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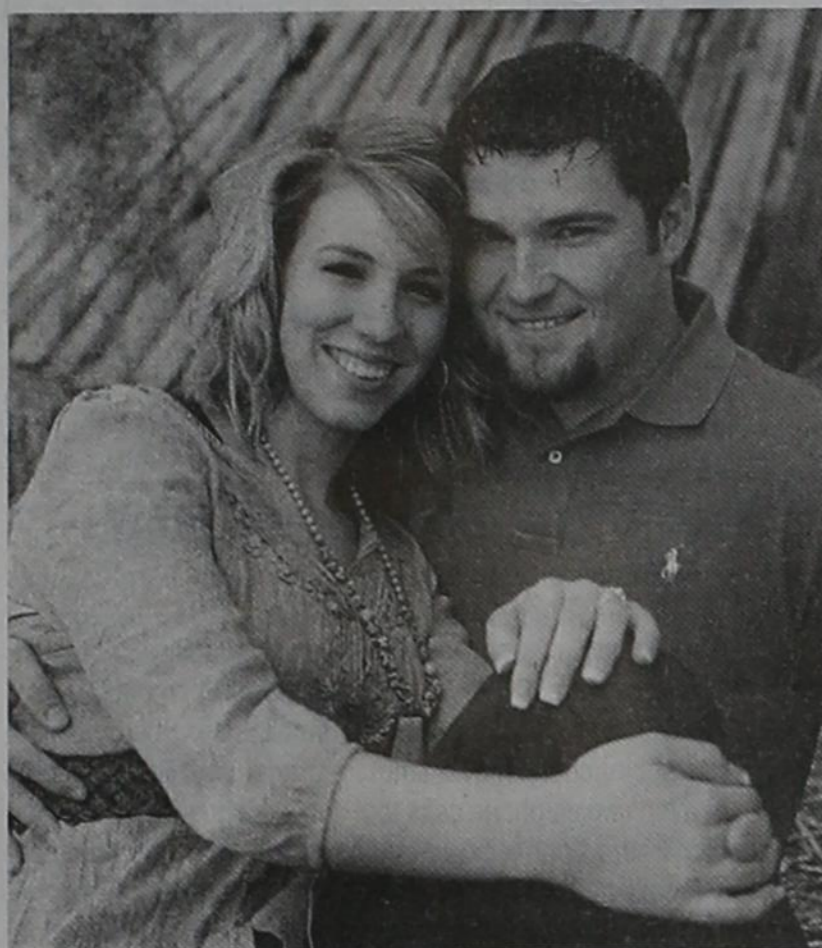
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## Gorman High School Honor Roll Fourth Sixth Weeks

**Freshman Class - A -** Jacquelynn Rainey and Lauren Spivey; **A-B -** Cindy Gonzales, and Yovani Palacios.  
**Sophomore Class - A -** Zach Carlton, Kinsey Johnston, Lissa Ramirez and Holly Wood; **A-B -** Connie Gonzales, Mykisha Hampton, Rasha Rainey, and Alaina Swanner.  
**Junior Class - A -** Luis Limon; **A-B -** Jasmine DeLaTorre, Sergio Hipolito, Viridiana Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, Robert Shawver and Rachel Tucker.  
**Senior Class - A -** Dolores Garcia, Chelsea Griffin, Erica Madera, and McKensie Osborne; **A-B -** Stetson Thompson, and Cortney Shirley.

## Clarisa Dawn Glasson and Cote Ward Deeds To Pledge Vows



Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Glasson of Brownfield wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Clarissa Dawn Glasson to Cote Ward Deeds son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson of Ballinger.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Wellman-Union High School and graduated with a degree in Kinesiology, Exercise Science from Angelo State University in 2011. She currently teaches seventh grade science at Lamesa ISD.

The groom-to-be graduated Ballinger High School in 2006 and is employed by Atlas Pipe Line in Midkiff as a plant operator.

Cote is the grandson of Linda Deeds and the late Joe Deeds of Ballinger.

Clarissa is the granddaughter of the late Lloyd and Bobbie Glasson of Gorman and Nellie Turner Lucky of Gorman.

The couple will exchange vows at 7 pm on June 16, 2012 at Lytle Cove Cottage in Abilene, Texas.

