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Henry Buchanan To Autograph His Book March 26th

At The Gorman Senior Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

Henry Buchanan will autograph his book, "The Shellman Story: Hanging The Preache" at the Gorman Senior Center on Friday, March 26, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. The Shellman Story is the high drama of the Church Meeting, The Challenge of racial integration of the public schools. Doctor Buchanan is the Preacher who was hanged, in effigy, and lived to write about it. His latest book, Little Chicken Tales, will also be offered at this book signing. Little Chicken Tales is about the social life of a flock of banties who reflect the ambitions and the struggles of our own human society.

The people of the Gorman Community are cordially invited to get to know Henry Buchanan at the Book Signing.

Softball Results from Ranger Tournament

Gorman	00000	0
Ranger	40174	15
Pacheco 2 for 2, Limon 2 for 2, Miley 1 for 3, Childers 1 for 3, Henderson 1 for 2, Tucker 1 for 2.		
Gorman	31202	8
Millsap JV	80244	18
Miley 2 for 3, Limon 2 for 3, Henderson 2 for 3, Childers 1 for 3.		
Gorman	100000	1
Goldthwaite	202211	8
Miley 1 for 3, Childers 1 for 3, Johnston 1 for 3, Pacheco 1 for 2.		
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Pacheco 1 for 1.		

Texas Midwest Community Network Luncheon Slated In Gorman April 8

Gorman community leaders will host a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) on April 8 at the Gorman Community Center, 118 N. Kent. Community leaders from neighboring communities are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns.

Each year TMCN conducts a series of network luncheons in April to bring local leaders from visiting communities together to discuss issues that affect quality of life and local economies. The focus of the luncheons will be "How to encourage optimism at the local level in today's challenging economic climate".

Discussion at the luncheon will cover topics such as encouraging residents to shop at home, uplifting the morale of shop owners, and helping local employers with business retention & expansion. The networking event provides a way to share what's happening in your community and hear what's happening in neighboring communities. Other locations for luncheons this year are Haskell-April 7, Snyder-April 14, Clyde-April 15 and Eden-April 21.

Interested participants are asked to make reservations in advance by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or 800-845-3563 or tmcn@tmcn.org. Reservations for the Gorman luncheon can also be made by calling the Gorman EDC office at 254-734-3933.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors a number of networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development. The organization also administers a regional cooperative by which businesses have access to affordable employer group healthcare plans.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Gustine, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Rising Star Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters

Thank You

We want to express our Thanks for the prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, words of support and encouragement and deeds of kindness given to us during Bill's hospital stay and recovery. We realize anew how blessed we are to be a part of the Community of Gorman. Bill is continuing to improve and is going to rehab in Brownwood. Please continue to pray for him.

With Grateful Hearts,
Bill and Ellen Gressett

Reminder

The City crew will have the chipper out on the last Monday of each month. The chipper will be running on March 29. If you have limbs, please pile them at the curb, phone the City Office @ 734-2317 and have Jill or Tacy make a work order.

LADY PANTHERS SOFTBALL 2010 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
MAR 26	*MERIDIAN	MERIDIAN	5:00
30	*DELEON	GORMAN	5:00
APR. 2	*EVANT	EVANT	10:00
6	*GOLDTHWAITE	GORMAN	5:00
9	*VALLEY MILLS	VALLEY MILLS	5:00
13	*MERIDIAN	GORMAN	5:00
16	*DELEON	DELEON	5:00
20	*EVANT	GORMAN	5:00
23	*GOLDTHWAITE	GOLDTHWAITE	5:00

* District Games
HEAD COACH: JAMES GERICK ASST. COACH: JERA LOVELACE

Annual Youth in the Dark In the Park

Fun Night Set For March 31st

The annual Youth In the Dark in the Park Fun Night will be Wed. night March 31 from 7-9. Egg hunt will start around 8:30-or dark -- As in the past we will be serving hot dogs. I would like to thank Teresa from First Fruits for taking over most(or all of the) planning for this years youth in the dark hunt. Teresa has been able to a group out of Dallas to come and entertain that night. This group is "Youth for the Nations" I am very excited to have them come and look forward to seeing everyone. As in the past this is a City Wide sponsored event. I greatly appreciate our local churches and businesses for their support in everything our youth do. SEE YOU MARCH 31 Donations for Youth in The Dark may be left at Smiths Service Station but be sure to tell them it is for the Youth in the Dark.

