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Grass Fire Destroys Land, Cattle, Hay Bales and One Home on Thursay

As the Gorman Fire Department received the report of a grass fire east of Gorman they know they were in for a battle with the South Wind blowing so hard. The fire advanced quickly to the north of Highway 6 and crossing the Oliver Springs - St. Joe Highway. As the fire advanced it destroyed cattle, hay bales and the home of Jimmy and Becca Woodall. The fire was finally controlled by using several dozers and maintainers cutting firebreaks to slow down the advancing fire. There were fire departments from the surrounding Counties of the Comanche, Eastland and Erath.

The Fire was believed to have started from electrical lines sparking over round bales of hay.



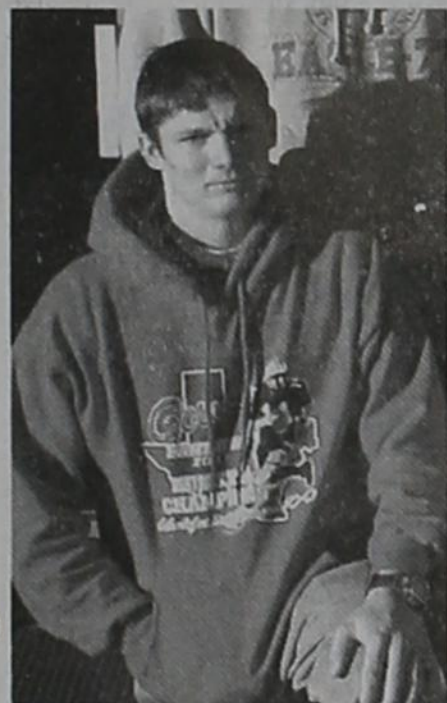
11-A All District Team; Six Panthers Make List

The 11-A All District Team were honored recently. Most Valuable Player was Brandon Thornton of Santo. Offensive Player of the Year was Kevin Smith of De Leon. Defensive Player of the Year was Colt Price of Santo. Newcomer of the Year was Copy Travis of De Leon. Sixth Man of the Year was Austin Koonce of De Leon and Coach of the Year was Coach Hanbutt of Santo.

First Team All District were Keaton Mata, a Junior from Santo, Tyson Swanner, a Junior from Gorman, Marcus Armstrong, Senior from Tolar, Josh Beaty, Senior from De Leon, Brandon Greer, Senior from Gorman and Kevin Jones, Senior from Santo.

Second Team All District were Luke Nichols, Junior from Santo, Orlando Valenzuela, Senior of Gorman, Zack Fox, Senior of Gorman, Casey Hudson, Senior of Ranger, Tyler Ross, Senior of Tolar, Brody Hammonds, Senior of De Leon and J. T. Edwards, Junior of Santo.

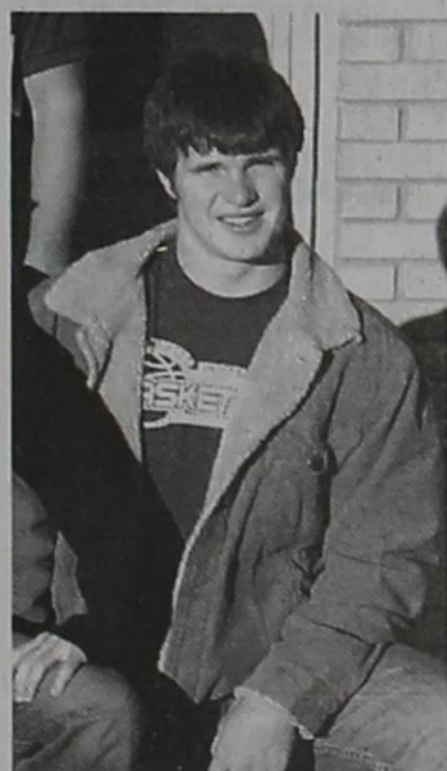
Honorable Mention include Corey Clark, Senior from Gorman and Aaron Keith, Senior also from Gorman.