## “Thank You”

The family of Harry Lynch would like to say thank you to those that called, sent cards and offered a prayer at the time of our father and grandfathers passing. Thank you to the staff of Homestead of Goman and Light House Hospice for the excellent care provided to our father and grandfather. Thank you to Joe Bernier for the wonderful message he spoke at the service and to Chip Summers and Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada, Tx for all of the assistance they provided in helping us make all of the necessary arrangements.

The Family of Harry Lynch  
Tim and Tammy Dennis  
Joseph and Jessica Ledford

**Daylight Savings Time**  
Spring Forward On March 13th  
Remember to set clocks forward on Saturday night before you go to sleep so that you are not late for Church on Sunday morning.

## Wynogene Smith To Celebrate Birthday on March 10th

Wynogene Smith will be celebrating her Birthday on Saturday, March 10. If you would like to send her a Birthday card her address is:  
Wynogene Smith  
1676 City Road 140  
Georgetown, Texas 78626

## 2012 Gorman Track Schedule

|          |       |        |                          |             |
|----------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Thursday | March | 8      | Cross Plains             | Boys        |
| Saturday | March | 24     | Meridian                 | Girls/Boys  |
| Friday   | March | 30     | May                      | Boys        |
| Saturday | March | 31     | Ranger                   | Girls       |
| Thursday | April | 5      | District Track (Blanket) | Girls/Boys  |
| TBA      | TBA   | TBA    | Area Track               | Girls/Boys  |
| Fri/Sat  | April | 27, 28 | Regional Track (ACU)     | Girls/ Boys |
| Fri/Sat  | May   | 11, 12 | State Track (Austin)     | Girls/Boys  |

## 2012 Gorman Junior High Schedule

|        |       |    |                         |            |
|--------|-------|----|-------------------------|------------|
| Monday | March | 5  | Cross Plains            | Girls/Boys |
| Monday | March | 19 | May                     | Girls/Boys |
| Monday | March | 26 | Strawn                  | Girls/Boys |
| Monday | April | 9  | District Track (Zephyr) | Girls/Boys |

Boys Coach: James Gerick  
Girls Coach: Tommy Simmons

## Panther Baseball News

### Panthers Host Hamilton Bulldogs

The Panther Baseball Team hosted the Hamilton Bulldogs on Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd. The game went into extra innings with the Bulldogs winning by the score of 4-3. B. J. Ramirez and Sheldon Fenley led the way offensively for the Panthers each with a single and a double. Zach Carlton also added a double. The Panthers out hit the Bulldogs 8-5.

### Panthers Participate in the Hamilton Baseball Tournament

The Panthers traveled to Hamilton to play in the Hamilton Baseball Tournament on Thursday, March 1st. The game was in the evening with the Panthers defeating the Bulldogs by a score of 6-2. Dakota Pacheco was dominant on the mound recording 9 strike outs. He has still not given up an earned run for the season. Daniel Herrera and B. J. Ramirez each scored 2 runs for the Panthers. Yovani Palaicos had 2 sacrifice runs to put the Panthers in scoring position. Ramirez had the only extra base hit of the game with a triple in the 3rd inning. Matt Fox had the go ahead 2 run single in the 5th inning.

### Panthers Defeated by Moody Bearcats

The Panther was defeated by the Moody Bearcats on Friday, March 2nd by a score of 12-1. The Bearcats scored all their runs in the second (5) and fifth (7) innings. Jon Fenley had 2 singles and B. J. Ramirez scored the only Panther run.

### Panthers Defeated by Hico Tigers

The Hico Tigers defeated the Panthers 12-4 on Saturday, March 3rd afternoon. Jon Fenley lead the way for the Panthers with 2 hits. Dakota Pacheco was selected to the All Tournament Team. The Panthers placed 4th in the 8 Team Tournament. The Panthers play in Eastland on Tuesday, March 6th and in Santo on Friday the 9th for a Double header starting at 5 p.m.

