

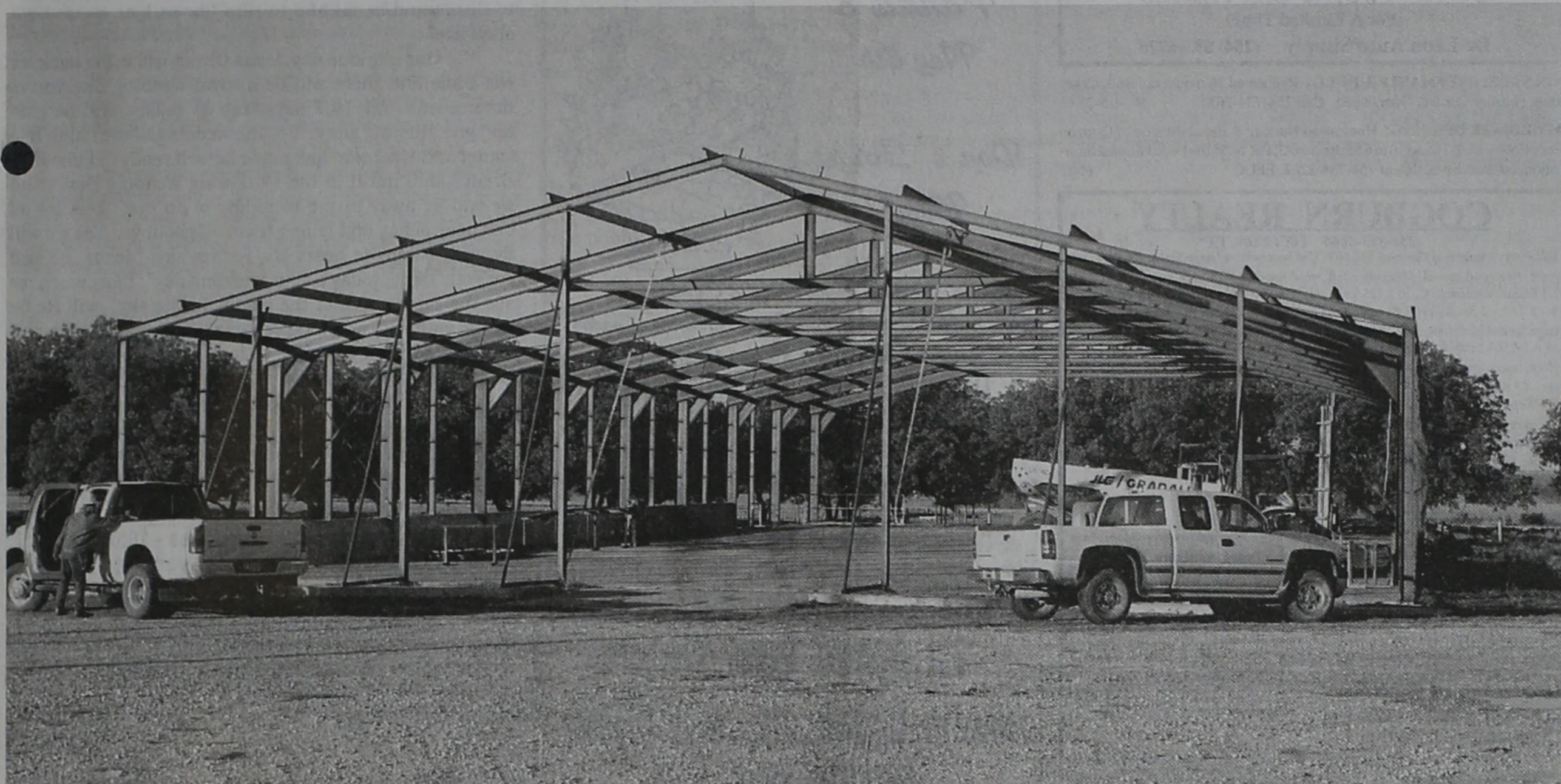
# The Gorman Progress

"Serving Gorman For Over 111 Years"  
 Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454  
 2011 Member - Texas Press Association

NUMBER EIGHTEEN

MAY 5, 2011

## Gorman Milling Constructing New Pellet Mill At Old Birdsong Location



Gorman Milling is constructing a new pellet mill on the location of an old Birdsong warehouse. The building is being built by Campbell Construction of Gorman.

