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### JUNE 17, 2010 NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR Miss and Little Miss Gorman Contest Underway

The Miss and Little Miss Gorman contests are now going strong after the contests began on June 1st. These girls are working very hard. Check the paper, and look for notices around town announcing the fund raisers these girls are doing and please support their efforts. Putting your spare change in their cans will help also.

This years contestants are: Cortney Shirley-Chamber of Commerce uisa Silva-- Fire Department Viridiana Maldonado-- Lion's Club

Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contestants: Kayle Nichols-- Chamber of Commerce

Crystal Gonzales - Josefina's Kitchen

Fund raising projects are now underway and all the girls have their cans in businesses for donations. Please help support these girls. The contest will run through June 26. All proceeds will go toward community projects. The Chamber supports programs such as the County Stock Show, the Easter Hunt and Halloween project, the Peanut Festival, the Annual Santa Visit, and Economic Development to bring in new businesses.

The pageant will be held at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 26, in the high school auditorium.

We appreciate the good job done by our reigning Miss Gorman, Mallory May, and Little Miss Gorman, Suellyn Hunter. They have represented us well at many area events and parades. Thanks girls!

#### **Card Of Thanks**

I would like to Thank You all for praying for me while I was down, and those gifts and cards, plants and flowers, hospital visits, home Cortney Shirley is having a drawing visits, phone calls, they were all appreciated.

Ann Warren

# **Liberty Baptist Church Revival Set June 20-23**

Liberty Baptist Church is having a Youth Led Revival on June 20 thru 23. Services begin each evening at 7 p.m. The Evangelist is Clint Hulsey from De Leon's St. Joe Baptist Church. Youth Groups from area churches will provide the music. Sunday Night will be the Kokomo Girl's Trio, Monday Night will be St. Joe Baptist Church, Tuesday Night will be New Hope Baptist Church and Wednesday Night will be Frist Baptist Church in Gorman will present their Puppet Ministry. This is not just for the youth, it is only led by the Youth. The Public is cordially invited to attend.

#### Tickets

Miss Gorman Candidate for a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-God Bless You All mart, a \$10 gift certificate to Mi Familia Mexican Restaurant, a \$20 gift certificate to the Bull Nettle Restaurant, and a \$40 gift certificate to Star Arms in Stephenville, Texas. Tickets can also be bought for \$100 packaged beef from City Grocery. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawings will be held at the contest on the night of June 26th at 7:00 PM in the Gorman High School auditorium. If you are interested in helping out and want Cortney at 254-734-5330.

> **CIA SUMMER** 2010

### **EPICENTER CONFERENCE** LIVE WEBCAST IN GORMAN

Is the increasing international isolation of Israel we see unfolding predicted in end times Bible prophecies? This question, among many others, will be addressed at the EPICENTER CONFERENCE 2010 LIVE WEBCAST being held at First Baptist Church in Gorman on Friday evening and Saturday, June 25 and 26. The Friday evening session begins at 6 P.M. Saturday sessions are 7:30-11:00 AM, 12:15-3:30 P.M. and 6-8 P.M. ADMISSION IS FREE TO ANY OR ALL OF THE CONFERENCE SES-SIONS.

The eyes of the world are focused on the Middle East, which is the epicenter of the dramatic events that are shaping our world and shaking our future.Significant questions arise as we witness these unprecedented events.

The EPICENTER CONFERENCE will be viewed live from Philadelphia with such speakers as: Joel Rosenberg, NY Times best-selling author of Inside the Revolution; Lt. Gen. William Boykin (ret.), former commander of all U.S. Special Forces; Kay Arthur, international Bible teacher and author of over 100 books and studies; Tony Perkins, president of Family Research Council; Mosab Yousef, son of a founder of Hamas, and convert to the Christian faith who has sought political asylum in America; Greg Laurie, pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, California; Moshe Yaalon, Vice-Premier, to buy raffle tickets please contact Minister of Strategic Affairs, Israel; Janet Parshall, Natl. Religious Broadcaster's 2008 Personality of the Year.

