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One-Act Play Competes In Zone Contest Recently

Recently Gorman High School competed in the zone one-act play contest in Hamilton. The cast and crew presented "Hopes and Words and Ordinary Dreams" and advanced to the district level. The district contest was completed at Hamilton High School on March 31 and although the play did not advance, several GHS students were recognized with individual awards.

Zone Awards: Rachel Tucker, Best Actress; TJ Warren, All Star Cast; Luis Limon, All Star Cast; Viridiana Maldonado, All Star Cast; and Mykisha Hampton, Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

District awards: Mykisha Hampton, All Star Cast; Connie Gonzalez, All Star Cast; Rachel Tucker, Honorable Mention All Star Cast; and Viridiana Maldonado, Honorable Mention All Star Cast.



Pictured left to right are: Mykisha Hampton, Rachel Tucker, McKenzie Osborne, TJ Warren, Jon Fenley, director Jackie Gutierrez, Luis Limon, Corey Houston, Connie Gonzalez, Viridiana Maldonado.

Annual Easter Treasure Hunt

Easter is later this year but it is time to start preparing for our annual Easter Treasure Hunt. Plans are to hold the Hunt on Saturday April 23 at the city park. Time to be announced at a latter date. Donations are being accepted at Bob's Gro., City Gro. or the City Office. Donations of money, snacks, trinkets, candy (no chocolate please) and toys. A date has not been set for the Youth in The Dark in the Park night.

Thank you Mrs. Bunny and Ina Smith

1 Lady Panther and 2 Panthers Make Class 1A All-Big Country

Three Gorman Basketball Players have been named to the Class 1A Division II Basketball list for the season.

Jaime Johnston, 5'6" Senior - Forward, helped the Gorman Lady Panthers end a decade long playoff drought in averaging 16.1 points, 8 rebounds and three assists per game. Jaime is the best all around player that Coach Glenn Banker had worked with in his 13 years of coaching as stated in the Abilene Reporter news.

Zack Carlton and Cody Wood were named to the named to the Honorable Mention list at the Post position for the season.

The players are to be congratulated for their performances this season.