Thank you. Ina Smith

Annual Easter Treasure Hunt Slated

April 3 At Gorman City Park

The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt will be on Sat. April 3 at the City Park weather permitting. In case of bad weather the hunt will be held the next Sat. (Mrs. Bunny will be in town on April 3 after lunch regardless of the weather.)

DONATIONS NEEDED!!!! Money, candy, treasures, anything but chocolate. Donations may be left at Bob's Gro., City Gro. or Smith's Service Station.

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry

The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department will have a FISH FRY, Saturday, April 10th at the Carbon Community Baptist Church. Menu includes fish, hushpuppies, french fries, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. Cost for adults is \$8.00 and \$5.00 for children. Please Come Join Us for a Good Meal and Support A Good Cause.

Thank You For Your Help -
Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

B-B-Q Lunch - Saturday, March 27th

The 15 and Under Girls Softball Team will be Selling Barbeque Lunches To raise money for equipment and other items Needed for their team.

The girls will be at Revise Laminack's Building

At the Blinking Light on Hwy 6 in Gorman at 10 a.m.

We will sell until it's gone! Please Come By and Support These Girls

The Cost is \$6.00 for a Sandwich, chips, Drink and Dessert.

The Sandwiches will be real brisket meat - Cooked by Tim Swanner.

We will accept orders and will deliver - Call 254-734-5176 or 734-5132.

TIME FOR ROSES AND MORE

Roses, perennials, and landscaping pop into mind with the coming of spring. Dr. William C. Welch, Texas A & M Professor and Texas AgriLife Extension Service Landscape Horticulturist, will explore the various aspects of these three topics when he speaks in Hamilton at the Lee Conference Center on Tuesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. His presentation is open to the public for an admission fee of \$5, with CEUs available to Master Gardeners and Interns, who will be admitted free. Audience will be limited to the first 100 to get their tickets from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Dig This, MaestroGro, Hamilton's AgriLife Extension office, or at the door. Master Gardeners can reserve their seat by contacting Bonnie chism at 254/372-3120 or bonchism@htcomp.net. Further information is available at AgriLife Extension Services at 254/386-3919. Co-sponsors are Texas AgriLife Extension and the Hamilton County Master Gardener Association.

Gorman ISD News

Fresh off spring break, Gorman ISD is as busy as ever. It appears that nearly every organization in the school has something going on this week. The tennis team had a meet on March 22, while I'm not aware of the results at this time I am very confident that the Lady Panthers and Panthers had a strong showing. Also the Softball and Baseball teams have games scheduled March 23rd and 26th. On the 23rd both teams are scheduled to play in Gorman. The Lady Panthers are slated to play Valley Mills while the Panthers are matched up with the DeLeon Bearcats. As always expect this game to be very competitive, and action packed. The games scheduled for the 26th include a road matchup between the Meridian Lady Yellow Jackets and the Gorman Lady Panthers. Also the Panthers travel to Goldthwaite to take on the Eagles in a road game. Also on the 26th there is a high school track meet in Zephyr. In addition to all that the annual cheer tryouts are scheduled for March 24th. Needless to say the athletic schedule is very busy this week.

Other organizations involved in the fray this week are the FFA and Theatre. There is both a livestock judging meet and a wildlife judging meet in this hectic schedule. The wildlife judging meet is scheduled for the 24th and the livestock judging meet is scheduled for the 25th. Scheduling conflicts are sure to arise between the FFA and Theatre organizations on the 25th as The One Act Play is scheduled to perform in the Zone one act play meet on the 25th as well.

As if school were not enough many students have all or most of the above mentioned in their schedule. With the end of the six weeks drawing near, it is an excellent initiative to make grades a priority amongst all this chaos.

