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Eastland District Clerk's Office Back Open In A Limited Capacity

Carol Brittain, District Clerk for the 91st Judicial District reports that her office is open and back to work in a limited capacity after the flood last Friday. A roof drain was stopped by debris and this allowed rain water from Thursday night's storm to back up into an area of the roof that developed a leak. This leak drained water into the District Courtroom and offices, the District Clerk's offices, and finally into the AgriLife Extension offices. A water remediation company vacuumed the area and began drying the offices on Friday, but several electronic machines were damaged. The other offices mentioned had less damage and are back in full service. The District Clerk's office should be back in full operation by the end of next week, but in the interim, this office will be serving the public in a limited capacity. District Clerk Carol Brittain asks for patience as she puts the office back together and apologizes for any inconvenience.

BAKED POTATO SUPPER

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 at Gorman City Park, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Baked Potato and all the trimmings. Proceed to Miss Gorman Contestant Barbara Sherman, the Gorman Fire Department Candidate.

De Leon Quilt Show

The De Leon Quilt Show will be held on Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 29 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the De Leon City Hall. Entrees need to be in by June 26 at 1 p.m. Call LaJoyce at 254-893-2634 or Sharon at 254-893-6704.

BE CAREFUL WITH FIREWORKS USE

For many, fireworks are an exciting part of Fourth of July celebrations. But the colorful fun they provide can easily turn into a dangerous situation if proper and safe use is not followed.

"It only takes a spark to start a wildfire," said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for Texas Forest Service. "Fireworks, especially aerial fireworks, can be the source of that spark."

Much of the state is experiencing drought. As a result, the grasses in these areas have dried and are easily ignited. Spencer recommends keeping fireworks use well away from dry grass and other flammable vegetation, to prevent accidental fires.

The Texas Forest Service recommends the following precautions for safe fireworks use-

- Adhere to all county and city fireworks laws and restrictions
- Use fireworks outdoors, away from dry grass and buildings.
- Follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.
- Only use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.
- Discard used fireworks; never try to relight them.
- Allow used fireworks to cool thoroughly before handling to avoid possible burn injuries.

Caution is advised on fireworks use because of the potential they pose for starting wildfires. Texas Forest Service urges those celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks to plan ahead and limit use of fireworks to areas where accidental fire starts will not occur.

"Everyone doing their part will help make sure we all have a happy and safe Independence Day holiday," said Spencer.

<http://texasforests.tamu.edu>

NOTICE OF MEETING!!

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Called Meeting at 8:30 a.m. On Thursday, June 26, 2008 in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

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Poster by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court. Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

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Thank You

In want to thank everyone who sent a Card or signed a Church Card and thanks so much for the many phone calls and visits and for the food that was prepared for us during my recovery from surgery. I am most Thankful for all your prayers for me and Praise to God for answering prayers.

Bess Curb

Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Contest Continues -- Pageant Slated For June 28th

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 Contestants:

- Kimi Seaton-Chamber of Commerce
- Barbara Sherman- Fire Department
- Bethany Oliver- Lion's Club

Miss/Little Miss Gorman Contestants:

- Brylee Johnson-- Chamber of Commerce
- Hennessy Adair-- Fire Department
- Ashlyn Martin-- Lion's Club

The pageant will be held Saturday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Come and see who will be representing Gorman for the 2008-09 year. A special thanks to Brittany Henderson and Caitlyn Clark for spending many hours preparing the float and representing Gorman in many parades and events during the past year.

Brandy Carlton Selected To All Big Country Softball Team - Game Held Recently

Brandy Carlton was selected for the All Big Country Softball Team. The team was made up of Senior Softball Players - 1A thru 5A, that were nominated by their Coaches then selected by a Committee. The 9 inning game was played June 29th in Abilene. Brandy played 3 innings in the Outfield and Pitched 1-inning. She also had 3 plate appearances. Congratulations Brandy. Also selected to the team was Megan Lewis, however she opted not to play.

