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Dorcas Class Supports Gorman Fire Department



Joy Rogers and Becky Bussey are shown presenting a donation to Jim Guthery, Chief of the Gorman Fire Department on Monday evening, June 6 on behalf of the Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ. The group wanted to show appreciation for the dedication and service the Fire Department provides to our entire area. A donation was also made to the Desdemona Fire Department at the final meeting of the semester of the Dorcas Class on May 17. Pictured above are (Second Row) David Stanley, Stephen Watson, Treasurer, Justin Underwood and Michael Moore, Secretary. (Front Row) Charlie Torrez, Assistant Chief, Adam Torrez, Dylan Cogburn, Captain, and Lupe Torres.

Miss Gorman and Little **Contest Is In Full Swing** The Miss/Little Miss Gorman contest is in full swing. All of the girls have cans out in

local businesses and the Miss Gorman candidates are busy with many projects. Please help them out by supporting them. This money will go back into community projects through the Chamber of Commerce. The contestants this year are:

Miss Gorman

Mykisha Hampton - Chamber of Commerce

Rachel Tucker-Lion's Club

Alaina Swanner - Fire Department

Little Miss Gorman

Brooke Gillen - Chamber of Commerce

Markee Simmons - Lion's Club Kyndall Scitern - Fire Department

The pageant will be held Saturday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Come and see who will be representing Gorman for the 2011-12 year. A special thanks to Cortney Shirley and Crystal Gonzalez for spending many hours preparing the float and representing Gorman in many parades and events during the past year.

Firstfruit's Children's Ministry Continues Throughout the Summer

Firstfruits's children's ministry continues through the summer with "Summer Fun IN the Kingdom." Kids ages 6-12 are invited to come Mondays at 7:00 pm to join in the summer FINK nights. Not CIA but just as fun and exciting. Summer FINK nights will also include some special events, which include a Wii tournament, a Movie Night and more. So everybody think FINK and join us on Monday.

The FCF kids are also in fund raising mode to raise money for camp. Our first project is "The Sweets of Gorman" The kids are out taking orders for some wonderful homemade desserts and baked goods. We will deliver on the Saturday before Father's Day (hint hint). If the you would like to order call 734-3203. Thank you for supporting the kids as they earn their way to camp.

Gorman Middle and High School 6th Six Weeks - Honor Roll

A Honor Roll - Izael Herrera, Sam Rainey and Mayra Ramirez; A-B Honor Roll - Austin Byrd, Bradi Campbell Sydney Casey, Kayce Dodd, Shawn Estrada, Mayra Gutierrez, Ismael Herrera, Vanessa Hooper, Katalina Landa, Karina Lira-Moreno, Ricardo Olvera, Dayanna Palacios, Audri Segura and Dylan Walton.

7th Grade

A Honor Roll; A-B Honor Roll - Hunter Childers, Nathan Cook, Arlette Giles, Flavio Herrera, Rylan Laminack, Vanessa Longoria, Alexia Madera, Yulissa Madera, Jose Maldonado, Freddy Montelongo, Kodie Sparger, Garet Vaughn and Turner Whitten 8th Grade

A Honor Roll - Jacquelynn Rainey; A-B Honor Roll - Adriana Brown, Cindy Gonzalez, Cosette Keeping, Holly Rainey, Lauren Spivey, Madison Warren and Lacey Wilson.

Gorman High School

Freshman Class - A Honor Roll - Connie Gonzales, Kinsey Johnston and Melissa Ramirez; A-B Honor Roll - Zach Carlton, Haven Gibbs, Mykisha Hampton, Jessica Ledford, Skye Lewis, Yarixa Montelongo, Rebecca Rainey, Jessica Williams and Holly Wood.

Sophomore Class - A Honor Roll - Luis Limon; A-B Honor Roll - Drew Flanary, Stephanie Grissom, Christen Hagan, Birdi Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, B. J. Ramirez, Robert Shawver, and Rachel Tucker.

Junior Class - A Honor Roll - Dolores Garcia; A-B onor Roll - Matt Fox, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne, Stetson Thompson and A. J. Vaughn.