Come Out and Support The Junior Hi Cheerleaders

We are having an

Car Wash and selling Hamburgers on Saturday, April 9th

The Carwash begins at 9 a.m. at Mears Car Wash

Across From Dairy Queen in Gorman

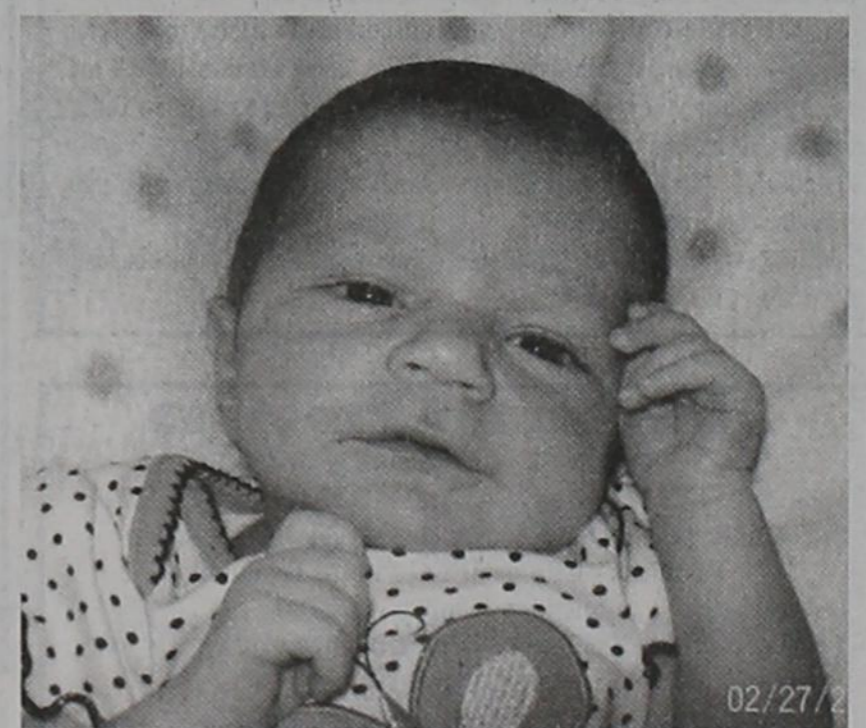
Gorman Community Garden

Gorman will be opening a community garden for the residents of Gorman to use. The garden will feature individual spaces for individuals or families to grow their choice of produce. Each gardener will be able to use their produce as they please. Any produce you are willing to donate will be given to needy families or the elderly of the community. This garden will allow the people of Gorman to work together to become a stronger community. The community garden program will provide both physical and social benefits for the citizens of Gorman. Gardening is a great way to cut your grocery bill down and eat healthy, organic food. There will be guidelines for every gardener to follow. Details about location, guidelines, and the opening of the garden will be provided in next week's paper. If you would like to reserve a space you can do so by helping clean up the lot on April 23. We will be working from 9am to 12pm. If you have any tools or seeds you would like to donate please call the EDC office at 734-3933; leave your name and contact information.

CIA Meeting At FirstFruits

Another exciting CIA meeting was held on Monday at FirstFruits Christian Fellowship. The kids have been learning about God's love, and at this past meeting they watched a hilarious skit and heard a great message about forgiveness, in addition to playing fun games and singing. Come get involved in serving God in exciting ways! Kids from the ages of 6 to 12 are encouraged to come be an agent for God! CIA (Children In Action) is held on Mondays at 6:30 pm. If you need a ride, call 734-3203.

Look Who's New - It's A Girl



Another sweet smile to brighten our day, another small hand to hold on the way.

Cynthia Ellora Duske
February 10, 2011

7 Pounds - 19 1/2 Inches Long

Proud parents and new big sister are Frances Lewis, Brian Duske and Bella Duske of Gorman. Grandparents are Shirley Lewis of Gorman and Margie and Bennie Duske of Gorman.

MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY RECEIVES AWARD

Maxfield Elementary has been recognized as a Title I Distinguished Performance School in Texas. The criteria for this recognition include:

- Title I, Part A campus in 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11;
- Maintained a campus residing population of 40% or more low-income in 2010-11;
- Met AYP in 2009 and 2010;
- Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2010 of Exemplary;
- Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2009 of either Exemplary or Recognized;
- Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2008 of either Exemplary or Recognized.

Junior High Lady Panthers Win District Meet

The Junior High Lady Panthers recently won the Girls District 16A Junior High Track Meet held in Strawn on March 31st. The Team Results had Gorman with 131 points, Strawn with 128, Zephyr with 106, Blanket with 52, Gordon with 29, Gustine with 29, Bluff Dale with 28, Lingleville with 28, Morgan Mill with 24, Rising Star with 18, Sidney with 14, Priddy with 12, Three Way with 6, Huckabay with 1 point and May and Mullin has 0 points each.

Long Jump - 1. Chloe Cole, Gorman 14'2"; 2. Siera Tippie, Blanket 14'2"; 3. Taylor Hull, Gorman 14'0"; 4. Megan Gray, Gorman 13'6"; 5. Hannah Peregrino, Bluff Dale 12'6"; 6. Chasity Williams, Zephyr 12'6".

Discus - 1. Chey Gibbs, Gorman 83'0"; 2. Jayde Price, Strawn 75'10"; 3. Jacqueline Beruman, Strawn 74'5"; 4. Valerie Castaneda, Strawn 69'10"; 5. Alisa Britton, Blanket 66'8"; 6. Natalie Wright, Gustine 64'7".

High Jump - 1. Megan Gray, Gorman 4'2"; 2. Chasity Williams, Zephyr 4'0"; 3. Cidney Pollack, Strawn 4'0"; 4. Kristen Michael, Morgan Mill 4'0"; 5. Cassie Cline, Morgan Mill 4'0"; 6. Jaci Rockafellow, Zephyr 3'10".

