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Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper - Saturday, Nov. 12th

Kick Off Your Holidays by attending the annual Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper on Saturday, November 12th at the Community Center (old School gym). Make plans to attend for a good "Home-Cooked" meal of Turkey, Dressing with all the Trimmings. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Several musical groups will entertain. They are Tommy and Laverne Carr of Whitney; Leigh Bartlet of Stephenville; Daryl Hirst, Dr. Dan and Band-Aids all of Gorman and some local talent. Tickets are Adults \$10.00 and Children (10 and under) \$5.00.

Important Dates For The 2012 County Stock Show

November 22, 2011 - County & State Validation for Market Swine: 3-6:00 pm, County Stock Show Grounds
December 1, 2011 - County Stock Show entry fees must be turned in to Supervising Ag Teachers (FFA) or the County Agent (4-H)
January 11-14, 2012 - Eastland County Livestock Show

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Dear Parents,

Estimados Padres,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-12 during the coming school year. Any child in K-12 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

Nuestro testamento distrito escolar está dirigiendo un programa para los estudiantes con el potencial en académico y las habilidades del pensamiento creativo-productivas en las calidades K-12 durante el próximo año escolar. Cualquier niño en el K-12 que usted cree es un intelectualmente el aprendiz dotado es elegible ser nombrado. Aquellos nombrados pasarán por un procedimiento de la granza. No debido a las pautas estatales, todos nombraron que los estudiantes reunirán los requisitos de la admisión.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before November 29, 2011.

Si usted desea nombrar un niño, por favor haga para que venga a la Oficina Elemental y completando el formulario apropiado. Cualquier nominación debe hacerse antes del 29 de noviembre 2011.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Finalmente, por favor sea consciente que si usted o un maestro nombran a su niño, la comprobación especial se necesitará para completar el proceso de identificación.

Sincerely,

Atentamente,

Crystal Snider and Jackie Gutierrez
Gifted and Talented Coordinators

Crystal Snider y Jackie Gutierrez
El Coordinador dotado y Talentoso

"IT'S A CELEBRATION"

Daisy will be blessed with 90 Years of Life on November 17th, 2011.

We are having a Birthday Celebration in her Honor on November 19th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Gorman Hotel Apartments, located on the corner of S. Fisher and Coke Street in Gorman.

No Gifts Please - But A Card Would Be Appreciated. If you are unable to attend her mailing address is:

Daisy Slaton
1202 N. Kent
Gorman, Texas 76454

"Thank You"

The Abbe Family would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, food and cards people sent for the passing of our dad Jack Abbe. Also, we are grateful for all the help and support that Ray, Carolyn and Marjorie gave us and helping us with the funeral arrangements. Shanda made the flowers and they were so beautiful. Everyone was so kind and we greatly appreciate everyone's support.

