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Gorman Cross Country Team Competes At Goldthwaite Meet



A burst of activity, and a flurry of color at the start of the Goldthwaite Cross Country meet.

Cub Scout Pack Meeting Set October 30

All cub scouts and boy scouts are invited to a Pack Meeting on October 30th, 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church. We are having a pirate theme meeting. Prize to be given for the best pirate costume, (most original not most expensive). If you are not already a scout, but want to join please come and sign up. For more information call: Lori Lewis 254-592-5158.

Texas Twisters Take First Place At Cheerleader Competition



The Texas Twisters -- (front row left to right) - Kalli-Blake Bramlett, Jayleigh Young, Kaylianna Castillo, Emmy Rodriguez and Gabie Lucero; (middle row) - Corynne Hammitt, Jeyton Freed, Allison Sanchez, Holly Rainey, Lauren Traylor, Breanna Wooley, Sierra Varnado, Peyton Whitfield and Genna Fjelsted; (back row) - Coach Kyla Frost, Mady McLaury, Mikala Behrens, Taylor Josseland, Kali Eason, Ashlyn Mayfield, Courtney Hammitt and Coach Lisa Lively.

The Texas Twisters Cheerleaders competed in the 2007 Cheerpower Six Flags Competition on Saturday, October 6th. This was the girls first competition ever and they took First Place as well as the Overall High Point for the competition. This was not an easy victory due to the fact; they were competing against last years National Champions. The experience was very overwhelming due to the fact that 90% of the girls have never competed before. "The girls have worked so hard to get to this point and I couldn't have asked for more, they performed above and beyond my expectations", said Coach Lisa Lively. The Team will be competing next at Texas Stadium for the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders Competition on October the 28th.

School Menu

GORMAN ISD MENU
FOR WEEK OF
OCT. 29 THRU NOV. 2

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Eggs, biscuits, gravy, Juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Rice, biscuits, Juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Biscuit, ham, gravy, Juice and Milk.

Lunch

MONDAY - Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, green beans, biscuits, fruit and Milk.

TUESDAY - Sub Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, peanut butter cookie and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ground Beef and Macaroni or Steak Fingers, Potato Smiles, English Peas, rolls, tangy cherry salad, crispy rice treat and Milk.

THURSDAY - Honey and lemon chicken or Pig in a Blanket, Broccoli and rice, carrot coins, bread slice, brownie and Milk.

FRIDAY - Tacos or Meat and Cheese Nachos, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit shape up and Milk.

News About Irene West

Irene West is now recuperating at Homestead Nursing and Rehab in Gorman for a short period of time.

First Annual De Leon Indian Artifact Show Set

The De Leon Chamber Of Commerce and Agriculture and The De Leon Free Press would like to invite you to our First Annual De Leon Indian Artifact Show on November 10th at the De Leon City Auditorium, from 8:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. There will be something of interest for everyone. Admission is \$3.00. We are expecting a good turnout of artifact dealers and exhibitors and that persons interested in arrowheads and wishing to sell their arrow heads should plan on attending. Breakfast and lunch will be available. For more information call Barbara at 254-893-2083.

Gorman PTO Drawing

The Gorman PTO is having a drawing for a 12 guage Shotgun at the home football games. The tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$12.00. This money will go towards the High School and Elementary needs as they arise. The PTO members would like to remind everyone that only 200 Tickets will be sold, so get your tickets soon. Thanks Gorman PTO.

Halloween Costume Parade

Hey everyone it is time to get ready for the annual Halloween Costume Parade...Halloween will be here before we know it. This years parade will be on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 7:00 p.m. The reason it is later in the afternoon this year is time does not change until Nov. 4.

Watch the Gorman Progress next week for more details. See you at the parade.

NOTICE! Donations needed to fill the goodie bags that will be handed out following the parade. Donations may be left at Bob's Gro., City Gro., and Smith's Service Station.

Thank you,
Ina Smith

Panthers To Travel To Cross Plains Friday Night

The Gorman Panthers will hit the road again this Friday night following an open date last week to take on the Cross Plains Buffaloes, who are winless so far this season with an 0-4 record in District and 0-8 on the season.

The Panthers are 3-0 in District 12-A and 7-0 for the season. So this is a very important game in the District race as Gorman is tied with the Tolar Rattlers in District with 3-0 mark and are 4-3 for the season. De Leon is right behind with a 2-1 mark and are 2-5 on the season. Perrin-Whitt is 2-2 and 2-6. Santo is 1-2 and 1-6 and Ranger is 0-4 and 0-8 on the season.

