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City of Gorman General Election

To Be Held May 14th

The City of Gorman General Election will be held on May 14, 2011. Positions to be on the ballot are Commissioners Place 1 and Place 3.

Currently serving as Commissioner Place #1 is Nathan Files, and serving as Place #3 is David Stanley. The first day to file for a place on the

May General Election ballot will be February 12, 2011 and the last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 14, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.

Send a thoughtful gift this Valentine's Day.
The Junior Class is selling Valentine's Bags.
You can choose from \$1, \$3, or \$5 bags.

You can place your order at the High School Office or feel free to e-mail Tammy Kellar at tkellar@gorman.esc14.net or Debora Sanchez at dsanchez@gorman.esc14.net.

Pick up your orders at the high school office on Monday, February 14 or delivery is available upon request.

Artists and Exhibitors Sought For National Art Expo in East Texas

ATHENS--The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and Wildlife Forever need artists and exhibitors to participate in the 13th annual National State-Fish Art Contest Expo to be held concurrently with the 2nd annual Art's Better Outside event on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens.

Booths are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All artists are welcome to exhibit and offer their work for sale to the public.

Booth fees are underwritten by the Toyota Texas Bass Classic Foundation, sponsor of the Texas division of the State-Fish Art Contest. Artists are encouraged to actively demonstrate their craft or offer a hands-on art-related activity for the visiting public and the young artists.

The purpose of the event is to acquaint young artists from across the nation with the range of artistic endeavors available to them either as a career or a hobby. All the students in attendance will be winners of their state contest in one of three grade levels: 4-6, 7-9, or 10-12. About 50 young artists are expected to attend. With families and the general public, total attendance is projected to be between 750 and 1,000.

Deadline for students to enter the contest is March 31, and winners will be announced April 22.

To confirm your participation or to learn more about becoming involved in the event as an artist or exhibitor, please contact Jim Booker at (903) 670-2266, e-mail james.booker@tpwd.state.tx.us.

For more information about the event, please contact Zoe Ann Stinchcomb at (903) 670-2238, e-mail Zoeann.stinchcomb@tpwd.state.tx.us.

For information on the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest, visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishart/> or www.wildlife-forever.org/contest.

For information on lodging, dining, and other facilities and activities in Athens, visit www.athens.tx.org.

It's Not Too Late

Start your New Year Resolution!

Join Kickboxing!

Beginners class at 6:00 p.m.

On Monday and Wednesday

Starting February 2nd

(You must be 18 years or older)

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Is Your Story Written?

In recent issues of this paper you have been invited (maybe even encouraged) to write your remembrance of January 1, 2006. Please complete your writings and send them in by March 1, 2011 to: **JODY FORBUS, CHIEF**

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Thank you for your help -- your support is always appreciated.

Boys and Girls Club News

Many Boys and Girls Clubs are running a Car Campaign. Donated Cars are sold at auction and the funds generated help support their many programs. For those wishing to donate or for more information, call 800-246-0493.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a **Special Meeting** at 11 a.m. On Thursday, February 10th in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Discuss and consider removing County Burn Ban Until next Commissioners' Court Meeting.

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court. Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

Beef Up Your Retirement Savings -- Your 401(k) May Not Be Enough

(NewsUSA) - There's no doubt, Americans have a love affair with their 401(k) plans.

But with their portfolios battered by the financial meltdown and the specter of rising health care costs looming, many future retirees are realizing that a 401(k) probably won't provide that kind of income alone.

In fact, financial experts say tomorrow's retirees will need 80 to 100 percent of their pre-retirement income just to live comfortably!

With that in mind, more and more investors are supplementing their retirement savings with an old friend -- the Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The good news is that you can contribute to an IRA even if you're in a retirement plan at work!

Benefits Any Way You Slice It

There are two primary types of IRAs to choose from:

Traditional IRA: The original, or "traditional," IRA, allows retirement contributions to grow tax-deferred until withdrawn (potentially speeding their growth). Currently, you can contribute up to \$5,000 a year, or up to \$6,000 a year if you're 50 or older. Eligible taxpayers can also take a tax deduction on their IRA contributions. (Eligibility phases out above certain adjusted gross income limits, and being in a retirement plan at work tightens these limits.)