### Gorman Panther Bands Spring Concert Set For May 10th

The Gorman Panther Bands - Grades 4 thru 12 will present a Band Concert on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Auditorium.

### Gorman Panther Band To Hold Talent Show On May 10th

The Gorman Panther Band will host an Talent Show on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Auditorium.

### GORMAN ALL SPORT'S BANQUET

The annual athletic banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, beginning at 6:30 p.m., it will be held at the Gorman High School gymnasium. The meal for the banquet is being prepared by Cook's Fish Barn, tickets to the banquet will be sold in advance for \$12.00 for an adult meal. Please get your tickets in advance by contacting Gorman High School at 254-734-3171 or Becky Swanner at 254-734-2480. The price of the ticket on the night of the banquet will be \$15.

Please call Becky Swanner at one of the above numbers if there are any questions. Discs containing spring sport pictures will be sold at the banquet.

If you would like to purchase a photo disc, please call the high school at the above number and reserve a copy.

### Gorman Community Garden Work Continuing



Pictured are Kayce Dodd and Nikki Keith working on clearing a patch of the newly organized Community Garden. There are still some spots available. Contact Cliffa at 734-3393 for more information.

### OLIVER SPRINGS CEMETERY WORKING

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working is set for Saturday, May 7th. Donations are appreciated for up keep of the cemetery and may be sent to the F & M Bank, De Leon, Texas. Thank yo in advance for your help.

A Dinner will be spread around noon. Bring a basket lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Ice, plates, cups, napkins and silverware will be furnished by the Cemetery. Make Plans To Attend.

### BENEFIT FOR RUTH NORRIS

We're "cookin up a storm" for our friends and neighbors to honor sweet Ruth Norris -- Kidney and pancreas recipient who continues to do well, but needs financial assistance.

Please come eat supper with us, enjoy visiting and participate in our live auction. Menu will include delicious barbecued brisket (cooked by Hardin's Barbecue of Eastland) and all the trimmings plus -- Wonderful home-baked desserts. If you can contribute a dessert please call Mittie Bledsoe at 254-639-2494 by May 7th.

The feed is on May 14th at the Carbon Community Center -- Fun starts at 5:00 p.m. -- Auction planned for 8:00 p.m. Or thereabouts -- Please come eat, enjoy fellowship and show your love and assistance for Ruth and the Norris Family.

Thank you so much for your support -- Not only for this event but all those sponsored by Carbon Community Center.

### KOKOMO-SIMPSON CEMETERY ASSN. MEETING PLANNED

Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association will hold their annual Homecoming and Business Meeting on Saturday, May 7. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Kokomo Community Center. Everyone with loved ones buried in the Kokomo, Simpson and Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. You may visit the cemeteries before or after the business meeting.

Immediately following the meeting we will have a meal so bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship with relatives and friends. If you attended school at Kokomo, make your plans to come and reunite with your former classmates and have a wonderful time.

Friends and Family Members of  
**Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman**  
 and  
**The Community of Gorman**  
 Are invited to a Celebration Cookout  
 For  
**National Nursing Home Week**  
 Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and all the Fixings on  
 Wednesday, May 11, 2011 At 12:00 Noon In the Patio Area of Homestead  
 600 W. Roosevelt St - Gorman, TX  
 Join us as we celebrate the care of those lives entrusted to us and the women and men who give of themselves in this special way, Employees and Volunteers. Please Call 254 734 2202 to RSVP by Noon on Tuesday May 10

### OAKLAND CEMETERY MEETING SLATED

The Oakland Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 7. The meeting will convene at 10 AM in the Gorman Hotel Lobby. Anyone interested in the upkeep of this beautiful cemetery is invited and encouraged to attend.