4 X 100 Relay - 1. Gorman (Lauren Spivey, Yuli Madera, Brianna Jones and Megan Gray) 5:09.2; 2. Strawn - 59.58; 3. Lingleville 60.88; 4. Zephyr - 60.93; 5. Rising Star - 61.99; 6. Gustine - 66.69.

800 Meters - 6. Lindsey Thackerson, Gorman - 3:11.38.

100 Meters Hurdles - 1. Lauren Spivey, Gorman 19.69; 2. Chloe Cole, Gorman 20.18; 3. Hannah Peregrino, Bluff Dale 20.45; 4. Jacqueline Beryman, Strawn 20.95; 5. Gabby Pulido, Gustine 21.01 and 6. Jessica Smith, Zephyr 21.09.

100 Meters - 1. Siera Tippie, Blanket 13.89; 2. Megan Gray, Gorman 14.08; 3. Cassie Cline, Morgan Mill 14.24; 4. Lauren Spivey, Gorman 14.35; 5. Hannah Peregrino, Bluff Dale 14.47; 6. Jaci Rockafellow, Zephyr 14.7.

4 X 200 Relay - 1. Zephyr 2:04.21; 2. Gorman (Yuli Madera, Madi Warren, Kodie Sparger, Megan Gray) - 14.08; 3. Rising Star 2:09.73; 4. Lingleville 2:13.74; 5. Strawn 2:14.42; 6. Morgan Mill 2:19.92.

300 Meter Hurdles - 1. Hannah Peregrino, Bluff Dale 57.09; 2. Chloe Cole, Gorman 59.26; 3. Samantha Dipasca, Gustine 62.01; 4. Jessica Smith, Zephyr 62.88; 5. Bailey Miller, Gustine 63.88; 6. Taylor Hull, Gorman 64.59.

200 Meters - 1. Siera Tippie, Blanket 30.04; 2. Tana Keleher, Gordon 30.12; 3. Kodie Sparger, Gorman 31.71; 4. Cassie Cline, Morgan Mill 31.76; 5. Briana Wilson, Blanket 31.9; 6. Peyton Witt, Gordon 32.49.

4 X 100 Relay - 1. Strawn 4:52.55; 2. Zephyr 4:56.8; 3. Gorman (Yuli Madera, Kodie Sparger, Chloe Cole, and Taylor Hull) 5:05.31; 4. Lingleville 5:08.17; 5. Gustine 5:11.15 and 6. Rising Star 5:12.93.

Rock Bluff Annual Cemetery Cleaning - Saturday April 9, 2011

This year's annual cleaning is one Week earlier as too many events

Were planned on the third weekend.

Everyone is invited to come, bring a Lunch, a chair, and tools if you have, if not

Tools will be provided. We meet about nine a.m.

And are normally though about two. Come for A visit and help to maintain this historical cemetery.

Jerry and Jan Grisham

840 Burleson, - DeLeon, Texas 76444 - 254-8935843

Bible Study Continues at Gorman UMC

The Wednesday night Bible Study group at Gorman United Methodist Church is still studying the book Respectable Sins-Confronting the Sins We Tolerate by Jerry Bridges. We were off last week, but will resume this Wednesday to discuss a big one - PRIDE! Speaking of "respectable sins", Pastor Paul Bellingher's message Sunday on "Disobedience", brought it all home. He spoke first about how we disobey the law of the land (speeding, parking, etc.) or rebelling against authority (as in "respect and obey your father and mother") and then moved right into the question, "How about obeying God?" Then we had a Ten Commandments review and it all led back to our first "Respectable Sin" - Ungodliness. It seems we can just keep referring everything back to ungodliness and unthankfulness. We still have a lot of material to cover in this great Bible study. In the weeks to come we will discuss selfishness; impatience and irritability; anger and the weeds of anger; judgementalism; envy, jealousy, and worldliness. "Sins of the tongue" is a category unto itself and includes gossip, slander, criticism, harsh words, sarcasm, insults and ridicule. If you would like to explore this topic with us, it's not too late. Join us April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of UMC Gorman. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PURSUANT TO SECTION 152.905 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, THE DISTRICT JUDGE OF EASTLAND COUNTY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES: COUNTY ADUIOTOR, ASSSITANT AUDITORS, AND COURT REPORTER. THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011, AT 8:15 A.M., IN THE 91ST DISTRICT COURTROOM, EASTLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, EASTLAND, TEXAS.