> The conference is being co-hosted locally by First Baptist and New Hope Baptist Churches of Gorman. Don't miss this live conference to help gain an "understanding of the times." For further information, call 254-734-6786 or log on to www.epicenterconference.com

# ROCK BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL MEETING SET

Rock Bluff Baptist Church will hold their Revival Meeting on June 21st thru June 27th at 8 p.m. Preaching of the Gospel featuring Bro. Terrell Jackson, Pastor of Mitchell Baptist Church in Cisco. Special Music. Everyone invited at attend. Rock Bluff Baptist Church, CR 461, De Leon, Texas.

### **HOMEMADE HAMBURGERS!!!**

Wednesday, June 23 -10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Laminack Construction at Blinking Light \$6.50 includes Hamburger, chips and drink.

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# STRAWN 3RD SATURDAY JAMBOREE

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree is slated for June 17th at 6 p.m. At the Civic Center in Strawn, 301 E. Housley Street (Highway 16 to downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 Housley Street, then go two blocks). Concessions open at 5:30. "Concessions proceeds benefit "Home Delivered Meals".

Everyone is invited to come and hear a good lineup of Country, Gospel and Bluegrass Music. Come on Out - You'll be glad you did. Alcohol and Smoke-Free Environment. Free Admission. Everyone Welcome. For information Call Finis Butler at 254-672-5622 or 672-5816.

Come early and visit our Downtown Shops and Restaurants, or visit Lake Tucker Park, 5 miles West of town for walking, hiking and nature trails, bird-watching, or just enjoy the scenery. Tables and Grills available.

### **HOMEMADE TAMALES!!!**

Viridiana Maldonado - Miss Gorman Candidate Sponsored by Gorman Lions Club Tamales made by Imelda Maldonado

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To Order Tamales Call Viridiana Maldonado at 254-243-0173

Will Be Delivered On Friday, June 18th



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,

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship is pleased to bring you "CIA Summer" for the summer months of June to August with fun-filled activities ready to engage children ages 6 to 12 years. "CIA Summer" is scheduled to sponsor events like CIA Movie Night, VBS Hero Headquarters dated for June 28th to July 2nd, the Wii Summer Tournament, and other exciting events.

Kicking off "CIA Summer" will be our very first summer event - CIA Movie Night - this Saturday, June 19th, at 5:00 pm. Children, ages 6 to 12 yrs, are invited to attend CIA Movie Night at Firstfruits Christian Fellowship, 325 W. Lexington. CIA Movie Night promises to be a night at the movies like none other complete with a concession stand, games, and, of course, a movie. Complimentary tickets may be obtained at FCF while some are being sent via USPS. Mark your calendar for CIA Movie Night, this Saturday, and the other CIA Summer events that will make your summer "one to remember."

Make plans to enjoy your summer together with FCF. For more info, please call 734-3203.

### **CARD OF THANKS**

We would like to express our appreciation for all the cards, memorials, phone calls and flowers in the death of LaVelle Jobe. Also to the Church of Christ for the wonderful meal served to the family and to Jason Wilder for his message.

> Leisa Jobe Scott, Stephanie and Nathan Catoe Travis, Melissa and Garrett Walston



1st Day of POWER CAMP - 1st Row (L-R) Megan Gray, Alaina Swanner, Melissa Ramirez, Tony Ramirez, Yovani Palacios, Garrett Vaughn, Jose Maldonado, Rylan Laminack, Andy Madera, Sheldon Fenley; 2nd Row (L-R) Katie Thackerson, Chelsey Griffith, Skye Lewis, Jaylon Miley, Luis Limon, Turner Whitten, James Thomas, Brandon Velasquez, Randal Miley, Freddy Montelongo, Zac Ryon, Rodrigo Mata, Rafael Mata, Stetson Thompson, Hunter Childers; Back Row (L-R) Mykisha Hampton, Kinsey Johnston, Rachel Tucker, Alli Little, Zach Carlton, Sergio Hipolito, Matt Fox, Ethan May, BJ Ramirez; Not in picture but in attandance Trey Howard, Cade Cole, Jon Fenley, Dakota Pacheco, Tyler Patel, Matt Keith.