Senior Class - A Honor Roll - Jaime Johnston; A-B Honor Roll - Troy Gilder, Corey Houston, Jaylon Miley, Amy Regian and T. J. Warren.

Vacation Bible School At Kokomo Baptist Church June 20-24

Kokomo Baptist Church will be hosting their Vacation Bible School featuring - "Revit Up: Full Throttle For God" on June 20 thru 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 6th grade. Inflatables, Crafts, Pinewood Derby Racing, Snowcones, Bible Stories and Music. Make Plans To Attend.

Services Pending For George Rodgers

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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 Old Gorman Firehall. 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.

Miss Gorman Contestant Mykisha Hampton will be having a **SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER** Tuesday, June 14th from 11 a.m. To 1 p.m. **High School Gym Foyer** The Dinner will be \$5.00 a plate and take out is available. Please call 254-43-9653 If you would like to order. Mykisha is sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce and she is also having a drawing for \$100 of beef from City Grocery and a gun. Please call her for details.

Scholarships Received By Gorman High School Seniors

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G. W. and Ann Maxfield	\$200	Matt Keith	
Gorman Lion's Club	\$250	Abigail Pacheco	
Miss Gorman Contestant	\$100	Jaylon Miley	
Miss Gorman Contestant	\$100	Luisa Silva Contestant	
Sam Walton Community Schola	arship \$3	000	Jaime Johnston
Eastland County Retired Teach	er's \$3	50	Jaylon Miley
Gorman Masonic Lodge	\$250	Jaime Joh	nston
Order of the Eastern Star	\$250	Jaylon Miley T.J. Warren	
Julie Skaggs Cook Scholarship	\$500	T.J. Warren	
Ruth Bryant Memorial Scholar	ship \$	100	Corey Housto
Ruth Ann Porter	\$500	Cody Woo	od
Darlene Hampton	\$100	Amy Regian	
Career Colleges of Texas	\$1000	Brice Campbell	
Career Colleges of Texas	\$1000	Matt Keith	
Gorman Peanut Queen	\$250.00	Brittany Ramirez	
Gorman Band	\$200.00	Daniel Rivas	
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Gorman ATPE	\$250.00	Jaylon Miley	
Abundant Life Impact	\$300.00	Jaime Johnston	
Howard Payne University	\$500.00	Maria Raygoza	
Hispanic Leadership Institute	\$500.00	Maria Raygoza	
Farm Bureau Eastland County	\$200	Matt Keith	
Heart of Texas Scholarship	\$48,000	Jaime Johnston	
Heart of Texas Scholarship	\$48,000	Jaylon Miley	
Hardin Simmons Presidential	\$40,000	Jaylon Miley	
San Antonio Livestock Show	\$10,000	T. J. Warren	
Houston Livestock Show	\$1500	T. J. Warren	
Texas Tech University	\$1000	T.J. Warren	
Fist Abilene Credit Union	\$750	T. J. Warren	
Ronald McDonald House	\$750	T.J. Warren	
Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit \$3000		T.J. Warren	
Embry Riddle School of Aeronautics		\$3000	Corey Houston

Summer Revival At Liberty Baptist Church June 12-15

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.

HOMEMADE PIZZA SALE

Thursday, June 9th from 11 a.m. 310 N. Main (Coach Wood's House) Delivery starts at 11 A.m. -\$12 per pizza

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Rachel Tucker - 254-485-9180 Proceeds Benefit Rachel Tucker's Miss Gorman campaign - Thank You!!!

Painting Group Scheduled at Fellowship Hall of Gorman Church of Christ

A group of ladies who are interested in painting are meeting during the summer at the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ on Tuesday mornings. This will be a gettogether for adult painters and there will be no formal instruction or baby sitting services. This is a continuation of the classes that were held here in recent years. Attendees will furnish their own materials. Meeting times are 9:00AM to 11:00AM starting on Tuesday, June 14. To register to be a part of this group, please call Monda Oldham at 734-4508.