First Team All District
Brandon Greer



First Team All District
Tyson Swanner



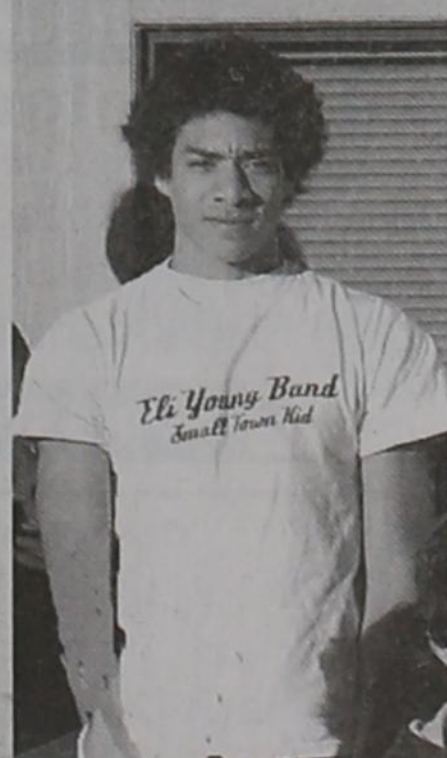
All District - Honorable Mention
Aaron Keith



All District - Honorable Mention
Corey Clark



Second Team All District
Zack Fox



Second Team All District
Orlando Valenzuela

Panthers Hold Tourney

The Gorman Panthers hosted a Baseball Tourney at the end of February. Gorman placed First by beating Perrin Whitt by a score of 7 to 6; Hico by a score of 6 to 1 and Hamilton by the score of 11 to 6.



THANK YOU

We would like to give a Special Thanks to the Fire Departments who responded to the fire on February 28th and to the people donating their time on the bulldozers, maintainers and tractors to control and extinguish the fires on or near our land.

We appreciate you.

Lora Fay Warren
Glen Warren Family
Linda Stephens
Mike Warren Family
John Stephens Family

Gorman High School Student Receives Student Achievement Award

Veronica Walton, a Gorman High School junior received this recognition from the Texas ACT council.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN (Pre-ACT) achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Gorman High School teachers, staff, administrators and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

Benefit Fund Started For Jimmy & Becca Woodall

Jimmy and Becca Woodall Benefit Fund has been set up at American State Bank. The fund was started to help defray expenses after losing their home and belongings in the Thursday grass fire.

Benefit Fund Started For Rachel Rainey

Rachel Rainey Benefit Fund has been set up at American State Bank after the family lost all their belongings in a recent fire. The Fund was set up to help the family replace a portion of their losses.

Two Positions To Open For School Board

TWO positions will come open for the May 10, 2008 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Jeff Seaton and Larry Thompson. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 11, 2008. Deadline for filing will be March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours.

DOS posiciones serán abiertas para la elección el 10 de mayo de 2008 para el fideicomisario de la mesa escolar directiva para ser decidido en libertad. Estas posiciones serán para términos de tres años y son sostenidas actualmente por Jeff Seaton y Larry Thompson. Las solicitudes para archivar para una posición en la votación comenzarán el 11 de febrero de 2008. La fecha límite para la clasificación será el 10 de marzo del 2008 a las 5:00 de la tarde. Las solicitudes pueden ser completadas en la oficina de Administración durante horas escolares.

Panthers Secure First Place In Tourney At Perrin-Whitt

The Gorman Panthers traveled to a Tournament being held in Perrin-Whitt. The Panthers won First Place. Tyson Swanner and Sean Bates, Matt Underwood were All-Tournament along with Eric Ryan "Manager".

In the first game the Panthers took on Jacksboro. Tyson Swanner was the Pitcher. He had 6 strikeouts and 4 hits. The score was Gorman 11 and Jacksboro 1.

In the second game the Panthers took on Chico. Matt Underwood was the pitcher. He had 9 strikeouts and 4 hits. The Panthers won this game by the score of 6 to 1.

In the third game the Panthers played the Host team of Perrin-Whitt. Pitchers for Gorman were Aaron Keith with 5 runs and 8 hits and Sean Bates with 11 strikeouts and only 3 hits. The final score was the Panthers 14 and Perrin-Whitt 5.