The Jack Abbe Family

JELLY BELLY ON TOUR BRINGS SWEETNESS TO AMERICA

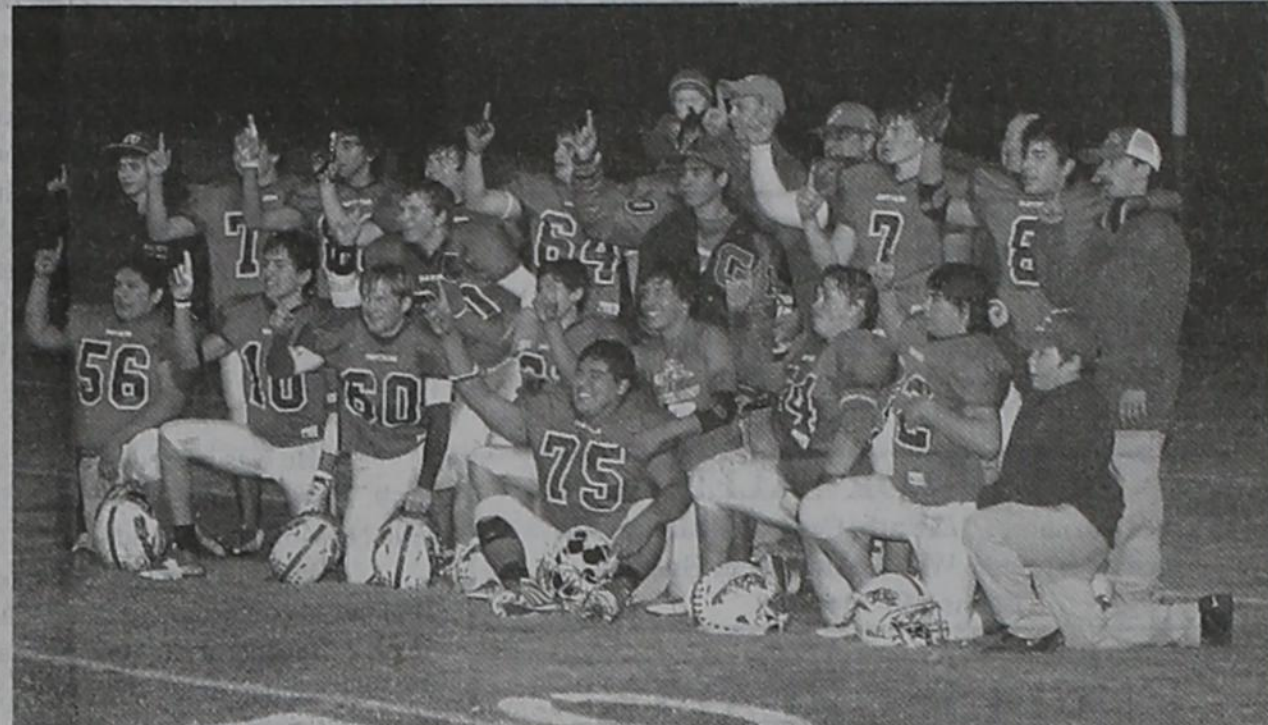
Jelly Belly touring bus is making a special appearance at Old Doc's Soda Shop/Dublin Dr Pepper with a host of fun activities.

Touring jelly bean experts will share insider secrets to the making of Jelly Belly jelly beans, the iconic bean that spread sweetness around the world during the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

At the stop on Friday November 11 from 10am until 2pm, Jelly Belly will offer tastes of the newest flavors, and invite the more daring to take the challenge to taste BeanBoozled, the wacky line of weird and wild flavors from skunk spray and pencil shaving beans to the delightful Top Banana and Coconut flavors. Prizes and fun for the kids take place during the stop. If there was ever a question you wanted answered about Jelly Belly beans, this is the opportunity to stump the bean diplomats.

Jelly Belly jelly beans are currently made in 92 flavors, and the most recently released flavor is Candy Corn. Known for jaw dropping flavor profiles that hit the mark, the company also makes 100 more fine confections such as licorice, jells, gummies, seasonal sweets and chocolate covered treats. Additional information is available at JellyBelly.com or the Jelly Belly Hotline (800) 323-9380. Become a fan at facebook.com/jellybelly.

Panthers Edge Meridian For Title - Idle This Week



GAME AT A GLANCE

GORMAN	MERDIAN
11 First Downs	13
34/246 Carries/Yds	40/198
41 Yds Passing	26
3 of 10/1 Pass Cpt./Int	2 of 10/0
3 / 1 Fumbles/Lost	5 / 2
3/35 Punts/Avg.	3/22
1/10 Penalties	7/95

The Panthers had a real battle with the Meridian Yellowjackets on Friday night at Brogdon Field but outran the Jackets to win the 9-1A District Title with a breath taking 20 to 19 victory. Gorman led 7-0 at halftime and scored 6 in the third and 7 in the final period and held the Jackets to 13 in the third and 6 in the final period for the win.

Gorman scored on their third possession, taking the ball on the Jacket 39 after a fumble recovery and went the distance in 5 plays with Zack Carlton getting the final yard on a run with 7:37 left in the second period. Matt Fox booted the extra point and the score was 7-0. The drive featured runs of 3 and 27 by B. J. Ramirez and 4 by Matt Fox and a 4 yarder by Carlton. This score held up until halftime.

The Jackets came back following the intermission and took the ball on their own 33 and scored in 11 plays on a pass play covering the final 18 yards with 9:00 left in the third. Chad Crawford kicked the point after and the score was knotted at 7-7.

Then after a drive by the Panthers, the Jackets intercepted a pass and Crawford returned the interception 55 yards with 3:33 left in the third to go ahead 13-7 after the extra point kick by Crawford.

But the Panthers were not to be outdone as they took they following kick on their own 38 and it took only 2 plays for the Big Red to score. Ramirez ran for 13 before Carlton broke through on a keeper play and raced the 49 yards for the TD with 2:47 left in the third. The kick failed and the score was tied 13-13.