(s) STEVEN HEROD - JUDGE PRESIDING
91ST DISTRICT COURT - EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

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

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

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
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SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman needs CNA's for 2-10 and 10 to 6 Shifts also All P.R.N. Shifts For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC

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 9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2 story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, metal roof, carport, 30x40 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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20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2

BETTER BELIEVE IT - There's plenty of room & privacy for the lover of country living on this 2 AC, m/FL 3 BR, 2 bath brick-LR w/FP, DR & den. Outside is a deck w/ jacuzzi, a tank, 3 stg. bldgs. & lg. metal barn 2/2 heated & cooled rooms. Call today & enjoy the fresh air & wide open spaces! HA2

11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3

MOTIVATED SELLER - Brick Home on 3.7 ac. - REDUCED - 3 BR, 1 3/4 baths, LR, DR, office, DAG, stg. Bldg. & metal barn w/elec., outbuildings. Excellent location at the edge of Gorman. 03

"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 bay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18

CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A, utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08

PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building & old cafe. C19

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Dorcas Class Members Featured In Presenting the Book of Daniel

The Dorcas class has been studying the Old Testament since the class resumed from summer break last September. Currently the group is in the period of the Exile, specifically the Judean exile to Babylon. The last two Tuesdays featured various members presenting six important stories that give critical insight into the prophet Daniel's life in Babylon. These were of Gail Clayton speaking of Daniel and his friends refusing the food offered to idols; Linda Simmons presented Daniel's interpretation of a dream for King Nebuchadnezzar and his subsequent promotion; Monda Oldham presented the account of Daniel's three friends being cast into a fiery furnace; Carolyn Gilbert presented another dream being interpreted by Daniel for the king; Joy Rogers presented the story of the famous "handwriting on the wall" at Belchazzar's pa-

Obituary Dolores June Clark

Dolores June Clark, age 73 of Carbon, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at an Abilene hospital. Services were at 11:00 A. M. Friday at the Gorman Church of Christ with Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Dolores was born June 13, 1937 in Joplin, Missouri to Clarence Arnold Evilsizer and Bell Louise (Deaton) Evilsizer. She married Stanley D. Clark on April 26, 1953 in Rockwall, Texas. He preceded her in death on December 27, 2009. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Lynch and husband, Kenneth of Carbon, Nancy Tatum of Carbon and Donna Roberts and husband, David of Cleburne; one son, Darren Clark and wife, Julie of Gorman; three brothers, Charles Wayne Evilsizer, Lewis Glen Evilsizer and Prentice Reeves all of East Texas; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

A Letter To The Editor - About Book Burning

By Henry A. Buchanan

Book Burner Jones is back on the front page and has achieved his purpose. He has drawn blood. In his first threat to burn the Quran he got the President's attention. Now he has got the attention of the Muslim who are eager to kill in order to prove taht what people are saying about Islam is true: It is a dangerous religion, Islam can kill.

In that respect the Quran is not different from our Holy Book. Saul, the first King of the Jews lost his crown because he didn't carry out the Lord's direction, delivered by Samuel to wipe out all life, human and livestock in a little town that stood in the way, and Saul who had slain his thousands was replaced by David who had killed his tens of thousands.

And when Jesus failed to fulfill the hopes of the people that he would be the Son of David, but frightened Rome into thinking he might try, they killed Jesus but the writer of the Book of Revelations unveiled Heaven's plan to wipe out the whole Roman Empire in a blood bath unequalled in human history or mythology.

So the Battle of the Books is not an orderly debate to determine whose Book has the wisest sayings but whose Book can kill more people than the other's Book.