Thank you
Gorman Youth
Sports Council

Annual Clean-Up At Peanut Park Set March 27th

It is time for baseball and softball again. We are having our annual clean up day at Peanut park on Sat. March 27th at 10 am. We are inviting all those that have kids that are playing and those of you that would like to come out and help us get the park ready.

All help would be appreciated. It takes us all to make these programs work for the youth of our community. We hope to see you there.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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

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

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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

Did everyone enjoy the first day of spring. Snow again. The weather this week has been a little better.

We had a fun St. Patrick's Day. At lunch the tables were decorated with green table clothes, green bracelets, mugs with green shamrocks sprouting out, and green fortune cookies everyone was wearing green. Then at 2:30 we had our "green party". Teresa Stanibanez read about the history of St. Patrick and told of some of the Irish blessings. Hannah and Courtney served everyone green cup cakes with green punch. Hannah and Courtney had made each resident a shamrock pin to wear. Thank you Teresa, Hannah and Courtney.

Bernice Hewson and Betty Regian came and visited several residents. Carolyn Little visited Ima Boles. Nita Auvenshine of DeLeon visited Marge Hudson. Donald and Faye Cook visited Marie Cook. Julie Hazel of Dimmitt and Jeff Smith of Eastland visited Jelma Smith. Frances Couch visited Wes Couch, Freddie and Kay Rodgers visited Don Estes. Ray Daniels, Mary Ann Baratine visited Melvin Daniels.

Coming for singing on Monday were Ruby Kinser, Ann Warren, Helen and Woodrow Browning, Marjorie Traydway, and Billy Joe and Betty Dennis.

Michelle Gray came and played volleyball with the residents on Tuesday and visited with several residents.

Have a good week.



The Cleburne Lions Club was treated to a musical program performed by Bill Thacker, left center, and Lion David Price, right center. Thacker played the piano and Price played the banjo and guitar. They played old favorites including "Whispering," "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," "Ain't She Sweet?," "Dueling Banjos," "Chop Sticks," and "San Antonio Rose." Thacker, a member of Western Swing Society of California, had a 30-year music career in the Bay Area leading his own band, "Southlanders," and playing for Bob Wills. He also worked with Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Glen Campbell. Price, retired from the Social Security Administration, is known locally as a past member of "No Turning Back" musical group. From left are Lion President Diane Reynolds, Thacker, Lion No and Lion Fred Bennett - (Fred Bennett was born and raised in Gorman and is the brother of Joe Bennett of Gorman).

February Term of Eastland County Grand Jury Returns 37 Indictments

After convening on March 9, 2009 in the Eastland County Courthouse, an Eastland County Grand Jury of twelve citizens returned 37 indictments and one no bill. One persons were indicted for Driving While Intoxicated - With Child Passenger, eight persons were indicted for burglary offenses, two for theft related offenses, three persons for sexual assault of a child, one person for endangering a child, two for tampering with evidence, one for indecency with a child, one for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six persons for possession of controlled substances, four for assaultive offenses - family violence, one for violation of a protective order, and two for money laundering. The February Term of the Grand Jury covers the months of February and March. Indictments are not made public until after an arrest or service of the indictment is made on the accused.

Happenings At FBC!!

Glory! Glory! Glory! Sunday brought the blessing of witnessing two small children and one young lady give their life to God and follow Christ in baptism. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:
WEDNESDAYS: 6:00pm TeamKids & Mission Friends / 6:30pm Youth. Bring your friends!
April 4th - Easter's Blessed Celebration - "The Messengers" in concert. Child Dedication.

Children's Sermon: Rachel explained that when the season changes to Spring it usually means rain showers. An arc of sunlight shining through water makes a brilliantly colored rainbow. A rainbow is to remind us of God's promise and love for us.

Bro. Barry's Message: "I Trouble" - Jeremiah 15:10 - We seem to talk more about the petitions of prayer than the answered prayers. Spring brings visibly brilliant colors to our world. There is growing popularity in tattooing ones skin, but there is a new trend that began in the Netherlands called "eye jewelry". People are having a jewel set in the membrane of their eye, and there is a great risk of infection. There is "eye" trouble, and then there is "I" trouble. Jeremiah's weeping was all about his woes (me, I, or, my).