Roth IRA: The newer Roth IRA offers tax-free growth. Taxes are paid up front. Because contributions are made with already-taxed dollars, there is no deduction for contributions. That means contributions (but not earnings) can be withdrawn tax-free, without penalty at any age. That's why many people use Roth IRAs for both college and retirement saving. Eligibility for contributing to a Roth IRA phases out above certain adjusted gross income limits.

Uncle Sam is making it easier to convert an existing traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. In 2010, income limits that have traditionally kept high-earning individuals from converting to a Roth will be repealed, making it easier for anyone to make the switch!

The Bottom Line: If you've contributed the maximum to your 401(k) and still have money left over for retirement savings, an IRA may be a great place to put it.

For information about AAA's Deposit Program, including traditional and Roth IRA CDs, visit AAA.com/Deposits or call 1-888-728-3230.

Deposit products offered by Discover Bank, Member FDIC.

No Food Bank
On
Thursday February 10th

Gorman Panthers/ Lady Panthers

2011 Track Schedule

Thursday	March 3rd	Ranger
Thursday	March 10th	Cross Plains
Saturday	March 26th	Meridian
Friday	April 1st	May
Thursday	April 7th	District Track (May)
Thursday	April 13th	Area Track (Zephyr)
Mon./Tues.	May 2nd & 3rd	Regional Track (Abilene)
Fri./Sat.	May 13th & 14th	State Track (Austin)

2011 Junior High Track Schedule

Friday	March 4th	Ranger
Thursday	March 10th	Goldthwaite
Thursday	March 24th	Gorman
Thursday	March 31st	District Zone Track (Strawn)

Revised As Of January 18, 2011

Smith's Service Station Changing Owners

Johnny is retiring on Friday, February 11th, after 51 years in the Service Station business. Johnny's son, Jeff and wife Angie will open on Monday, February 14th as the new owners of Smith's Service Station.

In honor of Johnny's retirement and to show our appreciation of your patronage you are invited to drop by Smith's Service Station on Friday, February 11th from 2 to 4 p.m. For Coffee and Cake.

Cisco College To Offer Rural Leadership Program

CISCO, Texas - Cisco College will offer a rural leadership program for area West Central Texas residents who are interested in addressing critical issues that will bring about improved conditions in their communities.

"The program is designed to provide participants with skills in personal, workplace and community leadership; communication; conflict management; team building; time management; decision making and strategic and action planning," said Charlotte Speegle, executive dean of workforce and economic development at Cisco College.

The 48-hour noncredit course will meet at the Cisco campus one day each month, beginning in April and ending in November. A facilitator will lead sessions that will include skills development, activities, exercises and networking opportunities with experts from business/industry, local/state agencies, economic development groups and others.

Participants will learn new strategies to stimulate the economy, how to mobilize people and improve the futures of their communities. People and organizations that will benefit from attending the course include business owners, employees, city and county officials, church groups, volunteers, economic developers, chamber of commerce members, nonprofit organizations, workforce development personnel, educators and others. The cost of the course includes all training materials. Lunch will be provided at each session.

Applications for the course must be submitted to the college no later than March 25. Enrollment is limited to 20 people. For more information and/or to request an application, contact Charlotte Nix Speegle at charlotte.speegle@cisco.edu or 325.794.4411 or Micheline Tolle at micheline.tolle@cisco.edu or 325.794.4408.

RESOLVE TO BE READY FOR MORE WINTER WEATHER

DENTON, Texas - After weathering recent winter storms, people in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico are encouraged to prepare now for another round of snow and ice.

"We will continue to be proactive, making sure to support our state partners," said FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell. "We also urge you to get ready - have a plan, put together an emergency kit and stay informed by listening to your local officials for instructions and updated emergency information."

Tools and resources are available online to help you prepare for, respond to and recover from any type of disaster. Visit www.Ready.gov or the Spanish language site www.Listo.gov.

Gorman City Minutes

JANUARY 20, 2011

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Joe Casey, Nathan Files, and Durward Webb. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley, PWD Glenn Scitern, and Tim Huckabay.

Joe 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.

Tacy read the minutes of the previous meeting. David made the motion to approve the minutes. Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

After looking over the bills, Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Durward made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commission is still in the process of trying to obtain estimates on the tower repairs.

