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First Baptist Church To Hold “Caring About Seniors” Program



The First Baptist Church of Gorman will be holding a “Caring About Seniors” program featuring the Hinkle Family, “Preaching and Singing Across America” will be held on October 8th at 6:30 p.m. Make Plans To Attend.

CCMC Installs First Part of MRI Into Building



The MRI unit that is being lowered into Comanche County Medical Center’s Newest Building will be the most technical MRI in the country around here. This MRI will help to keep the patients who need a MRI from having to travel to a bigger hospital.

Halloween Costume Parade and Trick or Treat Set For Saturday

Well, it is that time once again....Halloween Costume Parade time. I have done a lot of thinking on what to do about this years parade. Since Halloween is on a Friday night this year, and it is also a home football game which happens to be the Homecoming Game, I a very concerned about the extra traffic that will be in town that night. So for the first time in the Halloween Costume Parade history, I am changing the parade to Saturday night, Nov. 1. The Annual Halloween Costume Parade will be held on Sat. Nov. 1. **Everyone is to Trick or Treat on that Night. NO TRICK OR TREAT IN GORMAN ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT.**

I would like to encourage everyone to change Trick or Treating to that night also. I would appreciate everyone letting me know how you feel about this. You can e-mail me at jandsmith@ahoo.com. or call 734-2720 and leave a message. More on this later.

Thanks, Ina Smith

WTRC Pig Sale Set For Monday, October 6th

Every year West TEXas Rehabilitation Center provides treatment services for more than 23,000 children and adults with disabilities - regardless of their financial circumstance. Chairman Don Richburg announced the 17th Annual Rehab Pig Sale will be held Monday, October 6, at Wylie FFA Barn. The chuck wagon will be serving beans and cornbread and the sale will start at 7 p.m. With over 100 pigs donated from breeders throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

Corporate underwriters for this year’s Round-Up for Rehab program include Heartland Alliance of American, Farm and Ranch Healthcare, Inc., Lone Star Beef, Family Power Sports, Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet and Wildlife, and Wrangler. Providing additional support are TXP, Inc., Mueller Metals, Walco International, A-B Distributing Co., First Ag Credit and Group IV-Member Owned Electric Co-Op, Comanche Electric Co-Op, Concho Valley Electric Co-op, Coleman County Electric Co-op, and Southwest Texas Electric Co-op.

“Should you need more information about the sale, Call Danny Isbell at the Rehab 325-793-3507 in Abilene. You can also call Dee Lackey at the Rehab in San Angelo at 325-223-6300 or visit the Rehab’s website: www.westtexasrehab.org. Your support of this valuable program involving young people is greatly appreciate. I look forward to seeing you at the sale,” Richburg said.

Come Join Us To Celebrate

Mayor Robert Ervin's

60th Birthday

Saturday, October 4th from 2 to 4 p.m.

At the Senior Citizens Building

Your Presence Is Gift Enough

Panthers Outlast Cougs 30-20; Have Open Date Friday

The Gorman Panthers will play host to Archer City at Brogdon Field on Friday night at 7:30. The Panthers are coming off an open date last week following a tough loss to Roscoe on September 12th by a highly rated Plowboy team and then had to travel big distance on September 19th to Christoval to meet another tough team in the Cougars. The Big Red held off the Cougs 30-20 when they jumped out to a 7-0 scored in the initial period and scoed another 7 in second before the Cougs came back with 12 points to make the score close at 14-12 at halftime. Thgen in the third period the Panthers scored another 9 points for a 23-13 edge. The score rose to 30-12 in the final quarter and the Panthers held the Cougs to 8 points for a final score of 30-20.

The Big Red were banged up a bit after these two games and needed a rest last week. They should be rested up for this week’s game and will need to be at their best when they take on Archer City another high rated Class A team.

So be on hand Friday night and help the Panthers to another victory.
Go Get ‘Em Big Red!!!!

Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Beats Tolar



The Lady Panthers snagged two District Wins last week when they defeated Tolar and Lingleville. The Lady Panther JV team also defeated Tolar.