THANK YOU FIREMEN

We would like to say how much we appreciate the effort that all firefighters and other volunteers made in the attempt to save our home. With their continued effort they were able to save other valuables and we are very grateful for their service and fast response. Again, Thank you.

Jimmy, Becca,
Randy, Kathryn, and Sara Woodall

Youth In The Dark Egg Hunt Set For Saturday, March 22nd

The annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the city park at 2:30 p.m. The Youth in the Dark Egg Hunt will be held on Wed. evening, March 19th. time to be announced at a later date.

We are still in need of donations for both groups as well as volunteers to help with each hunt. Suggestions for Youth in the Dark: Cold drinks, movie rentals, pizza, snacks, money. (Notice! Bob's Gro., City Gro, and Gorman Video will provide you with a coupon with your name on it as donations or coupons may be left at the place of business and I will pick them up.) Donations for Youth in the Dark are needed by Sunday, March 16.

Suggestions for Treasure Hunt, money, candy (no chocolate), snacks, prizes. Donations may be left at City Gro. Bob's Gro. and Smith's Service Station. If you are interested in helping with either one or both of these please call 734-2720 and leave a message.

See you soon.
Mrs. Bunny

City of Gorman May 10th General Election

The last day to file for a place on the May 10, 2008 ballot is March 10, 2008 by 5:00 p.m. The terms of Mayor and Commissioner Places 2 and 4 will be expiring.

Currently Robert Ervin serves as Mayor, Charlie Torrez Place 2 and Joe Casey Place 4. Application to file for a place on the ballot can be obtained at the Gorman City Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 116 S Kent St. Gorman. If you have any questions please phone (254) 734-2317.

GISD School Menu

FOR WEEK OF
MARCH 10 THRU MARCH 14
BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake on a stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Breakfast Casserole, Hash Brown, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Enchiladas or Taco Salad, Chili Beans, Tossed Salad, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Sherbert, and Milk.
TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken or Steak Fingers, Baked Potato, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti or Ravioli, Cheese Sticks, Seasoned Corn, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Strawberries and Bananas and Milk.
THURSDAY - Ham and Cheese Stromboli or Turkey Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Fresh Carrots, Orange Smiles, Chips, and Milk.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or Grilled Chicken Burger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Salad, Potato Rounds, Fruit Ice Single and Milk.

Spring Break Next Week - No School Menu

Daylights Savings Time Switches Back On March 9th

Janis C. Merworth

Janis C. Merworth, age 59, passed away at her home in Sipe Springs on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Graveside Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1st at the Sipe Springs Cemetery with Barry Schahn officiating.

She was born June 2, 1948 in Big Spring, Texas to Claude Thomas and Estelle Crawford Thomas. She married Hubert Debs Merworth, Jr. on September 2, 1965 in Rantoul, IL. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert Merworth, Jr. of Sipe Springs; daughter, Dixilan Marie Lindsey of Merkel; son, Hubert Merworth III of Dallas; four grandsons and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

OBITUARIES

Anna Rush

Anna Rush, age 87, of Gorman passed away on Friday, February 29, 2008 at Abilene Regional Hospital.

Services were at 3 p.m. Monday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Gorman Cemetery.

Mrs. Rush was born November 12, 1920 in Roby, Texas to Ernest Neves and Mary Cunningham Neves. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman. She had lived in the Gorman area for the past 25 years.

She is survived by four children, Russell Cordell of Lake Proctor, Hershell Cordell and wife, Joyce of Weatherford, Karen Banks of Aurora, CO., and Clu Burnham and wife, Kathy of Abilene; two brothers, Curtis Neves of Houston and Calvin Neves of Roby; one sister, Ina Faye Sutton of Roby; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers, Talmage, Guymon and Kenneth Neves.

Margaret Chupp

Margaret Chupp, age 73, of De Leon passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2008 in a Rising Star Nursing Home. Services were held on Wednesday, March 5th at 1 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Music by Vicki Robinett, Steve Funchess, Larry Funchess and Anthony Wilson. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born January 9, 1935 in Glen Rose, Texas to the late Clyde Gilleland and Matilda Justice Gilleland. She married Charles Chupp, October 14, 1950 in Stephenville.