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



We live down the road from Frank Gray Memorial Park. We do think it was definitely a tornado. The wind got up very quickly and there was a loud roaring noise. Then it was over and the barn had been moved. We had some tree damage also. TV antenna was blown over. But we feel so lucky. It could have been much worse.

Thanks - Gwen and Bobby Jack Cumbie

BAR-B-QUE LUNCH

Support the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department Candidate for MISS GORMAN, ALAINA SWANNER

Friday, June 10,

at Laminack's Corner Stand at the blinking light there will be a barbeque lunch benefiting Miss Gorman candidate Alaina Swanner. The barbeque lunch will consist of a sandwich, drink, and chips for \$5.00. Pre orders are encouraged, please call 734-5176 or 734-5098, and place your order by Thursday June 9. The Lunch will begin at 10:30 and will continue till we run out! Please come out and share a great lunch with us.

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 OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH 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

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.

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S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site.

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. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre. SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!

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PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well s & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

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"On The Wilder Side"

It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then an army sergeant came in and said, "Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?" The soldier replied, "I thought I would stay behind and spend

The sergeant said, "Looks to me like you're going to play cards." The soldier said, "No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards." The sergeant asked in disbelief, "How will you do that?" "You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God.

The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Four stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Five is for the five virgins that were ten but only five of them were glorified. The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the earth.

The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him. The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made

The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary. The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings. When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards - there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter

So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for." The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

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

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

MIEARS GARAGE SALE:

Saturday, June 11 - 8 to 12 a.m. Across from Dairy Queen. Queen bedstead, sewing cabinet, car seat, kitchen chairs, dishwasher, rainbow vacuum, twin mattress set, curtains, bedsheets, Boys sizes 5-6, Girls sizes 18 Mos.-10, Women's and Plus Sizes, Men's Jeans, Color TV, Toys

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HELP WANTED: Need someone to clean offices Monday thru Friday. Contact Martha at Gorman Milling Co. - 254-734-2252.

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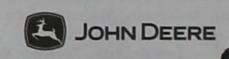
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Montly Social will be held on Monday morning, June 13th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. to enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. This social is held on the second Monday morning of each month. Visitors are welcome.

Remember to contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, TX 76445, with your new address for our Annual Homecoming mailing list. Homecoming and School Reunion wil be held on Saturday, August 13th at the Old School Gym.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. There was 39 to attend last Sunday with a visitor from Granbury. Vacation Bible School was in "Full Swing" all week. Children enjoying each day of Bible Study, Games, Music, etc. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Remember the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

Happenings At FBC!!!

Ownership! All that we have has been given to us by God, so who is the real owner? "Tithe" is often misunderstood; it's truly an act of giving your time, talents, and money to God. May you be blessed and may God be blessed by your personal offerings to further His work.

Mark your calendars:

Have a great day, Vonnie.

June 6th thru 10th - VBS - The Big Apple Adventure - Come & bring your friends!!!

June 11th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Come & enjoy fantastic fun, food, & fellowship!

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

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children sticks that she picked up from her yard. It was easy for Jordan to break one stick in half, however when several sticks were wrapped together they could not be broken in half. By ourselves we can easily be broken, yet when people come together in Church we stand strong. The Bible says when two or more are gathered together Jesus is with us. Worshiping together, standing up for each other, and praying together makes us stronger and hard to break.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Important Words" - Ephesians 4:29 - Vacation Bible School uses simple words to reach children for God. The words of our Nation's Supreme Justices have a direct effect on people and our Country. Our lifetime has shown us unprecedented tragedies, disasters, war, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, floods, etc. People may try to remove the words "In God We Trust" from our Nation, but they can never remove the Word's of God from our hearts. Words are infectious! Let the Holy Spirit renew your spirit & attitude, and may your words help to build others up according to their needs.

Human Building Blocks:

I. Appreciation. - Frustration and anger accomplish nothing. Allow your loved ones to increase in value & worth for who they are and what they do. Let them know you appreciate them.

II. Encouragement & Affirmation. - Build up and don't tear down. Vows must be words backed by commitment.

III. Blessing. - Sneezes spread disease, hence the phrase "God bless you". Words that make others feel better are those that bless them.