## Letter To The GISD Board of Trustees - Citizens of Gorman

March 5, 2012  
To the GISD Board of Trustees, and to the citizens of Gorman,

I respectfully write this letter concerning the GHS cheerleaders. As a mother of one of the 2011-2012 cheerleaders, I was shocked to learn that this year the GISD school board had arbitrarily decided to only allow six girls on the high school cheer team. I say arbitrarily because this decision was reached.....well I don't know when, because it was discussed and decided without any one even knowing that it was an issue. Therefore there was no way that anyone could have any input into this decision. I don't know if my input would have made a difference, but it sure would have made me feel better to be able to voice my concerns up front, instead of after the fact. I believe that the decision was not based on the girl's, the team's, nor the fan's best interest. I believe that once again the almighty dollar has spoken here. I wondered why the idea of six girls as opposed to eight would even be an issue that the school board would feel necessary to discuss. All I can think of is it all comes down to money.

- Speaking of money, I would like to inform our town about cheerleaders and money.
1. For the first time ever as far as I know the cheerleaders will this year be paying 100% of their camp fee. This is \$300 per girl, in previous years, GISD has paid \$150 for each girl at camp. That included 7 junior high, and 9 high school girls at \$150 each, this is a \$2400 savings to the school this year. But all of the cheer parents realizing that times are tough agreed with this expense and are willing to pay it.
  2. Uniforms, equipment, and camp clothes are estimated to be up to \$600, an expense that has always been paid by the cheerleader herself, and again an expense that parents expect and are willing to pay.
  3. The cheerleaders are expected to decorate the town, the school, the buses, cars, etc., and guess where this money comes from? Straight from the girls. They are allowed to do one fund raiser, but while looking at \$900 up front with decorations still to come this would have to be a huge fund raiser, one that of course is almost impossible. However, the decorations do get there, and again no complaints for those donations by the parents, after all it is expected.

Now, so far the girls have put in up to \$1000, the school has put in \$0. Now comes the issue of transportation to games. Evidently, it is too expensive to send 8 cheerleaders and one mascot to the games because they cannot all fit in one suburban, with two sponsors going. Now, I really don't know why 6 cheerleaders would need two sponsors. I do know in the past this was done differently, but I am okay with this, I understand things do change. However, back then, we just rode the band bus and transportation was not an issue. This would seem to still be an excellent solution to the transportation problem. This coming year we cannot send two suburban due to the high cost. Well here is my solution. If I am willing to pay close to \$1000 for my cheerleader, then I would be willing to buy that tank of gas so the girls can have a team they can feel proud to be a part of. I think we have 5 out of town willing, and usually both suburban go anyway. Might as well fill up with a school sponsored group.

You may wonder why I am making such a big deal about two fewer girls on the team. Number one is safety. At camp the girls learn many stunts that require spotters for safety. The girls would like to be able to perform these stunts at home, but without enough girls this is impossible. Second is just the overall strength in numbers. That is voice strength. I know many people think the cheerleaders weren't loud enough this year. But as their squad went from 8, to 7, then 5, and finally four, how were they supposed to be all that loud? The cheer squad needs enough people to be able to work the whole stands and be loud enough to be heard. Third is the fact of possibly losing one of the members of the team due to injury, sickness, or failure. Five of the six current cheerleaders are also athletes playing volleyball, basketball etc. It is possible an injury could occur and the team would immediately be right back where they were this year, with too few people to be heard. However, if there were 8 members, as it has always been, then if an injury occurs the team is not devastated. And lastly, I have to say the larger squads just look better. I don't think I am the only one who thinks this because when I was coach and we had a large squad we got many compliments from our town about how good we looked and sounded.

But really isn't the true issue just a matter of WHY? Why do we really need to cut two girls? The cheer team is now probably the only self sufficient traveling group. All expenses are on them, they practice after all other after school sport practices are done, and of course they must always be smiling and spirited. But that's OK, they all agree to this. So instead of taking away 2 girls which will not cost the school any money, I ask our trustees to please reconsider this decision and allow the team to have eight girls, as it has been for years. I don't understand why we want to regulate and restrict the team that costs the school the least amount of money. Again, I ask that decisions to "tear down" stop being made. Let's "build up" instead. These girls deserve a squad of 8, it's what has been done for years, it is what was expected again this year. I really see no justifiable reason for this "last minute" change, one that no one was even aware was an issue under consideration. The decision can still be reversed for the next school year. There are 16 girls trying out for high school cheerleader, they will all be ranked, it will be possible to pick the top 8.