But on the next possession the Jackets had a scoring drive of 60 yards in the 8 plays with Josh Eoff getting the final 34 on a run with 11:50 left in the game. But the kick for point failed and Meridian was up 19-13.

The Panthers were up to the challenge and took the ball on their own 30 and in one big blast Ramirez raced the 70 yards for the score with 11:28 left. Fox added the extra point and the Big Red were up 20-19.

From this point on the two teams played on even terms and the Panthers held on to the 20-19 score for the win and the District Title in 9-1A.

Ramirez again led the Panthers with 176 yards on 19 carries. Carlton had 62 on 10 keeps. Fox got 5 on 3 carries and Dakota Pacheco got 3 yards on 2 tries.

and Dallas Gateway game in the first round. If Mount Enterprise wins the game will be played Saturday, the 19th at Groesbeck. If Gateway wins, the playoff location is unknown at press time.

Go Get "Em Big Red!! Well Done!!!



STOPPING FOR SHORT YARDAGE - Several Panthers are shown stopping a Jacket for short yardage Friday. Shown are B. J. Ramirez, Matt Fox, Luis Limon, James Thomas and others.



BIG RED DEFENSE - Several Panthers are shown holding the Jackets. Shown are Matt Fox, Luis Limon, Sergio Hipolito, Zach Carlton, Stetson Thompson and others.



FOLLOWING BLOCKERS - B. J. Ramirez is shown trying to gain extra yards in game action Friday. Shown running in front of B. J. are Dakota Pacheco, Matt Fox, James Thomas, Zach Carlton and with blocking from Yovani Palacios and Luis Limon.



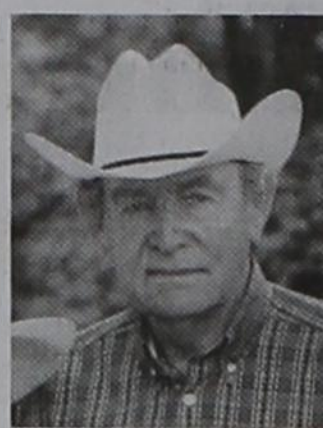
QUARTERBACK KEEPER - Zach Carlton is shown trying to break free in game action Friday. Blocking for Zach are Matt Fox, Sheldon Fenley, Luis Limon, Jon Fenley.

Way To Go Panthers! Congratulations To The District 9-1A Champs

Obituary

T. A. "Cap" Nowlin

T. A. "Cap" Nowlin, 81, of De Leon, Texas, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011. He was born on April 9, 1930 in De Leon to Doyle Eddie Nowlin and Clara Chupp Nowlin. He married Carole Jean King on August 11, 1952 in McCamey, Texas.



Cap loved farming, ranching, working cattle and his land. He was on the Board of Directors at First National Bank, De Leon. He enjoyed following the Goldthwaite Eagle football team and visiting Stephen's Feed Store each morning. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War where he received the prestigious Silver Star Medal. The Silver Star is the third highest military award designated solely for heroism in combat. Cap served as Sgt 1st Class in the 1st Division 23rd Infantry Regiment, Easy Company 1st Platoon, Platoon Leader Regiment, Combat Team. He was a member of De Leon Church of Christ. He loved his family dearly and was very proud of each of them.

He is survived by his son, Mark Nowlin and wife Lisa; daughters, Deborah Nowlin-Keith and husband Bobby and Dee Dee Wright and husband Ronny; brothers, Ted Nowlin and Donald Nowlin and wife Barbara; grandchildren, Dathan Wright and wife Amy, Sawyer Wright, Shalor Nowlin, Marki Nowlin and Cole Dame and wife Amanda; great-grandchildren, Kalee Wright, Brenner Cap Wright and Kaylee Musick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his wife, Carole Nowlin on December 9, 2008; parents, Doyle and Clara Nowlin; sister-in-law, Mozelle Nowlin; and granddaughter, Camie Dame Caporale.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon Church of Christ. Kris Groda officiated the service. Congregational singing was led by Gene Foster. Pallbearers were Cole Dame, Shalor Nowlin, Dathan Wright, Sawyer Wright and Terry Nowlin.