Mrs. Chupp was a Registered Nurse and had worked for Home Health Services in Abilene (retired); she had resided in De Leon since 1986, having previously lived in Crowley; she was a Unitarian.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Chupp of De Leon; daughter, Tracy Funchess and husband Steve of Azle; son Ace Chupp and wife Karen of De Leon; one sister LaNell Prestwood of Roanoke, VA; 3 grandchildren, Mercedes Chupp, Audrey Cedillo and Taylor Bouchier; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lannes Callison, Kent Boswell, Jerry Morgan, Jimmy Dale Johnson, Larry Nowlin and Bill Smith.

Roy Lemaster

Roy Lemaster, age 85 of De Leon passed away from this life March 3, 2008 in the Comanche County Medical Center.

Funeral services will be at the De Leon Church of Christ, Thursday, March 6th at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Desdemona Cemetery with Nowlin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Officiating the service will be Geoff Little and nephew Travis Aven. Elders of the De Leon Church of Christ will serve as pallbearers.

Born October 16, 1922 in Desdemona, Roy was a fifth of six children of Scott and Cora Lemaster, who were natives of West Virginia. Roy served three years in the U. S. Navy based in Hawaii during World War II. He achieved the rank of coxswain while he was attached to an underwater missile school at Pearl Harbor.

He is survived by children Fred Allen Lightfoot of Kempner and Sherron Pistole of Lake Jackson; 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Also he leaves behind two sisters, Pauline Lee of Eastland and Grace Wittie Cunningham of Waco as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews and special friend, Avie Taylor of De Leon.

He was preceded by his parents, sister Iris Newsome and brothers Scotty and James. Roy was employed by the Celanese Corporation in Bishop where he was shift foreman from which he retired in 1982, after 36 years of employment. Returning to his roots in 1995, he made his final home in De Leon where he became active in the De Leon Church of Christ. He was known for his helpfulness, generosity, and optimistic spirit. He will be sorely missed by his many relatives and friends.

Memorial may be made to the Desdemona or De Leon Church of Christ.

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- 455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RS01)
- 380± A, wells & tanks, gentle rolling terrain, producing gas wells \$950,000 REDUCED \$931,000 (CW01)
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, wells & tanks \$3,350 Per Acre (RR01)
- 250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, tanks, cabin, hwy. frontage, rural water \$850,000 (LB01)
- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (AB01)
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (PS02)
- 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DK01)
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, wells & tanks, irrigation pit, hunting, minerals \$442,500 (LO01)
- 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals negotiable \$397,500 (BE01)
- 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 (REM01)
- 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LP01)
- 30 A, 3-2½ Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (DB01)
- 25.6 A, 4-2½ Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (JB03) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MP01) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 20 A, approx. 40% wooded, remainder in costal, rural water available, hunting \$75,000 (WM01)
- 14±A, 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, garages & storage buildings, hwy. frontage \$180,000 (FW01)
- 11 A, 16'x70' Mobile Home, metal awning, well, rural water, oak trees \$70,000 (TC01)
- 8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 (KJ01)
- 8½ A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (JT02)
- 7± A, Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well \$65,000 (FW02)
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Whoeeee! The piggies were squealing in Hogtown Saturday night. We had Ellis County Bluegrass band and Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids for the evening and had a terrific time! Folks came in at 3:00 to jam and we sure enjoyed listening to them, also. There was good food, good visiting and wonderful music!! If you weren't here, I am so sorry you missed it!

Wasn't the rain great? It will sure help our wildfire situation for a while. We all are so sorry about the house that burned in the last fire. Let's all remember that it doesn't take long to dry out and we will be back in the same situation soon.