I encourage anyone agreeing with me to tell our board of trustees and administration. It is the only way they will know what the fans of Gorman want. I understand our school board often hears complaints about one group or another, it is time for them to hear the good and encouraging words also. The cheerleaders do a lot for our town, let's pay it forward, and support them having 8 members. Thank you for reading this letter and please note that it was written after March 1, after try-outs. My opinion was not written for just one girl, but for all the girls because I believe they deserve to be heard, and they deserve a good, strong, safe, group that can be competitive at camp. Then they can bring home what they have learned and share it with their town and team whom they represent.

Sincerely,  
Becky Swanner

## Carbon Volunteer Fire Department FISH FRY

The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department will have a Fish Fry on March 31st at the Carbon Community Baptist Church. Menu includes fish, hush puppies, french fries, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink. Serving begins at 5 P.M. and end sat 7 P.M. Cost for Adults is \$8.00 and \$5.00 for Children.

The wives of firemen are reminded to please bring a dessert — any other ladies are welcome to also participate. (Please call Mittie Bledsoe - 254-639-2494.)

Please Come Join Us For A Good Meal And Support A Good Cause.  
Thank You For Your Help.







## Pig Tales From Hogtown

We had a large crowd for breakfast at the DAC last Saturday! Thanks to all who attended.

Johnny Johnson's band will be at the DAC next Saturday night, March 14th. The concession stand opens at 6:00 and the music starts at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

The following Tuesday, March 13 will be our first jam session with acoustic instruments.

Come and join us whether you plan an instrument or not. I am looking forward to listening to some great music.

Don't forget to come to the Italian dinner that we are planning for March 24th. I can't wait to see what these great Desdemona cooks come up with for that. The Mexican dinner was wonderful and I am sure the Italian dinner will be the same.

Our craft show will be April 21st this year. If you would like more information, please call me at 254-758-2420.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

## House District 60 Republican Primary Election Date and Boundaries Set

State Representative Jim Keffer announces updated district wide grassroots leadership team and looks forward to once again working hard to earn the support of the conservative voters across the district.

**Eastland, TX**—Republican primary voters in the newly drawn Texas House District 60 which includes Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Hood, Palo Pinto, Shackelford and Stephens Counties will have the opportunity to vote for conservative State Representative Jim Keffer on May 29, 2012.

Over the past several months, Rep. Keffer has been traveling the district meeting with voters and establishing an impressive grassroots leadership team which includes over 200 elected officials, conservative leaders and community activists from each of the 8 counties.

Long known for being a taxpayer "watchdog," it is estimated that Rep. Keffer's taxcutting legislation has saved Texas families, homeowners and businesses billions of tax dollars. Earlier this year, Keffer started an online petition website calling for a balanced federal budget. The site - [www.balanceourfederalbudgetnow.com](http://www.balanceourfederalbudgetnow.com) - has received thousands of visits and signatures from taxpayers in House District 60 and across the state. As promised, Rep. Keffer later delivered the petition and signatures to members of Congress, and his efforts were referenced on the floor of the US House of Representatives.

"Hood County and the rest of the district have benefited greatly from Jim Keffer's taxcutting legislation and leadership," Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds said. "It has to be one of our top priorities that he remains our strong conservative voice in Austin." In addition to being a taxpayer "watchdog," Jim has also fought to protect local rural interests. During the past session he fought and prevented the closure of Ranger College and other community colleges across Texas. He also helped pass a balanced state budget without raising taxes, voter photo ID legislation, eminent domain reform, stronger pro-life legislation, and additional 2nd amendment freedoms. Jim also co-founded the "Republican Party of Texas Debt Busters" program that helped get the Republican Party of Texas out of debt.

For his accomplishments during the past session Jim was rated by Texas Monthly magazine as one of the Top Ten Legislators and was also recently rated by Capitol Inside political newsletter as one of the Top Ten Legislators of the past decade. "There is no question that Jim is the best person to represent us in the Texas House," Former Brownwood Mayor Bert Massey said. "He fights to keep our taxes low, listens to the concerns of his constituents and delivers real results for the district. I'm proud to be on his campaign leadership team." Rep. Keffer has also been one of the states leading voices fighting against the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) gross overreach and abuse of power.

