covering, carport, shaded lot [JF01] \$30,000
2-2 Brick Home, 2car attach garage, new flooring, large lot, fenced yard [MG02] \$75,000
2-2 18' x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000
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large trees. \$59,900.
NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reser-
voir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
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 loca-
tion for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,200 Acre - Seller Financing
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered
upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, car-
peted, 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
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Sewing Camp

Looking for something fun and creative for your youngsters to do this Summer? Sign them up for Sewing Camp!!!.....August 14th and 15th at the Hillside Village Community Center. Not only will they have a great time, but they will learn a lifelong skill. At the Sewing Camp they will make projects that will help them build the fundamental skills necessary for sewing. Sewing Camp offers them a fun and safe environment, where they can learn and be creative during those hot summer days. Several projects will be sewn during the day.

Please register for Sewing Camp by Friday, August 7th by calling the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222. Supplies will be purchased for those calling in by the registration date. Those not registering ahead of time may not have supplies to make all the crafts. Cost for the Sewing Camp is \$10.00. General supplies to bring to workshop every day:

- Scissors, pins and pin cushion, thread
- Sewing machine with extra needles - - be sure you know how to thread your own machine. If you do not have a machine, call the Extension Office at 254/629-2222.
- Sack lunch and extra drinks/snacks if you wish
- Plus additional supplies requested above for the day/days you plan on attending.

Commercial Heifer Show at County Show

Attention Eastland County 4-Her's.....I would like to announce the addition of a Commercial Heifer Show at the Eastland County Livestock Show. The new show will follow the breeding show rules which allow ages 5-18 to show. This show will be unique in comparison to the other shows, because we do not require the exhibitor to handle the animal (No Halter). The heifers will be shown in a pen. This show is set up for exhibitors to gain knowledge of the commercial cow system. We do not require the animal to be purchased like a show heifer, if your grandpa has a heifer and will let you show it, fine. However, all the commercial heifers will be sold through the Texas Cattle Exchange the following Tuesday of the County Show. The heifers will be marketed as either bred or open replacement heifers. We want to help promote the quality of commercial operations in the county. If you are interested, call or come by the Texas AgriLife Extension Office for a complete set of rules. I feel this could be one of the best projects for kids of all ages.

Cooking Classes for Diabetics

Texas AgriLife Extension Service is planning a four-part series of cooking classes called "Cooking Well with Diabetes". The classes will be held at 5:30 p.m., August 4th, 11th, 25th and September 1st at the Eastland County Courthouse Conference Room.

The series will include cooking demonstrations as well as discussions of research findings on diabetes. For instance, recent research has shown that people with diabetes can enjoy a wide range of foods - - including sugars - - in moderation. Years ago, the term "sugar diabetes" was in common usage because it was thought that eating too much sugar caused diabetes. In those days, people with diabetes were advised to avoid sugar all together. Those days are gone, said Mary K. Bielamowicz, an Extension Nutrition Specialist. Research has shown that moderate consumption of sugars and fats can still be part of a healthful diet for people with diabetes, as long as they keep their blood glucose at healthy levels.

For more information on cooking with diabetes or on the "Cooking Well with Diabetes" series, contact Halee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent at 254/629-2222.

4-H NEWS

Eastland County 4-H Banquet

The Eastland County 4-H Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, August 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Center in Cisco. Red Gap 4-H Club is the host for the banquet this year. Each 4-H family is asked to bring a dessert. Each 4-H club is to donate 5 items for the Silent Auction.

Please call the Extension Office at 629-2222 or 629-1093 and make reservations to attend the Banquet. Let's show support to these 4-Hers for their accomplishments during this past year. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office.

Eastland County 4-H Rally Day

The Eastland County 4-H Rally Day will be held on Friday, August 7th from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Eastland City Park Pool. Rally Day will feature a pool party, food and various project booths from animals to photography and a lot in between. It is a perfect time to check out the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. County Agents will be on hand to answer all your questions. Mark your calendar and plan on attending 4-H Rally Day.

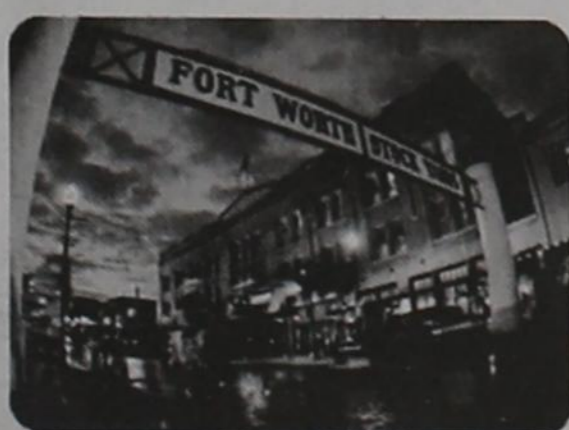
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AG VIEW POINT By: Heath Begeman