CURE FOR "I TROUBLE":
 I. Focus on God's Service. - We are born to serve the Lord. We are called to give all of ourselves to the Lord. It's easy for some to stay in their warm bed on a frigid morning and skip Church. Our service men and women don't have the luxury of choosing from a warm bed and a freezing foxhole. We can learn from the commitment of US Military. In spite of our personal problems we have a responsibility to uphold our Christian Commitment.

II. Focus on God's Message. - Accept Jesus, Believe in Jesus, and Confess your sins to Jesus. The Word of God is our guide, and we are commanded to live His Message. When you have a personal relationship with Jesus you live the joy of the Lord. Watch your words because you will be heard, for the good or for the bad.

III. Focus on God's Purpose. - God uses you, and he even uses children to minister to their parents. Save others for Christ. If the purpose is not founded on God's Word then the relationship will fail. Everything has a purpose. Seek God's purpose, look for leaders in your country, community, and home, and also find your desire to serve God.

IV. Focus on God's Presence. - God will guide you, direct you, protect you, and rescue you. Do you feel God's presence in your life? Patsy Clark is a remarkable example and testimony of living life and battling cancer with the presence of the Lord. At the end of the service, we watched in wonder, while Bro. Barry surprised Patsy with a phone call and he asked her what, if given the opportunity, she would say to her Church family. Patsy, not being a woman of few words, first said thank you for the prayers. Then she told of how illness and adversity draws her closer to the Lord and her Christian friends, and how God has sustained her through life. She thanks God for blessing her with a wonderful family. Patsy said that she knows the presence of God; God is with you, just call on Him and depend on Him.

Are you letting life get you down? Do you have "I" trouble?

Sunday School is for all ages, and Classes begin at 9:45AM every Sunday morning, please come and we will help you find the right class for you.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR From Henry A. Buchanan

I recently married a good woman and moved to Texas to live with her. Then I picked up the morning news from Abilene and began reading. Here's what I learned.

A woman in Brownwood, Texas has been sentenced to eight years in prison for sexual assault of a thirteen year old boy. Two women in Coleman, Texas have been arrested on charges of arson.

A desperate woman with a criminal record in San Angelo and Corpus Christi, both towns in Texas, was arrested in Philadelphia. She planned to go to Sweden to kill an artist there who had drawn bad pictures of the Prophet Mohammed.

Where is Saint Paul when we need him to help us control the femine fires were ignited in the month of March devoted to Women's Rights?

Or did I marry the only good woman in Texas? At any rate I think the good people at Pate's Hardware is worth me how to start my chain saw, but now I am hesitant to teach Anne what the man at Pate's has taught me.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 254-734-4569

Eastland County Emmaus - March

Dear Friends,

I'm at my computer this afternoon trying to figure out where last week went (yes, I'm one of those fortunate people that is allowed a Spring Break - and I LOVE IT! Everyone should have one!!) and what next week will hold (and because of Spring Break, there is a week of work awaiting you on Monday morning because no one was there to do anything!) when I received my reminder for our March Emmaus Meeting. I had to double check my calendar to check dates! Time is going by entirely too fast!!

We had 23 members at our February "Mexican Casserole" meeting! Lynda Walls gave our 4th Day Talk. She spoke of the many hats that we all wear during our day and it's only by God's strength that we can accomplish all we do. She also mentioned that after leaving her strongest, #1 'struggle' at the altar during Dying Moments, she left it there, did not "go back for it". Now all her 'smaller struggles' are easier to turn over to God for Him to handle. Powerful reminders for our lives! Thanks Lynda!

