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Happy Thanksgiving

The Gorman Student Council Presents - Cinderfella

The Pageant will be held on Thursday, November the 29th at 7:00 p.m. In the High School Auditorium. The cost is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. All fund raised will be used for the Student Council Community Service Project. The "girls" will be judged on talent, formal wear, casual wear, and interview. Everyone come out and support our brave young "ladies!"

Letter To The Editor

My name is Truman (Buz) Brown Jr. I graduated from Gorman High School, although I do not live there any longer. I remember, even back then, that if a member of your family passed and the funeral was at a church or funeral home in town, there funeral procession was provided an escort as a show of respect and safety for the family of the deceased. I cannot remember a single time that this did not happen. An escort was provided for my Grandfather, Grandmother, Uncle James, his son Jimmy, and many friends that also passed. On that note, I would like to bring attention to my family's recent situation.

My uncle "Corkey" John T. Brown passed. The funeral was Saturday November 17, 2012. Corky was born in Gorman, ran businesses in Gorman, lived, raised his family and finally died in Gorman. If anyone should have had a Police escort, you would think that he, at the very least would have qualified. The family was apparently told that providing this escort would cut into overtime pay and the request was denied. Who are your Law enforcement officers and how long have they lived and worked in Gorman? I may be wrong about this, but I would bet they did not live there most of their lives and I would also bet that when they pass, they will surely have a Police escort for them.

Now I do not wish to come down on the whole department, because it may be that the deputies did not know that the person, (who owns this poor decision), was even asked about it or had denied it. The trip from Higginbothams Funeral Home lasted about 15 minutes. I was raised to have respect for the funeral procession, even to pull over while they pass by. I guess money has become more important than good manners, good sense and safety. It truly would have been nice for the family to see this respect extended even if it cut into overtime pay. I know that the crime rate in Gorman is not that bad, although it does exist. I am suspicious that he was not exactly run over in the biggest crime wave ever to hit town on a Saturday morning. If I had found out in time I would have paid for, this minor but necessary service myself. My family and I are very disappointed in the decision that was made not to provide the escort. I GUESS the next time you see an escort for a funeral in your town, you might ask yourself, IS THAT CUTTING INTO OVERTIME PAY?! Now that sounds pretty sad, when you say it out loud doesn't it?

I would like to thank Corky's grandsons for providing the escort and stopping traffic on the highway while the procession passed. It probably would have been safer with the flashing lights on the police car. (Although, I know Corkey would have been very proud.)

I would appreciate your newspaper publishing this letter as I believe that it needs to be seen and heard.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely,
Truman (Buz) Brown Jr.

Letter To The Editor

The Gorman Police Dept. would like to sincerely apologize to the Brown/Clark/Johnson family for the situation that took place on Saturday. All the proper details and information was not given to the Police Commissioner nor the Police Chief who made the decision that day. I know that this was very upsetting to the family and for that I am very sorry. I know that doesn't make up for Saturday but this problem has been addressed and will not happen again.

Sincerely,
Chief Barbara Fenley

Lady Elks End Season For The Lady Panthers

After finishing in third place in district, The Gorman Lady Panthers took on the Evant Lady Elks at Hamilton High School for bi-district. The Lady Panthers won the first and second sets, (25-20, 25-23), but lost the next three sets, (15-25, 18-25, 14-17) to end their season. In district play, the Lady Panthers were 6-4, with the Lady Lions of Albany taking the title and the Lady Bearcats of De Leon taking second place.

The Lady Panthers started off on fire as they put down the Lady Elks in the first two sets, but the Lady Elks woke up and took the next three sets to end the ladies from Gorman's season.

Melissa Ramirez had 12 kills, and 6 blocks to lead the Lady Panthers. Kinsey Johnston had 8 kills and scored two aces followed by Rachel Tucker, with 4 kills, and 5 blocks. Other girls contributing to the Lady Panthers totals were, Jaquie Rainey, Yulissa Madera, Alexia Madera, Vanessa Longoria, and Lauren Spivey.

In district, Melissa Ramirez was selected as Defensive Player of the Year, while Kinsey Johnston and Rachel Tucker were picked as First Team All District.

The Lady Panthers are a young team and they will return all their players except Rachel Tucker next year. Rachel graduates in May, and she will be missed for her knowledge and leadership on the team.

Redeemer Lutheran in Cisco Invites You to Join Us

Starting soon we will be having special church services on Wednesday night starting at 7:00. Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be on November. 21. Any money collected in the offering plate will be sent to help those affected by Superstorm Sandy. On Nov. 28, and Dec. 5, 12, and 19 the youth group will be serving a meal at 5:30 with the worship service to follow at 7:00. Then on Christmas Eve, our worship service will include both the children's program and singing by candlelight. There is no meal served before this one, and it starts at 6:00 instead of 7:00. Come and join us for five Wednesdays in a row. If you have any questions, please call Eric Stinnette at 254-631-9715.