## Robert (Matt) Clark Benefit Fund

C/O American State Bank  
 P.O. Box 519  
 Gorman, TX 76454

*Matt was burned fighting a structure fire around Gorman on April 15, 2011. He underwent skin grafts on his hands at Parkland Burn Unit in Dallas. Matt is a member of the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department. A fund has been set up for Matt and family to help offset expenses during this time while he is unable to work.*

### 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 -- 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.

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

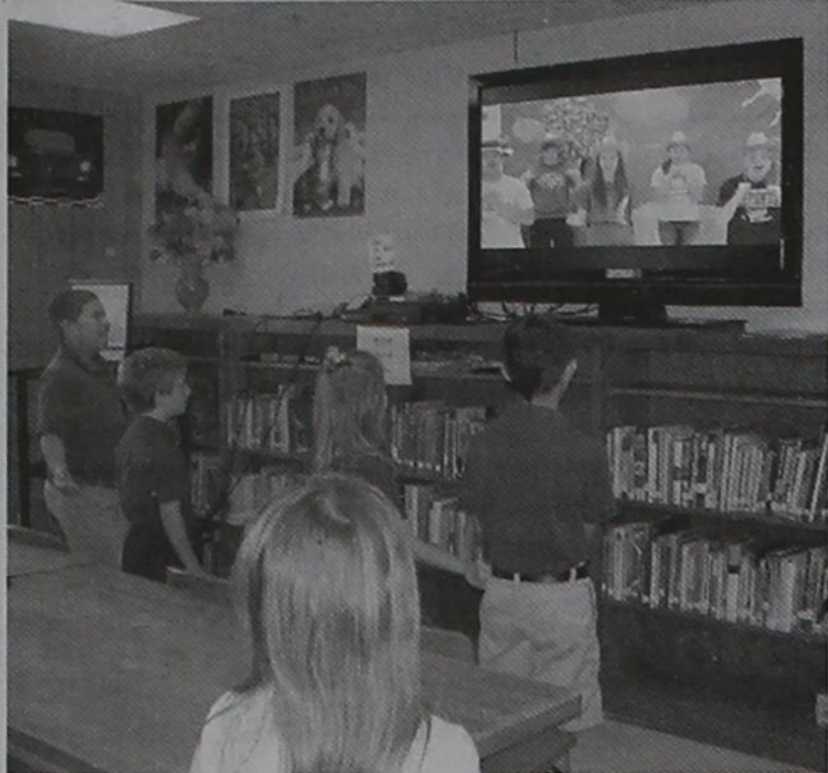
Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.





Gorman students pictured left to right are: Luis Limon, Zach Carlton, Rachel Tucker, Melissa Ramirez, and Mykisha Hampton

Recently, the honors English I & II students entered a contest where they wrote and presented a virtual field trip of Gorman to a classroom of 2nd grade students in Lacassine, Louisiana.

To enter the worldwide KC3 contest, the students had to present a program about a community area of interest. The students chose to present the impact peanuts has had on the town of Gorman, and how Gorman has found new ways to support itself since Birdsong Peanuts has moved to Brownfield. The students wanted to focus on the importance of the cattle industry to the town including the successful Gorman Milling plant. These students spent a great deal of time researching and practicing their lines so they could be ready for their presentation. They also had to learn how to use the new technology to videoconference with Louisiana. In addition to teaching about Gorman, these students wrote and performed the original song, "I'm a Little Peanut" and even included a mooing contest. The students were rewarded for all their hard work by receiving the second place award and will receive a plaque for the school. They are so excited about their win and are already planning their project for next year.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

It sure was nice to get some rain! We didn't get a lot but we are very happy to get any at this point! I didn't count on winter coming back, though. Hope my tomato plants survive!

This Saturday, May 7th, is 'Breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00 until 10:00. Join us for a great meal to start your weekend.

DELEON DANCES will not be held at the DAC - from now on until the auditorium at city hall is renovated the dances will be held at a room at Prado's restaurant.

Remember, too, the dances that we have regularly here at the DAC on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. This month the dates are the 13th and the 27th.