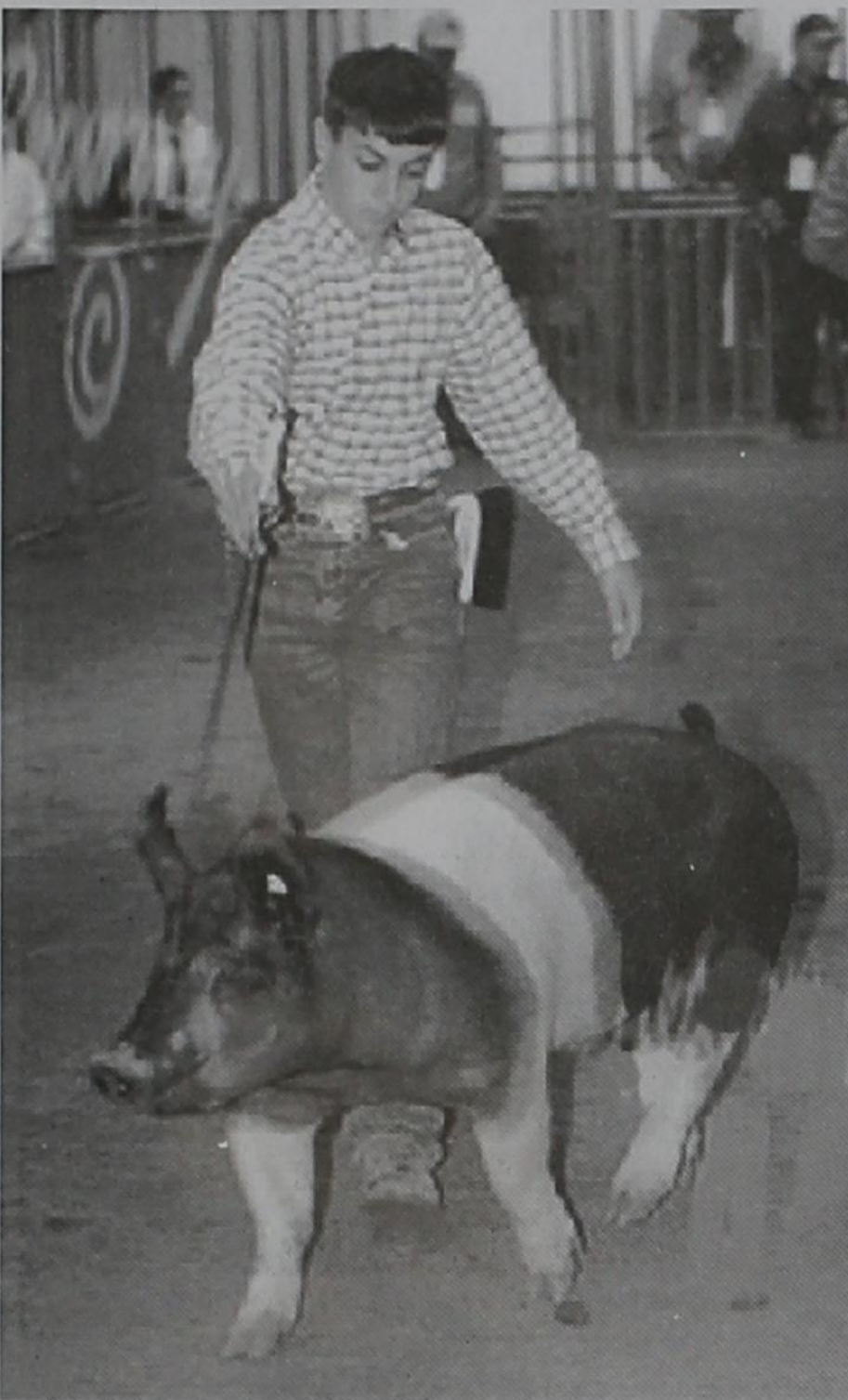
All you crafters, I hope you are getting ready to come to our craft show, which will be held April 18, & 19. Your only expense will be the booth rental of \$30.00. Call me for more information at 254-758-2420.

I had a request from Mr. Jeff Brown asking for information and/or pictures of Doc Horne or his old home place north of Desdemona. If you know anything about this family or their home place on CR 492, please contact Jeff Brown at 325-793-2865. Thanks!

