

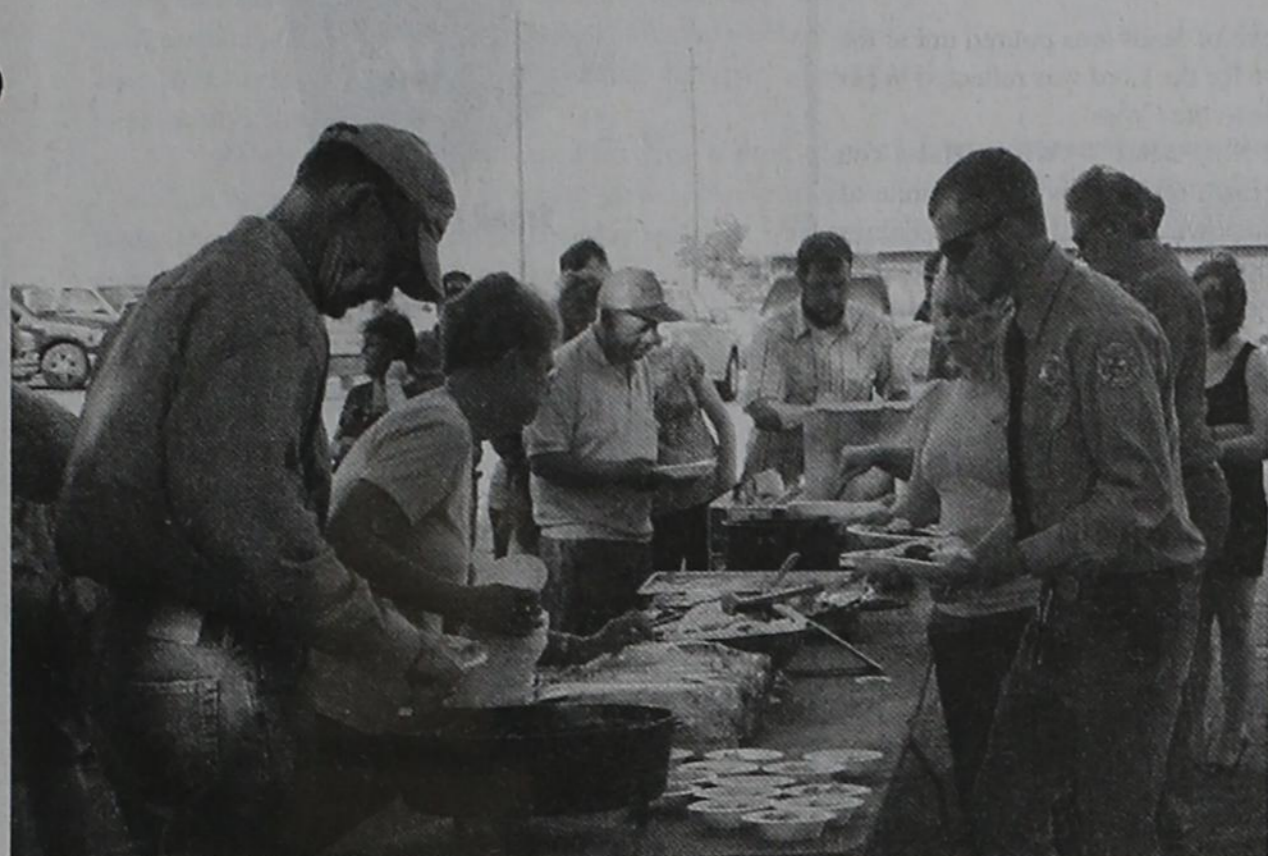
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KOKOMO BAPTIST CHURCH AND WEST TEXAS REHAB HONOR AREA FIREFIGHTERS



Eastland Fire Engine 610 marked the entrance to the Kokomo Baptist Church on Thursday, May 19 as the church hosted an evening Appreciation Chuckwagon Meal for area firefighters. Under trees on the church grounds, approximately 160 firefighters and family members made their way through a serving line of bar-be-cue with all the trimmings - including peach cobbler.

Along with the meal, the crowd enjoyed music provided by the Olden Leon River Cowboy Church Band. Set-up on a flat-bed trailer decked out with a "Thanks" banner and red ribbons in tribute to the firefighters, the 5 member band provided entertainment for the evening.

Numerous members from the Kokomo Baptist Church were on hand to help with the event as a way to show area firefighters respect and appreciation for a job well done during recent fire outbreaks. The West Texas Rehabilitation Center joined the church in its salute to area firefighters by providing its Chuckwagon crew to prepare the meal.