Coaches and Parents
Clean Up Day
At
Peanut Park Baseball Fields
- June 28 at 8 a.m.



Public Hearing Notice Texas Community

Development Block Grant Program

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on July 3, 2008, At the Gorman City Office @ 116 S Kent St. in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program funds. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds.

All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of the application and to make their views known at the public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Gorman City Office @ 116 S Kent St, P O Box 236, Gorman, TX 76454 during regular office hours. Person with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact Tacy Warren or Jill Torres @ 254.734.2317 to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact Gorman City Office at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Texas Star Gardeners to Meet June 26

Patsy Clark will present the program for the Texas Star Gardeners on Thursday, June 26 at 2:00PM. The event will be hosted by Patsy and her mother, Lavelle Crawley and will be held in the Crawley home at 306 W. Roberts in Gorman. Patsy's presentation will include the use of native plant materials in the Texas landscape. All interested persons are welcome and may join the gardeners on Thursday by calling 734-4268 or 734-4575.

Plate Lunch Special Friday, June 27th Laminack Construction

Corner of Kent & Hwy 6 - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Grilled Smoked Sausage, Homemade Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, sliced bread, pickle and onion slices and a drink

\$6.00

Help Support Bethany Oliver, Lions Club Sweetheart and Candidate For Miss Gorman
For Pre-Orders and delivery Call Gary at
254-734-4655 or 254-653-7205

Camp on the Road at Gorman Methodist Church

Gorman United Methodist Church and Abundant Life Ministries have partnered together with Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center to bring Camp on the Road to Gorman this summer. Camp on the Road will be held July 6th - 8th for students who will be entering grades 1st - 6th. Camp on the Road will be held at the Gorman United Methodist Church.

Sunday July 6th 5pm to 7 pm
Monday July 7th 9 am to 3 pm
Tuesday July 8th 9 am to 3 pm

There will be lots of arts and crafts, bible stories and recreation. Come and laugh until you can't laugh anymore!

This camp is absolutely FREE!! For any further information, please contact the Gorman FUMC at 734-2547 or Melissa Osborne 734-2849 or 254-485-4744, or John Howard.

Hope to see you at Camp on the Road!!!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH FROM 9 TIL 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.

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

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, TX 76454 or to 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. Gerald Ragland, Master - Roscoe Reeves, Secretary.

*The honour of your presence
is requested at the marriage of
Ashley Renee Rich
and
Corey Shane Hull
on Saturday,
the twenty-eight of June
two thousand eight
at two o'clock in the afternoon
Carbon Community Baptist Church
515 East Anthracite Street
Carbon, Texas*

*All Friends and Relatives
Are Invited To Attend*

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Abundant LifeImpact of Gorman is excited to announce their summer lunch program. This program is designed to help our local students, it offers the area students a free lunch or anyone else for that matter. There is no cost or obligation just come hungry and leave happy.

Location: 119 W. Roberts

Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:30-1:00 each day

Everyone is welcome, it is primarily for high school teens down to toddlers but anyone needing a lunch is welcome.

This program will run through the duration of the summer.

OBITUARIES

Nita Jean Magee Decker Dansby

Nita Jean Magee Decker Dansby, age 73 of De Leon, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2008 in Plugerville. Services were held Sunday, June 22nd at 2 p.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by Vicki Robinett and LaResse Wilkerson. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born September 6, 1934 in Dublin, Tx to the late Virgil Harvey Magee and Flynch Elizabeth Hanson. She married Ross Decker on March 14, 1953 in Stephenville, he preceded on July 3, 1968 and she later married Cullen Dansby on December 19, 1974 in De Leon and he preceded on March 19, 1975.