The Big Red are facing 3 games in a row that will decide the District 12-A race. So all 3 games are crucial in the District race. The Panthers go to Cross Plains, then host the De Leon Bearcats on Nov. 2 before ending the regular season at Tolar on November 9th.

Gorman is ranked at number 6 in the Texas High School Poll and are seeking a position in the Class A Playoff bracket.

So lets all hit the road and follow the Panthers to Cross Plains for the 7:30 kick-off and back the Panthers to another victory.

Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

Unapproved Minutes October 18

OCTOBER 18, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, commissioners Joe Casey, Nathan Files, and Joe Casey. Chief Barbara Fenley was also present.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Joe made the motion to accept the resignation of Don Underwood. Charlie made a second. Motion carried. Don stated that he felt like a Commissioner should be at each meeting and that he and Delores want to travel and he wants to be free to do that.

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes of October 4, with one correction: no action was taken after Executive, not on Executive. Joe made a second. Motion carried. (**Nathan came in @ 5:41 p.m.)

The voluntary donation for the Community Center, will once again read Community Center on the water bills, instead of reading Parks and Recreation. Nathan stated that this had been brought to his attention by numerous citizens.

At 6:05 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session, Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

At 6:17 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive and go back into Regular Open Session. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

No action was taken upon adjourning from Executive.

Nathan made the motion to adopt the Atmos Energy Resolution, a resolution suspending the proposed effective date of the proposed rate schedules of the Mid-Tex Division of Atmos Energy. Rates will remain unchanged during this ninety day period. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Robert suggested an ad for the paper encouraging all residents and citizens to make extra efforts to clean up around their homes and property. Cutting down tall weeds and grass around fences and homes will reduce fire hazards. He mentioned after a frost this tall grass would really be a danger in dry conditions.

There being no further business for discussion. Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 6:50 p.m.

Upcoming Birth Baby Shower

It's A Boy!!! Come join us in the celebration of the upcoming birth of Adrian Isaiah Wright at a Baby Shower will be held on October 27th at 1:00 p.m. At the First Baptist Church of Gorman. Hollyannj is registered at Wal-Mart. Anyone is welcome!!! We hope to see you there!

City of Gorman Asks Citizens To Cut Down Tall Grass and Weeds

The City of Gorman is requesting the help of citizens to get our City cleaned up. We know that we have been blessed with lots of rain, which means our yards and property have to be cared for more than usual. We are asking that if you have any tall grass and/or weeds that you knock them down.

We are concerned about the possible fire hazards. This is an ongoing effort to get our City cleaned up. We know that everyone has a busy schedule. If you know of someone that is elderly, requires help with their yard let Chief Barbara Fenley know, and she will try to find help or assistance for that person.

We are also having problems with old vehicles that are on private property. We have a City Ordinance forbidding this accumulation also a State Law of the same reference. If the vehicle doesn't have a valid State Inspection and Current registration, the vehicle will have to moved off the property. Please take pride in our City and your property.

The Gorman Police Department would like to thank Bennie Duske for his assistance at Gilmore's.

Thanks Chief Barbara Fenley

Class of 1997

Class of 1997 Ten Year Reunion: Please join us for dinner at ZJ's Steakhouse on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call Mary (254.631.4001) or Allison (817.657.4504).

Fall Festival Planned Halloween Night

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship will be hosting its annual Fall Festival Wednesday, October 31st. The festival will begin at 6:30 P.M. with events for the older kids including "Guitar Hero"--complete with smoke and lights. Other games will be available following the Halloween parade and last until 8:30 P.M. The festival will offer food and prizes for all ages. Everything is free and the public is invited to attend.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST 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.

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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. Technology 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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OBITUARIES

Fatine Dillinder
 Fatine Dillinder, age 102 of Refugio, Texas passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2007 at Refugio. Graveside Services were held on Thursday, October 8th at 3 p.m. At Breckenridge Cemetery in Breckenridge. With Dr. Jimmy Arnold officiating.

She was born June 14, 1905. She was a homemaker. She lived in Gorman, Texas for many years.

She is survived by one son, Harold G. Dillinder of Bridgeport; and one daughter, Louise Frasier of Refugio, Texas; seven grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyd H. Dillinder and her parents, Horace L. Sr. and Suma Tipton Ribble, Sr.