It was discussed that there are 6 area men getting ready to attend the upcoming Men's Walk through Big Country Emmaus in Lueders March 25 - 28th. The group decided NOT to have a March meeting, and encourage those to attend the Candlelight Service at Lueders for these men. Those attending are Jodee Flippin, Bobby Williamson, John Hoffman, Glen Swift, Harold Nichols and Glen's son-in-law, Tim Jordan. The Send Off will be at First Baptist, Eastland in the back parking lot. They will leave for Lueders at 4 PM on Thursday, so anyone wishing to join this group may or you can send your agape, snacks, letters, etc with the group then. They will be taking the 'people mover' so there will be room if anyone would like to ride along. On Saturday, they will meet at the back parking lot at 5:15 to leave for Candlelight. They have planned a stop in Albany for a meal before heading to the service. You will be able to car pool or caravan.

There is also a need for snack items, agape and letters of encouragement for these guys. Some of our members are sponsoring more than one Pilgrim, so help from the Community is needed!

Please keep an eye out for emails this week as there was discussion about getting a Send Off together on Thursday and Car Pooling/Caravanning to Candlelight on Saturday. As soon as I get some final word, I'll pass it along to you!

Hope your week is wonderful, full of God's Grace, and we'll meet on Saturday at Candlelight!

De Colores!
 Vicki

See Our Booth at the Stephenville Home and Garden Show Saturday
 Jacks Chemical and Janitorial Supply, Inc. - Jacks Pool and Spas
 894 N. Graham Street -- Stephenville, Tx 76401
 Call 254-965-4125 or Cell 254-592-3159
 For Pool Sales & Service - Call 254-965-4145

Benefit and Auction
 For
James Wyatt
Sunday, March 28th
 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Cook's Fish Barn
 Hwy. 36 - Between Rising Star & Comanche

A teen's idea of money well spent ...

... your idea.

Okay, so you and your teen disagree about how they should best spend their money. With **TEENBANKING** from **American State Bank**, now you both have a tool to help manage their finances. And maybe they can learn a little something in the process.

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Texas Historical Commission To Dedicate Historical Marker At The Erath Arches

The Historical Commission will dedicate a Historical Marker at the Erath Arches - 600 West Washington (business 377) in Stephenville on Sunday, March 28th at 2 p.m. Join us as we honor MAJ. GEORGE B. ERATH, The namesake for Erath County.

Program will include: Representative Sid Miller of Texas House District #59 will be a guest speaker; Historical Commission; Texas Rangers; Descendants of the Maj. George B. Erath Family; Masons - Grand Lodge of Texas; Descendants of the Defenders of San Jacinto; Sons of the Republic of Texas; Daughters of the Republic of Texas; Sons of Confederate Veterans and other historians.

For more information: Call 254-734-5058 or 254-728-3286 or email: rebeltom@cctc.net

A Word for Lay Christians

By Wesley J. Wildman, Stephen Chapin Garner

Your pastoral leaders and your churches would be lost without you. Without you there is no community. Without you "Jesus" is an empty word rattling about in the corridors of history. Without you the church is a lifeless shell. The measure of the church's success is directly related to how you, the lay members of your community, love one another and live out your faith in your daily lives. Remember that Jesus' call was not to a bunch of ordained clergy. Jesus called fishermen, businessmen, hated tax collectors, feared soldiers, mothers, widows, prostitutes, the able-bodied, the infirm, people with faith, and people without faith. Jesus' call was for everyone to follow him. You have as much right to follow Jesus as anyone else. Your pastor, your church council, your bishop, your church boards do not have a higher claim on Jesus than you do. So take your role in the church and in the world very seriously.

What does that involve? Love, tend to, and work to strengthen your pastor, your church, and your church leadership. Help your community to keep its focus. When you sense that something is amiss, speak up and make your case lovingly. Too often when the going gets tough, lay people get going and hightail it right out of church. Church is messy, community is messy, and life is messy. You can't get in the habit of running from it because the mess will follow you until you deal with it. Remember, the church is yours and you are the church. Stick with the body of Christ in sickness and in health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow as long as you live.