She was a graduate of De Leon High School in 1951 and a 1982 graduate of Tarleton State University. She was a member of National Association of Realtors, Texas Association of Realtors and Stephenville Association of Realtors. Ms. Dansby had owned and operated her real estate business in De Leon over 20 years. She was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Stephen Ross Decker and wife Sandy of Austin and Mark Edward Decker and wife Shawn Decker of Plugerville; four granddaughters, Hannah Brook Decker, Samantha Ross Decker, Malaney Ellen Decker and Makenzie Osborne; one brother Jerry Lynn Magee and wife Gayle of Clairette; sisters Ginger Hildebrand and husband Skip of Euless, Kaye Ingram and husband Larry of Klondike, Cindy Davis & husband Quirt of Bedford; aunts

Brent Thomas Sellman

Brent Thomas Sellman, age 23 of Fort Worth, passed away on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at his residence. Services were held Saturday, June 21st at 10 a.m. at St. Joe Baptist Church in De Leon with Jeff Bookout officiating. Burial was in Oliver Springs Cemetery.

Brent was born June 19, 1985 in Fort Worth to Bill Sellman and Delores Kim Bookout Sellman. He married Jaimie Giertuga on June 6, 2008 in Fort Worth.

Brent was manager at Circuit City in Fort Worth for several years. He had lived in Fort Worth all of his life. He was a Baptist.

Brent is survived by his wife, Jaime, mother and father, Bill and Kim Sellman, brother Tad Sellman and wife Linzy and children, Tyler and Avery; grandparents Wayne and Delores Bookout and Jimmie Sellman; uncle, Ennis Sellman, Jr., aunts, Sharon Johnson, Phyllis Reid, Betty Barnes, Patti Campise, Dottie Rhoads; great grandmother, Lona Henderson, aunt and uncle Fred and Darlene Bookout, and many other family and friends and his best dog-friend Hunter.

Preceded in death by a brother Brad Sellman, grandfather, Ennis Sellman, Sr., aunt Lois Turner and great grandfather, J. E. Henderson.

Pallbearers were Ennis Sellman, James Wesley Elliott, Kirk Alsop, Brad Hutchison, Chris Garcia, Keynan Swanner. Honorary Pallbearers were Sam Sandiforth and J. R. Sellman.

June Rampley of Stephenville and Faye Moore of Fort Worth; one uncle, Roy Lee Magee of Mingus; one step-daughter Rickki Shannon and one step-son Charles Wade Dansby. She is also survived by her former daughter-in-law, Steffani Decker of Plugerville.

Pallbearers were Levy Wayne Alexander, Jack Pilcher, Charlie Price, Jimmy Dale Johnson, Mike Huddleston and John Mack Weaver. Honorary: Bennie Boen and C. L. Mohon.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

GIBBS GARAGE SALE: Friday, June 27th and Saturday, June 28 at the corner of Hwy. 6 and Kent Street. Fishermen and Golfers Do Not Miss This Sale. Too Many Items to List. Lots of Clothes, Tools, Furniture, Etc. Many Collectibles. Friday and Saturday - 7 A.M. - Till. ITP

Classifieds

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, morning, June 28th - 614 Brewer Street - Furniture, Household Items, Lots of Miscellaneous. ITP

WANTED TO BUY: 2 Bedroom house with garage on lot. Prefer house on concrete slab. Phone 325-356-1030 4-7-10 C.

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Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for CNA's for all shifts. Apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, TX. EEOC. 6-5-fnc

THE BARN - Open each Friday and Saturday - 9 to 3 - East County Road 352 on State Hwy. 6 - 6 1/2 miles north of Gorman. Lots of very good cheap stuff. 5-6-26 C.

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APPLICATIONS - Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting applications for R.N.s and L.V.N.s. Full or part time shifts are available. For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. Salary is negotiable and benefits are available. EEOC FNC

HELP WANTED - CNA's 6/2 and 2/10. LVN full Time and RPN. Please apply in person to Bell or Kim at De Leon Nursing and Rehab, 809 E. Navarro in De Leon. 2-6-26 C.

Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman is accepting application for our next CNA training class. Anyone interested in helping others and making nursing a career is welcome to apply. All applicants need to apply in person at 600 W. Roosevelt, Gorman, Tx. EEOC. 6-5-FNC

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FARMS, RANCHES & RECREATIONAL

- 613 A, 3-2 Brick Home, carport, barn, wells & tanks, creek & hunting, partial minerals & royalties \$2,025,000 (WV02)
- 455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RS01)
- 250±A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, cabin, rural water \$850,000 REDUCED \$795,000 (LB01)
- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (AB01)
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (DS02) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DK01)
- 150 A, rolling terrain, minerals \$442,500 (LO01) - SOLD
- 100 A, approx. 95 A of costal, 5 A wooded, Located about 1/2 mile off Hwy.36 \$275,000 (JW01) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals neg. \$392,500 (BE01) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 (RE01)
- 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LP01)
- 51 A, with highway frontage, spring creek and hunting 182,000 (RP01)
- 47± A, 1-1 Rock Home, hand dug well, rural water, wildlife cover, coastal, hunting, minerals negotiable \$175,000 (WM02)
- 45 A, 7 irrigation wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, mineral available \$2,750 per Acre (NF01)
- 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (DB01)
- 25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (JB03)
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MP01) - SOLD
- 20 A or 10 A tract of improved variety pecan orchard. \$4,000 per Acre (SH01)
- 20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water supply available, hunting, minerals negotiable \$75,000 (WM01)
- 15±A, 3-2 Double Wide, water well, carport, covered porch, storage buildings, near Proctor Lake \$115,000 (LR02)
- 8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 (KJ01)
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, shop, wells, underground sprinkler \$265,000 REDUCED \$235,000 (JT02)
- 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 (WK01)

RESIDENCES & HOME SITES

- 3-2 1/2 Custom Brick Home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water, paved drive, storage building \$297,500 (DVL01)
- 4.73 A w/4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well \$149,900 (RH02)
- 3-2 Double Wide, screened porch, workshop, wells, 2 large lots and older frame home \$135,000 (JA02)
- 3-2 Frame Home, 2.5 Acres, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, well, shop \$137,500 REDUCED \$99,900 (CC03)
- 2-1 Frame Home, 0.621 Acres, close to Tarleton, 2-car attached carport, storage building, fenced \$75,000 (ST01)
- 3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, on 3+ lots \$70,000 (LK01)
- 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch \$55,000 (GB02) 80519

See Pictures at: www.GilderRealty.com

COGBURN REALTY

254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX

NEW: Gorman 12A., more or less, CR frontage, pond, mesquite cover. \$2,500 A. 15A north of Gorman: Sandy land, 2 water wells, county road on 2 sides; nice location for pond. \$3,000A.

NEW: 17A N/E Gorman, 10A wooded, nice large oak trees, electric meter, country location, great place for a new home! \$3,500 A.

NEW: 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre

40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

NEW: 77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/C, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.

49.83 A. west Gorman, large ponds, paved road, birding spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn, coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE

NEW: 80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7-8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre

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

NEW: 156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2-2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$2,350.00 acre. **SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!**

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Robert Lee Sexton, Sr.

Robert Lee Sexton, Sr., age 66 of Gorman passed away on Wednesday at Comanche County Medical Center. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21st at Eastland City Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland, Texas.

Robert was born on April 27, 1942 in Springfield, IL. He worked as a truck driver for 30 years in several different places including HTH Trucking in Eastland. He married Florence Watkins on October 13, 1984 and she preceded him in death in 1987.

Robert is survived by four children, Earl Farley of Gorman, Clara Farley of Temple, Becky Regian of Gorman and Robert Sexton, Jr. "J.R." Of Abilene and five grandchildren.