According to James Hunter, Kokomo Baptist pastor, "church members were excited to show their appreciation to firefighters and others affected by recent fires." He also expressed gratitude to the West Texas Rehab - "It would have been impossible to pull this off by ourselves and so the opportunity to partner with the Rehab Center was an answer to prayer and a great blessing... everything about the event came together perfectly, including a great turn out."

Some of the areas represented by the firefighters attending include Eastland, Carbon, Cisco, Comanche, DeLeon, Gorman, Olden, Ranger, Rising Star and Sipe Springs. Throughout the evening, they expressed a sincere thanks to church members and West Texas Rehab staff for coordinating the event. Many came directly from the Eastland Fire Department's Memorial Dedication service held earlier in the evening for honored fallen firefighter Greg Simmons. Chief Phillip Arther of the Eastland Fire Department reported that the appreciation event was "a wonderful jester of goodwill and we were very humbled to be thanked...it was a great evening of fellowship and fun." From the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Jim Guthery also thought "it was great... everybody really appreciated it".

Kokomo Baptist Church Honors Senior Class 2011

Kokomo Baptist Church honored the Gorman High School Senior Class of 2011 on Monday, May 23, 2011 with a meal and fellowship. The hot dog meal was great and the end-of-year Volleyball Game challenging (no referees or injuries), however, the abundant homemade ice cream added a savory flavor to all the other activities. Pastor James Hunter prayed for their new journey in life.



Kokomo is very proud of this class and all they have accomplished. Oru hope is that these last 12 years will provide these students for all the adventures life will provide them as they take their place in society. Their moment in the spotlight will soon come to an end as the next class takes their place, yet their memories will always drift back to this special accomplishment.

Superintendent Jeff Byrd and his family along with Principal Nick Neupel and his family joined in the event. The excellent turnout added to our best wishes for the Class of 2011.

Brother Frank Shirley will be Preaching at the First Baptist Church in Carbon at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 5th. All Welcome to Attend.

"Burn Ban Issued For 90 Days"

STATE OF TEXAS)
 COUNTY OF EASTLAND)

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county to begin May 31, 2011, at 8:00 a.m., for 90 days from the adoption of this Order, being August 30, 2011, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

Adopted this 26th day of May, 2011, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields
 County Judge, Rex Fields

Miss Gorman and Little Candidates



Hi, my name is Alaina Swanner and I am fifteen years old. I am the daughter of Tim and Becky Swanner. I love to play sports and draw. I am a freshman at Gorman High School and play volleyball, basketball, softball, and throw the shot put and discuss in field events for the Lady Panthers. I plan to graduate and attend college, (at this time I am still undecided about the career I plan to pursue.) I am proud to be a candidate in the 2011 Miss Gorman competition and would like to thank the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department for nominating me to be their sponsored candidate. Finally, I would like to wish the other two candidates good luck in this year's contest.



Hello, My name is Rachel Tucker and I am the daughter of James and Ellen Tucker and the granddaughter of Barbara Tucker, all from Gorman. I am sixteen and will be a Junior in the fall at Gorman High School. I am involved in several school activities such as Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Track, High School Band, One Act Play, Academic UIL, Student Council and I was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. I regularly attend First Baptist Church where I am an active member of the youth group. Also, I help my parents teach the Sunday School lesson at the Nursing Home every fourth and fifth Sunday. My hobbies include writing, drawing, reading, listening to music, and watching movies, working for Community Service hours, and hanging out with my friends. After I graduate, I plan on attending the University of North Texas in Denton for either physical therapy or fashion editing.

I would like to thank the Gorman Lions Club for supporting me in the Miss Gorman pageant. I am very proud and excited to get this chance and will do my absolute best to represent the Gorman Lions Club and the City of Gorman well.



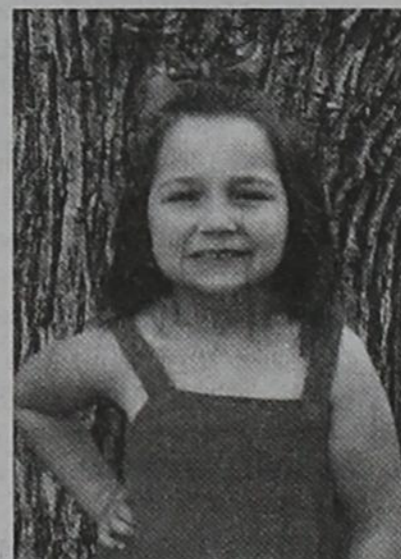
Hi my name is Mykisha Hampton, daughter of Michael and LaTricia Hampton. I am 15 years old and an upcoming sophomore at Gorman High school. I am active in sports including volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track. I have also participated in U.I.L. and One Act Play. I am a member of Kokomo Baptist Church. I love to sing, hang out with friends, go to the lake, go hunting with my dad, and spend time with my family. I appreciate the Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring me as a Miss Gorman Candidate.