IV. Confession. – To whom do you tell? Jesus never leaves you, open yourself up for a closer walk with thee. How do you respond to the Word of God? Do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live! 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 Sun-

day Morning – please come & join us!

Remember: God loves you like no one else!

Email: fbcgorman@hotmail.com

A Letter To The Editor

About The Call By Henry A. Buchanan

"Send me, no matter the mission." I know the President has plenty of problems with Republicans wanting his job, without me nit picking about his reference to OldTestament prophets, but I think he got Isaiah wrong. And it was not necessary because Jesus had already told us what the Call/Send was about.

Not about trying to get the Afghan war to go right by calling in a strike that killed fourteen woman and children in their home.

Not about dilly dallying around on the question of whether to get out of Iraq or stay and help them run their own business with us to pay their bills.

Not a call to invade Pakistan in order to kill Osama bin laden in his rocking chair with his three wives looking on. No even a call to unseat all the rulers who have been in office too long in the Middle East.

No. The call to Isaiah, and then to Jesus, and to us, was/is to get the message across to the nation that trouble was brewing and people had better start thinking in new ways. That's the meaning of Repent. But good things would happen to them, like getting their eyes open and being let out of prison, and heaven would come on earth IF they changed their way of doing things.

But the Call was not to kill and destroy and turn people out of their homes, and make them so desperate they would kill themselves to take some of use with them.

Yes. Send me, Lord. The Mission DOES matter. The Mission is Life, not Death

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Hear this Call, "Christian America." Send us, Lord,

to love our enemies, and to pray for the people we are now cursing and killing.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. -- Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569

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 under went 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.

Gorman City Minutes

MAY 19, 201

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Durward Webb, and Joe Casey. Absent was Nathan Files. Also attending were Kenneth Good, Barbara Fenley, and Glenn Scitern.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

At this time Commissioners Places 1 and 3 were sworn in. They will be Kenneth Good Place 1 and David Stanley Place

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

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Barbara and David made note that Billy Carson's ninety day probation period was complete the end of April. Joe made the motion to raise Billy's wage .50 per hour and he will be added to City insurance. Durward made a second and motion carried 4-0.

Robert had notified Water Tower Maintenance to submit a bid on the water tower repairs. The Commission had extended discussion about the situation and agreed that the Utility Service bid/contract was going to be much too expensive for the City to absorb, and the Commissioners and Mayor were not pleased with the work that had been performed. Joe made the motion to move forward with the bid submitted by the past and current service, Water Tower Maintenance Inc. to send a contract for repairs and to acquire their services again. Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0. (a copy of the contract / bid will be attached to these city minutes)

The historical marker / ordinance will be tabled again for the next meeting.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2011-01 Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12 was read at this time.

David made the motion to pass and adopt said ordinance with a second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0. Final budget figures will be submitted at the first meeting in June.

An appointment resolution was presented to the City Commission for the reappointment of Daryl Hirst to the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District Board. Durward made the motion to approve this reappointment of Mr. Hirst to the board. Joe made a second to this motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Texas Municipal League issued checks for Gorman Fire Department trucks and equipment for damages received during the April 15, 2011 fire on CR 323. Joe made the motion to deposit the checks which were made out to the City in the City General account and then issue payment by City check to the Gorman Fire Dept. for the total amount and allow the fire department to over see the repair procedures. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Contacts will be made to persons or residents owning livestock. It will be the owner's responsibility to show adequate proof indicating proper acreage for that number of livestock. Owners will be given ten (10) days to comply. The Commission also made note that the City crew needs to keep documentation of which fire hydrant was flushed and how long it ran.

At 6:30 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:45 p.m. Durward made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:50 p.m.



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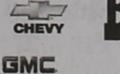
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Pig Tales From Hogtown

and great food!

We welcome the Senior Citizen Dance from DeLeon back to the DAC on Monday nights. I know it is a longer drive to come to Desdemona, but we hope you can come and join us.