## BAR B QUE AND SILENT AUCTION BENBFIT FOR BOB HAMMONTREE JUNE 26TH

### SERVING TIME 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. AT THE "OLD" GORMAN GYM SILENT AUCTION WILL CONCLUDE @ 7:30 P.M. COME ENJOY A GREAT MEAL, ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOW YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT

If you have a special arts and craft item you make, or enjoy making homemade tamales or tortillas, or special dessert we welcome your entry for the silent auction benefitting Bob and Brenda Hammontree. If you are wanting to help in any way with this benefit you are encouraged and welcomed to do so. Please contact Marco or Sonya Herrera, or call or come by City Office to let us know of your interest. Please make plans to attend the bar b que meal, with entertainment by Dr Dan and the Band Aids and Silent Auction on June 26, 2010.

Los invitamos a el beneficio para Bob y Brenda Hammontree si estan interesados en ayudar de cualzuier manera si usted tiene articulos que quiera donar o quiera hacer cosas echas a mano como. tamales, tortillas, pasteles, or manuacidaddes., ect. Por fabor llamar a Marco o Sonya Herrera o venir o llamar a City Office.

Hagan planes para asistir a la cena de B B Q enpesando a las 5 p.m. de la tarde en ginnacio uiejo. con entretenimiento de la banda de el Dr Dany la subasta. Stabado Junio 26, 2010. Gracias

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

### SPAGHETTI SUPPER

A group of voulunteers has scheduled a Spaghetti Supper on Friday July 9 at 6:30 at the Carbon Community Center. Several classes have scheduled class meetings there. Donations for expenses will be taken at the door with profits being directed to the Carbon Fire Department and the Carbon Community Center. Please go to the Carbon High School Reunion 2010 web site for further information.

Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H – Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Cecil Funderburgh, Master – Kenneth Good, Secretary.

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

Meeting Weekly



Saturday, July 10th - Food Drive For The Gorman Food Bank

The Kickboxing Class in Gorman will be walking all over town and picking up canned or non-parishable items. The teams with the most pounds of food will be rewarded. So help these ladies workout and bring in the most pounds. Please make it a challenge!! You can leave your food outside you door or by a front gate. If you live inside city limits but think its to far just give me a call 734-2257.

THANK YOU, JULIE CLARK AND LADIES

# HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

It is hard to believe the month of June is half over. We have all enjoyed National Dairy Month. The first week we had good ole fashion A& W rootbeer floats. Last Friday everyone enjoyed their choice of hot fudge or caramel sundaes with whip cream, nuts and toped off with a cherry. This week in honor of Father's Day we will celebrate with a homemade ice cream social. Coming up after that will be banana splits. What a great way to celebrate the summer months. Next month is National Ice Cream Month. Guess the month of August has to be "go on a diet month."

I would like to thank everyone who donated ties. The ladies have had so much fun decorating some of them, we have used some to decorate the front lobby and some are coming by choosing the one they want to wear for out "tie one on" contest.

Once again we would like to thank everyone who participated in our food drive for our local food pantry. Thank you Howard Hagood for coming by and delivering the collected items to the food bank.

Visiting Christine Self were Jena Burns of Ft. Worth, Jerrell and Lynda Wade of Granbury, Betty Heathington of Knoxville, Tn. Laneta Rodgers Freeman and Billy Self.

Laneta Rodgers Freeman and Betty Heathington also visited with Frankie Stacy, Mayvis Lasater, Annie Watson, Sara Rodgers, Troy Scitern and Mildred Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shurgart of Clovis N.M. Jan Pruitt of Blum Faye Faulk, and Kenneth Welch visited Edgar Reynolds, Frank Crews visited Christina Crews, Brent Lasater visited Mayvis Lasater,

Betty Little visited Ima Boles and Marie Cook. Charile Jake and Mary Jane Blackshear of Winters, Jerry and Martha Cook of Ennis, Lyndell Cook of Snyder and Faye and Donald Cook visited Marie Cook. Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy.

Marie Patty visited T.D. Whitehorn and Ima Boles. Velda Baze visited Anna Watson. Ruthie Porter visited Marge Hudson, Jackie Auvenshine visited Melvin Daniels.

Have a good week.