Markee Cheyenne Simmons is the six year old daughter of Mark and Jeanette Simmons. She is the granddaughter of George and Linda Simmons of Gorman, Sue and Gary Reed of Saginaw, Jessie Greene of Gorman and the late Lyle Greene. She will be in the first grade in the fall.

Markee enjoys swimming, dancing, watching movies, and riding her bike. Her favorite foods are mac and cheese, pizza, ramen noodles, and corn dogs. Markee plays on the Lady Panthers coach pitch team and was the 2009-2010 Petite Miss Peanut Queen.

Markee is being sponsored by the Gorman Lions Club. She would like to say a big thanks to the Lions club for being her sponsor and to everyone that has helped her during the pageant.



Hi! My name is Brooke. I am five years old and my parents are Lee and Lara Gillen. I have three sisters, Maressa, Haley, and Morgan and one brother Marc. I recently graduated Pre Kindergarten at Maxfield Elementary. I enjoy playing T-Ball, going to gymnastics, cheering, watching Dora, and jumping on the trampoline. I love working in the garden with my Daddy and going to school every day with my Mom. I am



My name is Kyndall McKae Scitern. I am 4 1/2 years old. I will start Kindergarten this fall. I'm really excited to go to school. I have an older sister, Karsyn and a baby brother, Kellan. My mom and dad are Kris and Kristin Scitern. My grandparents are David and Carole Rae Ervin and Johnny and JoAnn Scitern. My great grandparents are Chester Ervin and Troy Scitern and Verna Mae Prinson.

My hobbies are playing outside with my sister and brother, and going to my sisters softball games. I also love to go to Shawn and Tacy's house to cookout and play with the baby goats and sheep.

I would like to say "Thank You" very much to the Gorman Fire Department for sponsoring me in the Little Miss Gorman Contest.

super excited about being in the Little Miss Gorman Pageant and I am proud to be sponsored by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

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The members of Liberty Baptist Church cordially invite you to attend our Summer Revival Services beginning Sunday evening June 12 through Wednesday evening, June 15. Services will begin at 7 PM. each evening.

Brother Jackie Auvenshine, retired Baptist Minister from De Leon will be preaching.

Brother Gary Mauney, Music Director at First Baptist Church in Gorman will be leading the Music.

We invite you to come and worship with us during these Revival Services.

Take Highway 6 East from Gorman turn right across Railroad tracks at Rucker, then take first County Road to the left. Our Church is on your right about 1 1/2 miles.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery

Working Slated June 11th

The Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association will hold its Twentieth Annual Meeting on June 11th at 2 p.m. At the Gorman Housing Authority Hotel Apartment Building in Gorman. Thanks to all those who express concern for the care of the cemetery. If you have a loved one, family or friend buried there, you should be interested in its care. Your participation is important to quality care of the Cemetery.

Roll-Off Dumpster Available June 13-17

The City of Gorman will have a Roll-Off Dumpster available for residents that pay a city utility bill, June 13th thru June 17th at the sewer plant (close to Bass Lake). You must bring your bill with you in order to use this roll off container. It will be for large items only, please do not bring things that will fit into your regular poly cart.

1st Annual Firemen's Appreciation Day

The first annual Firemen's Appreciation Day will be held on June 25th at the Old Gym from 5 to 7 p.m. Bar-b-que and Silent Auction (closes at 6:30). Those wishing to donate to the Silent Auction we ask that you bring Hand Crafted, Antique or new items. More information later.

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

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Happenings At FBC!!!

Agenda! Accountability brings to light what is hidden in the darkness, and reveals the true intentions of your heart. Jesus is coming again; will He find you keeping your agenda or God's agenda?

Mark your calendars:

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

Wednesdays: Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends!!!