My prophecy is that the result of the Book Burnings will be that ardent followers of Christ will buy more Bibles and the publishers will sell more Bibles and even some Qurans and this will get the economy moving and the man who can quote more Bible verses will be the next President of the United States of America.

Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454
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gan feast and Louise Smart presented The account of Daniel being thrown into a den of lions, and of his protection by God.

The class will study the period of the Mede/Persian empire and the character of Esther in upcoming lessons. All ladies are cordially invited to attend. We meet Tuesdays at 9:30AM for fellowship and hospitality in the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ. Class starts at 10:00AM.

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Gorman Schools Menu for Apr. 11 - Apr. 15
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice, and Milk.
TUESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice, and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Muffin, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, pickle spears, crackers, chips, oranges and Milk.
TUESDAY - Roast or Steak fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, roll, cookie and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Rings, scalloped potatoes, Green Beans, Sparkle Apples and Biscuits and Milk.
THURSDAY - Fish or Mini Corn Dog, Potato Wedge, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Pumpkin Pie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken Fajita or Taco Salad, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Sherbet and milk.

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Central Texas Hosts Employer Partnership Meeting

Gorman, Texas—In an effort to build a stronger relationship with rural communities, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, Cliffa Vaughn, of the Gorman Economic Development Corporation and Suzan Lipson of the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library, partnered to host an Employer Partnership luncheon on March 29th, 2011.

The networking luncheon was held in order to provide workforce program information and to discuss innovative hiring tools for both job seekers and employers. Larry Denton, Veteran's Service Supervisor from the Texas Veteran's Commission, spoke about the benefits of hiring a military veteran. Vonetta Johnson and John Hamilton discussed dislocated worker initiatives, and specific program eligibility issues. Jasmine Jones, from Arbor Education and Training and Tammy Phillips, Texas Workforce Commission, presented information on the State's job matching database, WorkInTexas.

In further discussion, it was noted the WorkInTexas job matching database system will be made available for job seekers and employers at community libraries, within the West Central Texas service delivery region. This job matching system has become essential for job seekers and employers alike. After registering in WorkInTexas, job seekers benefit from the opportunity to create an electronic portfolio, which can be viewed by employers throughout the State. By using key words and choosing a specific industry of interest, job seekers are matched to job postings, for which they are qualified. On the other end of the spectrum, employer benefits include a simpler recruiting process, a lower cost per hire, and no fee assessment. Additional employer benefits include quality referrals for their job postings and if needed, assistance from Workforce Business Services representatives.

For more information regarding these services, contact Jasmine Jones at 325.795.4200 jasmine.jones@workforcesystem.org or www.workintexas.com

Happenings At FBC!!!

Sorrow! Anguish, grief, mourning, sadness are among our feelings that follow loss. Loss can be related to death, finances, relationships, and self. What really matters is what follows the feelings we experience after loss. How do you respond to difficult times in your life? Recognize the goodness and give God the credit. Make Jesus is your eternal Hope.

Mark your calendars:

April 9th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Come to enjoy great friends, fellowship, & food.

April 24th - Easter Sunday - Make plans for Baby Dedication, call Church Office to sign up.

April 24th - Easter Sunday - The Messengers in Concert.

June 6th thru 10th - VBS - Please pray for this Special Event & call Church Office to volunteer.

****Nikki Keith** is leading the task to create a "Gorman Community Garden" - please call the Church Office to get Nikki's phone number if you are interested in helping or donating tools

Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and have fun learning about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Traci told the children the story of Noah building a giant boat (ark) that was big enough for all the animals and his family. Noah heard the warning that God would send a flood and they would only be safe if they were in the boat. Noah acted on faith; he believed the flood would come even though he could not see it. May we have faith like Noah; listen to the Bible and obey God.