By the time you read this, Desdemona's first ever public library will be open for business! The library is located in the Desdemona Activity Center (DAC). The hours are 2:00 - 5:00 Monday through Thursday with evening hours from 6:00 - 9:00 on Tuesdays. The DAC is open every Tuesday evening for dominos, games or jammin'. Y'all come see what is going on.

Carol Pell

Local Student Wins Class at San Angelo



Nathan Gee won first place last Thursday at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Nathan was picked first out of class of Seventy-seven light weight Hampshire barrows. This qualified Nathan for the Premium Sale held Saturday afternoon.

Happenings at FBC

Perfect? Not even close! We are saved sinners gathering together to humbly worship and serve our Savior. God is AWESOME!

Mark your calendars:

March 8th - Brotherhood Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8AM - Please come and enjoy sensational fellowship, food, and fun.

March 9th - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward.

March 9th - Annie Armstrong Mission Meal - bring your favorite salads and desserts.

We were so sorry to learn that the Woodall Family lost their home in Thursday's fire, and our thoughts and prayer are with them as they begin to put the pieces back together.

Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon told of a story in the bible where Jesus used mud to heal a blind man's sight. Liz demonstrated how to make mud using a bucket of dirt and a bottle of water, and told of the fun she had making mud pies. If Jesus can use the mud we play with to perform a miracle, then Jesus can certainly help us through each and every problem we face.

Our spirits were stirred when Gary Mauney sang The Savior is Waiting. Gary is an extraordinary miracle and testimony.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Friends" - John 15:14&15.

Friendship is not easy to develop, and demands a great effort.

Requirements for Friendship:

I. Willingness to Spend Oneself for Another.

1. We live in a day of "me-ism". - Some today have more enemies than friends because and enemy is less trouble.

2. What's in it for me? - Instead try, What can I do for you? Remember: If you set out to find a friend there are none to be found, however if you set out to be a friend there are friends everywhere!

II. Trusting Submissiveness to Friends.

1. Think twice before doing business with a friend. - Why does it put a relationship in jeopardy?

2. Friendship with Christ is forever. - Guaranteed! Don't get married to just get married - be friends first - you have a better chance of a marriage that will work and a better chance of staying together.

III. Total Opening of Ourselves to Our Friend.

1. Holding nothing back. - No shame or judgment in friendship.

2. Trusting someone enough to tell all. - You can be YOU!

The Results of Friendship:

1. You did not choose me, but I chose you. - Vs. 16: Jesus chose you first!

2. Fruit that will abide. - Bear the fruits of the spirit. Jesus is the best friend you will ever have! Jesus died for you! Jesus loves you! Jesus lives for you! Jesus command: Love One Another As I Have Loved You!

Welcome new members: Spider (Doyle) and Patsy Clark joined our fellowship.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM - please come and join us! Our Worship Service is broadcast on 88.7FM. God Bless and Keep You! See you next Sunday!

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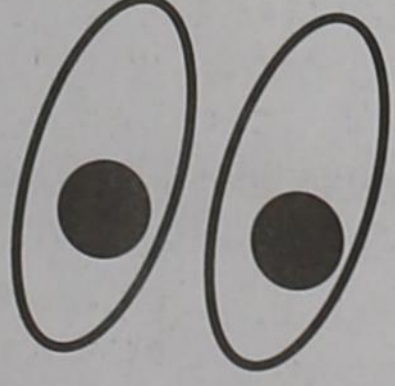
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Super Notes

By David K. Perry - 734-3171

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Last Saturday Nicole Cogburn qualified for the Girl's State Power-lift competition. She beat her best total by 35lbs. Good luck at State Nicole!

We continue to do well in everything in which we participate. Andre Agassi once said, "Attitude is everything!" I don't know for sure if that is true, but I do know that it means a lot to go into a competition knowing that you can win instead of feeling like you don't have a chance. Our students are being taught to do the best they can in everything in which they are involved and we are preparing them to be champions and they know it.

The girls softball team won their district opener against Cross Plains 8-3. Monday's game against Albany was rescheduled to Wednesday at 4:00pm due to the weather. They have looked a little better each game during pre-season. Coach Emmons is doing a great job with them or they are doing a great job for Coach Emmons. I know both coach and team are working hard to make this a winning season.