Our annual garage sale here at the DAC will be held on May 19, 20 and 21. If you have any items that you would like to donate for this fundraiser, please call 254-758-2420 and we will make arrangements to get them here. The money we raise goes to pay the mortgage on the building and maintenance of the building.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## Gorman EDC Notes

I was informed by my grandson, Justin Snider, that Brogdon Field was one of the oldest continuously used football fields in the state of Texas. I have been in touch with the Texas Historical Commission to see if we can get Historical Markers put up at the field, the Homemaking (Home Ec) Cottage, and the old Elementary school. These structures were all built under Roosevelt's WPA work program. So much of our heritage has been destroyed lately. Gorman has a wonderful history and it seems a shame, not to salvage, as well as build new and blend the two.

The Community garden is one of the growing projects in our area. I was at a luncheon in Ranger and heard that Reckenridge is also planting a garden. A couple of other cities were asking questions and going home to present the idea.

Each April, TMCN has four luncheons each year where Mayors, Chambers, EDCs, and interested citizens gather to discuss the common problems that we all face in rural Texas. This year's luncheons have been enlightening; we all realize that there is no money! The time has come for the citizens of each town to get involved as a volunteer taskforce and take charge of the improvements, and find innovative ways to increase revenue. Oil and peanuts are gone and we must continue to build on cattle, horses and find other endeavors to build a stronger economy.

I am very thankful for Red Chain, a constant and growing business in our town. It is a good example of starting small and becoming a vital part of the community. Thank you, Gorman Milling!!

Our school system has come under attack and the solutions are not always easy. It is a path that we should go step by step and consider all consequences as the decisions are made. I feel confident that we will survive all the cuts that the Federal and State agencies have made. This school district was built without any such aid and I believe we can tighten our belts and make it through this time.

I advise each and every one of you to write to your legislators and ask them some hard questions, such as what is more important than our future: the education of our young people.

## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

Our Easter Spell is here. We are ready for warm weather again. We have enjoyed going out and sitting on the patio.

We would like to invite everyone to come and join us on Wed. May 11 as we celebrate National Nursing Home week. We will have an ole fashion cookout. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be served. We have several fun things scheduled through out the week.

We will honor our Homestead Mothers on Friday with a "Mother's Day Social" at 2:30 in the North Dining Room. Please come and join us.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coope of Canyon Lake were here over the weekend to help his sister, Lula Schneider celebrate her birthday. Eugene and Claudia Simmons visited with Sue Simmons, James McCloud, and Lil Brudank visited Ora Lee Lawrence. Faye Faulk of Cisco, Kenny Welch and Johnny Smith visited Edgar Reynolds. Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy, Billy Self visited Christine Self, Troy Scitern, Frankie Stacy and Melvin Daniels. Blanch Mores and Chris Sharp visited with several residents. Ann Warren visited Sue Simmons.

Wasn't the rain nice. We can always use some more.

Have a good week...and don't forget our Open House on Wed. May 11.

## BREAKFAST -- MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice, and Milk.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.

THURSDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Ham, Gravy, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.

**LUNCH -- MONDAY - Baked Ham or Corn Dog, Macroni and Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Oranges, Bread Slices and Milk.**

TUESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti or Tuna Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Break Stick, Pumpkin Pie and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Ham and Cheese Stromboli or Turkey Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Chips, Jello and Milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken and Rice or Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot Coins, Tossed Salad, Fruit and Milk.

FRIDAY - Chili Dogs or Toasted Ham and Cheese, Ranch Beans, Potato Rounds, Ice Cream and milk.

## Happenings At FBC!!!

Faithful Faith touches each aspect of your life, and can be defined as devotion to a person, a cause, an obligation, a duty, allegiance, constancy, fidelity, loyalty, and steadfastness. Have Faith in God, it's the answer to casting your cares on Him. May you strive to be found faithful in your service to our Lord and in all you do with your life.