Letter To The Editor

The Two Best Articles in your newspaper are Carol Ward and Henry Buchanan's column.

I really look forward to these.

Robert Whitt

One Person Killed and One Injured In Fatal Crash Tuesday Night

One person was killed and one was injured in a one vehicle crash three miles east of Gorman, in Eastland County. The crash occurred Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. on Farm Road 8 and is being investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Thomas Roy Seay (deceased) W/M 66 years of age from Gorman, was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Trail Blazer eastbound on Farm Road 8 when he drifted off of the roadway to the right. Seay overcorrected to the left and entered the north barrow ditch. The vehicle overturned several times, ejecting both occupants. Judge Walker pronounced Seay dead at the scene. The body was taken to Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman. The seat belt was not worn. The next of kin have been notified.

Vicki Trout Seay (injured) W/F 64 years of age from Gorman is listed in critical condition and was taken to Farris Hospital in Fort Worth. The seat belt was not worn.

The weather was clear and the roadway was dry. Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Russel Reid is investigating this crash.

Perrin-Whitt Lady Pirates- 52 Gorman Lady Panthers -28

The Lady Panthers traveled to Perrin-Whitt on Tuesday and were defeated 52-28. For the 2nd game in a row Kinsey Johnston led the Lady Panthers in scoring with 13 points. Melissa Ramirez added 11 points and led the team in rebounds with 5. Megan Gray and Rachel Tucker each chipped in with 2 points apiece. All 4 of the High School teams will travel to Ranger on Tuesday November 20th. They will host Perrin-Whitt here in Gorman on November the 27th. The Gorman Basketball Tournament is coming up Thursday December 6th thru Saturday December 8th.

"Thank You"

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for the calls, cards, visits and prayers on behalf of our father and husband, Corkey Brown, during his lengthy illness. We would first like to give a special thanks to the First Responders who were quick to respond to the 911 calls. We would also like to thank Eddie Browning, Melissa Osborne and Gene Foster for getting dad to his doctors appointments when we were unable to. After dad's passing we were again showered with phone calls, cards, food, flowers and visits. The overwhelming love and support shown to our family during this difficult time was truly amazing. A heart felt thanks goes to Jason and Kristi Wilder, George Simmons, David Dunlap, John Howard and Corey Clark as well as Spec. Josh Johnson and PFC Cameron Clark. Higginbothams Funeral home staff was very comforting and caring during our loss and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for all their guidance. They all made dad's memorial service very special; one that we will never forget. Thank you to the men and women of the Church of Christ and other churches in the community who helped prepare and serve the food to the family and friends of Corkey Brown. We can never express in words or action how much we appreciate each and everyone of you.

God Bless each of you.
Jerry Brown
Vicki Brown family
Julie Clark family
Melba Aaron
Wanda Glasson family
Truman Brown family
T.A. Brown family

Gorman Family Bible Church Youth Are Learning About The Lord

The Youth at Gorman Family Bible Church are eagerly learning about the Lord. They would like to invite everyone to come and learn with them. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. And Sunday night at 6 o'clock. We also meet Wednesday at 6 o'clock. Bro. Howard Hagood invites everyone to come fellowship with us Sundays at 9:30 also.



The Youth are - Tiffany Renfroe, Rose Aguirre, Courtney Renfore, Harley Abbott, Bella Aguirre, Ike Torrez, Autumn Evans, Ryan Renfroe, and Myra Aguirre.

FUND SET UP FOR SEAY FAMILY

There is an account set up at Prosperity Bank (American State Bank) for donations to the Seay family for medical and travel expenses. If you would like to donate to them, you can make your check payable to City of Gorman, Vicki Seay Benefit Fund and drop it off at the City Office or the Bank, or mail it to Prosperity Bank, 115 S Fisher, Gorman, TX 76454. Thanks goes to everyone for your prayers, phone calls and concern. Vicki is expected to make a full recovery; she just has a long road ahead of her.

Christmas Store
Desdemona Activity Center
Desdemona, TX
Christmas items, small gifts and baked goods
Nov.29-Dec.1 & Dec.6-8
8:00-5:00

Obituaries

Thomas Roy Seay

Thomas Roy Seay, age 66 of Gorman, died in an automobile accident on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Graveside services were 2:00 P.M. Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Alameda Cemetery with James Hunter officiating. Thomas was born February 4, 1946 in Gorman, Texas to Thomas Hillary Seay and A.V. (Guthery) Seay. He married Vicki Lynn Trout on April 19, 1969 in Eastland, Texas.

