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## Snider and Underwood Elected To School Board

In the Gorman Independent School Board of Trustees Election on Saturday, May 12th, two new members were elected to the Gorman ISD Board.

Results showed the voters elected Justin Underwood with 109 votes and Mike Snider with 106 votes. The other candidate was Daryl Hirst, who received 35 votes.

## Cogburn and Ervin Win Gorman City Election

In The City of Gorman Election held on Saturday, May 12th Dylan Cogburn was elected to Place Two with a total of 63 votes over Carlos Herrera who received 24 votes.

Mayor Robert Ervin was unopposed for the Mayor's position. Also unopposed in the election was Joey Casey in Place One.

## GORMAN LIBRARY OFFERS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

GET READY! DON'T MISS OUT!!!

All age groups can participate in the General Summer Reading Program being offered at the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library starting June 1 and ending August 1. The theme this year is "Get a Clue at the Library."

There will also be a Summer Reading Club available to grades 1-6 starting June 15. This part of the program is being sponsored by Cisco College Maner Memorial Library. A Friday afternoon session including story time and a craft will be held at the Gorman community center and will require parent's participation.

For more information on this great summer program please call the library at 734.3301 Monday thru Friday between 3-5.

WHERE WILL READING TAKE YOU THIS SUMMER?

## PUBLIC NOTICE:

The County Clerk's Office will be closed on Tuesday May 29, 2012 for the Primary Election and will re-open on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Thank you,  
Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

## PRIVATE NONPROFIT SCHOOL NOTIFICATION

Gorman ISD will be providing information to private nonprofit schools within Gorman District's boundaries that would like to learn about participating in Title I, Part A services. Title I, Part A is a federal program intended to assist schools in meeting the academic needs of struggling students.

The meeting will be held at 1:00 in the Gorman ISD's Library on Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00. Please contact Mary Reeves at 254 734-3171 ext 212 for additional information.

## BASEBALL PLAYOFF SHIRTS

Were you at the baseball game without a Panther baseball shirt?? Or, are you planning to go to Mineral Wells this Friday to see the Panthers in action again and need a shirt? Well, there are a few baseball playoff shirts still available. The Panthers will be playing Friday, May 18, in Mineral Wells, at 5:00 p.m. taking on Windthorst, and if you need a shirt call the high school at 734-3171 or Becky Swanner at 734-5176. Sizes available are medium, large or X-large, and quantities are very limited.

COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT THE PANTHERS AND SHOW YOUR SPIRIT WITH A PANTHER SHIRT!!

## GORMAN ATHLETIC BANQUET

The Gorman Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gorman High School Gymnasium. The Banquet will be catered by Cook's Fish Barn, and the meal will consist of fried catfish and chicken strips with all the trimmings. The price of the meal will be \$12.00. Advance tickets for the meal may be purchased at the high school, contact Becky Swanner or Pam Childers.

## Time for a new Gorman Cookbook.

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

You can email your recipes to:  
Terry Treadway - terry@cctc.net  
Jill Rainey - katiethan@yahoo.com  
Cliffa Vaughn - vaughn.cliffa53@gmail.com

## Gorman Panthers To Play Windthorst On Friday May 18th



5-11-12

The Gorman Panthers defeated the Petrolia Pirates in a one game winner take all Area round Play-Off Game Friday night. The Final score was 10-2, The Panthers out hit the Pirates 10-2 as well. The Pirates got on the board 1st in the 1st inning with an unearned run. The Panthers scored 4 runs in the 3rd inning on 4 hits, Zach Carlton and Dakota Pacheco each had a double and Big Jon Fenley and Sergio Hipolito each had a single. In the 4th inning the BJ Ramirez stuck out but reached 1st safely on a passed ball. He stole 2nd and 3rd base and then scored on a wild pitch. The Pirates answered with a run in the bottom of the 4th to make it 5-2 Panthers. Ramirez was hit by a pitch in the 6th inning, stole 2nd base and Carlton drove him in on a single. In the top of the 7th inning the Panthers erased any doubt to the outcome of the game with 4 runs. Hipolito got things going with a base on balls, followed by a Sheldon Fenley single, and then another single by Daniel Herrera on a sac bunt attempt to load the bases, Ramirez picked up an RBI when he was hit by a pitch, Matt Fox then singled on a suicide squeeze and beat the throw by the pitcher to 1st base. Herrera scored on a sacrifice fly from Pacheco. Ramirez scored on a double steal with Fox moving to 2nd base. Zach Carlton picks up his 5th win of the year going 4 innings, striking out 2 and allowing only 2 hits. Pacheco threw 31 pitches in 3 innings of relief, 25 for strikes. Pacheco did not allow a hit and struck out 5, including each of Petrolia's last 4 hitters of the game.