Coach Fox and team are looking good. The boy's baseball team went undefeated at the Perrin-Whitt Tournament and defeated Perrin in the championship game Saturday. Way to go guys! Congratulations! Yes, I know you are not supposed to have two exclamations together like that, but sometimes that's just the way it is. If you are an English teacher, you have my permission to get out your red pen and thoroughly thrash my article.

We had two track meets here last week. The high school meet was on Thursday and the junior high meet was on Friday. All I have to say is we have a great bunch of kids! Everyone involved did an excellent job of representing their school. Watching the junior high athletes Friday night I was encouraged thinking about the future and how we should remain competitive in the years to come. Watching the high school I was thinking that we might be watching some track in Austin this year. We have some very talented athletes. You should come see for yourself!

Also, thanks to the Lion's Club of Gorman for hosting the concession at the track meets. The Lion's Club in Gorman does several things in our community but the most important to me is helping those children at our school that need glasses to get them. Many people from different backgrounds make up the Lion's Club membership in Gorman. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact me.

I know everyone is excited about the building project and so am I. Fortunately for me, I get to see almost everything first. I have a sample of some things that will be in the new facility in my office. I have a sample of the gym flooring, the textured block for the exterior walls, and a red and blue stadium seat. If you would like to come by and see the samples, just drop in. No appointments are necessary.

By the way, I don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring. I was glad to see the moisture, but I'd like for it to be liquid when we receive it and for it to stay that way. March in this part of the country is no time for ice and snow. It certainly makes outside sports fun to play, not! Maybe that will be our last freeze. I hope so!

Good communication is one of the most important facets of any organization and crucial to success. I hope that if any of you ever have an issue regarding our school that concerns you that you will come to me to discuss it. We can't please everyone, but we will listen and consider other points of view, but we can't if we never hear them. It takes two way communications. I was once told by my boss that you have a choice: you are either a part of the problem or a part of the solution to the problem whatever it may be. You can't just sit on the fence and do nothing. If you do, then you are part of the problem. My door is always open and you are always welcome!

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!

Fred Nealy Merworth

Fred Nealy Merworth, age 94, of De Leon passed away at his residence on Sunday, March 2, 2008. Services were held Tuesday, March 4th at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel in De Leon with Bro. Kenneth Wilson officiating. Music by Vicki Robinet. Burial was in Mt. Olive Cemetery, Big Spring, Tx on March 5th.

Fred was born January 6, 1914 in Alba, Texas to the late John H.T. & Rebecca Reeves Merworth. He married Cora Lee Alexander on November 3, 1991 in De Leon.

He had worked in the oil fields, worked as a truck driver and had been a contract mail carrier. Moving from Comanche, he had lived in De Leon since 1991. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Cora Lee Merworth of De Leon; 2 sons, Ellis Neal Merworth of Howe, TX and Timothy Joe Merworth and wife Mariane of Midland; one daughter, Sue Merworth Lambert of De Leon; one step-son, Wiley Chandler and wife Linda of Farmers Branch; one step-daughter, Janet Chandler Sanders and husband Ray of De Leon; one half-sister, Jonnie June Williams of Phoenix, AZ.; 7 grandchildren: Karl Lambert and wife Lela, Kirby Lambert and wife Bev, Pattie James and husband Charles, Ellis Merworth, Jr. and wife Dana, Becca Merworth, their mother, Susie Merworth, Joe Merworth, Jr. and wife Lynn, and Chris Stogner; three step-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Roy W. Lambert; 2 brothers, Arthur Merworth and Lewie Merworth; one sister, Ollie Merworth Duncan; and one granddaughter, Kathy Lambert.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

A great crowd was here on the 27th at 11:30. We enjoyed having 35 present for our weekly luncheon and visiting. I do hope we can continue to have this good turnout. It was so nice to have Geraldene Wright with us, had been awhile since we had seen her. She gave the blessing for us with her usual wonderful words.