Friday will be our regular second Friday of the month dance with Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers. The music starts at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00.

Even though the burn ban is not on in Comanche county, please be very careful if you plan

to burn. The winds we have dry things out very quickly.

Now that summer is here, bring the kids to the library at the DAC. We have lots of great books - they will be able to practice their reading skills. The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 until 5:00 and on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 until 8:00

See you in Desdemona!

VIEW POINT By: Heath Begeman

Grasshopper Control

Grasshoppers deposit their eggs ½ to 2 inches below the soil surface in pod-like structures Each egg pod consists of 20 to 120 elongated eggs cemented together. The whole mass is somewhat egg-shaped. Egg pods are very resistant to moisture and cold and easily survive the winter if the soil is not disturbed. Grasshoppers deposit eggs in fallow fields, ditches, fence rows, shelter belts and other weedy areas, as well as in crop fields, hay fields and alfalfa.

Eggs typically begin hatching in late April or early May. Hatching peaks about mid-June and usually ends by late June. Young grasshoppers are called nymphs. They look like adults, but are smaller and have wing pads instead of wings. Nymphs go through five or six developmental stages and become adults in 40 to 60 days, depending on weather and food supplies. The adults of grasshopper species that damage crops become numerous in mid-July and deposit eggs from late July through fall. Usually only one generation of grasshoppers is produced each year.

One way to control grasshopper populations is to eliminate sites where they might deposit eggs. Grasshoppers prefer undisturbed areas for egg laying, so tilling cropland in mid-to late summer discourages females. Tilling may reduce soil moisture and contribute to erosion, but those disadvantages must be weighed against potential grasshopper damage to the next crop.

Farmers and ranchers should start watching for grasshoppers early in the season and begin control measures while grasshoppers are still nymphs and still within the hatching sites (roadsides, fence rows, etc.). Treating grasshoppers early means:

having to treat fewer acres and use less insecticide,

killing grasshoppers before they cause extensive crop damage, and

killing grasshoppers before they can fly, migrate and lay eggs.

Also, smaller grasshoppers are more susceptible to insecticides than larger ones.

In some situations chemical control may be necessary. Sevin 4F, 80S, 80 WSP and XLR Plus are labeled for grasshopper control on range and non-crop land. There are insecticides labeled for individual crops. For complete list call the Texas AgriLife Extension Office, Heath Begeman, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 254/629-1093. Only apply pesticides according to what is printed on the label.

Fresh Taste of Summer Year Round

When you grow your own vegetables there will be times when you have too much to eat right away, so you basically have three (3) choices: give it away, put it on compost heap, or find a means of storing it in good condition. Freezing sounds like the perfect solution, but it is not just a matter of sticking it in the freezer. So if you want your vegetables to taste and look as good halfway through the winter as they did when you picked them, you need to blanch. And it is worth learning how to do it properly, because sloppy blanching results in sloppy vegetables.

Blanching (scalding vegetables in boiling water or steam for a short time) is a must for almost all vegetables to be frozen. It stops enzyme actions which can cause loss of flavor, color and texture. Blanching cleanses the surface of dirt and organisms, brightens the color and helps retard loss of vitamins. It also wilts or softens vegetables and makes them easier to pack. Blanching time is crucial and varies with the vegetable and size. For home freezing, the most satisfactory way to heat all vegetables is in boiling water. Use a blancher which has a blanching basket and cover, or fit a wire basket into a large pot with a lid. Use one gallon of water per pound of prepared vegetables. Put the vegetables in a blanching basket and lower into vigorously boiling water. Place a lid on the blancher. The water should return to boiling within 1 minute, or you are using too much vegetable for the amount of boiling water. Start counting blanching time as soon as the water re turns to a boil. Keep heat high for the time given in the directions for the vegetables you are freezing. As soon as blanching is complete, vegetables should be cooled quickly and thoroughly to stop the cooking process. To cool, plunge the basket of vegetables immediately into a large quantity of cold water, 60 degrees F or below. Change water frequently or use cold running water or ice water. If ice is used, about one pound of ice for each pound of vegetable is needed. Cooling vegetables should take the Fund, American State Bank, 115 South Fisher St. Gorman TX, 76454. Or at any American State same amount of time as blanching. Drain vegetables thoroughly after cooling. Extra moisture can cause Bank Branch. Thank you for your support! a loss of quality when vegetables are frozen.