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Where: Gorman Hotel Dining Room
When: Saturday, Nov. 3, Come and Go from 9:00 to 12 Noon
Now is a great time to do some Christmas Shopping. Items for sale will include Western Home Decor, Crosses (Western, Silver and Handcrafted), Jewelry, and Much More. Most are "one only" items, be sure to get there early while the selection is best.
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- 455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy. 6 frontage [RSO1] \$1,912,000
- 613A, w/3-2, 2,144sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [W02] \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [R01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [D01] \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280
- 90 A, 4-3, 2,773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24'x50' carport/ RV shed, 20'x20' shed, waterwell, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [B01] \$397,500
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2,243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [B03] \$250,000
- 5 A, w/4-2, 2,085sf(CAD) brick home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, 2 wells, fenced and cross fenced, stock tank [W01] \$120,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [M01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, bams [L01] \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500
- 5A, w/1,600sf(CAD) 3-2 frame home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse bam, [K01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting [W01] \$75,000
- 51 A, hightway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [R01] \$193,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [C01] \$70,000
- 236± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [B02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, gentle rolling terrain, good fences/ crossfences, producing gas well [C01] \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000
- 250± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [L01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on whole orchard, 9 irrigation wells [R01] \$405,000
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 1,800sf Metal frame home, close to Lake Proctor, work shop, good fences, 2 wells, underground sprinkler system [T021] \$265,000
- 3-3, 2,160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, C/H/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [B01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2,770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [D1.01] \$297,500
- 3-2, w/2.5 Acres, 1,512sf(CAD) frame home, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, water well, shop [C03] \$137,500
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [W01] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [A02] \$135,000
- 2.3 A, w/2-1, 1,144sf(CAD) frame home, screened porch, well [B02] \$55,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
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Mrs. Altha Myra Haslett Wilkerson

Mrs. Altha Myra Haslett Wilkerson, age 93 of Hico, TX passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at her residence. Services were held Friday, October 19th at 3:30 p.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with Rev. Lisa Neslony, Rev. Charles McClure, Rev. Sharon Robertson, and Bill Clemons. Music by Nelda Priddy, Rebecca Hawk and Courtney Hawk. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Comanche.

She was born on August 29, 1914 in Lynchburg, TN to the late Charles Wesley Haslett and Stella Allen Haslett. She married Jim H. Wilkerson on February 4, 1934 in Comanche.

She moved to Texas by train from Tennessee at the age of 10, she began her life in Comanche County. Altha was a farm wife in the Downing Community; after years on the farm they moved to De Leon and resided until Jim's death in 1994. Altha was owner/manager of Locke and Wilkerson Insurance and Accounty for a number of years. She was active in the United Methodist Church of De Leon, teaching Sunday School classes for 60 years, part of those years she was teaching at the United Methodist Church of Hico where she had resided the past 14 years; she served as the first president of the De Leon Women's Division of Chamber of Commerce and Professional Woman's Club; served on De Leon School Board and received the Golden Deeds Award in 1988. For many years, she wrote a weekly news column, "Thoughts for Living" for the De Leon Free Press.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Marie Wilkerson Smith and her husband Michael of Pinehurst, TX; five grandchildren, Vicki Wilkerson Novak and husband Joe of Mineral Wells, Curtis Wilkerson and wife Christine of Meridian, Brad Wilkerson and Kristra of Iredell, Bryant Smith and wife Heather of Austin and Bradley Smith and wife Kristi of Hico; 13 grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

She was preceded by her husband, Jim Wilkerson; her parents Charles and Stella Haslett; one son, Paul Ray Wilkerson and his wife Quata, one daughter Carolyn Anne Wilkerson; brother Charles Haslett and sister Ava Morgan.

Pallbearers were Curtis Wilkerson, Brad Wilkerson, Bryant Smith, Bradley Smith, Joe Novak and Kyle Novak. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Clemons, Joe Morgan, C. L. Mohon.

Johnnye Zena Howell

Johnnye Zena Howell, age 73, passed away on Friday, October 19, 2007 at his residence. Services were held Monday, October 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in De Leon with Bro. Varence Dupre officiating, Music by Vicki Robinett. Burial was in Downing Cemetery.

Mr. Howell was born March 23, 1934 in Bartlett, Texas to the late Earl Howell and Mary Brown Howell. He married Emily Stephens on August 16, 1985 in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Howell had worked for W.K.M., a world-wide manufacturing of valves and wellhead equipment for the oil, chemical and industrial processing industries. He had also worked as a field clerk for Dow Chemical Company. He had served on the De Leon City Council and Board of Directors of the Cross Timbers Health Clinic; was a member of Rosenberg Masonic Lodge where he served as Past Master of the lodge; member of the Lutheran Church; had resided in De Leon since November 1999, having previously lived in Conroe, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Howell of De Leon; one son, Duane Howell of Austin; two step-sons: John VanBibber of De Leon and Stephen VanBibber also of De Leon; two daughters: Tina Geiselbrecht of Florence and Deborah Simpson of Converse. He is also survived by seven grandchildren.