This calling to faithful unity and participation can be challenging for liberal-evangelical Christians because we are not always easily identified or categorized. We can become frustrated in church because we don't feel we fit. We are not always sure where to find our place. We do feel lost at times, and it is hard to believe that any of our well-dressed, well-pressed, and well-spoken neighbors in the pew next to us are as confused as we are. But in fact many of us feel lost in the middle. Most of us are uncertain about our faith, at least some of the time. We are all searching for something we have yet to find. We try to follow Jesus, we try to love God, we try to love our neighbors, and we fail much of the time. But that is not a reason to quit. We are aware that we are lost in this life, and we engage in Christian community in the hope of being found.

The first great test of the liberal-evangelical church, and of your moderate and radical Christian faith, occurs when you face conflict and difference in your community. Can you sit next to someone who will vote oppositely to you on the question of gay marriage and still move forward together to celebrate Communion? Can you participate in a Bible study or a faith discussion group and genuinely strive to understand in depth the person who has a different view of salvation through Christ than you do? It is so easy to shut down in the face of such disagreements. But that is when you and the church both lose. Church can't be only about comfort and agreement, and that is doubly so for the liberal-evangelical church, with its Christ-centered commitment to radical inclusiveness and the principle of agape love. Divine love shines when you stay connected, especially when it feels like a major effort to do so. Strive for the spiritual maturity to place love ahead of personal comfort and your church's witness will flourish.

The second great test is whether you will commit yourself to the practices that build up the church and your faith. In particular, will you look for educational opportunities within your congregation and strive to deepen your understanding of your faith? Will you encourage your church to centralize practices such as the Eucharist that bind differently minded people together in the name of Christ? It takes work to learn, and it is often uncomfortable to have our existing beliefs broadened and to make new discoveries. But committing to the journey of learning is part of discipleship and it can be incredibly exciting if you stick with it.

If we have a dream for liberal and evangelical laity, it would be for you to know that you are not alone. There are countless people of faith who struggle just like you do, who are filled with longing just like you are, and who desire a Christ-centered and radically inclusive community just like you do. The more you speak your faith, share your vision for your church, and take leading roles within your community, the more room you will make for people who find themselves lost. You don't have to remain lost in the middle. You can be found in the middle, too, and learn to feel at home.

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4-H NEWS

4-H Quilt Challenge

A group of Eastland County 4-H members are competing in the Texas 4-H Quilt Challenge. The 4-H Quilt Challenge is an opportunity for 4-H members to design a quilt around a piece of fabric, display the quilt at Texas 4-H Roundup in June and then donate the quilt to a charity in the community. Quilts may have any design or theme, but must incorporate the use of at least some of the challenge fabric supplied in combination with their own choice of fabrics. The 4-H members have been meeting on Saturdays at the Choate Ranch in Cisco to construct their quilt. Jerry Choate has been so accommodating in helping the 4-H members with their quilt.

For more information about the Choate Ranch, please see the following website: <http://www.choateranch.com>.

For more information on 4-H and how to get involved, please contact Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, March 27th at the Community Center (former School Building). Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all the group. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Karen Fair; Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan; Angela Powledge and children, Kaley and Lane enjoyed the past weekend in Fort Worth. They attended the ZOO, visited other points of interest and enjoyed a shopping spree.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciate. Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There were only 19 at our get together on the 17 of March. I'm sure due to Spring Break several had other plans. Many had out of town company, but Daisy Slaton brought her daughter, Bennie Gail to our gathering. Sure was good to see her. James Mears came to visit and dine, so I asked him to give the blessing. He's always gracious in his words, good to see him.

We didn't have a lot of dishes this St. Patricks Day meal due to less people and more that paid. There was some scraping of the bowls. HA!! We enjoyed baked pork chops with potatoes, mixed vegetables of brocolli and califlower and carrots, soup, beans and green beans with potatoes. Also enjoyed cornbread and Betty Regians good rolls. We did have enough desserts with lots of Jello and Fruit. Two different kinds of peach and mixed fruit, also cool whip. We all seem to like Jello, both bowls licked clean. Also Ruthie Porter made a good yellow cake with pineapple filling. Diasy brought brownies, so we barely made it on dessert.