### Tour Of Peanut Country 11th Annual Bike Ride and Walk

### Obituary Jackie Lou Whitlock

Jackie Lou Whitlock, age 74 of DeLeon passed away Mon- nutbikeride.com or phone 254-734-2859. day, June 7, 2010 at the Odyssey Hospice House in Fort Worth.

Services was at 2:00 P. M. Thursday, June 10, 2010 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Casey Clement officiating. Burial was in Alameda Cemetery.

Jackie was the oldest of four children, she was born August 19, 1935 in Gorman, Texas to Lloyd Alvin Whitlock and Georgia Augusta (Wimberley) Whitlock. She was a nurse's aide at the Gorman Nursing Home for many years. She lived most of her life in Desdemona, but moved to the Senior Citizens Hotel in DeLeon a few years ago. She was a member of the DeLeon Church of Christ.

Jackie is survived by two nephews, Bryan Whitlock and wife, Sonya of Glen Rose and Blake Whitlock and wife, Melissa of Granbury; aunt, Edith Quinn of Mineral Wells; and five great nieces and nephews, Shaelynn Whitlock, Danielle Whitlock, Dylan Whitlock, Krystal Whitlock and Kayla Whitlock as well as several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, and three brothers, Charlie Ray Whitlock, Roy Lee Whitlock and Earl Wayne Whitlock.



MOVING SALE -- 527 JAMES - 6/18/10 - 6PM - 8PM - 6/19/10 - 8AM - 1PM -- Computer Desks, beanie babies, large desk, closet, small chest freezer, recliner, tools, wooden rocker, toys, shelves, and lots of misc household goods. 1TC GARAGE SALE: Corner Cato and Highway 6 in De Leon. Saturday, June

The 11th Annual "Tour of the Peanut County" begins in the quaint downtown Gorman City Park on Saturday, July 17th. The ride will start at 8 a.m. With no starts later than 9 a.m. The course will close at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in registering may do so by online at pea-

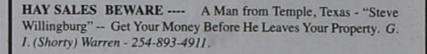
### ALC's **Impact Generation** Summer Lunch Program

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IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman. Due to our resent growth and upscale on pay wages we our now accepting applications for C.N.A's all shifts availableFor additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC FNC

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Homestead Nursing and Rehab of Gorman is taking applications for an evening Dining Room monitor. This position would be perfect for a retire, college student or someone available a few hours in the evening. Please apply in person to Lynn Porter, Administrator. FNC.



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# TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given to all students with disabilities (or parents of students) who attended school at Breckenridge ISD, Cisco ISD, Eastland ISD, Gorman ISD, Moran ISD, or Ranger ISD. Student files for students who have been inactive for 7 years or who graduated 7 years ago, PRIOR TO JULY, 2003, WILL BE DESTROYED. This is in compliance with state regulations. [Local Government Code 202.001]

If you want to pick up your student folder, it must be picked up in person with appropriate identification at:

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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,504.00

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site.

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.

130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water.

S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

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

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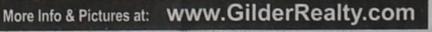
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#### 90th Annual Pioneer Area Reunion - June 26

The 90th Annual Pioneer Area Reunion will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center on Saturday, June 26th. The reunion will begin at 8:30 a.m. With Coffee and Visiting and 11 a.m. Business Meeting.

Memorial for those we lost this year. Cemetery Report will be given. Sandwiches, Fruit Tray, Dessert, Tea or Coffee will cost \$6.00.

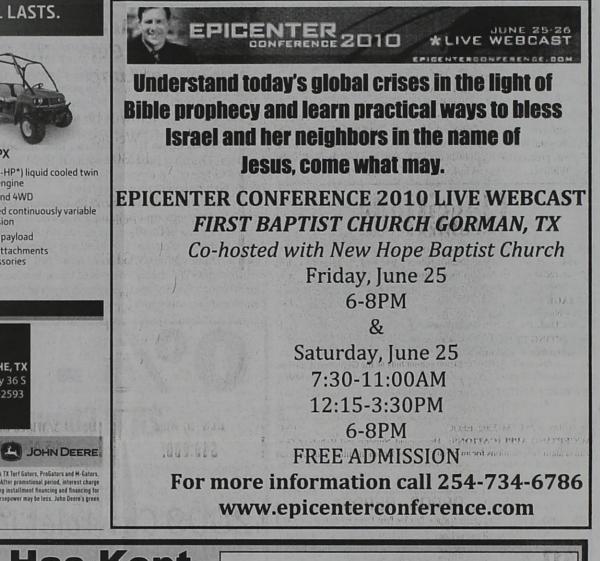
The officers would like to ask you to be thinking of new officers, due to some health issues that our families are facing. Our rent on the Cross Plains Community Center is paid through 2011.