Recently, he has helped lead the charge opposing the EPA's decision to include Hood County in the DFW non-attainment zone which could greatly hinder the county's efforts to attract new small businesses.

In the coming months, Rep. Keffer will continue to travel to each county in the district and meet with individuals to discuss local issues, personally ask for support and build on his grassroots leadership team.

"It is a true honor to have the support of so many respected leaders and friends from this district," Rep. Keffer said. "Our campaign is open to all House District 60 citizens who share our commitment to defending our children, our community, and our conservative values. I also pledge to continue being a taxpayer watchdog and protecting our local rural interests in the Texas legislature."

Jim and his wife, Leslie, first met at a church summer camp in East Texas. This year, they will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary and have 3 grown sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. Keffer is president of EBAA Iron Sales, Inc. and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. EBAA Iron is a family owned and operated iron foundry business with plants in Eastland and Albany, Texas and is one of the largest employers in his community. Jim has also given generously of his time in the community. He has served as Deacon and Sunday School Teacher in the first Baptist Church of Eastland, Past President of the Eastland Little League and is active with economic development through his local Chamber of Commerce and in the Texas Association of Business.

For more information on Rep. Jim Keffer's conservative record of accomplishments and how to join his grassroots leadership team, please visit [www.jimkeffer.com](http://www.jimkeffer.com).

## CCC Revises Schedules for Upland Cotton Loan Rate Differentials

WASHINGTON, Mar 5, 2012 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced revised loan rate ranges and base-quality ranges for upland cotton strength and length uniformity, and changes to the staple lengths for which distinct color and leaf loan rate differentials are provided.

CCC uses measures of strength and length uniformity in determining the price support value of a bale of upland cotton. The base-quality ranges for these factors are those for which loan rate premiums and discounts do not apply.

Effective with the loan schedule for 2012 crop upland cotton, the value ranges for strength and length uniformity loan rate adjustments will be denoted in whole units, consistent with the price reporting of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). For example, the 2011-crop loan adjustments were provided for ranges such as 25.5 - 26.4 grams per tex for strength and 79.5 - 82.4 percent for length uniformity. Effective for the 2012 crop, whole-unit ranges are established such as 25.0 - 25.9 grams per tex for strength and 80.0 - 80.9 percent for length uniformity.

Effective with the 2012 crop loan schedule, the base quality range for strength is established at 26.0 - 28.9 grams per tex and for length uniformity at 80.0 - 81.9 percent. These new ranges are consistent with AMS price reporting and the objectives of the marketing assistance loan program.

CCC is also revising the upland cotton staple lengths for which distinct differentials are provided. All upland cotton having staple lengths of 31/32-inch and shorter will be subject to one distinct schedule of color grade and leaf differentials. Additionally, upland cotton of staple length 37/32-inch will be subject to color grade and leaf differentials separate from those applicable to all upland cotton of staple lengths of 38/32-inch and longer.

To inquire about these revisions to loan rate base-quality ranges, please contact Gene Rosera, Economic and Policy Analysis Staff at (202) 720-8837 or by e-mail at [Gene.Rosera@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Gene.Rosera@wdc.usda.gov).

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## USDA Seeks Applications for Economic Development Funding To Create Jobs in Rural Areas

WASHINGTON, March 5, 2012 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that USDA is seeking applications for loans and grants to help rural businesses create jobs and spur economic development. The funding is being provided under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program.

"Boosting access to capital sparks job creation and revitalizes the rural economy," said Vilsack. "USDA works in partnership with cooperatives and utilities across America, and we intend to utilize this program to leverage federal and private investments to put rural residents to work."

Eligible recipients are USDA rural utilities program borrowers. Those recipients pass the funds to local organizations. The funding is leveraged to create projects that retain or create jobs and upgrade public infrastructure. The maximum amount of funding for any one project is \$1 million for loans and \$300,000 for grants.

Organizations use REDLG funds to create jobs and improve services. For example, the Utilities District of Western Indiana received a REDLG loan and grant in 2011 to construct an elevated water storage tank and supply lines. The project will serve a technology park and two communities, creating nearly 400 jobs.