He was a graduate of Gorman High School. He had a degree in electrical engineering. He worked for Texas Electric Company for 25 years. He owned Ranger Auction Company for 12 years. Recently he was employed with McCurley Enterprises. He was a lifelong rancher, and a member of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association. His four greatest passions were God, family, friends and good cattle. He loved to sing and was a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Seay of Gorman; one son, Tommy Lynn Seay and wife, Julie Ann of Fort Davis; two grandchildren, Audie Lynn Seay and Dallis Lacey Seay both of Fort Davis; brother-in-law, Joe Trout of Eastland; two sisters-in-laws, Wendy Porter and husband, Don of Eastland and Melody Barr and husband, Bob of Hawley. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dicy Mae Scitern

Dicy Mae Scitern, age 94, passed away on Monday, November 19, 2012 at her home in Desdemona. She was born on November 8, 1918 in Lipan, Texas. She married Thomas R. Scitern on November 13, 1965 in Fort Stockton, Texas. He preceded her in death on December 1, 2002.

She was a member of the Church of Christ and a Beautician. She is survived by one sister, Alta M. Gibson of Lyons, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, four sisters, her parents and her husband.

FREE ITEMS
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday -
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Please keep the family of Thomas Seay of Desdemona in your prayers. He passed away as a result of a horrific accident and his wife was seriously injured.

I hope you all have a very wonderful holiday weekend. Have you heard about some of the stores opening on Thanksgiving night? I know a lot of people will disagree, but I don't like that idea. Thanksgiving is a family holiday - folks who work in these stores probably would like to be home with their families. Surely we can wait one more day before we begin our frantic search for Christmas gifts!

Beginning on November 29, the annual Christmas Store will be open here at the Desdemona Activity Center. The store will be open November 29 through December 1 and December 6 through 8. The hours will be 8:00-5:00 each day. We have lots of Christmas decorations, items suitable for small gifts and lots of baked goods.

The 'First Saturday Breakfast' will also be held on Saturday, December 1. You can eat breakfast, do your Christmas shopping and get your Christmas baked goods all in one stop. How great is that! Breakfast starts at 7:00 so the store will be open early that day.

There will be no dance in December, but remember to come back the second Saturday in January.

Remember that the general meeting of the DAC will be coming up after the first of the year. Please consider joining and bring some new ideas.

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Happy Thanksgiving!
Carol Pell

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60A, 2-1 ranch house, new windows & Doors/floors/paint, metal roof. Pond, fenced, Coastal/wooded, small barn, well, wildlife. \$189,000.
77A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
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Public Notice for Antenna Structure Registration

Comanche Electric Cooperative Association proposes to register a telecommunications tower constructed at the Gorman site in Eastland County. The Gorman tower, FCC ASR file number A0789940, located on FM 2689 Gorman, TX 76454 at Lat. 32-13-42.8 N and Long. 098-40-14.9 W, is a 230 Ft self-supported lattice tower with FAA Type E lighting.

Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the FCC ASR File number provided above. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file requests online, instructions for making such filings can be found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest; however, paper filings can be mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

"On The Wilder Side"

A man called his son on the day before Thanksgiving and said, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing, forty-five years of misery is enough." "Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her." Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "I won't let them get divorced," she shouts. "I'll take care of this." She immediately called her day and screamed, "You are NOT getting a divorce. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing. DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."

Ah Thanksgiving... It's a wonderful time of year, but I don't think it gets as much attention as it should. It seems lately that Thanksgiving isn't much more than Christmas' ugly stepchild. Why don't we give this holiday the attention it deserves? Could it be because we have become unthankful? If you ask most people if they are ungrateful, they would probably say "Of course not!" But I wonder if we would ever be able to realize how ungrateful we actually are. I mean does a spoiled child ever realize that they are actually spoiled?

But that's what we are - spoiled! And since we are spoiled, we have become ungrateful. We have forgotten all the many ways the Lord has been kind to us and instead fool ourselves into thinking that we earned it all and deserve it all. On top of that, we have forgotten that it actually takes time to be thankful. We're so busy with work, driving, family ball practice, doctor appointments, and so on, that we just don't have the time to thank others.

Right now is a perfect time for you to call your momma, brother, friend, child, spouse, or even boss to thank them for all they've done for you. And it's an even better time to tell your God "thank you" - even if all you can think of is "thank you for today."

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

COMANCHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNOUNCES \$4,000 YOUTH VIDEO CONTEST

Comanche Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, announces the launch of the 2013 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest. For the fourth consecutive year, Comanche Electric Cooperative and Texas Co-op Power will award up to \$4,000 in cash prizes for winners of the competition.