EFFECT OF CALF WEANING AGE ON COW PERFORMANCE

In a study conducted at West Virginia University a herd of 408 cows (about 2/3 straight Angus and 1/3 Hereford-Charolais cross) were evaluated over three years. Calves were weaned from half of the cows at about 180 days of age (EW) and the other half at about 225 days (NW). There was little difference in body weight of cows at any point, except that EW cows were significantly heavier at normal weaning time. Also, body condition score (BCS) of EW and of older cows was significantly higher both pre-calving and post-calving. Calving interval of EW and NW did not differ significantly; interval was significantly longer in two-year-olds than threes. Age of cow at the beginning of the study significantly affected reproductive performance. Over 40% of two-year-olds failed to wean a calf in both of the succeeding years of the study, compared to only 15% of cows six years old and older. Cows were culled for:

- failure to conceive
- not calving within the designated calving season
- not rearing a calf to weaning
- producing a still-born calf
- low calf weaning weight
- poor BCS at weaning

About one-third more NW cows (45%) were culled than EW cows (34%). Cows whose calves were weaned early produced calves significantly heavier (19 lb.) At weaning the next year. The authors concluded that "early weaning improved energy status and production efficiency." (West Virginia University; J. Animal Science 87:2428)



40 Years After Moonwalk, We Must Continue to Reach for the Stars "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

On July 20, Texans, Americans, and the world at large celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first manned spaceflight to touch down on the Moon. When astronaut Neil Armstrong spoke those iconic words, he stunned rapt television viewers across our globe while also underscoring that Americans - and Texans in particular - are proud that NASA calls Houston home.

The Apollo Program brought us the first photographs of a distant Earth seen from a new perspective, as well as formidable advancements in technology and medicine.

The Apollo anniversary is a reminder that we can overcome challenges and achieve great things. The Senate recently confirmed former astronaut Charles Bolden, Jr., as NASA Administrator. He has a daunting task ahead of him, as we all await the outcome of the White House-ordered review of the nation's human spaceflight programs, to help us determine the best path forward, and to ensure we have the resources to support long term goals.

Our nation faces a possible five-year gap in the ability to put humans in space. This would occur between the planned retirement of the space shuttle program next year and the earliest possible inauguration of the new Ares rocket and Orion crew capsule in 2015. Such a gap would greatly hinder American scientific research on the International Space Station because it would limit access; to reach the ISS, American astronauts would need to travel on foreign spacecraft, including those from Russia and possibly even China.

I am deeply concerned by our dependence on foreign spacecraft, but even more so by the impact that a five-year gap would have on the creative scientists and engineers who support our manned space programs. The potential loss of their skills during the transition has long-term implications for our state and our nation.

NASA partners with 63 universities and educational centers in Texas to provide new opportunities for medical research and technology. NASA's 50-year tradition of scientific innovation makes it essential to our national defense. Space-based technology plays a preeminent role in modern warfare and intelligence gathering, for example.

NASA's contributions affect ordinary Americans in our day-to-day lives. They include polymer fabrics that protect firefighters and members of the military from extreme temperatures; breakthrough medical technologies such as CAT scans and MRI machines; GPS technology; the satellite telecommunications network; memory foam; space blankets; shock-absorbing padding in football helmets; and advances in weather forecasting, robotics, electronics, and search-and-rescue technology.

President John F. Kennedy, whose vision spurred the Apollo missions, once spoke at Rice University and asked, "Why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? Why does Rice play Texas? We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills." In the same spirit, I believe now is the time for America to renew its commitment to the scientific research embodied by NASA, the International Space Station, and a mission to Mars. Exploration, innovation, and discovery are part of the very fiber of our American identity.

The prowess, imagination, and courage embodied by America's aviation community have inspired the world for over a century. In only seventy years between 1899 and 1969, American ingenuity propelled us from the early exuberance over the Wright brothers' biplane gliders, to the wonder of Charles Lindbergh's first solo transatlantic flight, and to the astonishment of an American flag on the Moon. As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 spaceflight, let us thank NASA for its extraordinary contributions to our state and our country, and let us strengthen it as it continues to reach for the stars.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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- b. paid for with pennies
- c. saving memories
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" was held last Saturday night at the Community Center (former school Building). A large group of musicians and singers attended. There was good music from each group. Thanks to everyone that attends each month. Thanks to the ladies that donated food each month to our concession stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

Hallie Million of De Leon spent the past weekend with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended Church on Sunday at First Baptist.

Elise Duke of Stephenville and Katie Duke of Early spent a week with their grandparents, Humpy and Betty Duke.

Larry and Guy Moore enjoyed a short vacation with their grandchildren, Cory White of Stephenville; Hagen and Scarlet Moore of Lingleville. They visited Palo Duro Canyon to enjoy the play "Texas". They toured parts of Oklahoma on their way home.