Children's Sermon: May 22nd - Traci showed the children a map and asked them what we do with it; we follow a map to get where we want to go. People also use the Internet and the GPS to map their way. When you mess up and go the wrong way the GPS shows you the right way. What do we use to find out how to get to heaven to be with God? The Bible is God's Word and tells us in John chapter 14 that there is only one Way to the Father and it is through Jesus. We must know Jesus! May 29th - Traci showed the children a deflated balloon and the children didn't think it was any good. When she blew it up their eyes got wide. Filling it with air makes you smile and want to pop it around. The balloon is like our heart; if we have Jesus in our heart we feel His joy and want to smile.

Special Music: The Love of Jesus was poured out at the Cross, and Cortney Shirley's love for the Lord was reflected in her precious voice singing "Lead Me to the Cross".

Bro. Barry's Message: May 22nd - "Where Have You Put Jesus?" - John 20:11-16 - Each of us is living the circle of life, and the trail we travel is our own personal journey. Things happen in life to upset us. Sometimes we lose or misplace valuable things. Loss hurts and it won't get easier. We may lose Jesus, but He doesn't lose us. Ask yourself, "What have you done with Jesus lately?" After Jesus' crucifixion Mary Magdalene was the first to the empty tomb and she began to cry because she did not know where her Lord Jesus had been put. Have you lost or misplace something precious to you? Imagine how extremely precious Jesus was to Mary Magdalene, and how she must have felt when she did not know His whereabouts. Bro. Barry told of how he lost a pocketknife that belonged to his Granddad while on the Youth Ski Trip in Colorado. When he arrived home he discovered the knife was on the bathroom counter all along, and felt extreme relief and joy to find it.

1. God Can Overcome Any Powers Over Your Past. - Mary Magdalene knew evil powers in her life. Sin can feel like a prison, but you don't have to live that way. Jesus changed Mary's life, turning evil to joy. Jesus will change your life too.

2. God Will Be Present With You Each and Every Day. - Live confident, Jesus will never leave you. High School Seniors that are graduating and leave home, God is with you even when you may not want Him to tag along.

3. God Has a Future for You. - Follow His plan, not yours. God knows your future. If you misplace Jesus in your life, go back to Bible basics. Read the Bible & pray. Put Jesus at the head of your table and at the head of your life. John 14:1-2: 1) "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. 2) There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? High School Seniors to Senior Adults and everyone in between, put your trust in Jesus. Jesus wants you to experience an incredible sense of Hope, Joy and Comfort.

Bro. Barry's Message: May 29th - "What Are Friends For?" - Job 2:11-13 - How do you spend Memorial Day? Cooking out, sleeping in, with family & friends, remembering fallen service men & women, etc. All of the Veterans in attendance today were asked to stand so they could be recognized for their service to our Country. Try to imagine what it takes for soldiers to leave home, train in boot camp, and serve in our Military. The Bible tells us that Job was God's man in the war against evil. In all of Job's misery and torment he loved the Lord and remained faithful to Him. The Bible tells us of three friends that went to visit Job and they saw that his suffering was too great for words. Hence, they sat with Job for seven days and nights and didn't say one word. We learn from this to pay attention to the needs of our friend. Nobody has all of the answers, nor can anybody know it all. Be slow to speak and quick to listen.

HELP A FRIEND WHO'S HURTING:

(1) Be There for Them. (2) Cry With Them. (3) Listen More than You Talk. (4) Attend to Their Physical Needs. (5) Most importantly, PRAY WITH THEM & PRAY FOR THEM.

A kind gesture, a phone call, a smile, and a thoughtful word go along way. May God help you to be the kind of friend that others need; and may your friends be able to say that they feel loved, to God be the Glory! 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

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had 40 in attendance on Sunday. To begin the morning service Bro. Charlie had "Special" time and prayer with all the young children. To end his message with the children, he gave each one a small American flag to remember this "Memorial Day" holiday. Caleb Shipman of Mineral Wells rendered the special music with Gary Shirley at the piano. Claeb's grandparents are Neldon and Billie Shipman of Desdemona. Other visitors were Ted and Peggy Grene and children, Emily and Michael of Frisco. 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.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will have Vacation Bible School, June 6th thru 10th, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Children are invited to attend for Bible Study, Arts and Crafts, Music, Games and lots of fun. Contact Romelia 254-413-3016 for more information.

Thanks to all musical groups and singers that attended last Saturday night at the Community Center for the **4th Saturday Desdemona Monthly Musical**. Thanks to the ladies that donate food each month to our Concession stand. Next Musical will be Saturday, June 25th. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong.