It was Ruthie Porters Birthday so we did sing the birthday song. We had dropped celebrating the birthdays, as no one seemed to want to continue. I'm glad we sang and must get back to this every month. I do miss having our birthday cake. I guess no one wanted to be reminded of how old we are all getting. Sorry we missed singing to the Jan. and Feb. people.

Sure was good to see Bill Barrentine. He gets to eat with us occasionally. Never much time for visiting. He's always on the run to get back to work at the City. Also Sandra Cagle was here to dine and visit with Wilburn Overstreet. Always good to see her on her monthly visit to Gorman.

We sure did miss the Bush's at this meeting. They have had lots of company the last two weeks. Their son Brian came with his family last week. Then this week of Spring Break a grandson visited with his family for a week. Lots of kids around, they do like to fish at their tank, the old Pitman Lake. I'm sure they all enjoyed and had fun together.

Ellen Parker, her daughter, Becky, Daisy Slaton and I traveled to Abilene on the 17th. We viewed "The Lord of the Dance" performance at the Civic Center. This was on the 17th St. Patricks Day. What a way to celebrate with Irish dancing, great!! Becvky was with us to drive and herd us around. What a help she was, thanks loads. We all enjoyed this wonderful show. Also saw Ed and Ruth Rogers in attendance.

My granddaughter Alaina celebrated her birthday on the 20th, the first day of Spring. She is now 14, can hardly believe how the years have flown by. I kept her from 6 weeks old till about 10. Her mother Becky made a red velvet cake from scratch. It was the best I'd ever tasted. What a terrible spring day we had with the cold wind. Should be nice from now on.

It surely came in like a lion, hope no more. I'm ready for good warm weather, but not 100's. Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

City Minutes

MARCH 18, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Durward Webb, Nathan Files, and arriving a few minutes late was Joe Casey.

Nathan 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 correcting a typo of is to it, and changing Main St. to Kent St. Nathan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Durward. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission inquired about the travel trailer permits. Any one who has acquired a permit must be responsible for the renewing of that permit. These permits are issued on a 90 day Commission approved permit. Durward noted that we need to make certain that all travel trailer occupants abide by the permit ordinance. Notices will be sent out this week, and after that it will be the responsibility of the occupant of such to get application for renewal.

The Mayor made mention that he had told a couple of residents to make some clean up efforts to their property. Tacy told the Commission that the yearly cleanup would be the last week of April. The roll off containers will be placed on April 26, 2010 and picked up on Monday May 3, 2010. Currently there is a roll off for the City of Gorman residents on the parking lot next to Bob's Grocery. The Commission also discussed finalizing the cleanup on the Blair building.

Joe made the motion to pass, approve and instate the amendment to Curfew Ordinance #1999-01. The amendment states that there will be no expiration date on this ordinance. By law, it must be reviewed every three years. David made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Swimming Pool item was tabled for more information and estimates for the next commission meeting.

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

March Madness Sale

2009 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab #31072

2 WD - SLE, Texas Edition

MSRP \$35,380

DMC Disc. 1,719

Factory Rebate 4,000

Sale Price \$29,661 +TT&L

0% - 72 Months W.A.C.



2010 Chevrolet Malibu #30786

ILS

MSRP \$22,875

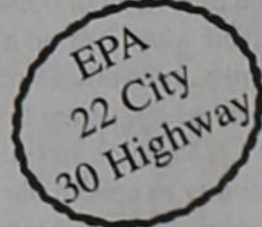
DMC Disc. 697

Factory Rebate 3,000

Sale Price \$19,178 +TT&L

0% - 60 Months W.A.C.

3.9% - 72 Months W.A.C.



2010 Chevrolet Malibu #31270

LS

MSRP \$25,490

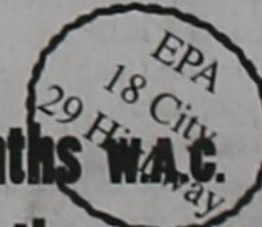
DMC Disc. 575

Factory Rebate 3,000

Sale Price \$21,915 +TT&L

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