Students in grades 6 through 12 whose parents or legal guardians are current members of an electric cooperative in Texas can participate. This year, students are asked to create a five to 10 minute video interviewing someone who remembers the era when the lights came on, when electricity first came to their home. The video will serve as an oral history of the time before the interviewee received electricity and how life was changed afterwards. All videos have the potential to be included in a full-length documentary to be produced by Texas Co-op Power at a later date.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,500 and be profiled in Texas Co-op Power magazine. If a school is involved as a sponsor of the first-place winner it will receive \$1,000. The second-place winner, determined by the most YouTube views, will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for best performance in one of four judging categories: creativity, educational value, video editing and technical quality.

The contest opens November 1 and ends April 1. Winners will be announced April 23.

For full contest rules and entry forms, go to www.TexasCoopPower.com, scroll down and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas button on the right side of the page.

Ryan Paskewitz of Zephyr, whose parents are Comanche Electric Cooperative members, was last year's \$1,500 winner. Zephyr school was awarded \$1,000 for their sponsorship. See Ryan's winning video at www.youtube.com/TXCOOPPOWER. For contest updates and tips, "Like" Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook or follow on Twitter @TexasCoopPower.

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A Letter To The Editor

About Secession
By Henry A. Buchanan

Over 80,000 Texans, heavily Republican and angry over the Democratic victory at the polls on November six, propose to secede from the union. Several other Southern States propose to go along with Texas to form a new nation because of the re-election of Barack Obama as President of the United States. I thought Governor Rick Perry's offer to become President even after his day of prayer failed to bring rain, had reached the limits of folly. But secession tops even that.

George Bush's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan left the U.S. Treasury empty and the problems of unemployment, immigration, housing and busted banks as a legacy of an impossible task for President Obama. But now the remnants of the shattered Confederacy want to repeat the disaster that nearly destroyed the country in the years of the Civil War.

At least the old Confederacy did not walk away from Social Security, Medicare and Federal grants and loans to keep the agricultural South on its feet for four years.

What is proposed now is an even greater folly than our Civil War but for morbid entertainment it may at least help us to live with the insoluble problems we have created in the Middle East.

The fact is that a lot of Southern people resent a man of color in the White House and they refuse to live with the results of an election in which the American people have expressed themselves in clear tones.

Maybe Texas can realign itself with Mexico, but what the other Southern States can do in the event of another hurricane remains a very iffy question. Actually, I think it is all bluff on the part of poor losers.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
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Letter To The Editor