The Panthers will play the Windthorst Trojans in the Area Quarterfinals. They will play Friday May 18th at 5:00 p.m. in Mineral Wells.

In area news the Goldthwaite Eagles took game one from Santo on Friday night but were swept on Saturday. Santo will advance to play Archer City. The Panthers are the lone representative from district 11 still playing.

## GHS Baccalaureate Slated For Sunday, May 20

Sunday, May 20, 2012

7:30 P.M.

Senior Class of 2012

Processional  
Senior Class

Invocation  
James Hunter, Minister  
Kokomo Baptist Church

Memories  
Senior Class

Baccalaureate Sermon  
Barry Schahn, Minister  
First Baptist Church

Benediction  
Jason Wilder, Minister  
Church of Christ

Recessional  
Senior Class

Closing  
Nick Heupel, Principal

Candice Alisa Ervin  
Jonathan Lamar Fenley  
Kaye Ann Fischer  
Matthew Kyle Fox  
Maria Delores Garcia  
Chelsea Dawn Griffin  
Sergio Hipolito  
Carlie Rae Jackson  
Raven Cheyenne Kehl  
Karla Ivett Lara  
Charley Allyssa Little  
Erica Ortiz Madera  
Mallory Denise May  
McKenzie Kay Osborne  
Rebekah Lauren Powell  
Alice Patricia Rose Reneau  
Cortney DeAnn Shirley  
Katey Marie Thackerson  
James Michael Thomas  
Stetson McCrae Thompson

Ushers  
Stephanie Grissom  
Margarita Oronia  
Skyler Henderson  
Luis Limon

## Scholarship Fund Started In Memory of Sandra

A Scholarship in Memory of Sandra Snider has been established. Donations to this scholarship in memory of Sandra can be given to Jeff Byrd.

This scholarship will be administered through the Gorman ISD Scholarship fund.

## Items of interest

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

**Food Bank**  
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. - Second Thursday  
Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.  
Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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 WEDNESDAY - Chefs Choice.  
 THURSDAY - Chefs Choice.  
 FRIDAY -

**LUNCH**

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30A: CR 389, small barn, water well, steel roping arena, electricity, fenced, has a few trees. \$3,100 acre.

43A: Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced. Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre.

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

77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.

158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/C, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good for cropland, water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.

179 A: south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.

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**Obituaries**

**Billy Earl Simpson**

Billy Earl Simpson "B.E., Bill, Skeeter" passed away at his home on Monday, May 14, 2012.  
 Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday, May 18, 2012 at the Gorman Church of Christ with John Payne and Jason Wilder officiating. Burial will be in the Simpson Family Cemetery. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Billy Earl was born February 4, 1937 in Gorman, Texas to William Thomas Simpson and Zena Ethel Brightwell Simpson. He graduated from Gorman High School and attended Ranger Junior College. He married Francis Ann Kellogg on June 22, 1956 in Gorman. He was a farmer-rancher and did custom harvesting for many years. Billy Earl served on the Gorman School Board and served as director for Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Gorman Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Francis Simpson of the home; one son, Billy Don Simpson of Gorman; two daughters, Tami Underwood and Tacy Warren both of Gorman; brother, Jack Simpson and wife, Lesa of Gorman; mother-in-law, Sunny Kellogg of Gorman; aunt, Johnnie Hoover of Abilene; five grandchildren, Chasta Carlton and husband, Kris of Gorman, Brian Simpson of Granbury, Mandy Justice and husband, Justin of Olden, Jonathan Williams and wife Cassie of Big Spring and Madison Warren of Gorman; six great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P. M. on Thursday evening at the funeral home.  
 Memorials may be made to the Foster Children's Home in Stephenville.

**Pig Tales From Hogtown**

The DAC was jammin' last Tuesday evening! We had eleven musicians playing and lots of toe-tappers. It was great fun! Hope you will mark your calendars for the second Tuesday in June to come and join us at the jam. We start playing at about 6:30.

Thanks to all who came to the dance last Saturday night!

The ladies of Desdemona are working very hard to get the garage sale organized. If you have any items that you would like to donate for our sale, please call me at 254-758-2420 or Marie Patty at 254-758-2548 to arrange for pick up. If you can deliver, the DAC is open from 3:00 until 5:00 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The sale will be held May 24, 25 and 26. Don't miss it!