David made the motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Seaton from the Gorman Housing Authority Board of Directors. Durward made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to appoint Mark Wilkerson to fill the position on the Housing Authority Board of Directors. Nathan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to order the City of Gorman May 14, 2011 General Election. An election judge and two clerks will be appointed at a later date. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 5:55 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:55 p.m. David made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular open Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Barbara reported to the Commission that Joshua Nichols had made payment in lieu of fulfilling the 2 year contract with the City of Gorman. The contract would have been fulfilled in July of 2011. Barbara also presented to the Commission the resignation letter of Joshua Nichols. Officer Nichols moved to a different job position in order to further his law enforcement career. David made the motion to accept this resignation. Durward made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion to hire Billy Carson as patrol officer at a starting pay of \$12.50 / hour. Mr. Carson will be on a 90 day probation period as customary. Upon the completion of this period if the Commission is satisfied with Mr. Carson's job performance he will be made a regular full time employee, placed on City insurance benefits, and pay increase to 13.00 / hour. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 4-0, time was 7:05 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 - 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.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, 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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every 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.

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

Boy Scouts

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

Obituary

Nina Beth Hale Joiner

Nina Beth Hale Joiner, 76, died Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at home in Gorman, Texas. She was born April 23, 1934 near DeLeon, Texas to Mack and Myrtle (Holland) Hale. She married Ennis Joiner April 23, 1950.



She attended elementary school in De Leon, and high school in Gorman. She received her Bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, and her Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She taught math in a number of places including Galup, New Mexico, Midland and Gorman, Texas, and Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. She and Ennis also lived in Midkiff, Texas; and Bethioua, Algeria.

Nina's love was teaching. In addition to teaching math, she taught Sunday School for many years. She became a Christian at the age of twelve at Liberty Baptist Church in Rucker. Later, she was a charter member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jal, New Mexico. She was currently a member of St. Joe Baptist Church in DeLeon.

She is survived by her husband, Ennis; her two children and their spouses, Linda and David Glover of Gorman and Stephen and Betty Joiner of Abilene; five grandchildren: Diana Gilder and husband, Toby of Devine, David Joiner and wife, Mandi of Abilene, Janice Derington and husband, Jeremy of Stephenville, Mary Beth Leach and husband, Justin of May, and Mark Glover and wife, Stephanie of Memphis, Tennessee; six great grandchildren: Garrett and Abigail Gilder, Brynn and Sadie Leach and Hannah and Makenna Derington; and her oldest brother, Argie Hale and his wife, Margie of DeLeon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Debra Joiner; two brothers, Thurman and Gearld Hale.

Visitation was at Friday night from 6 to 8 P.M. Services were held Saturday, February 5, at 11:00 A.M. at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman.

"On The Wilder Side"

What can we do for someone who has lost a loved one to death? John Mark Hicks, a minister, author, and Christian teacher, lost his first wife to death, then years later his son died and his second wife divorced him. In his book *Anchor for the Soul: Trusting God in the Storms of Life* (College Press), John Mark shares from his heart and his experience of grief what we can do for someone who is suffering.

1. Have a healthy sense of inadequacy. The worst and most offensive thing to a sufferer is for someone to come in and have all the answers.
2. Be there and be silent. From a sufferer's point of view, the most important thing is not what you say but your presence. Be present and be God's instrument of comfort.
3. Listen. It's difficult to listen to a sufferer, and the tendency is to try and change the subject. Take a cue from the sufferer. If they lead you into remembering their loved one, go with their lead. If they talk about something more superficial, talk about the topic they choose. Be willing to listen to questioning doubt. Job's friends were unwilling to hear Job's questioning and tried to stop him. What we do represents God for them.
4. Be willing to experience pain with the sufferer. We may have enough problems in our own lives that we often don't want to experience the pain and hear about the problems of others, but a sufferer needs someone to listen, feel with them. Proverbs 28:20
5. Express your love without interpretive statements. Don't say, "It's all for the best," or "God plucked a rose from his garden." Never try to interpret why a person died or what God's intention was—this is not only arrogant but doesn't help the sufferer. Say something that you feel, such as "I feel awful about this. This is terrible." Never tell a sufferer how they should feel, but you can tell them how you feel, that is, how you hurt with them and how awful you feel about the circumstances.
6. Do something. Don't say, "If there's anything, anything I can do, call me." Why not? Because this places on the sufferer the responsibility to do something, to figure out something for the person to do for them and make a call. This is a time when the sufferer doesn't need more burdens. Have you ever really been called by someone who is suffering after you told them this? Most likely, you've been called rarely, if ever. The sufferer may not want to inconvenience someone nor decide who to inconvenience. Statements like, "Call me if there's anything I can do" only extend the suffering rather than helping. What needs done? In some cases, everything needs to be done. Do something for the sufferer that you perceive they need. Mow their lawn, take them some food, help them clean their house, change the oil in their car. Show up and do.

