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Join The UMC In Welcoming New Preacher To Gorman

You are cordially invited to attend a Welcoming and Get Acquainted Reception for Sharon and Bob Bell on Sunday, July 1st from 2 to 4 p.m. at Gorman United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Please join us in wishing them God's Blessings as Sharon begins her ministry in Gorman.

Please join us for a
Bridal Shower

honoring

Marty Sanchez, bride-elect of Don Rodgers

Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 2 p.m.

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Charlie Garrett Memorial Library Missing Large Number of Books

Dear Library Patrons:

In the process of taking inventory at our library we have noticed a large number of missing books. Our guess is that most of these have been "forgotten" by our loyal readers, ie. YOU! If you would please look through your book shelves and return any overdue books it would be greatly appreciated. Some of these books are quite popular and we do get requests for them.

Overdue fines on all books (no matter how long they have been out) will be forgiven until July 18th. That gives everyone one month to locate any missing books. After that time the fee for overdue books will be 25 cents per day for each day the book is late.

We are very fortunate here in Gorman to have an excellent library and to have volunteers that are willing to give of their time (at no cost to the city) to keep the library open. Please help us keep our library the best it can be by returning books on time so that all patrons may have access to the whole collection.

Recently we have received an excellent donations of books from the Tocker Foundation. These are all books written about Texas by Texas authors. Come in and see all the new and great books in your library.

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open Monday thru Friday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday mornings from 9 to 12 noon.

Thank you,
The Board

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library

Routine Monitoring Violation (TCR 23/24)

City of Gorman, PWS #0670003 failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during April, 2007. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit 2

Bacteriological samples each month. Failure to collect all required bacteriological samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact Glenn Scitem, maintenance supervisor @ 254-734-2317.

First Annual Gorman Softball Camp For Girls Set July 9-13

Signup for the first annual Gorman Softball Camp for Girls - 1st grade thru 8th grade. It will be held July 9th thru July 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the old softball field, by the tennis courts. The price will be \$30.00 per child, and then \$10.00 for every child after the first child is entered. On the last day of camp we will give out awards for participation, however, there will be special awards given for those who stand out in certain areas. We will work on batting, fielding, pitching, catching, and other basic softball fundamentals. This is a good opportunity for young girls to learn the basics of softball and improve their skills in all areas.

For information or to enter a child contact Kendra Swanner at 254-734-5464 or Nikki Keith at 254-485-7181. Registration will start at 3:15 on the 9th.

You Are Invited To Join Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to become a member of the Chamber and help us with community activities. Each year we participate in the following projects: the County Stock Show, the Annual Chamber Banquet, the Easter Treasure Hunt, the Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contest, annual scholarships for Gorman High graduates, the Peanut Festival, and the Santa Visit each December along with other projects that benefit our community, children, and citizens. Annual dues are as follows:

Individual - \$20.00

Small Business - \$75.00

Large Business - \$150

To join you can mail your dues to PO Box 266, Gorman, TX 76454 or call Terry at 734-3171 or George at 734-2859 for more information.

Fish Fry To Benefit Carbon Community Center

A Benefit Fish Fry is planned for Friday night, June 29th at the Carbon Community Center, from 6:00 til 9:00 p.m. Fried Chicken will be available for those people who do not care for fish. Take outs will also be available. Donations will be taken at the door.

The Community Center experience water damage from burst frozen pipes during the winter. Insurance generously replaced most of the damage but more is needed. Please attend the benefit.

If you would like more information you may contact Bobby or Faye Tucker and/or Mitzi McGaha, all of Carbon.

Four Attend Lamb Camp At Howard College in Big Springs

Kodie Sparger, Katherine (Beth) Woodall, Madison Warren and Haley Majors attended Lamb Camp June 17-19th. 200 kids attended this three day camp.

The girls were given hands on training in feeding and caring for their lambs, washing and shearing, and showmanship. They enjoyed three days of hard work but had a lot of fun! Katherine (Beth) also won a door prize of a bucket of feed additives. Kodie also won the lamb cover door prize sponsored by a major feed company.

Reception Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Whitehorn Set July 1st

There will be a Reception at Heritage Manor of Gorman on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 p.m. honoring Mr. and Mrs. Whitehorn on their 70th Wedding Anniversary. The reception is planned by their children.

Gorman City Commission Minutes

JUNE 21, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular session on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez, Don Underwood, and Nathan Files. Others present were Barbara Fenley, Vicki Seay, and Billy Carson.

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

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Don made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No action on Citizens In Put. No citizens present. Nathan reported that the back hoe repair would run approximately \$1600. Also Nathan had Vicki Seay to put together a report on past years of fines revenue. This report contained the total revenue collected, amount paid to the state, and the city's portion.