Bro. Barry's Message: "The Sky Is Not Falling" - Acts 21:35-36 - Only Christians speak of the hope to see loved ones again after death. We shed tears of sadness, yet have the joy of our hope in our hearts. Troubles and heartbreak are around every corner and found in scams, job layoffs, health insurance, etc. Most of us are familiar with "Chicken Little"; the acorn falls on her head and she runs around warning everyone that the sky is falling. She and her friends (Henny Penny and Ducky Lucky) were lured into Foxy Loxy's den never to come out again. Americans are being "taken in"; only Children of God will find themselves under His protection. We can learn from Paul in the Bible book of Acts, when faced by a violent mob he remained calm and asked the Commander if he could have a word with him.

In the midst of the troubles in your life, realize help comes from God.

1. Stay Calm.
2. Learn from the Past.
3. Live Smart.

THE SKY IS NOT FALLING:

- I. Face the Truth and State it Clearly. - Admit what is heavy in your heart and what is weighing on your shoulders.
- II. Let Your Life Light Shine. - God's goodness is in you and you must allow it to illuminate.
- III. Dare to Follow the Lord Wherever He Leads. - Go and do.

In America we have somehow concluded that Christianity is about me and what works for me.

But, It is about God's plan and my place in it. Are you born again, and do you trust in Jesus? May you find yourself in the protection of God's umbrella; Love the Lord and Live your life in His Service! God bless you.

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 Morning - please come & join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email: fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to everyone who attended 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday morning. Attendance was down a little - folks must have been outside enjoying the beautiful day. Remember that we serve breakfast here at the Desdemona Activity Center on the first Saturday of every month - it's a great way to start your weekend!

Mark your calendars for April 16th. That is the day of the craft show here at the DAC. We are planning to serve lunch and have a bake sale, also. You already know what great bakers these women in Desdemona are!

This Friday evening is our second Friday dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The concession stand opens at 6:00.

As many of you know, the dances regularly held on Monday nights at the auditorium in the DeLeon city hall building are being held here at the DAC until necessary repairs are made to the city hall building. The band that plays for our regular 4th Friday night dances, Burning Daylight, also plays for all the Monday night dances. Y'all come and join the fun!

I would like to say thanks to the ladies of the Eastern Star of Gorman for providing a delicious supper for the volunteer fire departments of Gorman and Desdemona! They do this each year as a show of appreciation for the departments.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - Gorman ISD Decides To Reduce Teaching Staff

On Tuesday March 29th the Gorman ISD School Board voted to lay off a number of teachers in order to reduce their budget deficit for the next school year. In keeping with the Texas Open Meetings act the Board President made it clear that there would be no discussion held with attending members of the community and they would not respond to any questions posed by those who requested to address the Board.

Five community members were in attendance and requested to address the Board. Several comments and questions were presented surrounding the layoffs and the manner in which the decision was made. While no one wants to see any one lose their job in these times, the business of the School Board is the education of the community's children. Obviously with that the focus surrounded finding other areas such as administration and support staff, as well as looking at facilities to make cuts have ended. Since all discussions and justifications were made behind closed doors no one but the involved parties can say. If they were to now justify their positions can we be assured it is an impartial and neutral view they are giving or one slanted to support their ultimate decision.

While there were a few votes where it seemed some individuals on the Board were willing to explore other avenues, in the end all but one member fell into step with the Superintendent and voted to release the teachers. It is this writer's opinion that they in one vote denied the one advantage Gorman ISD had over other schools, smaller class sizes. The reality is we do not keep coaching staff long enough to establish traditions because the programs change with coaches. We do not have the financial ability to provide the after school programs and clubs that improve the school experience and widen the student's educational exposure and learning experience.

The smaller class sizes and the certified teachers we are losing take away the opportunity for teachers to give more one on one time with struggling students. Those struggling now will fall further behind. They have struck another blow to a wounded community that is in a state of deterioration. There will be many who will be offended by that but look around; vacant businesses and buildings in collapse is not a good sign. We need our children to hold the highest levels of education as they are the future of our community. We are simply the trustees.

Our schools stock has been devalued and as in other businesses it may be time to considering divesting and putting our investments into another account. Other educational opportunities exist and I think it is in our children's best interest to investigate other opportunities.