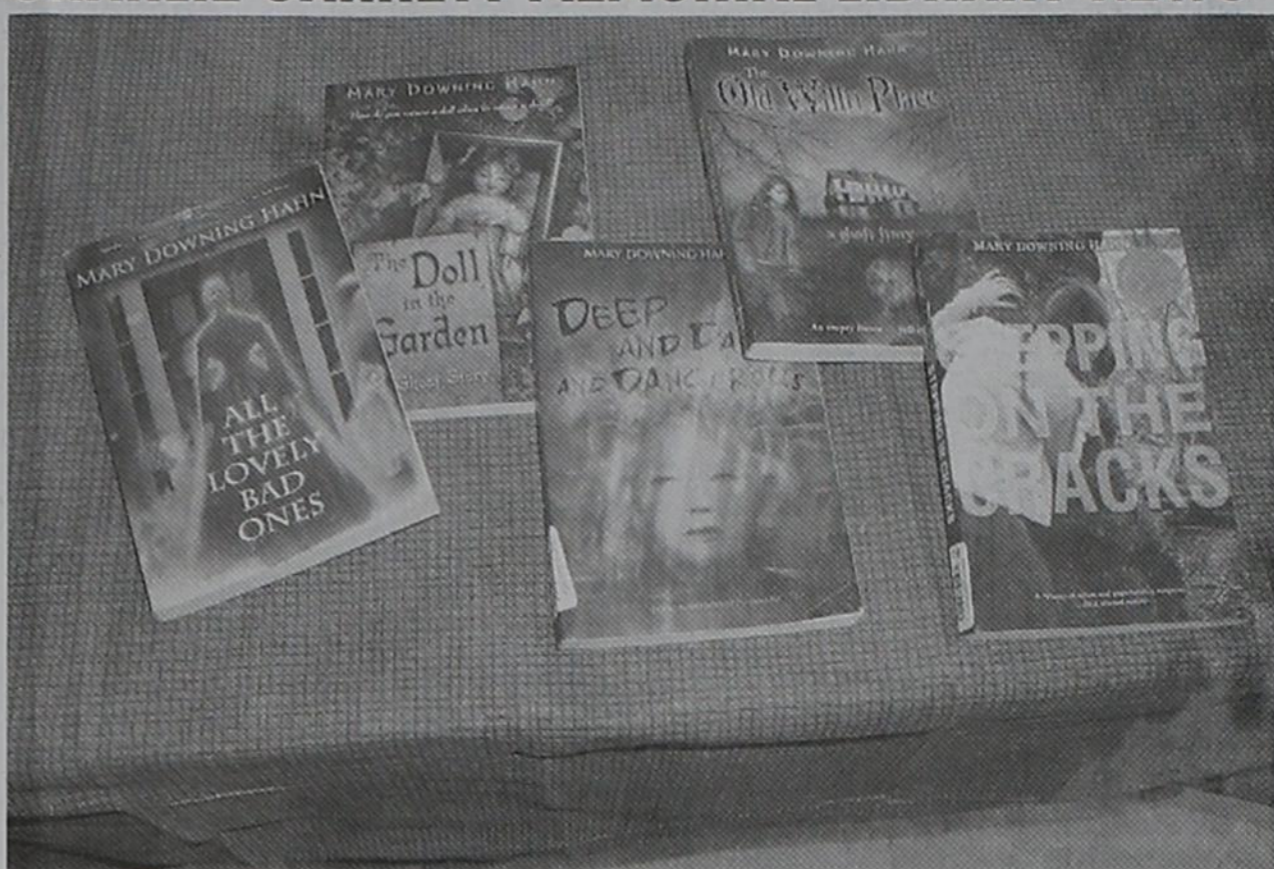
The only thing a family should put in the paper after a funeral is the Thank You notice. Instead, the family of Corkey Brown has been forced to write a Letter to the Editor. We are writing this letter in regards to the actions of an officer of the Gorman Police Department on Saturday, November 17, 2012. We were told to be at the funeral home ready to be escorted to the church. When we arrived at the funeral home, about 10-15 minutes before the service was to begin, we were told that we would NOT have a police escort from the funeral home to the Church of Christ. There would be no one to stop traffic for us on our way to the church. This is probably less than a half mile. We might have had 10 cars in the procession. The total time might have been 15 minutes. When we asked why we would not be getting an escort, it was relayed to us that after calls to dispatch requesting the escort, the officer on duty called the funeral home and said he would NOT be there for THAT funeral...it was not approved and this would be overtime; the department was over budget... Hummm so I wonder...was this the same reason, that the same officer would have used in assisting a vehicle. At about 10:15 a.m. that same morning the same police officer who refused to do the escort for the family did not stop and assist my son and his pregnant wife who were having vehicle issues on Highway 6. After all, he passed them twice; once as they pulled off the highway, with hazard lights on and again when they got out of the vehicle. My son told me the officer passed them twice but never stopped to see if they needed help. Would that have been overtime too? Is assisting a vehicle not approved as well? Was it because they were not in the officers's jurisdiction? If that's so, then why was the officer outside the city limits? What has happened to "PROTECT and SERVE"? The Brown family has been slapped in the face by the Gorman Police department. We have been made to feel we are not worthy of their time. Never in our lives have we ever known this to happen to anybody in this town or any other town for that matter. This is a disgrace to our town and our community. Wonder what the people who were stopped thought about our town when two U.S.ARMY soldiers were stopping traffic rather than a police officer and patrol car with lights on. What about the safety of those two soldiers? They were released to attend their grandfather's funeral NOT to do the job of the Gorman police officer. Something as simple as an escort or to block traffic for the family of a deceased person, should never ever be a question, it should never need an approval...it should be done out of respect and just common courtesy shown to the family. Our questions are: Does it matter if it is a memorial or does the hearse make it a funeral? Who makes these decisions? Is it many people or is the decision of one or two people? Is it councilmen or one councilman? How do they choose who gets escorted for funerals and who doesn't? Do approvals have to be made for our athletes from the school to be escorted out of town when they are in the playoffs? How about an ambulance coming to pick up a sick or injured person? This has hurt us deeply. If and when this is read by city councilmen and members of the police department it may mean nothing to them. They may even have a good laugh. To some this may be trivial, but to us it was about a wonderful dad, a great husband, a terrific Paw Paw and a man that loved his family and the people of Gorman. Dad always said, "The decisions you make, good or bad, will affect you the rest of your life." We made the decision to let others know how we have been treated. What's done is done and nothing can change that. We hope and pray that this never happens to another family in the future.

Thank you, The family of Corkey Brown
Signed Vicki Brown, Julie Clark & Jerry Brown

Chamber Cookbook Holiday Offer

The Chamber of Commerce is offering the new cookbook on a Holiday special of One for \$15 or Two for \$25. These will make great Christmas gifts. They are available at Panda's Flowers, City of Gorman, Prosperity Bank, Housing Authority, and at the Gorman ISD Administration Office.