FREEDOM FEST RISING STAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual FREEDOM FESTIVAL on July 4th at the city park beginning at 4pm. There will be three days of community-wide garage sales beginning on Thursday. There is a \$3.00 registration fee to be on a map of all the sales. Registration and the maps will be available to all shoppers at City Hall.

There will be a parade at 6PM starting at the high school and festivities at the park will continue after that. The GRAND FINALE will be the fireworks display beginning at dark. Remember what a huge success this program was last year! Events at the park prior to the fireworks include music, Freedom Train for children rides, ice cream freeze-off, apple pie cook-off and inflatable games for the kids. In addition to the aircastle, a water game will be added this year which should be great fun for the youngsters. The local American Legion Post under the direction of Commander Skip Ezzell will have a Memorial Program prior to the fire works and the local Fire Department plans to be on hand with games and demonstrations. Star Pride will be selling snow cones and the Chamber of Commerce will have hot dogs, chopped brisket sandwiches and all the trimmings for sale so bring the family out for a fun time!

The Fireworks show last year was one of the best in this part of the state and we appreciate the people who made donations to make this happen. The Chamber welcomes businesses and individuals who would like to help again this year. Donations can be made at local businesses Palace Drug, Star Grocery, Betty's Quik Stop, Star Café, Becky's Cafe, First Financial Bank, and Judy Green at City Hall.

4-H NEWS

4-H QUIZ BOWL TEAM COMPETES AT STATE ROUND UP

The Eastland County 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team Placed 13th in the State at the Texas 4-H RoundUp on Thursday, June 12th in College Station, Texas. In this event 4-Hers are asked a series of questions on care, nutrition, grooming, anatomy, and performance of horses. The contest is set up in a game show format placing one team against another. Each team must be beaten twice to be eliminated. Eastland County members were: Shelby Carlton, Billy Bob Brown, Clay Elliott, and Rylee Breneman. Congratulations on all of your hard work.



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Senior Citizens News By Carol Ward

We enjoyed a lovely Salad Luncheon on the 18th at 11:30. Sure does help to eat light since it's so terribly hot. We also had some of the heavy food that some insist on bringing. Oh Well to each his own. There were 27 here to dine and fellowship. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing for us all. He is such a good and great man.

There were many different kinds of salads for all to enjoy. Emma Jane Larch and I both brought taco salad. We will have to get together next month on Salad Day as we had too much. Also Potato Salad, Pea and a Cole Slaw made with raw Ramen noodles. It was delicious and different. Thanks Anne Laminack. That's what I wanted people to do, make different exotic Salads. We also had several Jello salads, they were great. Icy Munn brought her good deviled eggs, good with everything. Also the usual corn bread and beans. French Bread, garlic toast and the usual delicious cakes and pies.

We missed Betty Regian, Winston Brown, Geraldene Wright, Ima Brown, Jackie Burns and Betty Sanders. Winston Brown had a Dr. appointment in Brownwood at the VA Clinic. So nice they opened that up for the Veterans. Now don't have to drive so far for help. When my husband was sick, we had to go to San Antonio for treatment. Hope all can return this next week.

We enjoyed meeting Donna Early. She has moved into the Hotel. She had a health episode last Sunday and had to spend a little time in the hospital. Hope she is much improved and home by now. Maybe she can come and be with us this next Wednesday the 25th.

Icy Munn's, daughter Jean Miller was here to eat and visit with her mother. I enjoyed talking and meeting her. Also Sandra Cagle, our Tax-Assessor Collector for Eastland County was here to eat with Wilburn Overstreet. Always good to see her.

We were going to celebrate Winston Brown's birthday, but he couldn't be here. So we signed a card for him and will do this on Wednesday, the 25th. So Winston you better be here to celebrate!! Maybe Geraldene will remind you, and hope she can be here also.