Robert and Ima Brown attended First United Methodist Church in Temple and the members gave them applause as they celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary. Maybe Robert is like another man I know in Hogtown and thinks he deserves a big "Purple Heart" - Cause he has been wounded several times. "Congratulations" to this Hogtown couple.

"Happy Birthday" to our grand-daughter, Kandice Cogburn on June 4th and to our great grandson, Dylan Cogburn on June 6th from Granny Coon and Granke Guthery.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13th at the Old School Gym. This annual affair is the original "Old Settler's Reunion" which began in 1921 and was held each year at the Community Tabernacle until it was moved to the High School Gym in 1972. During the early years it was held two days on weekend, starting with a big parade down main street. For the noon meal beef was cooked in an open pit and the meat was turned with a pitch fork. Families brought baskets of food to serve their own family and attending visitors.

Have a great day, "Coon."

A Tongue-in-Cheek - Letter To The Editor

By Henry A. Buchanan

This is a very sad story about a man called Dominique Straus-Kahn who was head of the International Monetary Fund. He is in big trouble, a situation more notable because he had planned to become President of France but he is now limited to New York City where he can't get any French votes on a million dollars bail bond because of what happened on the floor of his three thousand dollar per night hotel room in the Big Apple.

The woman assigned to the job of keeping his room clean says he raped her, but Dominique says she was willing and cooperative in getting his money's worth in that expensive room. Many Frenchmen say he was framed.

I am not presuming guilt or innocence; I just want to say to the readers of this story that SEX is potentially very dangerous and it sometimes delivers less than it promises in the form of pleasure, and more pain than the label warns of in terms of possible side effects.

Still, SEX is not to be underrated. It is probably God's Greatest Gift to Mankind, as is evidenced by the latest census showing seven billion people on Earth, all because one man and one woman bit the Apple, mythically speaking, a little over eight thousand years ago and invented the most popular form of recreation/entertainment, indoors or outdoors, in the whole world.

Please not that all this while preachers and lawmakers were trying to control this activity, and fiction writers and movie makers were working to make it both attractive and desirable, like the mythical Apple that started it all and the mythical chronology for the time it has taken to achieve it all.

Now, viewed from the vantage point of nearly ninety years, I am offering this word of counsel, despite the experience of King Louis XIV of France, but fully supported by former President Bill Clinton of the USA, if a man aspires to be President of either France or USA, and he already has a good job that pays enough for him to put up for the night in a three thousand dollars per night hotel it would be the better part of wisdom to meet the challenge of sleeplessness by reading a book, no matter how boring and Un-instructive the book may be, and hang a sign on the outside door know saying "DO NOT CLEAN THIS ROOM."

Henry A. Buchanan

1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 - 254-734-4569 April 2, 2011

FSA County Committee Election Meeting June 16

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that county committee election nominations begin June 15, 2011. Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the August 1, 2011 deadline.

This year's election will be held for LAA 3, which is the southwestern portion of the county. LAA 3 has been served by Brandon Geye for the past nine years. Because Mr. Geye has reached his term limit, he won't be eligible for re-election.

There will be a COC election meeting in conjunction with our regularly scheduled County Committee meeting on June 16, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Farm Service Agency office located at 401 Pogue Avenue in Eastland. Anyone interested in learning more about the County Committee election process is encouraged to attend.

For more information about county committees, please contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Robert (Matt) Clark Benefit Fund

C/O American State Bank
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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.

"On The Wilder Side"

I absolutely love my iPhone. It has all the functions you could ever need. It gives GPS directions, email, calendar, a smorgasbord of games, finances, shopping, notes, music, and videos. It take pictures and keeps my 3 year old quietly entertained. It even sends and receives telephone calls! But nearly every day I get that dreaded warning message "20% Battery Charge". I know that it is time to stop using my phone and plug it into my computer or a power outlet or my phone will become as useful as a paperweight.

It doesn't matter how great we are and how many tasks we can juggle at once. We won't be effective for long if we don't take time to stop and recharge our batteries! It doesn't matter how strong our marriage was last week if we don't take time to recharge our relationship this week. We might have deserved the "Parent Of The Year" award last year, but are we still focusing on our children this year?

Summer is unofficially upon us and this is a great time to recharge our batteries and reestablish our priorities. Maybe you need to take a family vacation. It doesn't have to be far or expensive. It just has to be some time to unplug from the world and spend quality time with each other. Maybe you and your spouse could use some much needed alone time to rekindle your romance. If you don't put forth the effort then no one else will.