CHARLIE GARRETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS



Happy Thanksgiving from the Board and volunteers of your public library. The library will be closed Thursday and Friday this week in observance of the holiday. When you come back next week look for some new books. Especially for the teens, we have purchased some great books by Mary Downing Hahn. The new titles include: Deep and Dark and Dangerous, The Doll in the Garden, All the Lovely Bad Ones, Stepping on the Cracks, and The Old Willis Place. Mysteries are one of our most popular genres and these are great mystery books for the younger generation. Have a great holiday!!

Sign Up Early For Soccer & Save Money

Eastland County Soccer Association will provide an opportunity for the community to sign up for soccer from 8:00 to 10:00 on December 1 at Siebert Elementary during the Jingle Bell Run. The registration fee is usually \$45 dollars, but if you register on Dec. 1 it is only \$40 dollars for the Spring Season (April 6 to May 18). Each additional child is only \$35, so this is a great time to sign up all the children in your family.

We will be picking teams using a "blind draw" method, so players from any city in the county could end up on the same team. Along those same lines, the coach of each team could be from any city as well. We always need coaches, and we'd love to have several coaches from each city in the county, from Ranger to Gorman, from Eastland to Cisco and all places in between. E.C.S.A. is a countywide (and even outside the county) soccer league.

So, there will no longer be teams that consist of players mostly from one city or another unless this happens by pure accident. If you were an assistant coach last season, consider being a head coach. If you were able to attend most of your child's practices, consider being an assistant coach. If you have any questions about this, please call Eric Stinnette at 254-631-9715 (se habla espanol) or Jeanna at 254-488-1898.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

2012 Eastland County Pecan Show

The Eastland County Pecan Growers Committee invites county pecan producers as well as homeowners with pecan trees to enter the 2012 Eastland County Pecan Show which will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012.

Rules for County Pecan Show Exhibition:

- * Pecan entries should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2012
- * The pecan entry must have a minimum of 45 nuts and be labeled with variety name, exhibitor name, address and phone number. (For best results, bring your best 45 pecans)
- * DO NOT POLISH your pecans, although you may weigh them or float them to get the heaviest pecans you can.
- * You may enter as many varieties as you wish.
- * Growers are limited to one entry of each variety.
- * Pecan entries will be processed between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on December 5th and judged at 1:00 p.m. on that day.

After judging of the Eastland County Pecan Show entries, all winners will be sent to the Central Texas Pecan Show for judging at the TAMU Center in Kerrville, Texas. The Regional Pecan Show will be held on Wednesday, December 11-12th.

If you have any questions on either of these events, please contact the Eastland Extension Office and speak to Makenzie Wyatt at 254/629-1093 or 254/629-2222.

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Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 - 4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Food Bank

New Hours - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Fourth Thursday

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. Stan Harper, Master - Jerry Napoli, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to Prosperity Bank, 115 S. Fisher - Gorman, Texas 76454

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Our hearts was saddened to hear our nephew, Thomas Roy Seay, 66 of Gorman has passed away in a car wreck last Tuesday. His wife, Vicki (Trout) Seay was injured this this wreck and was care flighted to a Fort Worth Hospital with multiple injuries. Thomas's parents are hte late Hillary and A. V. (Guthery) Seay. Graveside services was in Alameda Cemetery on Saturday. Thomas is a nephew to Pug and Vonnie Guthery of Desdemona, Frank and Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Irving. Sincere sympathy t all this family. Please continue to pray for Vicki with all her injuries.

== "The Art of Marriage" ==

A good marriage must be created

In the marriage the little things are the big things

It is never being too old to hold hands

It is remembering to say "I Love You" at least once a day

It is never going to sleep angry

It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives

It is standing together facing the world

It is forming a circle of love that gathers in the whole family

It is speaking words of appreciation and demonstrating gratitude
In thoughtful ways

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which ech other can grow

It is a common search for the good and beautiful

It is not only marrying the right person

It is being the right partner

Written by

Wilfred A. Peterson

"Happy Thanksgivings"

To our Family, Friends and Neighbors.

Vonnie and Pug
Hogtown U.S.A.

Christmas in Bronte

Dec. 1, 2012

Fun Run 8:30 registration at Depot run starts at 9am. 1 mile run/walk, 5K, and 10K

Arts & Crafts 9-4 Downtown

Santa 12-2 Downtown

A lot of good sales at Downtown business.