Family received friends from 5-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home. Burial followed in De Leon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Carole J. Nowlin Scholarship Fund c/o First National Bank, De Leon. Online condolences may be posted to www.nowlinandersfh.com.

Elizabeth Madera

Services for Elizabeth Madera, 39, of Brownfield was at 10am, Friday, November 4, 2011 at Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel with Father Gerald Leatham officiating. Services were under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Elizabeth passed away November 1, 2011 at her home in Brownfield. She was born January 19, 1972 in Childress. She married Zenon Madera on August 25, 1989 in Gorman. They moved to Brownfield 7 years ago. She was Catholic. She is preceded in death by her mother.



Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Zenon Madera of Brownfield; a daughter, Cassandra Madera of Brownfield; 3 sons, Fernando Madera of Brownfield, Christopher Eric Madera of Brownfield and Timothy Lee Guerra of Brownfield; 2 sisters, Liza Contreras and Irma Contreras.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

As I am writing this on Tuesday morning, I am disappointed that we received so little rain last night. But I am thankful for even a little! Hope some of you got more than we did.

This Friday evening will be our last dance of 2011. Please join us for a night of fun with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The concession stand opens at 6:00 and the music starts at 7:00. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Our second Friday of the month dances will resume on January 13, 2012.

The Christmas Store here at the Desdemona Activity Center is to be held December 1, 2, 3 and the next weekend, December 8, 9, and 10. We have lots of great Christmas decorations, some items that are suitable for small gifts and lots of baked goods. Many folks get the baked goods and freeze them for the Christmas holidays. The items that we have are mostly gently used items with a few new things. The Christmas Store began several years ago as a garage sale. We had many Christmas items and so much fun that we turned it into an annual Christmas Store. Even if you don't buy anything, come, visit and get in the Christmas spirit with us! If you have any gently used Christmas items that you would like to donate, call me at 254-758-2420.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held as usual on the first Saturday in December so you can eat and shop in one stop. You can't beat that, ladies!

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

"On The Wilder Side"

Let me ask you a question. When you were young, and the world seemed to be like a big playground waiting to be explored, what did you dream that your life would be like? Did you plan to be a doctor, a rancher, a jet fighter? How has that worked out for you? Unfortunately, not everyone gets to live their dream life. We get sidetracked and change our priorities through life's circumstances. Not that it is bad or wrong to change our priorities. You might have not been able to go to college to earn that degree because you had to stay and help with the family business, or you met your other half, and as the old riddle goes, "first comes love, then comes marriage, then comes a baby in a baby carriage." Life seems to get in the way of our dreams, and that is not always a bad thing.

Now let me ask you another question. When you first came to Christ and confessed your faith and belief in Him, what did you dream your spiritual life would be like? Did you have visions of being a missionary, a spiritual leader to your family, a shining beacon of light to your community? How has that worked out for you? Are you the Christian you want to be? Are you achieving the spiritual goals that you once set for yourself?

Our spiritual goals can easily be pushed aside when we get sidetracked by other things. Maybe we don't have time to worship God on Sunday because we stayed up too late on Saturday night or so we choose to stay home so we can watch the big game. Perhaps the Bible on our knight stand grows dusty and our prayers grow cold because we don't turn off the television and spend time with God.

It is true in life that our priorities change and so our goals change, but this should not be true with our spiritual lives. We should always have goals to mature in faith, grow in knowledge, expand our service, and develop our love for God and mankind. Maybe you can't be a missionary to a remote tribe in Africa like you may have once planned, but you can certainly still be a spiritual leader to your family and those around you. It is a good habit to take a spiritual inventory. In 2 Pet 1:5-9, we find a path to spiritual maturity. How far are you on your path? In v.10,11 we read Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So let me ask you, are you the type of Christian you want to be?

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12)
Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

SCHOOL MENU Week of Nov. 14 -- Nov. 18

- BREAKFAST**
- MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.
 - TUESDAY - Apple Cinnamon Muffin, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 - WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
 - THURSDAY - French Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 - FRIDAY - Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
- LUNCH**
- MONDAY - Cheese Pizza, corn, salad, oranges, and milk.
 - TUESDAY - Oven fried chicken, potato wedge, English peas, rolls and honey, crisp and milk.
 - WEDNESDAY - Frito Pie, Salad, Broccoli and Ranch, crackers, fruit and milk.
 - THURSDAY - Soup, grilled cheese, pickle spears, crackers, fruit and milk.
 - FRIDAY - Panther Burger, chicken burger, potato rounds, burger salad, ice cream and milk.