Hasn't the weather been beautiful the last week or so? Hope we continue to get rain sporadically. That will sure help the pastures and gardens.  
 See you in Desdemona!  
 Carol Pell

**Foreign Persons Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings**

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Any foreign person who acquires, transfers, or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States, is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact John Bird of the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 extension 102 or visit the USDA Web site at http://www.usda.gov.

**POLITICAL CALENDAR**

**PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:**  
 U. S. Offices - - - - \$75.00 District Offices - - - - \$75.00  
 Eastland County Offices - - - - \$50.00  
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 The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the General Election, May 29.

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**Sandra Denise Snider**

Sandra Snider, 27, was greeted in heaven by her heavenly Father, on Sunday, May 13, 2012.



Services will be 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Clay Wheat and Clarence Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Gorman Cemetery.

Sandra was born on April 17, 1985 in Stephenville, Texas to Danny and Dianne Snider. Sandra was a courageous, strong and vivacious soul who left her imprint on this world and all the people she met. Her spunky sense of humor, and bright smile could light up any room. Sandra was planted on earth to bloom in heaven.

Sandra is survived by her loving parents, Danny and Dianne Snider of Gorman; favorite brother Justin Snider and wife, Manisha Viridi Snider of Bettendorf, Iowa; and her adoring sister, Belinda Segura of Grapeland. Sandra is also survived by her nieces and nephews who could bring a smile to her face when no one else could; Audri Segura, Isaac Segura, Ella Segura, Belle Segura, Nico Snider and Zahra Snider. Sandra is also survived by her "Granny" Clif-fa Vaughn of Gorman and her aunt LaVon Snider of Gorman and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. She is also survived by her loving and devoted caregivers Amalia Madera, Brenda Olivares, Gloria Garcia and Debbie Burleson all of Gorman. She was preceded in death by grandparents, C.L. "Pete" and "MaMa" Hazel Snider, Bill Vaughn and "Grandma" Mildred Hoot and "Papa" Cliff Good.

**Evelyn Earline (Overstreet) Fortenberry**

Eastland - Evelyn Earline (Overstreet) Fortenberry of Olden, Texas went to be with Jesus on May 8, 2012. She lived in Eastland County for the past 40 years and was an active member of the River of Life Church. She was born in West Texas in 1920 to Oscar and Emma Overstreet. She was the mother of seven children and joins two of her children already waiting for her in heaven, her daughter Sharon Lee, and son Garland Wayne. She is also reunited with her loving husband of 54 years, Robert Fortenberry, who preceded her in death. She leaves behind her two sisters, Idell Clifton and Janette Stallings. She also leaves behind a loving daughter and son in law, and several devoted sons and daughter in laws; Judie Fortenberry, Randall Fortenberry, Steve and Patty Fortenberry, Roland and Karen Fortenberry, Gary and Lynn Fortenberry, and Marty and Cindy Daniels of Olden, Texas. She is also survived by 19 grand-children, 31 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces, nephews, and a myriad of loving friends. She leaves behind a wonderful Christian legacy of kindness, faithfulness, and forgiveness. While her family will miss her terribly, they continue to repeat her favorite saying, "I will see you here, there, or in the air."



Evelyn devoted her life to following Jesus Christ and his teachings. She was always there with encouraging words, tears and prayers for anyone in need. Although she was no stranger to heartache she remained faithful to the end and is now rewarded with words she longed to hear from her saviour... "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

The celebration of her life was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at River of Life Church in Eastland, Texas. Graveside service followed the celebration at Simpson Cemetery, in Kokomo, TX under the direction of the Bakker Funeral Home.

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**Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times**  
 Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00  
 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45  
 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00  
 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

**A Letter To The Editor -**  
 About Same Sex Marriage By Henry A. Buchanan

President Obama has done the right thing and by doing it jeopardized his re-election. It's all about marriage which is a matter a President should not have to deal with - except his own.

But same sex marriage has become an issue and the president has come down on the side of the freedom of men and women to choose their own life mates.

The fact of the matter is that some men are not fit for living with women, and some women are not fit for living with men.

Being male or female is not a simple matter of genitalia. It is the more complicated matter of the mind, the emotions, even the needs of the body. A person may be physically male but thinks like a woman, feels like a woman, acts like a woman and has the desires of a woman, therefore does not make a good husband to a woman because he is too much like her. A person may have female genitalia but thinks and feels and acts like a man, therefore does not make a fitting a mate for a man.