See web site for more info. www.brontetexas.org

Dec. 15, 2012

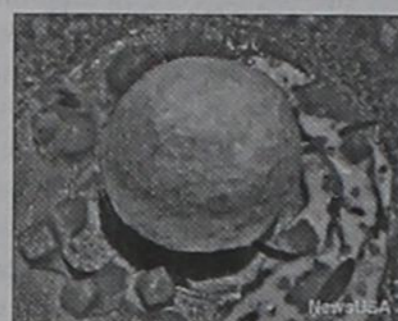
Texas Theater bring the family out for a christmas movie showing at 1pm and 7pm

The Bronte Chamber will be raffling off a Red Rider BB Gun after the 7pm showing

FOOD

Spicing up Cold-Weather Desserts With Spirits

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Coconut Snowball

Servings: Makes 1 snowball

Custard ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups coconut milk
- 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 egg yolks

Combine all the ingredients in a small pot, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Cook on medium-low heat while stirring constantly until the custard thickens slightly. Strain the custard and allow it to cool at room temperature.

While the custard is cooling, start making the mousse.

Mousse ingredients:

- 2 cups heavy cream (whipped)
- 14 ounces white chocolate
- 1 ounce Camus cognac
- 2 gelatin sheets

Whip the heavy cream with a whisk until it forms medium-stiff peaks. Melt the white chocolate over a double boiler. Soak the gelatin sheets in ice water until it's softened (5 minutes), and strain the

gelatin to remove any excess liquid. Add the gelatin to the Camus cognac and melt them together (30 seconds at a time). Add the cognac to the custard, stir in the white chocolate, and mix until completely smooth. Fold in the heavy cream. Place the mousse in an airtight container and refrigerate overnight.

Assembly:

- 4 ounces pineapple juice
- 1 ounce Camus cognac
- 3 ladyfinger cookies
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup diced pineapple (garnish)
- 2 leaves fresh cilantro (garnish)
- 1/4 cup coconut milk (garnish)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil (garnish)

Combine 4 ounces of pineapple juice with 1 ounce of Camus cognac. Cut 3 ladyfingers in half and dip quickly in the pineapple juice. Using a 4-ounce scoop, position the mousse onto a sheet of parchment paper. Place the ladyfingers in the middle of the mousse. Place the mousse in the freezer for 30 minutes (or until firm).

When the mousse is firm but pliable, roll it into a ball, and coat it in shredded coconut. Place the snowball in the refrigerator and start the final plating - positioning the snowball in the middle of an attractive plate or bowl, garnishing the dish with diced pineapple, cilantro leaves, coconut milk and a little olive oil.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Violence in the Middle East

Within the past week, Palestinian militants fired missiles at Israeli targets and Israel has responded with strikes of its own in parts of the Gaza Strip. A missile attack on Jerusalem on Friday marks the first attack on the holy city in decades. I pray for the victims of these attacks and for a peaceful resolution to the crisis. I continue to stand firmly by Israel as it works to promote and secure democratic values in a region ravaged by violence and political unrest. On Friday, the House unanimously passed a resolution expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders. It is critical that we continue to send the message that we support Israel's right to defend itself. I am closely monitoring this situation, and will provide updates to you as the situation progresses.

Dyess' 7th Bomb Wing Recognized Among Security Forces

Congratulations to the 7th Operations Support Squadron (OSS) at Dyess Air Force Base for being recognized at the Global Strike Challenge, an annual security forces competition with units participating from Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard. The 7th OSS was recognized as the best B-1B squadron for the third consecutive year. The 7th Bomb Wing as a whole was recognized as the runner-up for the overall best bomb wing. I'm proud of the men and women at Dyess, who have committed themselves to protecting the freedoms Americans are blessed to enjoy.

Report on Missing Customer Funds from MF Global

Last week, my staff on the Financial Services Committee released the results of a year-long investigation into the collapse of MF Global. When the firm went bankrupt last year, \$1.6 billion in customer funds were lost. And while MF Global served about 36,000 customers, some of those clients represented farm co-ops that were comprised of thousands of individuals. Its impact was devastating to rural America. After an exhaustive review, we determined that MF Global's CEO Jon Corzine put customer funds at risk and caused the company's bankruptcy. We also found that there was a breakdown in communication between the government regulators responsible for monitoring MF Global's activities. That lack of coordination, combined with the fact that MF Global was not straightforward with the public about the risks it was taking, meant that no one had a complete picture of MF Global's health.

My goal with this report was not only to give customers answers about what went wrong, but also to prevent something like this from ever happening again. To this end, we propose a number of potential solutions, including improving coordination between regulators to make it easier to identify potential problems with financial firms. I'll keep working to ensure strong, healthy financial markets so customers can invest with confidence.

Praying for Midland Train Crash Victims and Their Families

I am heartbroken at the news of the train collision in Midland last Thursday. I hope you'll join me in praying for the families and friends of the four servicemen who were killed, and for a speedy recovery for all seventeen people who were injured in the crash.

Action Item of the Week

Dana and I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. May we be reminded of all there is to be thankful for, and may God continue to bless our country.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Stay Regular on the Road This Holiday Season

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With proper planning and research, holiday travelers can take the comforts of home with them on the road.