They had a good crowd of 12 on the 19th for game night. I had a sick spell so couldn't attend. I do enjoy the different games played with dominos. Never knew there were so many. Once I started going regular, you hate to miss. We always have good snacks that have turned into supper. Barbara Bush first sand bring something you don't make, but it has now turned into homemade goodies and sandwiches. But we are there at supper time, so must eat something more substantial. Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - www.gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

It has been about a month since my last article. Although school is out, we are at our busiest around the school during the summer getting ready for the coming year. At our regularly scheduled school board meeting on June 9, 2008 the board addressed several things. To start off, our newly re-elected board members Larry Thompson and Jeff Seaton were administered the oath of office by Terry Treadway. After the invocation given by Daryl Hirst and the Pledge of Allegiance, the board unanimously voted to keep the same officers for 2008-2009 as were in place for the 2007-2008 school year. Melinda Harrington will remain president; Jeff Seaton vice-president; and Mark Simmons will remain secretary. Long Flooring, DSA, and Cadco were not at the meeting as scheduled so their place on the agenda was eliminated. The board then took a break to meet the new proposed Athletic Director and his family, Keith and Darla Hendrix and their two children as well as his sister-in-law Holly Henderson. After their visit with the Hendrix family, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda. All regular reports were then received. Superintendent Perry reported that the building project was well underway. He also reported the sale of three old busses, the purchase of a used Toro 4000 D Reel Master mower with five new verticut units, and the purchase of new backdrop curtains for the stage. In addition to that he reported information about the upcoming TASB Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

The board then approved the following items unanimously: Stanley Walker as student accident insurance provider for 2008-2009 school year, TASB as carrier of our property/casualty and worker's compensation Insurance carrier for the 2008-2009 school year, the elementary - secondary - and campus improvement plans, first reading of TASB Policy Update 83, certification of textbooks and enrichment subjects for the 2008-2009 school year, the student handbook as amended, and Burl Lowery as our auditor for the 2008-2009 school year.

The board then approved the hiring of Keith Hendrix as Athletic Director, Darla Hendrix as teacher/head girl's coach, James Gerick as teacher/coach, and Holly Henderson as an elementary teacher. They also approved the hiring of Tim Barton as Site superintendent for the building project. The meeting then adjourned at 11:30pm.

The site work is done and the piers are being drilled and poured this week for the new gym/high school. It won't be long before we see a lot more activity on the construction site.

We are in dire need for housing here in Gorman. If you have a home that you are willing to rent, please call me and give me the details. When we hire people, we need places for them to live here! People call us wanting to move here because of the great things they hear are going on at our school, but often call me and say they couldn't find a place to live and they live too far away to transfer and commute. Gorman can't grow if we don't have decent housing available. Please help if you can. Call me. Realtors welcome.

I am sure by now that reality has set in for all of our recent graduates. It is a happy time to graduate from high school, but a sad one as well. Many of our graduates spent 13 years together and now they all go their separate ways to continue their education or to work. I want everyone to know, especially recent graduates that this is still your high school and we are here to help you in any way we can. Stop in and see us and keep us updated on what you are doing. We still care and we want you to be successful in whatever you have decided to do!

We are really excited about the Hendrix family coming to Gorman. We feel they will continue moving our athletic program in the right direction. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix come to us with great credentials and have great expectations for our teams. We are equally excited about rehiring Coach Gerick. He has spent the last two years in Windthorst and I'm sure he will have some valuable things to share with the other coaches. We're glad to have him back! We also have hired Holly Henderson as an elementary teacher. She has a great reputation and we look forward to having her. It looks like we are going to have another great year!

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Country and Western Musical" Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday Night, June 28th at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will Open at 5:30 p.m. Serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians are invited to attend. Bring your friends and your neighbors for an enjoyable evening of Country and Western Music with some Bluegrass and Gospel included. This is a "Smoke Free Environment". Admission is "FREE".