The time is not too late. The course can be reversed. Can the older two story building be closed, divide the classes up between the other three school buildings and save the energy and operating costs? Can we move from night games to Saturday games to save the cost of lighting? Are there other administration costs that can be reviewed? I also understand that new administrative positions to include an elementary grade counselor position were created, is that wise in these times of cut backs?

Larry Thompson, I would like to thank you for standing alone. That took courage and you are appreciated.

John Keeping

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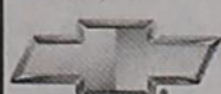


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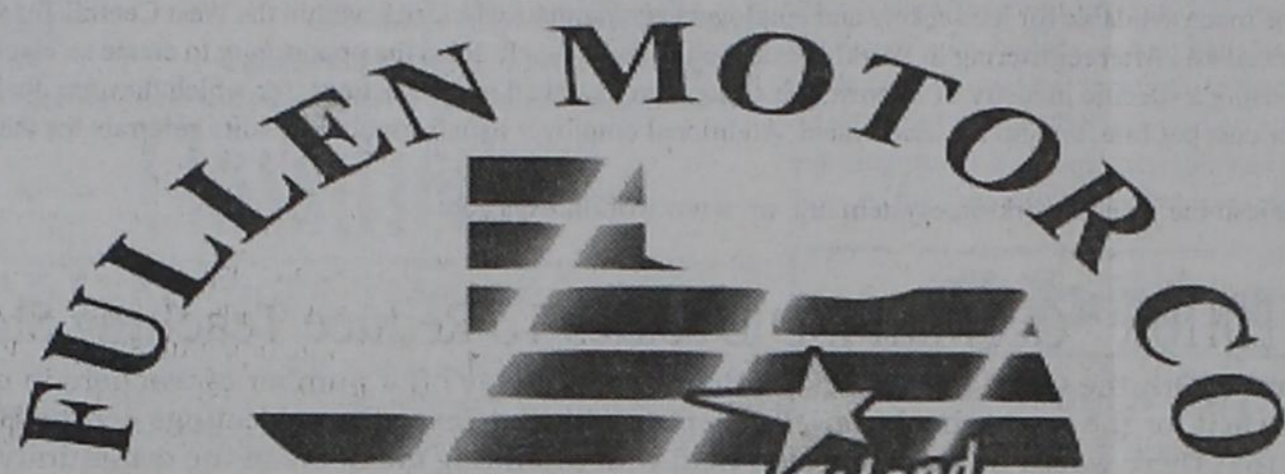
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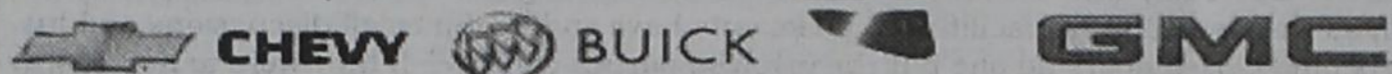


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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday morning, April 11th at the Community Center (former school building). Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. to enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. This social is held on the second Monday of each month. Visitors are welcome.

Take time out from your busy schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "Hello" means so much to a shut-in.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance. Several visitors attended from Euless last Sunday. Bro. Charlie Johnson, His wife, Jana and all the members invites visitors to attend on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Carol Sue (Hall) Willis just returned home from a wonderful cruise trip. To relax and enjoy a vacation must be great. This reporter will never know this luxury as I live with a "work-a-holic". HA!!

Have a great day, Vonnie Rue.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had an even dozen at lunch on the 30th on March. What happened to all the people? It was chilly but the 40's are nothing compared to late winter. I guess everyone was wore out going to supper in Desdemona and having our Birthday Celebration the week before. Estelle Lindley gave the blessing for all, thanks for your good words.

We enjoyed a meal of Chicken, Vegetable Lazagna, Garlic Bread, Cabbage, Green Peas, Green Beans with Potatoes, Baked Beans and Baby Lima's. Sandy Warren brought a pubic bowl cake with cherries, good!! Ima Brown treated us to ice cream and cookies.