He was preceded by two brothers, E. H. Howell and Larry Howell.

Pallbearers were Stacy Steglich, Leonard Steglich, William Hafen, Samuel Hafen, Jerry Logan and Steven Rice.

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Carbon High School Golden Exes

Nine new members were added to the Carbon High School Golden Exes as alumni and friends gathered for their annual reunion. Those who have this year reached the 50 year mark from the Class of 1957 are as follows: Carolyn Collins Little from Kokomo, Virginia Duggan Heggedahl from Floodwood, MN, Mary Eaves Webb of Nimrod, Pat Jackson Sims of Graham, Donna McAfee Franks from Ft. Worth, Mary Nicholas Bailey from Cisco, Bryan Hays from Stillwater, OK, J.V. Lewis from Gorman and Maydell Petree from Cisco. They were introduced and each given a crocheted doily wrapped and tied to resemble a diploma as well as a memory book of their lives for the past 50 years.

Saturday, October 6, 2007, 113 alumni and friends registered from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, Florida, Minnesota and Ohio. The farthest traveled was Virginia Heggedahl who drove 1250 miles from Floodwood, MN. She was awarded a replica of a vintage pickup built by Tommy Burleson. Arleta Shirey was awarded a prize for being the oldest Carbon High School graduate in attendance. She graduated in 1935.

The reunion was held at the old school location, now Carbon Community Baptist Church. The dining room was decorated in Carbon's school colors, blue and white. Table centerpieces were small replicas of vintage cars built by wood craftsman, Tommy Burleson and weather vanes donated by Peggy & Bobby Ingram. Also gracing the tables were beautiful crocheted doilies by Tommy's wife, Lynda.

The Class of 1956 hosted the celebration and conducted the program. Ten of the class of 13 were in attendance. They were: Tommy Burleson from Moore, OK, Dennis Clower from Pleasant Hill, Nickie Duggan from Waxahachie, Lavonda Jordan Greene from St. Augustine, FL, Charles Little from Nimrod, Nell Park Files from Carbon, Carol Sandlin from Carbon, Peggy Snider Ingram from Cisco, Edna Underwood Powell from Gorman, and Reba Campbell Reeves from Ft. Worth.

Carol Sandlin was MC for the day. Charles Little opened the program with a word of prayer and Dennis Clower led the audience in singing the National Anthem and Carbon's school song, "Dear Carbon High", and in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. After Carol's welcome, Mary Webb responded for the Class of 1957. During the program all veterans were recognized as they stood when their military song was played. The veterans in attendance received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Following the program Nickie Duggan closed with a word of prayer before going into the dining area for a delicious barbecue meal catered by Del Rich.

Next year's reunion will be hosted by the Class of 1957 when the Class of 1958 will be inducted into the CHS Golden Exes.

This year's Committee wishes to thank the following for assisting in making this CHS Golden Ex reunion a huge success: Eastland Telegram and Gorman Progress for newspaper articles, Tommy & Lynda Burleson and Peggy & Bobby Ingram for door prizes and awards, Carbon Community Center for displaying Carbon awards and photographs, Dorothy Ake for playing the piano Carbon First Baptist Church for table covers. All who donated toward the budget for next year's reunion.

Carbon Golden Deceased Exes

The following list of students from the Carbon Golden Exes are deceased. If you know of any others who are not listed please notify Ann Murray at 254-629-8140.

Deceased for 2006-2007

Phyllis (Donaldson) Wright
Joe Collins
Beal Arnold
Ronald Frank Phelps
Grover Eddie Hallmark
Rufus Nathaniel Jordan
Don Gene Martin
L.E. (Shorty) Treadway
Willmath (Vaughn) Brown
Euell Allison
Margie (Quarles) Brown
George R. Gilbert
Jack Jordan
Donald R. Nicholas
Max Wilson
Lynn Hogan
Joe Lee Petree
Bob Hogan
Una (Mrs. T.E.) Robertson
Vesta Lee (Bohannon) Overstreet
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IZAEL HERRERA
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SAM RAINEY
MAYRA RAMIREZ
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SYDNEY CASEY
TALEE JONES
AUDRI SEGURA
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KOURTNEY SEATON
KODIE SPARGER
RYLAN LAMINACK
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GARRET EMMONS
TURNER WHITTEN

LAUREN SPIVEY
CHLOE COLE
DANIEL HERRERA
JACQUELYN RAINEY
LACEY WILSON

CONNIE GONZALEZ
MELISSA RAMIREZ
ZACHARY CARLTON

Happenings At FBC!!