USDA plans to award up to \$79 million in loan and \$10 million in grants through the program. The deadline for submitting applications is the last business day of each month through September 30th of 2012. Applications must be submitted to the Rural Development state office where the project will be located. A list of these offices is available on the USDA Rural Development web site, <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html>, or on page 12792 of the March 2 Federal Register, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-02/pdf/2012-5043.pdf>.

Since taking office, President Obama's Administration has taken historic steps to improve the lives of rural Americans, put people back to work and build thriving economies in rural communities. From proposing the American Jobs Act to establishing the first-ever White House Rural Council – chaired by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack – the President wants the federal government to be the best possible partner for rural businesses and entrepreneurs and for people who want to live, work and raise their families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$165 billion in affordable loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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## Richard Barron Participates in Environmental Study with HSU Honors Program

ABILENE, TX (03/05/2012)(readMedia)-- When Richard Barron of Carbon, Texas, came to Hardin-Simmons University to participate in the Honors Program, he had no idea he would be studying ecosystems in the Guadalupe Mountains and visiting what is known to be one of the most beautiful places in Texas.

Barron and 24 other students in the Discourse in Science and Math honors class left just before sun-up on March 1, 2012, to explore the far reaches of West Texas where it touches New Mexico at the Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

Dr. Mark Ouimette, professor of geology and director of the Environmental Sciences Program, and Dr. Rick Hammer, associate professor of biology, co-teach the class, which allows students to study natural history in real settings.

Hammer says the students will review some of the lessons learned during a recent visual experiment with string. Two weeks ago, students did a little prepping for the trip. Standing in a circle on the front lawn of Sid Richardson Science Center, Hammer used bits of string to connect students representing different parts of the ecosystem.

Ouimette says they will use headlamps during a visit in a primitive cave in Slaughter Canyon, a tour led by national park rangers and volunteers. Ouimette says the rangers also instruct the students on safety regarding cave exploration and dangers presented by area wildlife.

Hammer says students are also seeing one of the places lauded as one of the most beautiful in Texas, McKittrick Canyon, and visiting Carlsbad Caverns through its natural entrance. "One of the things we continue to discuss on a trip like this is outdoor ethics and how to practice having a low impact on our environment," says Hammer.

Only 80 students can participate in the honors minor in interdisciplinary studies at HSU, which allows students to participate in areas of study that offer intriguing information outside of their major field. Honors students get a hefty scholarship, and three students are chosen to receive the Leland full-tuition scholarship each fall semester.

## WALKER (DUB) WELLBORN TO JUDGE ART IN BLOOM ART SHOW AND SALE

Artists of Eastland County cordially invites artists within 150 miles of Eastland, TX to compete in their annual Art In Bloom art show and sale, scheduled for April 21-22, 2012, to be held in the Eastland County Museum and Historical Society, 112114 South Seaman, Eastland, TX.

Judge for this year's show is Walker (Dub) Wellborn of Abilene. He is currently an active Signature Artist at the Center for Contemporary Arts, downtown Abilene, exhibiting there for over 20 years. He is experienced as a technical, advertising, and editorial illustrator along with teaching art at college since 2002. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Digital Art program at Texas State Technical College West Texas, Abilene and teaches figurative drawing at ACU and McMurry University. He also teaches fine art painting, elemental 2D design and multimedia courses at McMurry. His paintings and drawings have been exhibited in solo or group exhibitions in West Texas and Houston. Several of his latest solo painting shows are now on exhibit at the McMurry University Furr Welcome Center and Bogie's Specialty Deli, downtown Abilene.

Well known artist Katherine Gordon Rice will act as Docent.

Cash and prize awards exceeding \$2,100.00 will be awarded. Categories are Oil, Graphic, Watercolor, Photography and Sculpture. Professional entries are not eligible for awards.

Students in grades 6 through sophomore year in college are encouraged to attend and enter. Last year there were over 60 entries by students and we welcome many more. A special entry fee of \$5.00 per painting is available to students. Regular entry fee is \$15.00 per item or 3 for \$40.00 with a limit of 3 entries per person.

Entries will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sat., April 21. Opening hours on Sunday are at 1:00 p.m. The award ceremony, hosted by Cecil Funderburgh, will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2012 with a buffet to follow. Brochures and further information may be received by contacting Linda Tiner, President, at 631-7248; Joy Conner, Vice-President, at 629-3290; Ruth Espinoza, Secretary, at 647-1436; or Martha Elliott, Treasurer, at 442-1208.