(NU) - Whether you plan to be on the road or celebrating at home for the holidays, you'll likely get caught up in the excitement and the frenzy the season brings. Holiday travel poses a special set of stresses, like airport delays and traffic, which can leave you feeling tense and overwhelmed. That's why it's smart to always bring along some of the comforts of home to help keep you relaxed and prepared.

Families should be sure to pack all the medications they take on a regular basis, along with common first aid items. And, as occasional constipation can be triggered by stress, being off your regular schedule, and poor diet - which many folks experience during the holidays - travelers should remember to bring along treatment to help stay regular.

According to the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, constipation is one of the most common gastrointestinal complaints in the country. Nutrition experts recommend a healthy, balanced diet with fiber, and exercise to combat occasional constipation, but incorporating both into your schedule during the holiday season can be a challenge.

Travel authority and acclaimed author Joel Widzer also

recommends getting familiar with your destination and accommodations to reduce stress and stay regular.

"In my travel experiences, I have learned that getting to know a destination is the easy part of your trip, especially with increased access to myriad guidebooks and online reviews," writes Widzer in his book, "The Penny Pincher's Passport to Luxury Travel."

Widzer advises holiday travelers to use the following tips to deal with bowel irregularity:

Stay hydrated. Holidays often mean an increase in alcohol and caffeine consumption, which tend to be dehydrating. Remember to intersperse water between glasses of wine,

mimosas and spiced egg nog.

Maintain physical activity. Hotels are making it easy for customers to stay active, while on the road by offering running shoes and workout gear as a complimentary service. Familiarize yourself with your accommodations to help plan ahead. Another workout option includes resistance bands, which are lightweight and compact for convenient packing. Travelers can also research the Web for local running and biking trails.

Eat a balanced diet. Holiday feasts aren't known for their nutrition value, so try to introduce some new recipes this season. Wow your family with fresh vegetable dishes such as baked acorn squash or buttermilk mashed yams. Broccoli, carrots, greens, avocados, apples and berries are all high in fiber, thus great for regularity.

Find a reliable laxative. When all else fails, travelers should be equipped with an effective laxative, like Senokot Tablets. This product offers gentle, overnight relief from occasional constipation. Plus, the new Senokot To-Go packets are perfect for cramped suitcases. Please read full product label before use. For more details, go to www.senokot.com.



A Message of Thanksgiving

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with our loved ones in the coming days, I am again reminded of the reasons I love Texas and her people, and why I am so proud to call the Lone Star State home.

During the past few weeks, Texans across the state have come together to find ways they can assist the many residents of the Northeast who were displaced by Hurricane Sandy. From Houston, Elena Davis, founder of the I Am Waters Foundation, and her team of volunteers directed 76,000 bottles of water to victims on the East Coast. Davis and her husband Gregg traveled to New York to oversee the distribution.

Bud Royers, owner of Royers Round Top Café, in Round Top, Texas, and a friend will soon be driving to the Jersey Shore, Staten Island and the Rockaways, to deliver more than 650 of his handmade pies to relief kitchens in hopes of providing comfort food to hurricane victims on Thanksgiving. The Dallas Market Center is financing Royers' trip, and he will also deliver gift cards donated by other generous Texans.

From the Texas Panhandle, Red Cross volunteer Nick Rocha traveled with 3 other volunteers to the East Coast to help victims recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Rocha, who was named 2010 Volunteer of the Year by the Red Cross' Texas Panhandle chapter, told the Amarillo Globe-News he has helped victims in previous natural disasters such as tornadoes and fires, but had never witnessed anything as devastating as the scenes he encountered when he arrived in New York. One highlight of his trip was the opportunity to boost the morale of children at a relief shelter when he built a snowman, which he topped with a cowboy hat and named "Little Texan."

On November 2, a group of 60 volunteers from Texas Baptist Men in Dallas drove three giant trailers to New York that were fully equipped with showers, kitchens and laundry facilities to provide hot showers, warm meals and clean laundry to hurricane victims. Volunteer Stan Knight told NBC 5 KXAS, "It's a Hilton on wheels. We have three showers in this room, three over here. We'll have three washers, four dryers. They're large capacity so we can do a lot of laundry." He added, "It's unbelievable what clean clothes and a shower will do on your overall outlook on things."

These are only a few stories of Texans who have risen to the occasion in the past few weeks to show their fellow Americans in need the Texas spirit of generosity and kindness. Across the state, many other individual Texans and Texas businesses have donated their time, resources and supplies to a wide variety of relief organizations. For this I am deeply thankful this Thanksgiving.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season, and may He continue to bless the great state of Texas.

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