Hungry? Our WOM ladies served a fantastic "Bean Lunch" to give us all an opportunity to reflect on the existence of "World Hunger". How blessed are we to live in the land of plenty? Liz Caraway reminded us in her Children's Sermon that we can get a snack anytime at any convenience corner store. God has richly blessed our Nation!

Bro. Barry was pleased to announce that Jana Grice and Martha Rainey have been appointed the new WOM Directors for the Cisco Baptist Association. We know these two ladies have hearts for Missions - it is brilliant to have them in this roll.

The Youth Hay Ride is October 27th.
Bro. Barry's Sermon was "Humpty Dumpty Life" - John 4:21-24.

Life - things are never as they seem.
1. When Life Cracks - Like Humpty Dumpty falls off the wall.

A. The Woman at the Well - Her Story is Our Story
B. Our Lives show the marks of our failures.
2. Looking for Help in All the Wrong Places.

A. Everything in our Life is NOT okay - Give it to our Lord.
B. We lose Ourselves in work, family, and a host of other things.

3. Putting the Pieces together AGAIN.
A. Jesus was her Only Solution - Jesus IS the Only Solution.
B. Notice the Use of AGAIN.

Jesus knew the Woman at the Well had "fallen off the wall". He knows you have too, and stands ready to Forgive, Heal, and Restore You AGAIN. Jesus can put all the pieces back together AGAIN!

Our Worship Service is being broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.
God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

Pig tales From Hogtown

Whoeeee! As our day started this Saturday morning, I thought that we would have to eat a lot of spaghetti all by ourselves! Our Jamfest started off slow, but picked up in the afternoon. Some folks came who had been playing and singing in Ranger in the morning. Our crowd was not big but we all enjoyed ourselves and will do it again after the first of the year. Thank you to all who came and a special thanks to the ones who were new to our activities at the DAC. Y'all come back. If you like to get together with others and jam & sing, watch Pig Tales for more information.

This little piggy will be out of pocket for a little while, so please mark your calendars for 'Breakfast at the DAC' coming up on November 3. Remember, our monthly breakfasts are from 7:00 A.M. Until 10:00 A.M. The first Saturday of each month. The cost is by donation only.

I know many of you have enjoyed our annual Christmas Store-well, it will be time again soon. The dates this year are November 29, 30, and December 1 and the following weekend, December 6, 7, and 8th.

Do you like to go out for New Year's Eve-but not too far? Do you like to make New Year's Eve a family night? Do you like to play games, snack, visit with friends and maybe meet new friends? Plan to be at the DAC for a New Year's Eve party. I will have more information as time goes on. Please watch for it in this column.

Do you need a beautiful place to hold your holiday party? I know just the place--the DAC. We have some dates filled already so call me soon for information--254-758-2420. If you can't reach me in the next week or so, call Helen Depwe at 254-758-2522

Carol Pell

Gorman Cub Scout Pack Meeting

All cub scouts and boy scouts are invited to a Pack Meeting on October 30th, 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church. We are having a pirate theme meeting. Prize to be given for the best pirate costume, (most original not most expensive). If you are not already a scout, but want to join please come and sign up. For more information call: Lori Lewis 254-592-5158.

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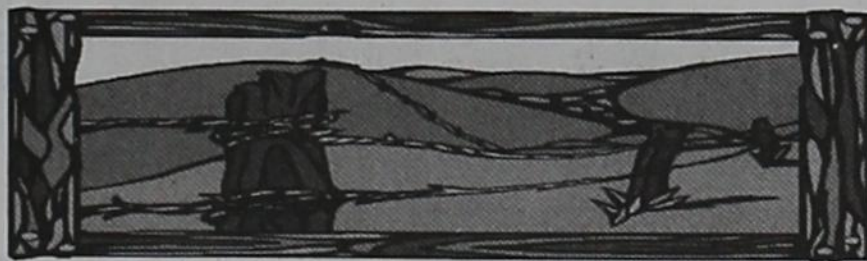
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The Eastland County Clerk's Office will be closing at Noon on November 6, 2007 Due To The Election. However, We will still be handling County Court Matters until 5:00 p.m. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Cathy Jentho - County Clerk

Last Day to process a mail out Ballot request is October 30, 2007.