Always remember that WE are the hands, feet, and mouth of Jesus Christ today. I can think of no greater privilege and no more sobering responsibility!

Jason Wilder
Gorman Church of Christ

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

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 3+ Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks! \$119,500.
 9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2-story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, metal roof, carport, 30x50 metal shop, several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00
 S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.
 Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
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 MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Hash Brown, juice and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Ham, Gravy, Biscuit, juice and Milk

LUNCH
 MONDAY - Chicken and dumplings, Lasagna, tossed salad, crackers, fruit and milk.
 TUESDAY - Meat Loaf, Chicken Nuggets, cream potatoes, corn nuggets, gravy, rolls, brownies and milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Pizza, vegetable sticks, green beans, crackers, rice crispy and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Chicken Wraps, corn, tossed salad, oranges and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Beef Fajita or Chicken Fajita, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet and Milk.

Letter To The Editor

By Henry A. Buchanan

Mubarak must go. Not because our President Obama and our Secretary of State Clinton think he should. But because he has over-stayed his time in the office and the Egyptian people are ready for him to go. The people have not yet put forth a new leader, but they have had enough of Mubarak.

Like the woman whom Jesus forgave and told "Go and sin no more," the Egyptian President has nowhere to go. He can't come here. The Egyptian people already blame us for financing the Mubarak regime. He can't go to any of the other African and Middle Eastern states; they are already in a mood for revolution. He can't go to any European hideout because he would just attract terrorists bent on his destruction. China and India won't have him; he would interfere with trade with the U.S. He could shoot himself and make people so happy they would erect a memorial to him.

Now getting back to that woman whom Jesus forgave. Where could she go and sin no more? To her husband? He would beat her. To the women's garden club? They would give her a cactus. To the Baptist Church? They would give her a pack of offering envelopes and advise her to mail in her contribution/tithe.

There's no place to go when the people turn against you. Well, American Presidents usually have a dog. But Mubarak? I still think he might as well shoot himself. Failed Kings don't have swords to fall on as in the days of Saul, first King of the Jews.

Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454
 254-734-4569 - February 7, 2011

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"EDGE OF GORMAN - 1.3 AC, m/l. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk.bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06

HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Wow! What an awful storm last week! By the time you read this, round 2 will have arrived.

We are sorry that we had to cancel the breakfast last Saturday morning but the conditions were just too dangerous. Our next breakfast will be on March 5th. Hope to see you all there.

The annual general meeting of the members of the DAC will be held this Thursday evening at 7:00. I hope the weather has cleared some by then. Please come and see what is going on at the DAC, become a member and support our beautiful building.

This Friday evening is our regular first Friday dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The cost to get in is \$5.00 per person. The concession stand opens at 6:00 and the music starts at 7:00.

Our spring craft show will be held on April 16th. If you would like to be a vendor, please call me at 254-758-2420. The booth rentals are \$30.00.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

HEALTH

Baby Boomers: Don't Let Osteoarthritis Slow You Down

NewsUSA

(NU) - Osteoarthritis affects an estimated 27 million Americans and is the most common type of arthritis. Women over the age of 50 have a greater risk of suffering from osteoarthritis than men of the same age. In fact, women overall are more likely to experience a decrease in their activity level.



Women over 50 are more likely to decrease their activity level than men.

With osteoarthritis, the tissue that serves as a 'cushion' between joints breaks down and causes the joints to rub together. This can result in chronic pain, stiffness, and decreased mobility. Chronic pain can be one of the most difficult parts of dealing with osteoarthritis, and it can get in the way of routine activities that make life rich and fulfilling — such as working, driving, shopping or even hugging a grandchild. A majority of people with osteoarthritis say it is difficult to be physically active. This puts them at risk for other medical problems, such as heart disease, diabetes and weight gain.