A Letter To The Editor - About Picking Tomatoes In Alabama -

By Henry A. Buchanan

Alabama is a state situated between Mississippi and my native State of Georgia and its having its share of trouble. The newly elected Governor Robert Bentley let a lot of people there know that they were not members of his family because they hadn't accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. And then it turned out that a lot of people not kin to him were picking tomatoes illegally.

Alabama passed a strict law that put Mexicans picking tomatoes on the run because the police were arresting and jailing Mexican tomato pickers right and left, some of them legal and some illegal. So everybody who looked Mexican got scared and ran. Now the Alabama farmers with a tomato crop that needs picking has nobody to pick tomatoes.

You would think that with eight Republican candidates for President yelling Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! There would be plenty of recently fired unemployed people to pick the tomatoes but it turns out that picking tomatoes is a skill.

Unemployed white collar people and even blue collar accustomed to putting the parts of a machine together don't have the skill, or the inclination to learn the skill of picking tomatoes which is both seasonal and back breaking.

So it now appears that Governor Bentley is going to have to win a lot of Mexican souls to Jesus Christ or else pick tomatoes, which is a job our members of Congress ought to look into instead of making expensive junkets to Afghanistan at taxpayer expense.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan

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FOUND - Footlocker found with sentimental items on County Road 170, near Frank Gray Park. Identify and Claim. Call (254) 734-2117. ITP

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 FNC

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 NEW - 34.5 A. HWY 8 - Desdemona, 30 acres Coastal, pond, excellent fences, large Post Oaks - nice home site. Water well, Natural gas and Elec. Available. Will divide in 1/2. \$130,000.
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 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.
 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 579: Old home D w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 a cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.
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EASTLAND, TX - Eastland County was awarded a \$8,428 matching grant through Oncor's City Matching Grant Program for installing an energy efficient air conditioning and lighting system at Eastland County Courthouse.

The City Matching Grant Program was created to help cities save energy and money by implementing energy efficiency improvements. The high efficiency lighting and air conditioning systems will save more than 10,000 kilowatt-hours of energy annually, equivalent to the carbon dioxide emissions of more than 1,000 gallons of gasoline, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculations.

"The grant from Oncor was instrumental for the completion of this much-needed project," said County Judge Rex Fields. "The energy savings can be reinvested in other projects benefiting residents of Eastland County."

All government municipalities receiving electric service through Oncor wires are eligible to apply for matching grant funding for the implementation of energy efficiency upgrade projects.

"Now more than ever, it's vital our counties and cities have the resources that need to implement energy efficiency improvements in their facilities," said Oncor Area Manager Ken Harriss. "The City Matching Grant Program is just another way Oncor is working to help improve our communities."

Grants are awarded for up to 50 percent of the cost of energy efficiency project installations, up to a maximum of \$50,000. Grant applications are judged on several criteria, including demonstrated financial need, the expected energy savings of the project and the speed with which it can be completed.

"We're proud of the accomplishments of Eastland County and thrilled to present this grant check," said Harriss. "This is exactly the type of energy-saving project the City Matching Grant Program was created to encourage."

For more information on the City Matching Grant Program and other energy efficiency programs, visit www.takealoadofftexas.com.



Pictured (left to right) Eastland County Judge Rex Fields, Oncor Electric Delivery Area Manager Customer Operations, Ken Harriss and Eastland County Auditor, Loretta Key.

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Charlie L. Garrett Memorial Library Survey

In an effort to better serve our community, we are collecting information on how the Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is currently used and ways that use might be enhanced in the future. Would you please fill out this survey and return to the library a.s.a.p so we can consider your thoughts and wishes? Your input is very important!

Thank you - Library Staff

- Which age group are you in? Check one.
 over 50 31-50
 18-30 12-18
- Do you think most residents are aware of the library and what it has to offer?
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- How often do you visit the library?
 Daily Twice a year
 Weekly Once a year
 Monthly Never
- What do you use at the library?
 Books Computers
 Scanner Photocopier
 Genealogy & Local History
- The library is open Mon 3-5; 5-7 and Tue-F 3-5. Are these hours convenient for you?
 Yes
 No
- If not, what hours would you like the library to be open?
 Mornings (8:00-noon)
 Afternoon (noon-5:00 p.m.)
 Evening (after 5:00 p.m.)
- What kind of programs would you like the library offer?
 Adult Book Club Story Time for Pre-School Children
 Basic Computer Literacy Classes Story Time in Spanish
 Regular Genealogy Programs Summer Reading Program for Children
 Other: _____
- What do you like about our library?