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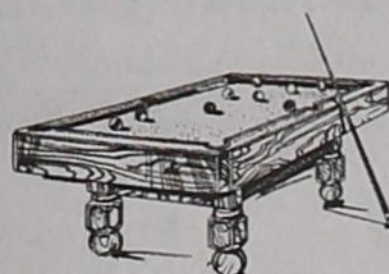
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

How do you like this colder weather? The cold wind on Monday was quite different from the very warm weather we've been having, but it lets us know that winter is on the way.

Bro. Jim Haggard's sermon title on Sunday evening, October 28th, at the Kokomo Baptist Church will be "Satan Worship and Demon Possession". This will be a sermon that you don't want to miss. Satan is alive and well on earth, and we need to know about this. All church members are urged to attend, and visitors are welcome. The service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Bro. Jim Haggard continued the message of "Spiritual Authority" at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church, with the title of his message "Authority Over The Mind", using scriptures from II Corinthians 10:3-8, II Corinthians 4:3-4, Ephesians 4:24 and Deuteronomy 18:8-12. God has set up a chain of authority for us to follow. You cannot exercise authority unless you are under the authority of God. A thought is the father of a deed. If your mind is wrong, your whole body will be wrong. Satan wants to control our minds. Don't give a place in your mind to Satan. You cannot defeat the devil by playing his games. We can resist Satan by staying truly committed to God.

The special music "Stepping In The Light" was rendered by Bobbi Haggard, Kay Snider, Ruth Rodgers, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano.

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday evening was on "Adam" the man God made in His own image. Adam was an innocent, free moral agent and remained neutral until he was tested. God gave Adam a God pleasing nature, but Adam had to choose between God and the serpent (Satan). Adam made his own decision and he chose to disobey God, and he became a God oppressing nature. Because Adam failed, all of his descendants are born with a sinful nature. A new nature comes when we accept the second Adam, Jesus Christ, who was obedient to the Father.

Those visiting LaVon Snider last week were Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider and Isaac, Ella and Audri Segura.

On Sunday, LaVon went to dinner at Ted and Charlotte Snider's to celebrate Susan Wheat's birthday with Ted and Charlotte, Susan, McKinsey Kyann and Caitlin Wheat of Ranger and Bob and Sue Eads of Comanche.

Oren and Norma Webb attended the football game at Moody on Friday night and visited with a grandson, Jacob and Alice Webb.

Norma Webb visited with Irene West in the hospital at Comanche. Irene had the misfortune to fall and break a hip and underwent surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington spent Friday night with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little. Nelda Fails and a friend, Shirley, and Courtney Butts of Arlington came on Saturday for a visit with the Littles.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland and Joe and Ashley Little of Fort Worth visited with Betty Little on Sunday.

JOEY BOND CELEBRATES 2ND BIRTHDAY

Shannon and Stephanie Bond honored their son, Joey, with a party in their home in Bangs on Saturday in celebration of his second birthday which was Sunday, October 21. Others helping Joey celebrate were his sisters, Raegan and Sydnie Bond, his grandmother, Gail Lakin of Copperas Cove, his great-grandmother, Caryl Anderson of Killeen, an aunt, Angie Kirkpatrick of Copperas Cove and his grandfather, Joe Bond of Kokomo. Joey had a great time.

CODY FAILS HONORED AT PARTY

Nelda Fails of Arlington honored her son, Cody Fails, with a combination graduation - birthday party at the Little Family Cabin at Lake Leon on Saturday evening, October 20. Cody will be graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington in December and his birthday was Sunday, October 21.

Cody thanked everyone for coming, and then he was asked to sing a song. He sang "Amazing Grace" so beautifully. After Cody gave the prayer of thanks for the food, a bountiful supper of hot dogs and all the trimmings, dips and chips, and cold drinks was served. Then the beautifully decorated cake was served with delicious vanilla, peach or chocolate homemade ice cream. What a wonderful time was had as all enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

Those present to enjoy the celebration were Cody Fails, Nelda Fails, Jarad Fails, Courtney Butts and Shirley all of Arlington, Latresa Butts of Sweetwater, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Kokomo, James, Jill and Ashley Little of Lake Leon, Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland, Emily Little and Kourtney of San Antonio, Charles and Carolyn Little, Ally and Emma Little, Betty Little, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Willie Mae Cozart of Eastland, Jimmy Dale and Marge Hendricks of Eastland, Jerry and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo, Shane Mekeska of San Angelo, Shane, Amy, Taner and Rylee Shott of Eastland, LeeVi, Ashley and Ogden Hallmark of San Angelo, Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon, Zelda Jordan of Kokomo, and two neighbor children at the lake, Madeline and her little brother.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Country and Western Musical

"Country and Western Musical" will be held on Saturday night, October 27 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musical groups, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy the good food and good music. Admission is "FREE".

"ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW"

Desdemona Annual Arts and Crafts Show will be held on Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st at the Community Center School Building Gym. A Concession stand will be open for both days serving breakfast and lunch. Come early to enjoy breakfast with all of the group and do your Christmas Shopping early. Contact Linda Lindley (254-758-2691) to rent a booth or reserve a larger space. Hope to see you all at the Arts and Crafts Show in "Hogtown".

First Baptist Church of Desdemona celebrated their 135th Anniversary last Sunday during the morning service. Special music was presented by Bro. Tim White and wife, Laura, their son, Ryan and Helen Collum. Several out of town visitors attended to help make this a great day of celebration. Group pictures were made on the Church steps following the service. A covered dish luncheon was served at the Baptist Annex. The evening service was dismissed.

Robert and Ima Brown attended the funeral of a cousin, Mildred Brown. Burial was on Tuesday in Stephenville.

DANCE CANCELLED

Desdemona Senior Citizens Dance will be cancelled for November due to a conflict date with the Annual Thanksgiving Supper. This supper is always held on the second Saturday night of November. Remember to mark your calendar for this date, November 10th and make plans to attend for a good "Home-cooked Meal". More details later on time, etc.

Hallie Million spent the past weekend with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended the 135th Anniversary at the First Baptist Church.

Carol Sue (Hall) Willis of Desdemona celebrated her 64th Birthday last Saturday with her family. Those attending the birthday reception were her sister, Linda (Hall) Hahn of Arlington, her three daughters, Pamela (Dyson) Horn and husband him of Desdemona, Cynthia (Dyson) Hien and Susan (Gilder) Shirley both of Arlington. Her granddaughters, Jennifer Wright and daughter, Jasmine Horn of Desdemona and Kayla Rae Shirley. Her grandson, Dyson Wright and wife, Shuraya of De Leon. The family group attend the 135th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday at the First Baptist Church.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit recently with Sybil (McKinney) Loudamy of Ranger. The McKinney family lived in the Jakehamon Community where their children attended school. Later on, Sybil transferred to the Desdemona School where he was in the Class of 1943. Sybil and her husband, Luther owned and operated a Grocery Store for many years in Ranger. Burly Saint (deceased) worked several years in the grocery store for the Loudamys'. Burly, a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946.

"Happy Birthday" to Alton and Clela (Clark) Coffman, who lives north of Ranger. Clela was 80 on October 20th and Alton was 80 on October 21st. A birthday reception was planned by their daughter for Saturday, October 20th at the Old Bullock School House, north of Ranger, but Clela got sick and had surgery to place a stint in her heart. Clela is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1946. Get Well Wishes to Clela from all of your friends in Desdemona.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit last week in Eastland Walmart with two former residents of Desdemona. They are Geraldine ("Gerry" Craig) Zummer of Carbon who graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1944 and Juanita (Haskins) Langlitz of Eastland, who was in the Class of 1949 in Desdemona. It is always good to visit and stay "in-touch" with ex-students. Gerry and Juanita would like to say "Hello" to their former classmates and friends in this area.

Take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our community. A Cheer card, phone call or a visit would be a blessing to them and you will receive a blessing too.

Please contact this reporter at 254-758-2665 with your weekly news. This news article is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon each Monday. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks, have a nice day, "Coon".

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME
FALLS
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Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

The volleyball team took three straight games against Lingville last week continuing their run and will have finished district play by the time you read this having played Moran Tuesday. If they play them anything like the last time, I expect we will win three straight and finish second place in district behind Albany. I don't know when, if ever, that we have had as good a team as we do right now. I am curious as to how far we can go in the playoffs. It is my speculation that we can overcome any of our weaknesses and go as far in the playoffs as the girls want to go. Don't miss the action!

We had a bye in football last week as I'm sure most of you know because we did not have a Gorman football game to attend. Some folks took advantage of that and attended some of our upcoming competition and others took in a six man game. I must confess, I was one of the ones that took in a six man game. I didn't really want to watch any of our competition. I know we have three hard games ahead of us that we can win, but our young men will have to play every down of each game like it is the play that sends them into the playoffs or leaves them at home. I know we will win because we have great athletes and great coaches and the greatest fans in Texas! I challenge you to be at every game and cheer loudly and give our players and coaches the lift they need to be the champions they can be!