"For many individuals, the main goal is to effectively treat the symptoms of osteoarthritis and stay active," says Society for Women's Health Research spokesperson, Carmen Green, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan. "Treatment may include a mix of physical therapy, acupuncture, massage and prescription pain medications, including over-the-counter products, anti-inflamma-

tory drugs and opioid medications." Experts believe the sooner osteoarthritis is diagnosed and treated, the better the chances are of preventing it from getting worse. Those battling osteoarthritis should see a doctor about managing their pain. They — and their caregivers — should also learn as much as they can and be actively involved in their own treatment plan.

To learn more about osteoarthritis and how to treat the symptoms, visit the Society for Women's Health Research at www.swhr.org. This website will direct visitors to resources that contain a variety of information on pain conditions, such as pain assessment and measurement tools, and links to pain education and advocacy groups. The content can help people with osteoarthritis better understand the condition and improve their ability to talk about pain with their healthcare provider.

REAL ESTATE

Three Helpful Tips for Renting Out Your Home

NewsUSA

(NU) - Home ownership has always been a part of the American dream, but that may be changing. Uncertainty in the housing market has led many would-be buyers to believe that renting's the better option.



The economy is forcing many real estate investors to rent out unsold homes.

According to a May 2010 online survey commissioned by the National Apartment Association, 76 percent of consumers think that renting is preferable to owning a home in today's market.

Likewise, some homeowners believe it's better to rent out their home than to sell it for less than its worth, if they can sell it all. Those considering renting out their property shouldn't make a hasty decision. Neglecting to weigh the costs and potential risks could put first-time landlords in a poor situation. Moco, Inc., a company that provides screening services to property owners, managers and employers throughout the United States, offers the following tips:

- **Look at the numbers.** Renting might not be the best option. If you're going to lose money each month, it might make more sense to sell, even if you won't get your asking price. Consider all potential costs, including property taxes, income taxes on your tenants' rent, maintenance, and the normal wear and tear your property will experience. Remember that you won't be able to pocket all of the rent money; you will have to put a portion of it back into the property.
- **Find quality tenants.** Nightmare tenants can be, well, a nightmare. Prepare for a careful

screening process. Many private landlords can't access the quality screening products available to larger businesses without going through a lengthy certification process. However, you can avoid time and expense by asking your applicants to visit MyScreeningReport.com. The report includes a consumer credit report, SSN verification, comprehensive criminal search, eviction search, national sex offender registry search and an OFAC (federal terrorism database) search — everything you need to determine whether a potential tenant meets your standards.

• **Use an all-encompassing lease.** Whether you use a template or hire an attorney to write your lease, make sure that the lease clearly states your expectations. The lease should state who is responsible for what, when you expect rent to be paid and what penalties you will impose if it is late.

For more information, visit www.MyScreeningReport.com.

Happenings At FBC!!

Wanted! God wants YOU! God loves people both inside and outside the church. Respond to His invitation to follow Christ. God wants you and loves YOU!

Mark your calendars:

Feb. 9th – 7pm – African Children's Choir at The Majestic in Eastland.

Feb. 12th – 8am – Brotherhood Breakfast - Come, fellowship, pray, eat, & enjoy!

Please join us: Wed Feb 9th 7pm at The Majestic in Eastland for the African Children's Choir.

Children's Sermon: Traci talked with the children about our crazy week that was filled with no school, no electricity, no water, frozen pipes, broken pipes, and freezing cold temps. The Bible tells us to praise the Lord and thank the Lord for our blessings. Even our crazy week was filled with blessings. Traci got to see her eight-month old granddaughter, Morgan, take her first steps. When asked all the children said their blessing was getting to play in the snow. Tomorrow and every day talk to God and think of things that bless your life and give thanks to God. Thank you, God, for all the little children. Amen.

Special Music: Holly Wright praised the Lord with her beautiful voice in song, "Hungry".