Artists of Eastland County are a 501 (c) (3) organization.

## Gorman City Minutes

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Commissioners Durward Webb, and Joe Casey. Absent were Kenneth Good and David Stanley. Others present were Leland Rainey, Lori Dodd, Joe McFarland, Jo Ann Fraley and Daniel Fraley.

Durward 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. Joe made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 meeting with a second from Durward. Motion carried.

Durward made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting with a second from Joe. Motion carried.

Durward made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Joe made a second. Motion carried.

No department head reports were given. Daniel and Jo Ann Fraley asked for the City Commission's help in getting their neighbor to stop hauling in so much junk, and to do something with the animals that are there. Apparently the neighbor doesn't even live or stay there.

Durward made the motion to pay the bond premium for the Rural Development Grant/Loan. Joe made a second. Motion carried. Tacy will check with Todd Powell before paying the fee on 3 employees for this bond.

Joe McFarland and Lori Dodd of RC&D presented an explanation of the SEP Fund. SEP funds can be targeted towards low income families. Mr. McFarland explained that the proceeds from SEP can only be used toward the meter hook ups on a line, but this could aid in the installation of the new line down State Highway 8 to Desdemona. Joe made the motion to accept SEP funding once TCEQ approves the use of these funds for this particular project. Durward made a second. Motion carried.

Joe made the motion to hold the 2012 City General Election with the Gorman I S D. and approve the appointment of Judd Maxfield as the Election Judge. Durward made a second. Motion carried. Mr. Maxfield will find election workers.

No action was taken on item 10.

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

## Items of interest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Stan Harper, Master – 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



## Homestead Happenings

Well it looks like March has come in like a Lion and spring is on its way with everything budding out.

We would like to welcome Melissa Strickland and Andrea Moland to our Homestead Family. Melissa is our new D.O.N. Melissa is from Rising Star and Andrea is our new dietary supper visor. Come by and meet Melissa and Andrea.

Everyone enjoyed Mardi Gras. We had our annual Mardi Gras Parade and that afternoon we had fresh pancakes right off the griddle. Last Tuesday afternoon was our monthly birthday party. Thanks once again to Amy Wood for the beautiful, delicious cake.

Everyone has enjoyed the Homestead Country Store. Residents earn Homestead Bucks by attending certain activities. The Country Store is open twice a month giving the residents have the opportunity to go shopping. We have a big variety of items ranging from \$1.00 to \$15.00.

Ruth Reeves of Dallas visited Mary Kirk. Jeff, Lance, Denise Chamberlain of Midlothian visited Adriana Chamberlain. Marge Churchville of Ft. Worth, Faye Faulk of Cisco, Kenneth Welch and B.E. Simpson visited Edgar Reynolds. Dalia Rodriguez and Emilia Chapa of Orange Grove visited Lilly Rubio, Beckey Smith of Rising Star, Martha Overstreet and Pam Childers visited JoAnn Murdoch. Rusty and Claudia Simmons visited Sue Simmons. Pastor Eric Stinnett of Cisco visited Lula Schneider, Ellen, James and Rachel Tucker and Emory Taylor visited Robin Taylor. Visiting Nell Kennedy were Nell and Charles Kennedy of Olden and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bosworth and Addie of Lake Leon. Francis Babbitt visited Bill Babbitt. Visiting Leta Hogan were Bubba and Lori Hogan, Beia and Harold Schkade and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Hogan and Aiden of Albany. This was the first time Leta had got to meet her newest great grand son Aiden. Also visiting with Leta were Carol Skinner and Gary Norris of Eastland, Eddie Hogan and Carroll Wayne Hogan.

Visiting with Rozell Caraway were Faye Faulk of Cisco, Kathy Scitern and Bo Caraway.

Don't forget to spring forward on Sunday. Have a good week.

## Happenings At FBC!!

Go! Go right in a world gone wrong; follow Christ the Lord!