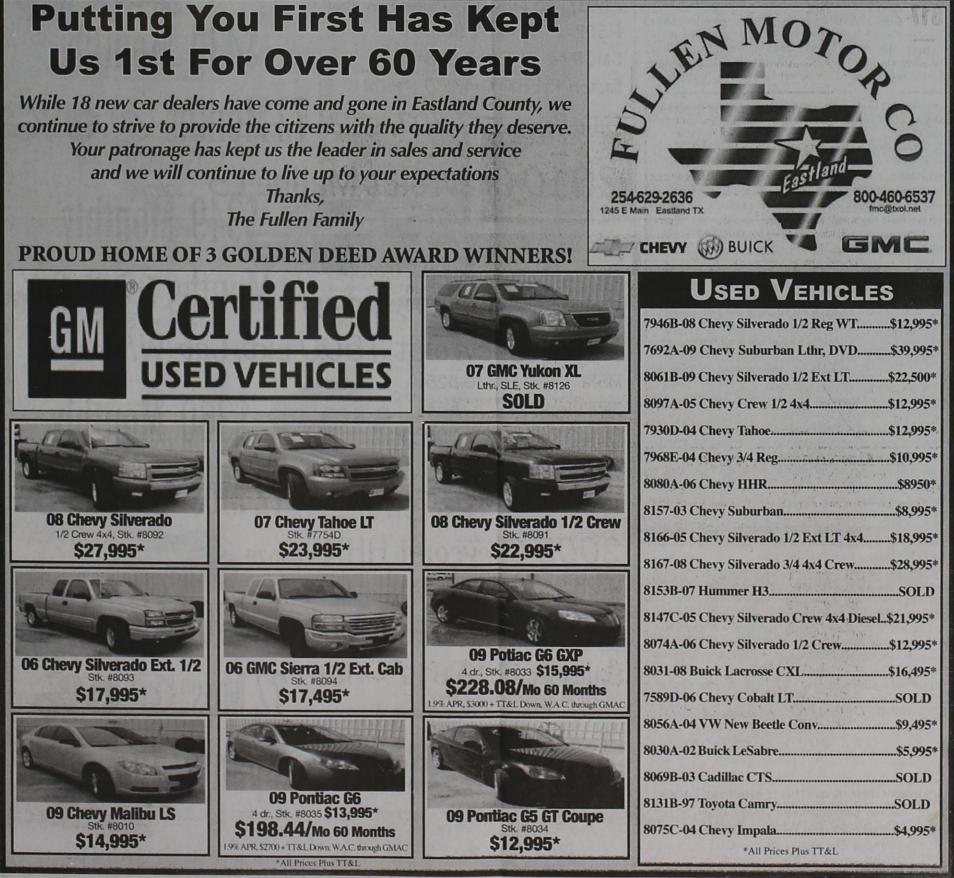
We hope all can come.

#### **Freedom Festival Rising Star Chamber of Commerce - July 3rd**

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Freedom Festival on Saturday, July 3rd at the City Park beginning at 4 p.m. There will be three days of Community-Wide Garage Sales beginning on Thursday. There is a \$3.00 registration fee to be on a map of all the sales. Registration and the maps will be available to all shoppers at City Hall. There will be a parade at 6 p.m. Starting at the high school and festivities at the park will continue after that. The GRAND FINALE will be the Fireworks Display beginning at dark. Events at the park prior to the fireworks include the Freedom Train, Air Castle and Water Slide for the children, ice cream freeze-off and apple pie cook-off. There will be Antique Cars and Tractors, Sons of the Confederacy Display, and Vendors set up under the pavilion. There will also be a Memorial Program at the Veteran's Memorial sponsored by the local American Legion Post. The Chamber of Commerce will have hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches and all the trimmings for sale, so bring the family out for a fun time!