Bro. Barry's Message: "End Zone Dance" – Daniel 4:1-3 - Today is Super Bowl Sunday, and it's a known fact that when the majority of football players score a touchdown they point up. It's a phenomenal platform to share their faith and give Glory to God; God is number one. Bro. Barry did his best demonstration of an "End Zone Dance", which resulted in laughter from the congregation. Billy "White Shoes" Johnson coined a trend of celebrating the success of a touchdown in the end zone. Sometimes it's difficult to give credit where credit is due. Some fail to give God credit; a host of billionaires that profess their disbelief in God. We know about these people because we allow them to "get on the stump". When we have struggles and troubles we go to the Lord; may we also strive to show God appreciation for our successes. We need to hear more about the people that put God first and give God credit for their success (Mary Kay, David Green – Hobby Lobby, Harmon Dobson – WhatABurger, etc. Praise the Lord with your life! GOD RULES: God reigns or He is nothing at all.

(1) Listen to Your Warnings – Break free from your past. – Today's events are unprecedented. What will it take for people to begin heeding warnings? Find your faith and live by your faith!

(2) Listen to Good Advice – Turn from your sin. – Have you ever asked for advice and didn't take the advice you were given? Of course! We all must agree that Good Advice is don't do drugs and don't have premarital sex. Find your faith, do something with your faith, and live for Christ!

(3) Be Merciful to the Poor. – Daniel 4:37 – Our God in Heaven is the Most High. Be a blessing and take care of the helpless.

"DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE" - Daniel 4:34- We are a Church Family, and Brother Barry says he works to be a good Pastor; he sees the faces of our Church Family in his mind through the day and the night; he knows that by God we will get through our troubles and our needs will be met. We are dealing with eternity. WE NEED GOD AND NEED TO DEPEND ON HIM! Money cannot buy your testimony! Leave your children something besides the money of this world! May the legacy you leave be everything God wants you to be!!!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior 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! 1X100

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be canceled on Monday, February 14th due to the cold and icy weather. This social is held on the second Monday morning of each month at the Community Center. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "HI" Means so much to a shut-in.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Visitors last Sunday were four students from Tarleton College in Stephenville. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson, his wife, Jana and all of the members invites visitors to attend Sunday School at 10 a.m. And the Morning Services at 11 a.m.

Remember the old saying, "Thunder in February" and there will be "Frost in April". There was thunder early Tuesday morning, February 1st. So mark you calendar and see if this old saying comes true.

Did the "Ground Hog" see his shadow on Wednesday, February 2nd? With all this Cold weather, ice and snow, our area needs a change in the weather. Agree??

Friends of Desdemona sends "Get Well" wishes to Willa Dean (Brightwell) Ormsby in Stephenville. She is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1943.

"HELLO" to our friends, Vernell (Joiner) Miers and Cristell (Joiner) Scott in Comanche. They are former residents of Desdemona where they attended school. Vernell graduated with the Class of 1940 and Cristell with the Class of 1948.

Lloyd Dixon of De Leon celebrated his 103rd Birthday on February 5th. A birthday party was planned for him on that day at the Senior Citizen Building but due to the Cold and Icy Weather it was postponed. Lloyd continues to live by himself, he drives his new car and enjoys his meals at the Senior Citizens where he visits with friends and kin. His cousins are Avie Taylor of De Leon, Bernard Keith and Vonnie Guthery both of Desdemona.

This reporter would like to say "HELLO" to my friend and former Classmate, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley, her husband, Pete and grandson, Dylan in Sealy, Texas. Alla Rae and Vonnie was in Class of 1951. This Class will celebrate their "60TH" Class Reunion this August at the Annual Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion. Alla Rae continues her work for the Lord by helping others in need.

"Happy Valentine Day" to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

Remembering Reagan and His Legacy



With the 100 Anniversary of the birth of President Ronald Reagan and 30 years since his first inauguration this year, I am reminded of the great leader whose optimism and patriotism continue to inspire me.

When Ronald Reagan was elected President in 1980, America faced an anemic economy, high unemployment, and a sense of malaise emanated from Washington.

But President Reagan never doubted America's potential was unlimited. During his second inaugural address he said America "can out-produce, out-compete, and out-sell anybody, anywhere in the world." He understood that we were a nation of hope and achievement. The "Reagan Revolution" was fueled by the understanding that, given the opportunity, Americans would dream, create, and build. He also knew that the road to greatness was through an individual's effort, not through expanded government.