So now we have same sex marriage, but that's a misnomer. In a lesbian marriage one of them is more masculine than feminine. In a gay marriage one of them is more feminine than masculine.

This is because human beings are very complicated creatures and they don't always fit together the way we want them to fit together. And the hard luck part of it is that President Obama probably won't be re-elected because he has said he approves of same sex marriage, and the real issue facing the country is the war and its effect on the economy. The Vice President has dragged a red herring across the President's path. The President allowed this distraction to take his eyes off the real issue and it can cost him the re-election.

The President did the right thing about same sex marriage but no good deed will go unpunished in the world of politics.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 5/12/2012

# Happenings At FBC!!

Radiant! A mother that has her child in Church with her is radiant! The Church is filled with beautiful smiles of mothers that are honored by their children. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:  
 May 16th - 6:30pm - RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends Recognition Program.  
 May 20th - 7:30pm - Baccalaureate at GHS Auditorium.  
 Wednesdays - Youth at 6:30pm

Special Music: Sammie Mauney gave an extraordinary tribute, "Thank You for Giving to the Lord", to Sunday School Teachers, Children Program Workers, VBS Workers, Moms, Aunts, Grandmas, Step-Moms, all the women that have touched a child's life in service to the Lord.

Children's Sermon: On Mother's Day we come to church to worship Jesus with our Moms. The Bible tells us to honor our Mom. Tracy asked the children what honor means, and the following are some of the responses: be good, cook for them, help them, give them breakfast in bed, and do what they say. Jesus' mom on earth was Mary, and on the cross he asked one of His disciples to take care of her after He was gone. Let's all follow Jesus' example.

Special Music: Bethany Skiles recalls sitting on the piano bench next to her mom (Linda Gibbs) while learning about Jesus and learning to sing. Bethany gave a touching gift of "Hand Full of Weeds" in honor of her mom.

Bro. Barry's Message: "God Has a Plan" - Titus 2:1-5 Love your mom! Mother's Day is a reminder that if we would honor our mom everyday our world would be a better place. KJV = Titus

- 2:1) But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:  
 2) That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.  
 3) The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;  
 4) That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,  
 5) To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.  
 NLT = Titus 2:1) As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching.  
 2) Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience.  
 3) Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good.  
 4) These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,  
 5) to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.

Becoming is to beautify all around. Don't allow your life to shame the Word of God. You are alive today because it is what God ordained. It is a privilege to obey, serve, and honor God.

Motherhood brings an innocent baby into many different situations and circumstances. The circumstance of pregnancy, however undesirable, doesn't determine the value of the child.

God's Plan: 1. Live Wise. - Moms make decisions that affect the entire family. Aspire to make your every decision under the direction of God through His Holy Word. 2. Be Pure. - Teach by example. You belong to God and you answer to God. 3. Work In Their Homes. - Be diligent to provide your children with the instruction to do well. 4. Do Good. - Each day discover the task to do good for God. 5. Be Submissive. - Submit to one another in working together to teach your children to know Jesus. Help each other. 6. Honor The Word Of God. - The realization is that God is with in home, in life, and in all you do. A life without Jesus is a miserable life. Include Jesus in all your plans. Aunt Ileda's advice: "Get rid of the stinkin' thinkin'!" God has a plan for you! After the Invitation we were especially blessed by the incredible harmony of the Hudson Family singing - Glory to God! If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00am on Sunday mornings - please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

# Save The Most Water Inside Your Home

Many of our homes have two or more bathrooms. Studies have shown that bathrooms account for more than 50% of the water used inside most homes. Begin changing behaviors and upgrading fixtures to WaterSense products, a family can reduce water use by 3400 gallons during a year. To calculate your water savings, go to <http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/calculateyourwatersavings.html>.

Old toilets (prior to 1994) likely use three to seven gallons of water for each flush. Newer toilets use 1.6 gallons per flush or less. If you calculate the number of times you flush your toilets each day, you can see the potential water savings. Shower heads made since 1992, deliver 2.5 gallons per minute of use. If you want to reduce your water use even further, switch to a WaterSense labeled showerhead that delivers 2.0 gallons per minute.