There was an article in the Abilene paper last week that has increased the fear a lot of parents have regarding staph infections. Every school that I know of has, or has had students with staph infections and this includes big schools and small school as well as colleges. We have had a couple of cases sent to Dr. Dan that were staph infections and a couple that they do not know if it is staph or not, but they treat it like it is just in case for the student's best interest and the interest of those around him/her. I want to assure everyone that GISD is doing everything they can to prevent staph infections resulting from contact at school. We are spraying and washing everything on a daily basis. We are also educating our athletes and instructing them on safe guards they need to practice to avoid infection. I am told that Staph exists on everyone and that there is no way to eliminate it from our bodies, but that good daily hygiene, covering open wounds and medicating them with a good anti-biotic ointment, and washing our hands as often as possible will make a big difference. We have plans to take out all carpeting in the field house after football season is over and go back with sand-grit epoxy paint. We will see how that holds up next year, but we will continue to be pro-active in looking for ways to make our school safer and cleaner. Please feel free to e-mail me with any suggestions you might have or with information about any products you know about.

The Cross Country District meet was held Monday in Eula. Competing in the race were Mary Powell, Kerina Hipolito, Abby Pacheco, Louisa Silva and April Keaton. I will report on the results next week if Coach Scott misses this week's deadline.

Mr. Panter's surgery went well and he is recovering nicely. He got out of the hospital Sunday afternoon and will be resting at his in-laws until next week when he will return to the doctor for a checkup. If the checkup goes well, he will then be returning to Gorman. He will be out from four to six weeks. He looking forward to returning to work and I'm sure Teresa is looking forward to it also. I will keep you posted on his recovery.

The school year is going by so fast! It will be Christmas before we know it. The students at Maxfield Elementary are beginning to prepare for U.I.L. academic competition as well as the junior high students. We will be hosting the competition here again this year. Please encourage your student to participate!

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!



Madi Warren recently showed at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Madi showed a southdown lamb and finished 6th place in her class.

Madi had a great time at the fair and loved placing in the top of the class.

Champion Park Grand Opening October 20

Park Dedication to honor family of former Gorman, Eastland County resident, Ida Champion, Maynard. Ida was the wife of Walter T. Maynard and Grandmother of Mrs. Don (Ruby) Hull of Gorman. She was born on the land where the Champion Park is located, along Brushy Creek, March 16, 1886. She was the daughter of James Travis Champion and Pauline Elizabeth Brown, Champion. She was the granddaughter of early Williamson County Sheriff John Thomas Champion and Naomi Jane Standefer, Champion.

On Saturday, October 20, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., there was a grand opening celebration for Champion Park at 3900 Brushy Creek Road in Cedar Park, Texas. Champion Park will be home to a unique covered children's play area with stone casts of dinosaur bones buried under sand for children to discover as well as a Whale's Tail Sprayscape to cool off on hot days. Additional amenities include a large picnic pavilion, a fishing area, a Bridge across Brushy Creek to the Avery Ranch subdivision, restrooms and parking.

The discovery area allows children to search for fossil bone replicas of a Mosasaurus Maximus. This dinosaur was a huge seagoing relative of the lizard. Their fossilized bones are fairly common across the state and are especially abundant in Central Texas.

The park will cost approximately \$1.5 million and is being funded through voter approved bonds. In 2000, Williamson County residents approved \$25 million in bonds for parks and trails. Construction for the park began in February of this year. The 33-acre park sits along the Award-winning Williamson County Brushy Creek Regional Trail approximately half way between the trailhead at Brushy Creek Road and Great Oaks Drive and the trail's current end at the City of Cedar Park's Brushy Creek Lake Park.

The park was named after the Champion family, who once owned the land. The family cemetery is located in the park and includes the burial place of former Williamson County Sheriff John Champion and his relatives. A historical marker near the cemetery gives a brief history of the Champion family.

The public and media are invited to attend the Grand Opening ceremony. The Ribbon Cutting will begin at 10:00 A.M. With special guest Congressman John Carter. The event is free and is open to the public. Entertainment will be provided by local organizations, as well as food and drinks.

From I-35, exit onto Chandler Road heading west. Continue west and take a left onto Parmer Lane, and then turn left on Brushy Creek Road. The park is located approximately 1.1 miles east of Parmer Lane or 1.2 miles west of Great Oaks Drive on Brushy Creek Road.

For further questions about Champion Park, please contact the Williamson County Parks and Recreation Department at (512) 260-4283.

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