Mark your calendars:

**May 8th** - Happy Mother's Day!

**May 9th** - Senior High Graduate's Dinner.

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

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

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

Children's Sermon: Traci was telling the children about the book "Ripley's Believe It Or Not"; and in this book you find a girl that can hula-hoop 68 hoops at one time and a chicken that laid a square egg. This book is full of things that you would have to see to believe. The Bible tells us of Thomas who had to see to believe; he had to feel Jesus' nail pierced hands and His sword pierced side to believe that Jesus had risen. Today we must believe without seeing, and that means having faith in God to believe His Holy Word the Bible.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Do You Get It?" - Genesis 12:7-9 - Just two weeks ago the Gorman wild fires claimed a life and rendered injuries. Our volunteer firefighters risk their lives to protect the people, our city, and all that is in it. God got the firefighters that survived out of that fire, and we Praise Him for it!

The Bible tells us about Abram, a man of strong faith. It's a beautiful story of a man's love for the Lord and his family. Abram was told to build an altar, only to find out later that the altar was made for a place to sacrifice his son. There's an old saying called "Playing Possum"; and it means to pretend you are dead or sleeping so you will be left alone. What will you do when God calls on you to do something, will you do it or play possum?

Bro. Barry sang to us the child's Bible song "Father Abraham"; some had heard it and some had not. Abram had seven sons. When Abram was told to build the altar, lay his son on it, and kill him he was obedient to the Lord. The Angel stopped the arm of Abram, and told him to sacrifice the ram instead. Try to imagine the faith it took to be obedient to that call. What does it take for you to believe? What does it take for you to answer God's call?

I. Who am I? - Discover yourself.

II. What am I? - Define your life.

III. Where am I going? - Find yourself in the right place and in line with the will of God.

Family is the backbone of our Country. May God bless you and your family. God's love is truth and He demonstrates it like none other!

We welcome two new members, Chris Sharp and Blanche Morse, to our fellowship.

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420. Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday Morning - please come & join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email: fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## Spring Savings Time

**2011 Chevrolet 1500  
GMC 1500 Models**



**Up To  
\$5,505 In Factory Rebates  
Or**

**0% - 60 Mos. W.A.C.**

**2011 Chevrolet Malibu - 1LS #32265**

**\$0 Down**

**Only \$289 Monthly**

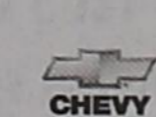
39 Month Lease @ \$289 Monthly

**2011 Buick Regal Sedan - CXL #32395**

**\$0 Down**

**Only \$337 Monthly**

39 Month Lease @ \$337 Monthly



**Bayer Motor Company, Inc.**

218 E. Grand - Comanche

1-800-843-5230

M-F 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat. 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Web Pages: www.bayermotor.com or www.bayermotorco.com



# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Kinda Feeling Under the Weather and will see you next Time, Carol.

**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

LADIES MONTHLY SOCIAL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY MORNING, MAY 9TH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. MAKE PLANS TO ARRIVE AT 9:00 A.M. TO ENJOY THE GOOD FOOD SERVED BY THE HOSTESSES. VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

LINDA HAHN OF ARLINGTON VISITED THE PAST WEEKEND WITH HER SISTER, CAROL SUE WILLIS. THEY ATTENDED CHURCH ON SUNDAY AT FIRST BAPTIST.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESDEMONA HAD THIRTY-TWO IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY. DAVID SHIRLEY OF CONROE PRESENTED THE SPECIAL MUSIC WITH HIS BROTHER, GARY SHIRLEY AT THE PIANO. VISITORS ATTENDED FROM ARLINGTON, CONROE, GORMAN AND THREE STUDENTS FROM TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY. VISITORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND EACH SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M. FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND 11:00 A.M. FOR THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

DESDEMONA HOMECOMING AND SCHOOL REUNION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT THE OLE SCHOOL BUILDING. MORNING PROGRAM BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M. THIS ANNUAL EVENT BEGAN IN 1921 AND WAS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY TABERNACLE UNTIL 1972 WHEN IT WAS MOVED TO THE SCHOOL GYM. WHEN THIS EVENT BEGAN IT WAS CALLED "OLD SETTLER'S REUNION". PLEASE CONTACT THIS REPORTER AT P. O. BOX 187, DESDEMONA, TEXAS 76445 IF YOU HAVE MOVED AND HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS. WE NEED AN "UP-DATE" ON THE MAILING LIST. YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.