So President Reagan set about reinvigorating the stagnant economy. He cut government spending. He reduced government regulation. He ended the practice of wage and price controls. And he passed tax cuts for all Americans. He famously noted: "Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives." The American economy responded with sustained growth, and a new era of economic prosperity was ushered in.

Reagan's vision of the greater good also extended beyond our shores. He was a fierce advocate for freedom. With our Cold War adversary, the Soviet Union, imposing the tight grip of communism on much of the world, President Reagan launched a resurgence of American military might through the Strategic Defense Initiative. As he said: "Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong." It was his firm resolve to negotiate from a position of strength that led to successful arms talks with the Soviets and ultimately to the downfall of the Soviet empire. During his first inaugural address he clearly stated where America stood: "As for the enemies of freedom, those who are potential adversaries, they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it; we will not surrender for it—now or ever."

President Reagan understood that all people, regardless of where they live, long for freedom and liberty. He believed that America was a beacon of hope to the oppressed peoples of the world—a "shining city on the hill." As Jeffrey Bell wrote in the Weekly Standard, Reagan "believed that people all over the world craved self-government just as much as Americans did." Even today, he is still being proven right. He said that "concentrated power has always been the enemy of liberty." These words still echo in today's tumultuous times, as we witnessed the poignant photographs of women in Iraq voting and joyously holding up their purple-stained thumbs, to the footage of the marchers in Egypt calling for free elections for the first time in 30 years. He also understood the importance of information in promoting freedom, calling it the "oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire; it wafts across the electrified borders." His words are as true today as when he uttered them in 1989.

Freedom and individual liberty are America's greatest assets. They are the core of our national identity. They are the foundation of our economic prosperity. And these precious assets have been protected by the service and sacrifice of patriots in every generation from the beginning of America's history to today. Reagan understood and appreciated the duty we all have to preserve these American ideals. As he said, "Democracy is worth dying for, because it is the most deeply honorable form of government devised by man."

When President Reagan died in 2004, there was a spontaneous, worldwide outpouring of grief and tribute that caught some seasoned political pundits by surprise. Throughout his political career, Reagan was a political intellectual of the day and sometimes dismissed by the media. But when he spoke, the American people listened, and they understood. They agreed with this down-to-earth but very profound man — and so did the world. We all remember him both fondly and with great respect.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Since we could not meet last Wednesday the 2nd due to snow, not much to write about. But how beautiful the snow and we needed the moisture desperately. We just didn't expect it to last 4 days, so very cold! As Cold I can ever remember while living in Texas.

One day I was so tired of being in and having Cabin Fever. So I went out in my carport. It was so serene, quiet and glistening. I'm surprised how quiet the snow makes outdoors. Acts like insulation with diamonds shining all over. I didn't last long with temperatures in the 20's. HA!

We are to have another Arctic blast by tomorrow the 9th of February. So we will not meet again. None of us need to be out in this type of weather. Daisy Slaton's helper saw one of our older people out during the ice and snow. Could hardly believe it, nothing is that urgent. Always some one younger to help you out in times of need. Hopefully with 4 wheel drive.

My grandson Tyson Swanner helped get wood in for me. The wood burning stove keeps me warm, but messy. He has gone back to college so will miss his help. I did all this for years, but hard to manage now.

We enjoyed another birthday party at the Swanner's on Saturday the 5th of February. This one for Holly Wright, Ryan's sister. He is Kendra's good husband. She turned 23! Can hardly believe they were teenagers just yesterday. Tim is quite the cook now, always prepares the meat outside. Holly requested Salmon, how delicious it was. She likes Carrot Cake, so we all enjoyed on with ice cream. Lucky I had one in the freezer ready to go.

Hopefully we can get back to our weekly gatherings soon. Winter will end and Spring will come eventually. I bought myself a pink Hyacinth to feel like spring. Really enjoyed it through the snow. The first blooms are gone and they are having a second. Didn't know they would do that.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol

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Registration is now open for the April 9, 2011 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before March 4, 2011.

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During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student. Additional score reports are available for a small fee.

All students complete a detailed inventory of questions during ACT registration. Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes a wide variety of information to assist with high school course selection, college readiness, career planning, and college admissions.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

Texas students can find more information about vouchers at <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/voucher.html>. Late registration is available until March 18, 2011 for an additional \$21 fee.