We missed the Shirley's and Buchanan's. Also Ruthie Porter with Tooth troubles. Lil Brudnak came but left due to a dizzy head. I called and she much improved in the afternoon. We always miss her when not here to visit with.

I will not be here on the 6th of April. My son Keith is coming from Georgia to carry me to a Doctor in Houston. He will take off Spring Break during the Master's in Augusta. I'm glad he could do this as I can't drive down there. I hope they can help me, they are the best. Will probably visit some relatives, also.

Betty Regian will come to help Jerry Underwood and Ailene Garrett get the dinner on the table. Thanks so to all these ladies. Hope we have a good crowd in attendance. Most all help when it gets down to the nitty gritty

My family and I enjoyed a get-together at Tim and Becky's home on Sunday the 3rd of April. They cooked out such good ribs and chicken. This is the Men's job and women prepare the indoor food. We enjoyed fruit salad, 7 layer dip, potato salad, pinto beans, banana pudding and jalapeno peppers with bacon and cream cheese. We get together only once a year with my oldest son, so enjoy.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

Felt like ole man winter is back and the March winds with it on Monday. On Friday March 25 the residents honored the staff with an Appreciation Social. They cooked cookies and served punch to the staff. We would like to thank Claudie Shelton and her family. They honored the staff on the 25th with a pizza party. Thank you Claudie Shelton and family.

We would like to welcome Donna Moore as our new Director of Nurses. Donna has been a R.N. for 15 years and in Long Term Care for 8. Most recently she was employed at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. She has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She lives on a ranch near Stephenville. Her hobbies are horses and dogs. Welcome Donna.

Christina and Frank Crews are proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Joel. Joel was born in Houston.

Tim Thomas, our administrator is proud to announce the arrival of his new grandson, Palmer Thomas Jordan. Palmer lives in Dallas. Congratulations to Christina, Frank and Tim.

Recent visitors with Mayvis Lasater were Lou Evelyn and Linda Weaver of Midlothian and Brent Lasater. Visiting Charles Dyess were Bonnie Dyess and Nadine Clonts of Mesquite, David and Diane Dyess of Venus and Charles Dyess of Mansfield. Mary, James and Henry Jesse of Fort Worth and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Whitehorn visited T.D. Whitehorn. Bea Herrea of Eastland visited Rozelle Caraway and Nell McAnally. Billy Self visited Christine Self, Edgar Reynolds, Melvin Daniels, Troy Scitern and Frankie Stacy. Laneta Freeman visited with Christine Self, Troy Scitern, Frankie Stacy and Sunny Kellogg. Frances Couch of DeLeon visited Wes Couch. Jerry and Sylvia Shurgart of Clovis N.M., Kenneth Welch, Faye Faulk, Billy Earl Simpson and Bonnie and Alvis Scitern visited Edgar Reynolds. James McCloud visited Ora Lee Lawrence. Bea and Harold Schkade of Albany visited Leta Hogan, Visiting Nell McAnally were Betty Kidd of Carbon, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern, Charles and Nell Kenned of Olden. Rozelle Caraway went out to visit Glenn and Kathy Scitern. We are so glad Glenn was able to return home. Visiting Rozelle were Alvis and Bonnie Scitern and Faye Faulk. Chasta Carlton and Frances Simpson visited Sunny Kellogg. Alvis and Bonnie Scitern also visited with Melvin Daniels.

I am looking for a 1936 annual from Carbon High School if anyone has one we can borrow it would be greatly appreciated. Betty Kidd had some old Sandstorm annuals and brought them by for us to look at. Nell McAnally went to school in Carbon. The first annual was in 1936 and she was on the annual staff and she would love to look at it again.

Have a good week.

FSA Accepting Emergency Farm Loans Applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by Drought, March 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Texas, Richard G. Young said today.

Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Jones and Shackelford Counties are five of 84 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of production loss resulting from the Drought, March 1, 2010 thru December 31, 2010 Richard G. Young, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Richard G. Young, said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 28, 2011, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 to 4 Monday thru Friday. See online info at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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