If you need more information about freezing vegetables and blanching times, please contact Halee Mitchell at 254/629-2222 or attend a Food Preservation Workshop sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service on June 8, 2011 starting at 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This workshop will be conducted in the Eastland County Courthouse Annex, 1st Floor, formerly the Eastland Drug Building. Cost of the class will be \$20.00 per person. The workshop will cover food safety in home food preservation, boiling water bath canning, pressure canning, freezing, jams and jellied food products, drying foods, pickles and fermented foods. Bring your pressure cooker lids to be tested as well. Your pressure cooker should be tested every year before you use it. It does not matter if you are a first-timer or experienced home canner, this workshop will help you discover new tastes, easy recipes, methods and the benefits of canning. By preserving farm fresh produce, everyone can discover delicious results all year long.

For more information or to register for this workshop, call Halee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent at 254/629-2222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu.

Funding Priorities Needed for EQIP Program

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group (LWG) meeting to be held at 301 Hwy 3381 in Comanche. This meeting will be on June 15 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this public meeting is to receive input from farmers, ranchers, local agencies, organizations, businesses, and other individuals who have an interest in natural resource concerns and needs in Eastland County.

Input received will allow the LWG to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed for eligible practices and ranking for county based funding. Recommendations provided by the LWG meeting will be reviewed by the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to help implement the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and other conservation programs offered by

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. Funding for these programs may be made available to eligible producers through the application process.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Eastland at (254) 629-1636 ext. 3. NRCS office locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs. usda.gov.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact ShaMarie Tamminga at (254) 629-1636 ext. 3 at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

Homestead Happenings

Our administrator, Tim, held our Memorial Candle lighting Service on June 27, in memory Thanks to everyone who came to breakfast last Saturday morning - we had a great crowd of the residents from Homestead who have passed away in the last year as well as those who died serving our country and any loved one who has passed away. Residents who have passed away in the last year are Marie Cook, Viola Payne, Louise Clark, Mary Donham, Irma Boles, Jelma Smith, Jeanne Dorsett, Dorothy Bergeron, Don Estes, Kay Henry, Elias Gutierrez, Melba Frazier and Myrtle Davidson. We would like to thank the family members who were able to attend, Donald and Faye Cook, Margaret Hetrick, and Johnny Smith

Refreshments were served following the ceremony. We would like to thank Johnny Smith for the delicious cookies he baked for the occasion.

We would like to thank the graduating class of 2011 for sharing their beautiful flowers with us and to Pam Childers for bringing them to us.

Visiting with Rozelle Caraway were Liz and Shane Caraway of Valley Mills, Becca Wood all, Kathy Scitern and Bo Caraway. Visiting with Ima Brown were Don and Marceil Lamina ck, Jana Grice, Aaron, Ashley, and Jackson Grice. Mary Reed of Lexington Kentucky, Margery Chirchville of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shugart of Clovis New Mexico visited Edgar Reynolds, Kristina, Hailey and Kathy Everton, and Chris Sharp visited Faye Huff. Visiting Mayvis Lasater were Lou Evelyn of Midlothian, Don and Marceil Laminack and Brent Lasater. Brad and Tammy Burris of Alvarado, and David and Diane Dyess of Venus visited Charles Dyess. Bill Shelton of Cleburne and Ewellene Hammond of DeLeon visited Claudie Shelton, Billy Self visited Christine Self, Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy, Francis Simpson and Chasta Carlton visited Sunny Kellogg. Mary Lou Smith of Abilene visited Mary Shook, Lil Burdnak visited with several residents.

Mrs. Jewell Dennis was able to return to her home we wish her the best.

We will honor our father's with a "Father's Day Social on Friday June 17th. This is also our Tie One On day so be sure to wear a tie if you visit us on the 17th. We have one to loan you if you forget.