HAVE A GREAT DAY, VONNIE.

**HUGE SAVINGS HUGE SAVINGS HUGE SAVINGS HUGE SAVINGS**

# HAIL SALE HUGE DISCOUNTS



254-629-2636 800-460-6537  
 1245 E. Main Eastland, TX  
 fmc@txol.net

**EVERY NEW VEHICLE IN  
STOCK AS OF 4/23/11  
REDUCED TO  
DEALER INVOICE PRICE**

**HURRY IN FOR YOUR BEST SELECTION**

### 2008 Chevy 1500 LT

Crew Cab, Texas Edition, Stk. #8376C



**\$19,595**

### 2007 Chevy 1500 LS

Crew Cab, 4x4, Z71 Stk. #8430



**\$20,995**

### 2010 Cobalt LT

Sedan, Stk. #8446



**\$13,750**

### 2009 GMC 2500 SLE

Crew Cab, 4x4, Stk. #8441A



**\$28,595**

### 2007 Saturn Ion II

4 Dr., Stk. #8429



**\$10,000**

### 2008 Cobalt LT

Coupe, Stk. #8474A



**\$10,995**

## SPECIALS

- 10 Camaro Stk. #8313D.....\$27,995\*
- 02 Chevy Malibu, only 22,000 miles, Stk. #8439...\$7500\*
- 06 Ford F150, Reg. Cab, XLT, Stk. #8281A.....\$9950\*
- 06 Chevy 1500 X-Cab, 4x4, WT.....\$8950\*
- 07 Chevy 2500 HD, Crew Cab, 4x4.....\$21,950\*

## CARS

- 06 Dodge Charger, 4 dr., Sedan, RT, Stk. #8372...\$15,995\*
- 07 Chevy Cobalt, 2 dr., SS, Stk. #8473.....\$11,500\*

## CASH CORRAL

- 01 Ford Ranger Club Cab, XLT, Stk. #8451.....\$4995\*
- 05 Pont. Grand Am GT Sedan, Stk. #8438.....\$6950\*
- 01 Pont. Sunfire Coupe, Stk. #8431.....\$4995\*
- 03 Chevy 2500 HD LS, Ext. Cab, Stk. #8413.....\$8950\*
- 03 Chevy 2500 HD LS, Reg. Cab, Flatbed, Stk. #8418...\$8950\*
- 99 Ford 350 XLT Dually Diesel, Stk. #8459A.....\$2995\*
- 08 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab, WT, Stk. #8197B.....\$5995\*

## TRUCKS

- 05 Chevy 1500, Ext. Cab, LS, Stk. #8165A.....\$12,500\*
- 05 Chevy 1500, Crew Cab, LS, Stk. #8396.....\$12,950\*
- 06 Chevy 2500, Crew Cab, WT, Diesel, Stk. #8398...\$17,950\*
- 04 GMC Sierra, 2500, SLT, Crew Cab, 4x4, Stk. #8419...\$18,500\*
- 04 Chevy 1500, Ext. Cab, LS, Stk. #8430.....\$12,500\*
- 09 Chevy 2500, Crew Cab, WT, 4x4, Stk. #8400....\$24,950\*
- 05 Chevy 2500, HD, LS, Crew Cab, Diesel, Stk. #8307B...16,500\*
- 07 Chevy 2500, HD LS, Ext. Cab, Diesel, Stk. #8371B...\$19,500\*
- 05 Chevy Colorado, Crew Cab, 4x4, Stk. #8176D.....\$13,500\*

## SPORTS UTILITIES

- 05 Linc. Aviator Luxury, Stk. #8018E.....\$12,995\*
- 04 Chevy Trailblazer Ext., Stk. #8424A.....\$9950\*
- 07 GMC Acadia SLT, Stk. #7754E.....\$19,950\*
- 07 Chevy 1500 Suburban LT, Stk. #8086A.....\$21,000\*
- 07 GMC Yukon SLE, Stk. #8412.....\$17,950\*
- 05 Ford Expedition XLT, Stk. #8358B.....\$10,500\*
- 04 Chevy Suburban LT, Stk. #8381B.....\$9995\*