Emma Jane Larch had her school mates as her quests. They were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Overstreet and Kenny Welch. Maybe Linda, Kenny's wife can be with us also someday. We will have to wait until she retires from school teaching.

We also had some new people from the Carbon area. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cross, very nice to meet them. Maybe they can convince others from that area to come and be with us.

Our dinner this week consisted of ham, chicken Spaghetti, King Ranch Chicken, beans, several different veggies, salads, deviled eggs, cornbread, rolls and many goodies and cakes. Wynogene Smith out did herself with two cherry vanilla meringue pies. So good! Emma Jane Larch brought her usual delicious cake. Betty Regian made the rolls for us this week. Very tasty.

Annie Fay Foster has been having some issues that are keeping her home. Hope you are feeling well and much improved soon. We miss you being with us and ringing the bell for order and quite. Daisy Slaton get the job when you not here.

Eula Lee Miears is now taking treatment for her problem. I do hope she can withstand this ordeal and be back with us some day. We do miss her and James being here to visit. I believe I'll make some Jello for next week as we miss her bringing this good dish.

I visited Opal Burton last Friday the 29th. She was in bed and asleep. I managed to wake her some and she answered a little of what I told her. So sad to see her in such a state. She is now under Hospice.

We are so saddened over Anna Rush's sudden passing. I

Still can't believe she is gone. She was our director for about 5 years. Then Barbara Bush and I continued her good work. There is much more to this position than people realize. We will miss her terribly at the dinner and especially game playing. She also made the best egg custard that I would a pig of. She brought beans every week and always something else. We did enjoy her Chicken and Dressing at the Holidays.

While we were playing games on the 28th the fire started in Gorman. Several had to leave to check on their homes in the area. Those of us in town, about 6, stayed and playing Spinner. Sorry to the Woodall's as they lost their home in this fire. So glad we have now had some rain.

Daisy Slaton, Betty Regian and I traveled to Desdemona for the breakfast at the DAC. Their food is all good, especially the sausage and biscuits and gravy. While there we shopped at the Hogtown General Store. Mary Riggs sure has some nice jewelry, purses, and all kinds of pretties to choose from. We always find something to purchase. This all happens every month on the First Saturday.

Last Tuesday the 26th we played Hamilton in Gorman. What a ball game. We like to have froze. We won 11-6. The game before I burned up. Even Jud Maxfield had to leave due to the cold. I had to tease him a little about being a softy in his elder years. The baseball game this Monday the 3rd was cancelled due to the extreme cold. So now we will play on Wednesday the 5th at 4 p.m. The weather should be OK.

Hope all is well and see you next week -- Carol.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, March 10th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Make plans to attend this morning event to enjoy the good food and have fellowship with all of the group. Visitors are always welcome.

"Happy Birthday" to a former Classmate and friend, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley in Sealy, Texas on Saturday, March 8th. Alla Rae and this reporter were in the Class of 1951 at the Desdemona School.

Carol Sue (Hall) Willis was honored with a "Retirement Luncheon" hosted by here three daughters and families last Sunday, March 2, 2008 at the Desdemona First Baptist Annex. A large group of Family and Friends attended to enjoy all the good food. Carol Sue worked thirty years for 7-11 Stores near Arlington. When Carol Sue retired she moved back "Home" to Desdemona where she grew up, attended school and graduated with the Class of 1960. Special guest for the luncheon was her sister, Linda (Hall) Hahn of Arlington who also graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1962.

History -- A Look in the Past: Carbonated water was invented in March 1733; First Paper money of the U. S. Government issued March 10, 1862; Slave trade in England abolished March 25, 1807.

Thought For Today - "Anything that triggers your good memories -- really can't be all that bad."

Please contact this reporter with your Weekly News. Your help will be appreciated. Thank you and have a nice day, Vonnie Rue.

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TSU Releases Fall 2007 List of Graduates

Tarleton State University's fall commencement was held December 10 and 11, 2007. The following undergraduate students have satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual degree programs and have been awarded their diplomas.

Graduating from Desdemona was Sarah Lewis with a BA in English and from Gorman was Kristina Everton with a BS in Criminal Justice. Congratulations to these graduates.

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