The FIREWORKS show last year was one the best in this part of the state and we appreciate the people who made donations to make this happen. The Chamber welcomes businesses and individuals who would like to help again, donations can be mailed to the Chamber at P. O. Box 198, Rising Star, or at First Financial Bank. For any gestions, call Judy at City Hall - 254-643-4261







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## Happenings At FBC!!

Release! Cast your cares on the Lord because God cares about you!

Mark your calendars:

WEDNESDAYS: 6:30pm Youth - Bring your friends! June 20th – Father's Day

June 25th & 26th – Live Web cast: Epicenter Conference 2010 June 26th – 6:00pm - BBQ Benefit for Bob Hammontree in old GHS Gym.

**Summer Camp**: Youth is 7/12 to 7/16 & Kids is 7/26 to 7/29 – Bring donations to Church Office.



"Saddle Ridge Ranch" Vacation Bible School Program - Processional – Stratton holding American Flag, MiKayla holding Christian Flag, and Kinley holding the Holy Bible. Attention, salute, and pledge to each.

VBS Director: Tracy Spivey thanked all the families that brought their children and gave us the privilege of ministering to them through Vacation Bible School. Special thanks to the Youth who gave up their sleep and play time to help throughout the week. Thanks to the Church Family who gave to provide the needed financial help. Thanks to all that worked to make it possible. Thanks and Glory to God for the six children that accepted Christ, and for the ways lives are changed.

Puppet Show: The VBS Motto is "Need Answers Ask God". Each day of VBS the Youth Puppet Team ministered to the children through a skit. (Super Team – Alaina, JC, Kimi, Lacy, & Rachel)

VBS Singers: Angela Clark did a phenomenal job and led the children in singing and sign language for three of their favorite VBS Songs – "Saddle Ridge Ranch", "Tumble Weed", & "God Cares".



# Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There Were twenty-four of us at the Center to enjoy good eats, and fellowship on the 9th of June. Bro. Henry Buchanan gave the blessing for us all. He gives a nice, short and to the point prayer. Always great to have he and Anne with us, she also makes good cakes.

Lil Brudnak was here with friends Louis and Wanda Weible. She had met these people when first coming to the area. I believe she said they lived in Stephenville. Always great to meet new people.

Martha Rainey brought her grandchild Mikala to be with us. She is Rene's daughter. She really liked our eats, especially the dessert.

Cliffa Vaughn was here to dine, always enjoy talking with her. She hosted the Town Hall Meeting on the 14th at the Center. There were about 25 folks in attendance, should of been more. Don't know if we accomplished anything, but it is a start. Some of us got to sound off. Cliffa is working hard to improve our town. One thing I don't understand, why no Mexican people in attendance? They are a big part of this town, but do not get involved in Civic happenings.

We enjoyed a good dinner of baked pork chops, German Sausage, chicken wings and baked beans with wieners. Also peas, corn, scalloped potatoes with cheese, and a beautiful green salad by Ruthie Porter. Our usual cornbread and rolls made by Betty Regian. She is a great help to me, especially when Barbara Bush not here. Our desserts were numerous for once, with five cakes, brownies, pecan pie and strawberries with Cool Whip to put on angel food cake.

I want to thank the City for purchasing a new refrigerator for the Center. The old one constantly ran with water inside and on the floor. It also didn't freeze well and they door wouldn't stay shut. It had done its due, thanks again!

We went out to eat on the 8th of June at Hwy. 6 in De Leon. All was good and we enjoyed with only seventeen people. Some chose not to go, but played games at Desdemona. Several forgot, so don't guess we will eat out for a longtime. People have to act more interested for a Free Meal.

We have missed Wilburn Overstreet at all our get togethers. He told me he feels better than he had in a year, but other problems are keeping him close to home. Maybe he can come back soon. He does wonderful for 94! and looks great. I just hope I can make 80 and still work. Another one who is in great shape for 94, is Aileen Garrett. She is also a help to me in the kitchen, even though she can't see well anymore. Thanks to her and all the ladies who help.

> Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol. We had a wonderful rain last night!! What A Blessing!!!



**First Baptist Church** of Desdemona had average attendance last Sunday with several visitors. Charles Johnson was the guests speaker for the morning service. David Shirley lead the song service with his brother, Gary Shirley at the piano. Visitors are welcome to attend to share God's word.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the home of Carol Sue Willis. Other hostesses were her sister, Linda Hahn and her three daughters, Cindy Hienz, Pam Horn and Susan Shirley. The hostesses served food to everyone on the patio near the swimming pool.

Gloria Ruth (Brazell) Melton and husband of Kerville visited Saturday morning with Pug and Vonnie Guthery. Her parents are the late Arthur Brazell and Willie (Koonce). Gloria's sister, Joyce attended school in Desdemona and her parents attended school in Jackhamon.

**Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion** will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the "OLE" school building. Morning program begins at 10:00 a.m. Noon meal will be catered. Ex-Students, Teachers and Friends are invited to attend. If anyone has a change of address - please contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187 - Desdemona, Tx 76445. Your help will be appreciated.

Remember the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers. Also visit those in the resthomes as they welcome a smile, a hug and a handshake.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Jackie Lou Whitlock, 74, of De Leon. Burial was in the Alameda Cemetery in Eastland County. Surviviors include two nephews, Bryan Whitlock and Blake Whitlock; cousins, Dana (Quinn) Hounshell and Ervil Royce Quinn. Preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd "Speck" Whitlock and Georgia (Wimberly) Whitlock; three brothers, Roy Lee Whitlock, Charles Ray Whitlock and Earl Wayne Whitlock. The Whitlock Family are former residents of Desdemona where all their children attended school. Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Mission Video: Viewing a film of a Missionary Family and the work they do in South Africa. Each day of VBS we went by film to a different location of the world.

Special Words: Tyler Johnson is a fine young man that we have had the privilege of watching grow up in our Youth Group. Tyler thanked the Church Family for sponsoring him in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Football Game this last week. He had a great experience, and enjoyed the host family in Abilene. Glory to God.

Slideshow: Thank you to the photographer, Ed Rogers. Many fantastic and funny photos were shown for all the enjoy VBS week.

VBS Bible Verse: "Now for all of you who lack wisdom ask God and He shall give to you without criticizing " James 1:5

Bro. Barry's Concluding Message ......Ask God Questions! Look at yourself first. Each day of VBS we focused on one questions: 1) Who Am I? 2) Does God Care About Me? 3) What Is God's Plan For Me? 4) How Can I Be Like Jesus? 5) What Do I Do Now? Then we looked to God's Holy Word, the Bible, for the answers.

You are God's greatest creation, and it all comes down to the ABC's of Christianity. Accept, Believe, and Confess your faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

# "On The Wilder Side"

In the 1950's, 60's, and 70's many great preachers within the church delivered sermons that led thousands to believe, repent, and be baptized into Christ. A common theme in many of their sermons was hell fire and brimstone and you would hear sermons by noted preachers titled "Road Signs on the Way to Hell; 7 Ways to Know If You're Going to Hell". Their message was one that if you do not repent of your evil ways and turn to Christ then you will be thrown into the lake of fire where there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" for an eternity.

There is still a small handful of preachers who give hell fire and brimstone sermons a majority of the time but they are labeled as right wing conservatives and criticized for doing so. They are told that they should preach about God's grace rather than about God's wrath. Today most sermons within the church are focused on grace, mercy, forgiveness, and an eternity spent with the Creator of the universe in glory.

It's interesting though, that a common underlying message in many of Christ's parables is the very thing that preachers of the 1950's were criticized for preaching. Jesus never sugar coated anything; He told it like it was. If weeds were sewn in with the good seed, then the weeds would be pulled and thrown into the fire. If a fig tree did not produce figs, it would be cut down and thrown into the fire. If a servant didn't use his master's money wisely, he would be thrown outside into darkness where there would be "weeping and gnashing of teeth". If we are to teach as Jesus taught, then we should certainly focus on God's love, grace, and mercy but there are also times that, like Jesus, we must preach on hell fire and brimstone.



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

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