Gorman Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Oct. 3	Archer City	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	*Perrin-Whitt	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	*Ranger	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	*Tolar	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	** Santo	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	*De Leon	Away	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District Games
** Denotes Homecoming Game

Notice of Meeting

The Texas Star Gardeners will travel to Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells on Thursday, October 16. The group will leave from in front of the Gorman Dairy Queen at 9:00AM. If you are interested in this trip with the Gardeners, or if you would like to join the group, call 734-4268.

Next Phase of County Road 442 To Begin

Eastland County will begin construction this week on the next phase of repairs to Country Road 442 which services EBBA Iron and Vulcan Materials among others.

Please be aware of the fact that workers will be on the road, equipment will be shring the lanes of traffic, and you can expect slowdowns and periods of stoppage. The contractor will make every effort to complete the work as safely and as soon as possible, but you can expect delays.

This is one of the few paved county roads in our system and without a doubt, the most traveled county road. Hundreds of employees use this road daily and thousands of vehicles travel north and south. Please be prepared to yield to flag crews and heavy equipment.

Eastland County appreciates your cooperation during this construction period.

Respectfully submitted,
Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge

Kids Parade Winners

The Winners in the Kids Parade are as follows: **Miscellaneous** - First Place - Joey Salinas; Second Place - Brueton Coan and Third Place - Kacen Ervin. **Bicycles** - First - Weldon Scitem and Second - Jordan Scitem. **Costume** - First - Jessica Rice and Second - Jasey Rice.

LARGE ITEM PICK UP
Large item pick up will be October 2nd.
You can set out one large item.

Josh Johnson To Deploy To Iraq With Alpha Company



Pictured is Josh Johnson of Gorman in training with the Medical Battalion at Fort Sam Houston Texas. PV2 Combat Medic Johnson is with Charlie Company and received medical training this summer. Johnson entered initial military training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in November 2007 with the 1st and 40th Field Artillery Division/Foxtrot Battery. He is currently in Hawaii and will deploy to Iraq with Alpha Company of the 2nd Battalion of the 35th Infantry later this month. Johnson is a 2001 graduate of Gorman High School. Josh is the son of Johnny Johnson of Kokomo and Vicki Brown of Gorman.

Public Notice

Texas Community Development Block Grant Program
Date of Publication: October 2, 2008

The City of Gorman is giving notice of the intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant application request is for \$250,000 for the following activities:

Water system improvements, including refurbishment of elevated water tank, including structural repairs, sandblasting and coating, and update of tank openings. The project will be located on Briscoe & Roberts.

The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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 – 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, 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.

Our dance last Thursday evening wasn't very well attended but we had a very good time! Thanks to Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids for the great music! Watch Pig Tales for information on another dance.

This coming Saturday, October 4th is 'Breakfast at the DAC' - hope you all will come. We serve from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Join us for bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. It's delicious!

On Saturday, we will have tickets for the rifle that will be given away on December 6th. The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. The rifle is a Ruger Hawkeye and you can choose the caliber that you want.

There will be a garage sale here in Desdemona on Saturday, also. It will be at the corner of Hwys. 8 and 16. Stop by after breakfast and see what there is that you need at your house!

We have some dishes at the Activity Center that were left after the Tucker family dinner. If you didn't get yours back, pick it up Saturday. Remember to come to the Library for some good reads.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

Pray for Rain
We are in need of moisture

Faith and Hope Decker

Faith and Hope was born November 7, 1950 at Blackwell Hospital in Gorman to Calvin and Hazel Decker. Dr. D.V. Rodgers was the M.D. Hazel and Calvin's had been married 11 years when the twins came.

Faith and Hope was 2 months premature. They weigh barely 5 lbs together. Calvin had emergency surgery on the day the twins were born.

They were named by their parents Faith Noraen and Hope Claraen. They had hope they could raise them and faith they would. Noraen was named after Froggy Bennett's wife, a RN at the hospital here and a friend of mother and daddy. Claraen was named after Aunt Clara O'Quinn Weatherby of Goldthwaite, our grandmother's Decker sisters who was married and lived in Mills county.

Calvin and Hazel called the twins baby therefore we always called each other Baby all our life. That was our nickname for each other. Mommie and Daddy had knew each other every since she was 10 years old and he was 20 years old. Daddy ran around with her uncle Billie Byrd. Daddy had met Billie through Buna VanZandit.