Even if you decide not to replace plumbing fixtures, you can make substantial savings by simply changing some behaviors. Limit the length of your shower to 5 minutes or less. A 10-minute shower will use 25 gallons while a 5-minute shower will use 12.5 gallons. Reducing showering time by 1 minute can save 1,000 gallons of water a year. By installing a shut-off valve on the shower, family members can reduce the water flow to a trickle while shampooing hair or shaving. By turning water off while brushing teeth, each person can use 8 to 16 ounces of water rather than 1-2 gallons of water. Teach children and adults to collect a large cup of water, wet toothbrush in the water, brush the teeth, rinse mouth, rinse again, then rinse toothbrush. Using remaining water to wash out sink. If you do the math, you can see that over time, these simple habit changes will add up in water savings. Contact the Eastland County Office of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service by telephoning 254/629-2222 or [hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu) for more information on conserving water.

## AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

### Multi-County Pecan Field Day

Pecan producers and homeowners interested in getting the best possible production from their pecan trees are invited to attend the Pecan Field Day on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at the Childress Farm with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the program beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Topics will include Insect Control, Irrigation, Fertilization and Orchard Management. Three (3) CEU's will be given. Cost is \$20 for early registration by May 25th and \$25 at the door. A catered lunch is included with registration. R.S.V.P. to Eastland County Extension (254/629-1093); Callahan County Extension (325/854-5835), or Stephens County Extension (254/559-2313).

We try and provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact one of the County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

## Walk Across Texas

The following is the cumulative results from the seventh week of Walk Across Texas:

1. Butt-Seriously - 3399 miles
2. GO GO GIRLS - 1607 miles
3. The Cool Chicas - 1417 miles
4. AgriGoGetters - 1409 miles
5. Wanna Be Walkers - 906 miles
6. The "C" Team - 726 miles
7. Sisters With Blisters - 647 miles

Walk Across Texas began in March with each team setting a goal to Walk Across Texas which is about 830 miles total. Members of each team will walk for a total of 8 weeks. For questions about Walk Across Texas, please contact Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or [hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu). Check back next week for the teams' results for the last week of Walk Across Texas.

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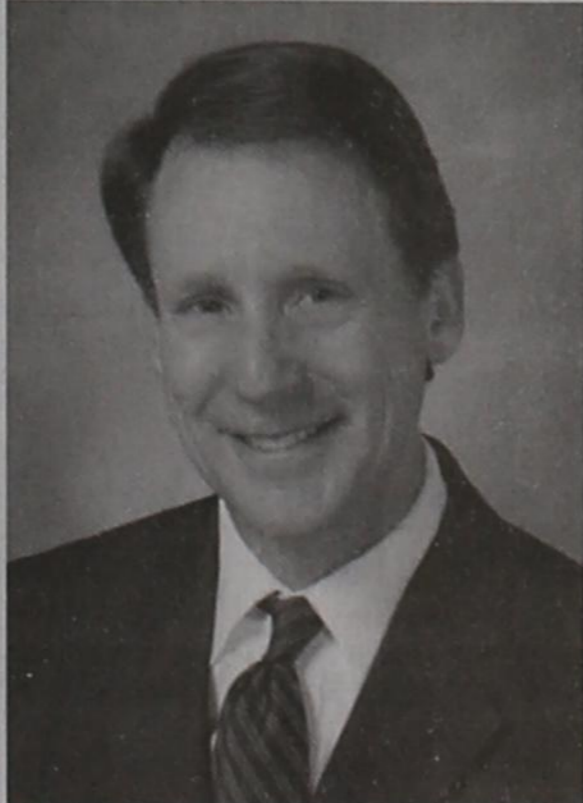
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
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# Board and Council Members Learn to be More Effective

With the most local school board and city council elections completed, there is no better time than the present to take advantage of the Texas Leadership Institute (TLI) Workshop 5126: Ten Best Practices for Effective Board Operations scheduled from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on June 7 in Abilene at West Central Texas COG, 3702 Loop 322. This TLI Workshop is hosted by Texas Midwest Community Network and Texas Forts Trail.

If you serve on a board of directors or you get directions for your work from a board then this workshop is ideal for you. "Even if your organization or company has a clear vision and you are moving towards making that vision a reality, topics covered in this workshop will help you reach your goals quicker and more efficiently," said Dr. Greg Clary, Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (TCRE) Chairman. "Participants will learn how to insure their board is functioning at its optimum potential and that board relationships are strong and productive," continued Clary.

This high energy interactive workshop qualifies as continuing education credits for school board members and officials and will cover topics such as responsibilities vs. accountabilities, policies and procedures, legal implications, planning and board evaluation. You will take home several tools for your board toolkit along with ten best practices for board success.