Barbara had some questions concerning security issues on park related functions.

At 6:15 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive session. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:00 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive session and return to Regular Open session. Don made a second. Motion carried.

No decisions or action was taken on the replacement of Debra Clark. The Commission discussed reorganizing the Commissioners places. This will be put on the next agenda. Also Appointing Library board members will be put on the next agenda.

Tacy needs to call TCEQ about the signature requirement on the DMR report.

There being no further business for discussion. Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe, time was 7:15 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, JULY 18TH FROM 9 - NOON

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

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

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

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

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Continue Their Fundraisers

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman contests are coming to an end. The contests will end Saturday June 30th at 12 noon. All winners will be announced at the pageant on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

We urge everyone to come out and see who will represent Gorman in 2007.

Our reigning Miss Gorman, Reba Granado, and our Little Miss Gorman, Briana Landa, will crown the new Miss and Little Miss. These girls represented Gorman very well in many parades, and many other special events. We appreciate them very much.

Fund raising projects are still underway for our Miss Gorman candidates. Give them your support.

Miss Gorman Contestants:

Perla Maldonado-Chamber of Commerce

Michaela Burns-- Fire Department

Brittany Henderson-- Lion's Club

Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contestants:

Caitlyn Clark-- Chamber of Commerce

Kelsie Guthery-- Fire Dept.

Makenzie Rainey-- Lion's Club

The proceeds will go to community projects. We appreciate everyone's support to these projects and our town.

Meeting To Discuss New Animal Rescue Center

There will be a meeting on Thursday, June 28th at 5:30 in the East Room of the Connellee to discuss the possibility of a new animal rescue/adoption center in Eastland. The plans are for this to be a county wide project. On hand to answer questions will be; Kathy O'Shields from the Breckenridge Humane Society, Cheryl Campbell of the Corrine T. Smith Animal Center in Brownwood and Mary Tolbert from Rising Star who is very active in animal rescue, adoption and placement. There is a great need for a new facility in Eastland and thus far the response and interest has been great. Please come and show your support to help our furry friends.

Gorman Lady Horns Go Undeclared



Gorman Lady Horns place first in Tri County 8 and under girls coach pitch softball and will play in Cisco July 2-5 2007 for the district tournament. Vanessa Longoria, Kodie Sparger, Becky Mata, Bailey Underwood, Mayra Ramirez, Katalina Landa, Mayra Gutierrez, Jessica Montelongo, Briana Landa, Danette Lara and Jessica Ramirez

Happenings At FBC

Great things are happening — we had 5 baptisms on Sunday morning. The house was filled with parents, grandparents, and other relatives to witness these accepting Christ into their lives. What a great time!

Lots of activities, with youth camp coming up. We are in the middle of remodeling the nursery. New furniture, and updating. Its really going to be nice when finished. Overseeing and planning was done by Michaly and Angela Clark. They are doing a great job! Every department has ongoing plans to upgrade for our expanding need.

Missionary Craig Rogers is home for a break. He will be going back in August and has plans for other trips later in the year. While on a trip with youth, he fell and broke his arm, but is doing well one armed.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Up the Wrong Tree" Luke 19:1-5

We have all heard the story of Zaccheus. 1. He sought Jesus; we need to put ourselves where Jesus is, and unblock our hearts. 2. He put himself where he could see and hear Jesus; we need to hunger for the life Jesus offers. What am I doing to put my life in the way of Jesus? 3. Focus on the gift of God's Grace; It is not earned — and we need to accept the gift. 4. Rearrange Life's Priorities; Let Jesus take control and put things in proper order. Where Can I Find The Nearest Sycamore Tree?

Come and join with us --- you will be glad you did.

CITY OFFICE NEWS AND REMINDERS

ALLIED / BFI would like for this office to remind our residents that the poly carts need to be at the edge of the street, and open back towards your house, please.

Only items in the poly carts will be picked up. If you have more than one poly cart, please place them about 5 feet apart on pick up day. We really appreciate your cooperation during the transition to the one day pick up. If you have experienced any problems with trash pick up. Please notify this office @ 734-2317. Please report your problems as soon as you are aware of them.

HOUSE NUMBERS

If you do not have your house number clearly marked on your house, please make an effort to do so. Put the number on your house close or near the front entrance, or mark it somewhere in the front by the driveway entrance, etc. It is essential in the event of an actual emergency to be able to identify your address. Use at least a 4" size number or larger to be easily visible.