Mark your calendars:

**March 10th - 8am** - Brotherhood Breakfast - Come for a fantastic time in the Lord!

**March 11th - Daylight Savings Time** - Remember to Spring Forward One Hour.

**Wednesdays:** TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends! It's fun to learn about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Traci took a deep breath and let it out; then asked the children what it was and they all said, "Breathing!" Together they all held their breath so there was a sea of puffy cheeks. One little boy said he could hold his breath forever because he was still breathing through his nose! Ha! Traci explained that breathing makes the inside of our body fresh and clean; in with oxygen and out with carbon dioxide. In I Thessalonians 5:17 we're told to praying without ceasing and that means without stopping. Praying lets the good stuff into our soul and cleans the bad stuff out. So pray a lot, pray all day.

Special Music: Sarah Jackson is expecting to deliver their baby boy, Grayson, next month, and she sang so radiantly "I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop" accompanied by Phillip, Joe, and Robert. What an amazing blessing for all to hear!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Reality Jesus" - Psalm 34:8 (NLT) The birth of "Reality TV" took the world by storm, a movie camera capturing real people in real situations. People say they can't wait to get to Heaven, and enjoy songs that give them Hope in Glory. Heaven is the "afterward", what about now? What have you done for Jesus lately? What has Jesus done for you? Devastating tornados have ravaged the heart of America, and one woman interviewed was actually lifted up into the funnel. She said with a smile that she wasn't scared because she knows where she's going so the outcome would be good or better. Those who need Jesus are glowing. Psalm 34:1) I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. 2) I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart. 3) Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together. 4) I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. 5) Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. 6) In my desperation I prayed, and the LORD listened; he saved me from all my troubles. 7) For the angel of the LORD is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him. 8) Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! This Is Reality: (1) Boasting in the LORD. - Go to Jesus now! Children of God have the answer, Jesus will help you today so don't wait until tomorrow. Walk in the Lord with radiant joy, only to share with others. (2) Information. - The greatest book of all time is the Holy Bible. Within the Bible vast information can be managed. (3) Revelation. - "Unveiling the End of the World". People that have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior don't just know Him, they have "experienced" Him in their heart. "Reveal" Jesus in your life from your heart. Information Works On Sunny Days. - We are taught by the Bible and we know all about God through Jesus. Revelation Works On Sunny, Dark, and Stormy Days. - Without the "Revelation" of experience Jesus we are like the blind leading the blind in total darkness. Without Jesus the Bible is just information, but with Jesus the Holy Spirit moves and we are led by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Barry challenges each person to draw a circle around yourself, and within your personal circle experience "Reality Jesus". Struggles, troubles, and heartache must go through God to enter your circle. May the Lord revive your soul with His peace and radiant joy. In the name of Jesus, may you taste and see that the Lord is good. Amen.

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 mornings - please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**First Baptist Church of Desdemona** continues to have average attendance each Sunday. Visitors last Sunday attended from Blanket and Stephenville. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson, Jana and all the members invites visitors to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Worship Service.

**"Happy Birthday"** to our friend, Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley near Houston. Alla Rae and this reporter were classmates during our school years in Desdemona.

Virgil Holdman recently suffered a stroke and his wife, Jo recently had surgery. They are in a hospital in the Metroplex at this time. Virgil and Jo recently moved from Desdemona to the Metroplex.

Albert Holdman is having some health problems at this time. Albert lives in Desdemona and he is a brother to Virgil. Friends of Desdemona send Get Well Wishes to the Holdman Family and to others on the sick list in our Community.

This reporter would like to say "Hi" to our friend, Crissy and to say we are thinking about her at this time.

**Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion** will be held on **Saturday, August 11, 2012** at the ole school gym. Morning program will begin at 10:00 a.m. Followed by the noon meal - Then lots of visiting with former classmates and friends. Mark your calendar for this date and make plans to attend. If anyone has a change of address, please contact this reporter at P. O. Box 187, Desemona, Texas 76445. Your help will be appreciated.

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday morning, March 12th at the Community Center (former school building). Make plans to arrive at 9:00 a.m. To enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. This special is always held on the second Monday morning of each month. Visitors are welcome.

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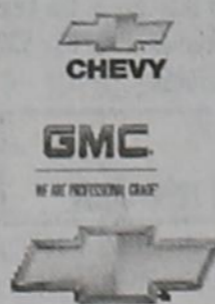
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