- What could we do better at our library?
- What kind of books would you like to see added to our collection?
 Fiction (Historical, Romance, Mystery, Western, Sci-Fi, Horror)
 Non-fiction (Biography, History, Texas History, Genealogy, Philosophy, Psychology, Health-Diet-Cooking, Economics-Finance, Hunting-Fishing, Beauty-Exercise, Classics-Drama, Travel-Adventure, Science)
- What other materials (non-book) would you like to see added to our collection?

USDA Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers of Livestock Disaster Program Deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

It is important that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP. To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP):

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers who experienced livestock death losses must file a notice of loss 30 days after the loss is apparent, but no later than Dec. 29, 2011. Producers who suffered livestock grazing and feed losses must have filed a notice of loss no later than Oct. 31, 2011, and have until Jan. 30, 2012, to submit an application for payment for livestock death losses and livestock grazing and feed losses.

Program Requirements:

In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP.

For more information on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact the Eastland County USDA Service Center at 254-629-1636. Information can also be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Gorman City Minutes

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Kick Off Your Holidays by attending the annual **Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper** on Saturday, November 12th at the Community Center (old School gym). Make plans to attend for a good "Home-Cooked" meal of Turkey, Dressing with all the Trimmings. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Several musical groups will entertain. They are Tommy and Laverne Carr of Whitney; Leigh Bartlet of Stephenville; Daryl Hirst, Dr. Dan and Band-Aids all of Gorman and some local talent. Tickets are Adults \$10.00 and Children (10 and under) \$5.00.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had 40 in attendance last Sunday for the Morning Service with visitors from Stephenville and Brownwood. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie and wife, Jana and all the members invites Visitors to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for Morning Service.

Ladies Monthly Social will be CANCELLED for Monday, November 14th at the Community Center. Next Social will be Monday, December 12th. Visitors are Welcome.

"Happy Birthday" to our Brother, Bernard Keith of Desdemona from Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona and Avie Taylor of De Leon.

"Happy Birthday" to Pug Guthery in the Jakehamon Community from all the Family.

Have a Great day, Vonnie

Homestead Happenings

We would like to thank all the "trick or treat" kids that came by Homestead. Everyone really enjoyed seeing all the different costumes.

On Friday at 2:30 we will honor our veterans at Homestead. Please come and join us. All veterans are invited to come and be a part of this.

Recent visitors at Homestead were B.E. Simpson, Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Nell McAnally were Nell Kennedy of Olden, Minnie Bledsoe of Carbon, Connie Wood and Ruth Rodgers. Visiting Rozelle Caraway were Liz and Shane Caraway of Valley Mills, Aubrey and Bonnie Kincaid of Eastland. Visiting Floydene Gilbert were Jonathan Gilbert and Amanda Engram of College Station, Amber Gilbert of Abilene, John and Tresa Gilbert of DeLeon and Carolyn Glibert. Spider Clark, Johnny and Ina Smith and Ralph Hudson visited Kay Craddock. Gaylord Battenfield, Jim and Karen Burleson and Nelda Mauney came from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School on Sunday Morning. Those coming for Church on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Barry, Ruthie Porter, Harold and Tody Zink, and Pam Childers. Pam also visited with JoAnn Murdoch. Jana Grice visited Ima Brown. Allan Lynch of New Braunfels visited Harry Lynch. Visiting Billie Marble were Richard, Kim, Adriana, Bailey and Chelsea Brown, Pat and Howard Hagood and Dale and Bess Curb. Frances Babbitt visited Bill Babbitt. Visiting Edgar Reynolds were Margery Churchville of Ft. Worth, Johnny Smith, B.E. Simpson and Nelda Mauney.

Have a good week.

Happenings At FBC!!

Autumn! Seasons change right before our eyes. God's creations are amazing. This year, may the colors of fall awaken your appreciation for the miracle your eyes behold in the changing leaves.

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 12th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - join the men for fellowship, food, & fun!

Nov. 13th - 6pm - Pray & Prepare your First Fruits Offering - Enjoy what we can do together!

Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends! It's fun to learn about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children a bottle of glue, a roll of scotch tape, a roll of duct tape, and a bolt. Then she asked the children, "What do all these things do?" They stick things together and hold things together. People need to be held together too. Love holds people together. In John 13 we are told to love each other as Jesus loved us. Luke and Matthew tell us to love God and love your neighbor as yourself. We might get mad at our friends, but love still holds us together. God's love holds our Church Family together.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Tempered With Mercy" - II Corinthians 5:19 - Catastrophe has been rampant in our world. Pictures of the tsunamis and hurricanes keep the destruction vivid in our minds. Did God inflict these tragedies to punish people who perished and hurt the families affected?

(II Corinthians 5:17-21) Living Under the Law ended in the Old Testament. Christ changed everything, thus began the age of Living Under the Blood. Those whom belong to Christ become a new person. We have been given a task to reconcile people to God. It's our "to do", our "must do". It's the job of each Christian to show others the Love of God.

(Luke 9:51-56) Jesus was passing through the Samaritan Village so they were asked to prepare for His arrival. They chose to not welcome Him. How do we treat people? Would you be one who welcomed Jesus or turned Him away?

(Luke 4:17-20) You no longer have to live a life of regret because you fail the Law. Your sins no longer count against you. You've been set free.

(Isaiah 61:1-2) Our imperfection keeps us captive in our sin. It's the trouble in our life that causes sin, and not the sin that causes the trouble. The day of God's judgment is coming.

(II Corinthians 6:1-2) You cannot ignore it! You are living under the Grace and Love of God. God has anointed the times in our lives.

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It's been said that if God doesn't judge America for it's sins then He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah. Brother Barry said he believes that if God judges America for its sins then He'll have to apologize to Jesus. In the Old Testament man sinned against revealed Law, and in our day man sins against revealed Love.

When you are in Christ you are a new person, and the old things are past. Buried with Christ in Baptism and raised to walk in newness of Life. Blessed are those that live by the Grace of God and not by the Law. It's the Love of God that keeps us together. It's Jesus that's like the target of a heat-seeking missile for He absorbs all our sin. A conduit encases electrical wire for safety. The blood of Jesus covers our sin and protects you. Jesus is your conduit that protects you from hell.

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

OCTOBER 20, 2011

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Kenneth Good, Joe Casey and Durward Webb. Also attending was Tim Dennis (Wayne).

Kenneth 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.

David made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Tim Dennis was present to discuss an incident with the Commission about a payment in which he said he had made, but had not been applied to his account. The commission requested that he present his receipt, but Mr. Dennis did not have it. The Commission stated that if he would bring in the correct receipt the amount would be applied to his account.

Tacy reported that Gorman ISD had voted to purchase voting equipment. The purchase of this equipment will insure that the election date for both the City and the school system will remain the as is. The school and the city had previously discussed the option of splitting all of the costs involved with this purchase and future programming. Joe made the motion to purchase voting equipment, splitting all costs with Gorman ISD. Durward made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The City has been approved for a Grant / Loan with Rural Development for the purchase of police vehicle, radio and video equipment and a dump truck. If the Commission decides to move forward with the grant option an account has to be opened for the purpose of the loan proceeds. David made the motion to open this account at American State Bank. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Tacy reported to the Commission that the funds from Oncor were hand delivered by Ken Harris. This was an energy efficient improvement grant. The City was awarded \$5,985.00.

There being no further business for discussion, David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:15 p.m.

Eastland/Stephens Drought and Post Wildlife Management Meeting

Eastland and Stephens County have been hit hard by wildfires and drought in the past year, Texas AgriLife Extension Service of these two counties is providing a meeting to manage your land following these hard times. Topics will include fencing, wildfire and drought affects on plants and wildlife, economic forecasts, and an update on the conditions following the Jackson Ranch Fire. The meeting will be held at the Jackson Rural Event Center on the Jackson Ranch outside of Strawn on November 10, 2011. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and three (3) CEU credits will be given to pesticide applicators. A catered lunch will be provided, and the cost of the program will be \$10.00. Please RSVP by November 7, 2011 to Leslie Neve, Stephens County Extension Agent-Ag & Natural Resources at 254/559-2313 or Hallee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science Agent at 254/629-2222.



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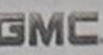
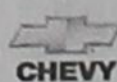
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