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

The children of T. D. and Patty Whitehorn would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join them on Sunday July 1st at 2:00 at Heritage Manor as they honor their parents with a 70th wedding anniversary celebration. No gifts please.

There will be no afternoon church services on that date.

We had a great birthday party on Monday following gospel singing. We had 3 birthdays this month. T.D. Whitehorn's birthday was on June 15th, Lottie Morris' will be June 29, and Myrtle Davidson's will be June 30. Amy Wood donated the cake again this month. She does a super job. Thanks Amy. Frances Warren gave each of those with a birthday a crocheted cross. Thank you Frances. It takes community involvement to have a great nursing home...thank you everyone for your help.



Our residents are still going strong making pens and now everyone wants to learn how to make a pen, so we will be having 2 pen workshops. The first one will be held on July 5th from 8:30-11:30 and July 6th from 1:30-5:30. The second one is scheduled to be held July 11th from 8:30-11:30 and July 12th from 1:30-3:30. We will only be able to accommodate 5 at each session. Age limit is 7th grade and up. Cost of \$5.00 per pen.

To sign up, call 734-2202 and ask for Ina. The residents are excited to be able to teach everyone how to make a pen.

Visiting Troy Scitern were Lois Lord of Cleburne, Jenneva Dillard of Mustang, OK., Van Phelps of Huston, Louise Clinkler of Abilene, Johnny and Susannah Magin of Lingleville, and Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney. LaVerne took Troy out to the farm for a visit with Johnny Scitern.

Visiting Imogene Norris was Rozelle Caraway of Eastland, Lisa and Randy Lewis of Stephenville, and Jeanna Pack of Carbon.

Floydene and Carolyn Gilbert visited with Eunice Love, and Lottie Morris. Others visiting with Lottie were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kay and Gene Snider, Jerry and Virginia Skaggs.

Jerry Majors of DeLeon visited with her mother, Lavona Sharp.

Clyde To Mark 100th Birthday July 6 and 7

The Clyde Community invites everyone to help celebrate our 100th Birthday. The celebration weekend will be July 6th & 7th. A street dance Friday night will feature a DJ, Eric Logan from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. and then at 10 p.m. the group Ten Mile Crossing will play till midnight. Historical displays, historical artifacts, crafts, food, Blue Bell Ice-cream and art exhibits will be on show in the downtown; Historical documentary with narration, video, pictures, music and Antique Tractor and Car Show at the Junior High Auditorium. The Bar-B-Que brisket cook-off registration is Friday at 5 p.m. at the Clyde Lake. Horseshoes, washers, volleyball, anvil toss and beach volleyball will be enjoyed. The kid games will include egg toss, balloon toss and sack race and then all will enjoy fireworks at Clyde Lake. These are just a few of the planned activities. Most of the events will be free to the public.

We want a big turnout for the Centennial Celebration. Please consider this an official invite to our party.

For information call the City of Clyde at 325-893-4234 concerning the Bar-B-Que cook-off entries and the arts and craft booths, or the Clyde Chamber of commerce at 325-893-4221 for general information.

Process Begins For Heavy Equipment Operator Training

A cooperative partnership between the West Central Texas Workforce Center, the Cisco Development Corporation, Cisco Junior College, and the Eastland Development Corporation has made possible the introduction of a 6-week training course in Heavy Equipment Operation. Upon successful completion of this course, students will have a basic knowledge of equipment operations, equipment safety, preventative maintenance, and job site safety. Operation of a skid steer loader, backhoe/loader, dozer, excavator, and rubber tire loader will be included in the training. At the conclusion, students will receive a certificate of completion from the Texas Engineering Extension Service, as well as an OSHA-recognized safety certification for heavy equipment operators. In addition, students completing the training will be invited to an interview with area employers.

The 160-hour training class will be limited to ten students, and classes will begin on July 9th and run through August 9th. Training will be held Monday-Friday at the Cisco Junior College campus in Cisco, and daily attendance is mandatory. Interested individuals may pick up an application packet at the Abilene, Brownwood, Sweetwater, or Snyder Workforce Centers or download an application packet at www.workforcesystem.org. The deadline to submit completed application forms to any of the Workforce Center locations above is June 18th, 2007. For additional information, contact Diane Signer at (325) 795-4200 or Tommy Horner at (325) 646-1591.

CAPITOL COMMENT



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



U.S. SENATOR

A Missed Opportunity On Energy

High energy costs have a tremendously adverse impact on our economy and our daily lives. Studies have shown that each time oil prices rise by 10 percent, the negative effect on our national economy results in the loss of 150,000 American jobs. In addition, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that by 2030, the United States will consume 28 percent more oil than we do today. Unfortunately, the U.S. Senate recently missed an opportunity to confront our growing dependence on foreign oil by passing an energy bill which does nothing to ease high gas prices or increase our energy supply.