Most importantly, how is your relationship with your Heavenly Father? Perhaps you need to unplug from the world and plug into God's Word and prayer to recharge your spiritual batteries. We won't ever be as mature in Christ as we could be unless we spend time every day to connect with Him. We won't ever be able to overcome our battles unless we take time to slow down, ignore the distractions around us, and allow our Heavenly Father to recharge our batteries.

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

First Annual Firemen's Appreciation Day

June 25th

Gorman School Old Gym

5:00 to 7:00

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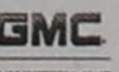
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SOFTBALL ALL DISTRICT HONORS
First Team - Jaime Johnston and Cortney Shirley
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Honorable Mention - Kinsey Johnston

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

(This was the article for last week) - Editors Note: Been Having email problems.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to our Fire Fighters Care Kits. So far the residents have put together 55 care kits and have so far have delivered to the members of the following fire departments: Gorman, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Carbon, Rising Star, Sipe Springs, and Olden. We are still collecting items. Boxes are set up at Bob's Gro. City Gro. and Gorman Pharmacy. Thank you agin.

We celebrated our May Birthdays with our monthly birthday party on Monday. Thank you again Amy Wood for the Delicious beautiful cake. GOOD JOB AMY.

Recent visitors with Nell McAnally were Tom Bosworth and family of Lake Leon, and Charles and Nell Kennedy of Olden, and Lil Brudnak.

Visiting with Rozelle Caraway were Liz and Shane Caraway of Valley Mills, Bo Caraway, Faye Faulk and Becca Wood-all.

Visiting with Ima Brown were Maxine Morgan of Carbon Andrea-Dodd of Waco, Glenda Burger of Eastland, Lori and Kayce Dodd and Jana Grice. David and Diane Dyess of Venus visited Charles Dyess. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hattox of Morgan Mills and Maxine Huddles ton visited Frankie Stacy. Lil Brudnak visited Ora Lee Lawrence and Dorothy Beaty.

The Welch Family, Mary, Buck, Betty, Kenny, Virginia, Doyle, Linda, and Sharon visited Edgar Reynolds. Also visiting Edgar were Billy Earl Simpson and Faye Faulk.

June is National Dairy Month so we will be packing on the pounds.

Have a good week.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We gathered on the 25th of May with low attendance again. Everyone are having too many problems, or ill, some have moved, and many of our good regulars have passed on. So we have decided to meet once a month on the third Wednesday. It is too much work for us getting all together for so few. Hopefully this will encourage people to make an effort to be at the center at 11:30. Our next meeting will be on June 15th.

It was good to have Gaylord Battenfield with us. He was kind enough to give the blessing for all. We had missed Bernice Hewson for two weeks due to illness. She was back some improved and playing 42. She brought a good macaroni salad for all to enjoy. Also have missed Jackie Burns and Betty Frasier for two weeks. I called her, they are OK, just had appointments on that day.

Wilburn Overstreet has been ill and we sure have missed him for three weeks. I talked to him and he is some improved. Hope all can be back on June 15. Wilburn is such a special man to all.

I also talked with Billie Bennett and her hand is slowly healing after surgery awhile back. We all miss seeing and visiting with her. Also her good dishes she always brought.

Ailene Garrett made a good chocolate brownie cake with cool whip and nuts on top. So we designated it another cake for Estelle Lindley's 95th birthday. We all sang the Birthday song for her. She had several large celebrations for this milestone in her life. Hard to believe her age as she looks 70 and gets around well, with a cane. She is here nearly every Wednesday with a delicious chess pie.

Our meal was quite a mixture with King Ranch Chicken, Cole slaw, potato salad, pinto beans, macaroni salad and green peas. We enjoyed several good desserts of peach cobbler, Brownie cake, buttermilk chess pie and fruit cocktail. Also our usual cornbread.

School is out and graduation is over. The young grads will be looking for work and many children on the roads walking or biking. So we must be careful of the small kids as more out playing. My grandson Tyson Swanner was lucky to be back at work with Fronterhouse Water Drilling. He worked there last summer also. It will be difficult for some to find work, as not that many jobs to be had.

My family and I met at Rock Church Cemetery in Blanket on Memorial Day. We put some new flowers on graves and cleaned off old. We found many new graves and some beautiful headstones. Laying by on large stone was a new born deer. We stayed for enough away as knew Mom was near. What a beautiful sight to see. My daughter-in-law made pictures.

Hope to see many of you at the Center on June 15th at 11:30. Keep Well and Take Care - Carol.

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