This reporter received a short note last week from Gwen Johnson, daughter of Nellie (Lohman) Worden. Nellie is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1938. Nellie and her husband, the late Charlie Worden lived almost 60 years in Kermit, Texas and moved to an "Assisted Living Facility". Her "new" address is: 3939 East 52nd Street, Room 221, Odessa, Texas 79762. Nellie would love to hear from former classmates and friends in this area, Thank You.

Dean and Louise (Yancey) Newton of De Leon recently lost their home by fire. It was determined that their Ford pickup caught fire in the attached garage and the fire spread to their home. Louise is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school. Dean is a nephew of this reporter. They plan to rebuild on the same location as soon as possible.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 9th at the Old School Building. If any of Ex-Students, Teachers or Friends has a Change of Address, please contact this reporter - P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, TX 76445.

"Get Well" wishes to Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona who was care-flighted to the Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth on Tuesday afternoon following a car wreck, just East of Desdemona on Highway 8. Sue received a broken collar bone and other injuries.

Joe Cummings had back surgery last Monday morning at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. A recent report that he is slowly recovering.

Remember these and others in our Community who are on the sick list with your cards and prayers.

"Birthday Party"

Ruby Lee (Riggs) Hathaway of Stephenville celebrated her 78th Birthday on Sunday, June 22nd. The day began having Breakfast with several family members. Then the group enjoyed a tour thru several area towns and communities - Chalk Mountain, Duffau, Alexander, Hico, Dublin and Lingleville. Later in the day the group enjoyed a meal and birthday cake at the Rio Grande Restaurant in Stephenville. Those attending were Larry and Gay Moore and "Shorty" Fox of Desdemona; Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagen and Scarlett of Stephenville; Bruce and Renee White and children, Chelsea and Cory, Jeremy Lanier, Diane Miller, Cody and Sheryl Miller, Zack, Dayton and friend all of Stephenville; Kathy Williamson of Corpus Christi. Ruby Lee enjoyed a wonderful Birthday with her family. Ruby Lee is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1947.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. This news article is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon on Monday morning. Have a Great Day, Coon.

Happenings At FBC!!

Sizzling! Summer has officially arrived and it is heating Gorman up quite nicely!

The new chairs are set up in the new area of the sanctuary and they looked splendid. God is great! Please come and worship with us.

Mark your calendars:

June 29th - 6:00pm - Fifth Sunday Singing at FBC Gorman.

July 28th to 31st - Boys and Girls Mission Camp - if God leads you to "Send a Kid to Camp" please bring your donations by our Church Office.

Corey Clark's Children Sermon: Corey told of the story in the bible where fisherman saw Jesus walk on water. Corey asked the children what they would think if they saw Jesus walk on water. Corey said it would probably freak him out to see something so amazing. Jesus asked one of the fishermen to walk on the water with him. When he turned away from Jesus he sank. If you turn away from our Lord you sink, so keep your eyes on Jesus so you can walk on water.

Bro. Barry's message was "Making Your Rainbows Realities" - Genesis 37:5-6.

Joseph had a dream - don't let anyone steal your dream!

I. Dare To Envision Greatness - Even if other people don't think you can be great!

(Genesis 37:5-11)

II. Make Set Backs into Stepping Stones - It wasn't Joseph's brother's who sold him, but God who sent Joseph ahead of them to save lives. Get back to the reality of what God has for YOU! (Genesis 45:4-8)

III. Keep Your Standards High - Our church building has expanded, and there isn't a preacher on earth who can fill it, only God can fill it! Each and everyone are needed - our church is a vessel - we're ahead of them to save lives for God. (Genesis 39:8-9)

IV. Learn To Live Forgivingly - Forgiveness is more for the forgiver than the forgiven! An unforgiving heart keeps ugliness and bitterness in our lives, and keeps us from moving on. Refuse to be angry and take revenge - refuse to do evil. Repay good for evil. (Genesis 45:5)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, and see the fullness of Jesus with the eyes of your heart!

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

Also, our Worship Service is broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.

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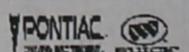
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