Donal and Kandice Cogburn hosted birthday party last Saturday afternoon for their daughter, Taiah. Several family members attended to help Taiah celebrate her 2nd birthday.

Desdemona High School Class of 1949 will celebrate their 60th Class Reunion on Friday afternoon, August 7th at the First Baptist Annex in Desdemona.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 8th at the "Ole" School Gym. Program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon meal will be catered. Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends are invited to attend to enjoy the day visiting with former Classmates and friends.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.
Have a great day, Coon.

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EASTLAND COUNTY LIST OF POLLING PLACES EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 2009

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had a very low turn out of seventeen people on the 22nd of July. So many have been on vacation, Dr. Appointment and having surgeries. Also they just don't want to cook or get out in the heat. I know neither do I. Bro. Frank Shirley and his grandson Trenton were here to fellowship with us. Good to see them. Beth Shirley still not feeling up to par. So have missed visiting with her. Bro Frank gave the blessing of our meal.

Daisy Slaton and Betty Regian are doing good after their cataract surgeries. We have missed Betty's good rolls and talking with both ladies.

Our meal was also small due to so few people. I believe we had more payers than food that was brought. We enjoyed baked chicken, beans, green beans, corn, pea salad, and green salad. Only had 1 cake, brownies and some cookies. Also cornbread and french bread. We are having sandwiches, chips and desserts on the 29th.

We all signed a card for Estelle Lindley. She suffered a bad fall, but I believe she is alright, just bruised. I sent a card to Icy Munn and Beth Shirley to help lift their spirits. Icy has been having many problems.

I do hope our attendance will improve as the weather cools. We really have been lucky for July with all the rain and cooler than usual temperatures.

Hope everyone is feeling better and all is well, Carol.

P.S. - Getting More of you to attend our get-togethers would be nice.

Texas Anglers Strike Back at Invasive Aquatics

ATHENS, Texas— Texas anglers and boaters get it: Invasive aquatic species are a real and growing threat to their ability to do what they love to do—but they don't have to stand by and watch it happen.

They can fight back, and that was the purpose of two separate events on July 18. Working with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), volunteers from the American Anglers Club from Temple and Killeen, the Grand Saline Bass Club and the Lindale Bass Club removed seven dump truck loads of water hyacinth from Lake Quitman.



That same day a number of interested citizens and members of the Beaumont Bass Club, the Houston Bass Bandits and the Magnolia-Tomball Bass Club scoured the area around boat ramps on Sam Rayburn Reservoir looking for giant salvinia. "No giant salvinia was found, although some volunteers did bring in common salvinia," said Howard Elder, aquatic vegetation biologist for TPWD. "It's possible the plant is there hiding under buttonbush and along the banks where bass boats couldn't get to it."

Members of local Boy Scout troops joined in the effort at Sam Rayburn, passing out information and collecting litter from around the Jackson Hill Park Marina boat ramp as part of a Keep Texas Beautiful project.

The fight against invasive aquatics like giant salvinia is important to everyone, not just boaters and anglers, said Terry Sympson, who manages the Jackson Hill Park and Marina on Sam Rayburn. "A recent study showed the annual economic impact of recreational activities on Sam Rayburn is more than \$41 million," he said.

"When you think about that amount of recreation, that amount of money involved in the things that we love to do, the impact of giant salvinia can be just absolutely devastating," Sympson continued. "It's really important that everyone—the public, everyone who enjoys being out on the lake—understand what giant salvinia is, what it does, and helps keep us abreast of when they find it so we can do the best we can to keep it out of here."

"We had three goals going into the project," said Leslie McGaha, co-director for conservation for the Southeast Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation and coordinator of the Sam Rayburn event. "First was to remove any giant salvinia we found. Second was to increase public awareness, and third was to map locations of any giant salvinia found. In an odd twist, we actually found no giant salvinia—but that's a good thing."

"TPWD biologists and game wardens can't be everywhere at all times, so we depend on anglers and boaters to report infestations of giant salvinia," said Elder. "Once we know where it is, we can go in and remove or treat it. We request that anyone finding suspected giant salvinia write down the GPS coordinates and call me at (409) 384-9965. There is a fine of \$500 per plant for transporting giant salvinia, but we are more interested in prevention than in enforcement."

McGaha agrees that lake users need to step up and become the first line of defense against the plants that threaten their activities. "Bill Watts of the Beaumont Bass Club had an excellent idea that the Southeast Texas B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will expand on: Increasing awareness at every ramp we use during our regional tournaments. That will be a major focus during the 2010 tournament season," she said. "We really feel that although we can be part of the problem, we can be 100 percent of the solution."

Sponsors of the Sam Rayburn Reservoir round-up included Jackson Hill Park and Marina, Sealy Outdoors, Pineywoods Sanitation, Boatlanes, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Keep Texas Beautiful, BASS ACT (BASS Angler Conservation Team) and Southeast Texas BASS Federation Nation.

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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
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Second Thursday

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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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