Your instructor, Quincy Ellis of Community and Capital Solutions, has the academic background and over 40 years of experience developing and working with boards. He knows about the challenges of working for multiple boards at one time and will share the tools and techniques for effectively managing under these conditions. Mr. Ellis is registered with the Texas Education Agency as a provider of Continuing Education Credits.

The \$129 registration fee includes refreshments, lunch and workshop materials. Please refer to <http://www.texasleadership.org> for more information, to receive future announcements about TLI workshops and to link to the TCRE store for registration.

The Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (TCRE) is a 501c3 non-profit corporation creating and growing businesses by connecting entrepreneurs and their communities with the capital, management and leadership resources they need to be successful. The Texas Leadership Institute is a program of TCRE.

For information on TLI workshops contact: Joanne Weik, Coordinator [joanne.tcre@yahoo.com](mailto:joanne.tcre@yahoo.com) 325-205-2175

## " Pray For Rain "

### AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

What's Next: Cattle & Forage Seminar - May 24, 2012 The Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Eastland County will be hosting a What's

Next: Cattle & Forage Seminar on May 24, 2012 at the Eastland County Extension Office located in the Eastland County Courthouse, 1st Floor. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. with the program to follow, concluding before lunch. The seminar will cover presentations by Dr. Jason Banta on cattle economic concerns and the industry at this point and moving forward. Dr. Larry Redmon will discuss options for re-establishment of pastures/hay meadows, weed control issues, and livestock grazing.

One (1) CEU in General and .5 IPM will be offered to those with a Private Applicators License. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. For more information or to pre-register for the program, contact the Eastland County Extension Office at (254)629-1093. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

### Lawn Care Through The Summer Months

As we head into our hotter months of the year, we need to take a look at management practices, when it comes to lawn care. Environmental conditions affect the water requirements of a lawn. With low humidity, high temperatures, and/or high winds, water is quickly lost from the soil by transpiration and evaporation (evapotranspiration) and grass will need watering more often. When weather is cool, humid, and/or less windy, grass will need less water. During the summer when temperatures are high and days are long, lawns generally need supplemental watering. The need for additional watering drops from late fall through early spring when temperatures become cooler, the days are shorter, and rain is more frequent.

Rather than watering on the same schedule each week, adjust your watering schedule according to the weather. Irrigate deeply. Then wait until the grass begins to show signs of drought stress before watering again. Symptoms of drought stress include grass leaves turning a dull, bluish color, leaf blades rolling or folding, and footprints that remain in the grass after walking across the lawn. To time watering properly, look for the area of the lawn that shows water stress first. Water the entire lawn when that area begins to show symptoms. A lawn that is watered deeply should generally be able to go 5 to 8 days between watering. Established lawns with deep, extensive root systems sometimes can be watered less often. However, if soil is less than 5 inches deep, irrigation may need to be more frequent.

It is important to remember that all lawns require different management practices. Many factors determine how much water is needed. For example, a Bermuda grass lawn is more drought tolerant than a St. Augustine lawn, so the Bermuda will require less water through the summer than the St. Augustine will. Mower heights need to be set correctly and some lawns may need another pound of fertilizer in August.

If you have any questions on lawn management, feel free to call the County Agent, Makenzie Wyatt, Agent Agent at the Extension Office (254/629-1093).

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had a very good attendance last Sunday for Mother's Day. Oldest mother present was Estelle Lindley, youngest mother present was Angela Powledge and mother with most children present was Candy Buckley. Song service was led by Alanna Hubbard with Karen Fair at the piano and Mildred Million at the organ. Each mother present was presented a lovely pink rose. Visitors attended from Florida. Bobby Duncan of Merkel was the guest speaker. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson is slowly recovering from recent throat surgery. Worship service is at 11:00 a.m. Each Sunday.

Vonnie Guthery, Karen Fair and granddaughter, Jade Guthery attended the Band Concert last Sunday afternoon in De Leon. Karen's granddaughter, Lorin plays in the band. Lorin is a Senior in De Leon High School and will graduated on Saturday, May 26th.

Karen Fair and Lorin hosted Mother's Day dinner for all the family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Holly Guthery and daughter, Jade all of Desdemona.

Recent visitors with Marc and Colleen Stockman were her brother and wife from Florida. Colleen and her visitors attended First Baptist Church in Desdemona on Mother's Day. Stockman family live in the Jakehamon Community.

"Happy Birthday" to Estelle Lindley on Monday, May 21st from friends and neighbors in Desdemona and Jakehamon Community.

Have a good day, Vonnie

## G.E.D. Graduation Date

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

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

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