The high cost of foreign oil is the largest single contributor to the record gasoline prices we are experiencing this summer. Over 60 percent of our petroleum comes from overseas—almost all of it from members of the OPEC cartel or third-world nations ruled by dictators who are hostile to America and collude with state sponsors of terrorism. Common sense says that we must control our own energy supply and not leave it to the whims of foreign despots who seek to harm us.

Thankfully, there is a way out of this trap. America is a land of abundant natural resources and immeasurable ingenuity. We must be willing to tap both these assets to increase energy production within our own borders. The Alaskan National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), for example, could potentially provide 1 million barrels of oil per day—a 20 percent increase over current domestic production—but short-sighted policies have blocked exploration there for decades. And, even though the Outer Continental Shelf has enough natural gas to heat 100 million homes for 60 years and enough oil to drive 85 million cars for 35 years, the Senate voted down amendments to end a 25-year ban on expanded production there. Some Senators cited environmental concerns, but neglected to mention that ANWR is the size of South Carolina and the area that would be explored is smaller than DFW Airport. In addition, advances in modern technology allow us to explore for the energy we need with very minimal ecological impact.

This bill also failed to address a dangerous lack of refining capacity in the United States. A new refinery has not been built in America in 30 years, but our demand for gasoline and petrochemicals continues to rise. As we painfully experienced in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, refinery setbacks can inflate energy prices enormously. The notoriously bureaucratic federal licensing process has dissuaded many companies from building new facilities, yet the Senate voted down an amendment I co-sponsored to remove these regulatory roadblocks.

Rather than encourage domestic energy production, some Senators attempted to amend the energy bill with provisions that would have burdened our oil and gas industry with approximately \$29 billion in new taxes. The last thing we should be doing is discouraging domestic

USDA ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF \$1 MILLION IN RURAL HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

WASHINGTON, June 20, 2007 -- Agriculture Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner announced today that USDA Rural Development is seeking applications for \$1 million in counseling and technical assistance grants to help rural residents obtain adequate housing and to reduce the level of delinquent payments among borrowers.

"These grants will help community- and faith-based organizations reach out to rural residents in need of safe, affordable housing," Conner said. "Rural Development helped nearly 43,000 families become homeowners in 2006. Programs like the one announced today help rural residents remain in their homes."

Half of the money will be targeted to five states with high levels of rural poverty and substandard housing and states that were severely impacted by major natural disasters. These states are California, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The remainder of the money will be awarded through a national competition. No more than one grant per state will be awarded. Non-profit and community organizations are eligible for grants up to \$100,000.

The deadline for submitting pre-applications is July 20, 2007. Applications and complete program instructions are available at any Area Office listed on the USDA Rural Development website at www.rurdev.usda.gov. Federal grant application forms are available in electronic format at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_forms.html.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development has invested more than \$76.8 billion since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Oink! Oink! What a great time we had at the Bluegrass Jamfest last Saturday at the DAC! Thank you to all who came and to Kathryn Moore for spearheading the occasion for us. The music all day was wonderful. We had musicians playing inside and out on the porch. It was so much fun to listen to these folks who get together and play just because they love to. The concert in the evening with Terry Sanders, The Southwind Bluegrass Band and a band from this area, The New Bluegrass Combination was fabulous! I stayed all day and evening! I am sorry if you were not able to come. The DAC will sponsor another all-day jamfest on October 20th. Mark your calendars for that day and plan to bring your instrument or just your ears for listening. Besides bluegrass, we would like folks who play country, western and gospel join us for the fun.

Congratulations to Winfred and Elnora Lindley who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21st.

The next 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be Saturday, July 7th from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. As always, breakfast is the first Saturday of each month in Desdemona. See you then.

Carol Pell

exploration with tax hikes and overregulation. When Congress passed "windfall profits" taxes such as these in 1980, domestic oil production dropped and oil imports increased by as much as 13 percent. Some of my colleagues are quick to make promises about lowering gas prices by taxing big oil companies. In reality, these taxes would be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices at the pump. Fortunately, a group of my colleagues and I were able to block this tax hike amendment.

The continued failure by Congress to confront our core energy challenges will hurt America's families and jeopardize our national security. With our oil imports in the hands of foreign rulers and our domestic industry undercut by misguided policies, it is likely that energy costs will continue to rise. It is time to get serious about energy. Unfortunately, with the passage of this energy bill, the Senate has squandered an opportunity to do so.

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