Have a good week.

Gorman Vol. Fire Department **Needs Your Help and Donations**

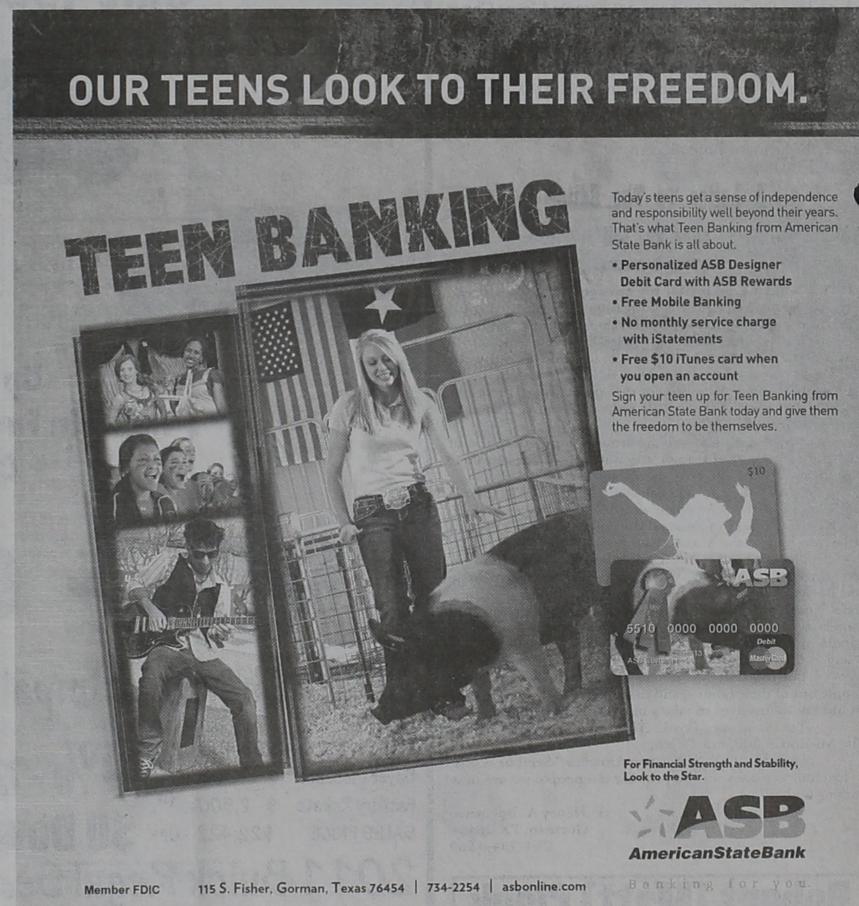


The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department needs your help! During the tragic events of the April 15th wildfire, Gorman VFD truck "Attack 5" was destroyed on Eastland County Road 323. Both the vehicle and associated firefighting and communications equipment were a total loss, and injuries were sustained by all three firefighters staffing the truck. This vehicle was the Gorman VFD's only large brush/attack apparatus in the fleet, and filled a lead role in providing protection on both structure and wildland fires, and must be replaced

Having only liability insurance coverage, the realized cost of replacement is approximately \$86,000 including the chassis, upfit, and equipment.

In addition to financing options, the Gorman VFD, in cooperation with the City of Gorman, is seeking emergency funding through a FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant. However if secured, this grant will at best finance only 75 percent of the replacement cost.

Tax deductible donations of any amount can be made to: Gorman VFD Truck Replacement



First Annual Firemen's Appreciation Day June 25th

Gorman School Old Gym -- 5:00 to 7:00 ---- Barbeque and Silent Auction (closes at 6:30) Those wishing to donate to the Silent Auction, we ask that you bring Handcrafted, Antique or New Items. **Contact Numbers:**

Gwen Cumbie -- 325-575-3343 -- Jill Rainey -- 254-734-6427 -- Tacy Wrren -- 254-734-5017 Christie Wilder -- 254-243-0373 -- Cliffa Vaughn -- 254-979-1423