Buna VanZandit ran a confectionery her in Gorman and Daddy was a friend of him. Billie Byrd worked for Buna in the Confectionery. Daddy had grown up with him.

When Daddy came to my mother's, grandmother Mollie Byrd he met the 10 year old Hazel.

Hazel and Calvin were married December 22, 1939 in Eastland. At that time Mommie was working at the telephone company there and was staying with a couple, Jack and Bess Haile. She would baby sit with their son Pat.

After they married she came back and began to work for Dr. Brandon. She worked nearly 30 years for Dr. Brandon. She was his dental nurse. She had know him every since he came to Gorman right after World War I. She said she began to work for him by going to the post office everyday. She knew Tempest all her life.

Mother was born in Gorman, lived her all her life. Daddy was born in Mills County - moved to Comanche County around 10 years old. He grew up around Roach Community and later lived around Rucker. His father was a Civil War Vet, and so was his grandfather. But, they was on opposite his of the war.

Faith and Hope was "the apples of their eye and life".

In memory of my twin, Faith by Hope.

Card of Thanks

Words can't express the love I feel toward everyone that so nice to me at the time of my twin's Faith-death on September 14, 2008.

First, thank you to the ladies at Taylors, where I went when I discovered this tragedy. To Sid Fisher and a truck driver from Abilene thank you.

A Special Thanks to the 911 operator who work the call. To Barbara Finley and Robert Klume, Gorman Police Officers who responded to the Call. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you Vernon Gaines, DPS State Trooper, Shane Morrow, Texas Ranger and David Stanley, Eastland County Deputy Sheriff. I knew there was others I didn't get their names.

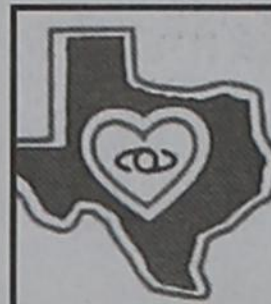
To the EMT's that went, thanks for your efforts and also to the first responders, thank you. To everyone who called me, sent flowers, sent potplants, candles, and other forms of sympathy. I am eternally grateful.

To those who gave me money, thank you so much I had to miss 4 days of work so that really helped. I have received so many cards and are still doing so. These cards along with a message on them in regard to my darling Faith. She was a wonderful person and sister. Thank you cards are wonderful that last forever. Ain't it wonderful our memories last forever, also memories can never be taken away. To those who brought food. Thank you. To those who ask and I refused. Thank you. To everyone who attended the service thank you, Faith would have been proud of the crowd. I will always be grateful to Durwood Webb and Denver Rainey for their kind words and to the men who were pallbearers. Thank you to James Bruton and Virganna at ASB. To Joyce and the gang at Price's Floral and to Shanda Morrison, Thank you. To Bennie Boen, we loved you. Thank to Dixie Burhart, Lovelle Jobe, Sylvia Hendricks, Kathy Rainey and Barbara Tucker for being by my side. To Bobba Lamb, Darlene Morris, Donnie Morris and Jean Westmoreland for always being there in my time of lost. Faith and I loved you and so did Mommie, also thank my aunt and uncle Elmer and Frankie Davidson for their support. I know Faith is in Heaven with Daddy, Mommie and Walter. I will see her one day. Last But not least, Thank you Mommie and Daddy for teaching us we was as good as the best and better than the rest.

Faith my twin and Baby as we call each would have been 58 on November 7th. God promise us 70 years. But for reasons unknown to us a tragedy took her from me. No one will ever know what happened that night. A tragedy that should have never happened.

So many people have asked me is there anything we can do? Yes, there are, Please don't gossip and spread rumors that are not true. Remember God knows everything we say or do. Instead of spreading rumors and gossip, go out and encourage people to vote, so we can stop wars and live in peace. Keep young men home with their families' not off in a war zone. Young families won't be broken up by war. Soldiers won't be coming home to become an alcoholics because of the war's effect. I am very familiar with the terms Slander and Libel. All should stop the gossip. Don't judge other persons soul, only God is the Judge. "Thou shall not judge". Thank you to everyone who helped Faith take care of Bill when he became ill and she was forced to quit her job of 18 years at De Leon. Thank you to Dr. Boucher and Dr. Frasier, to Harris Methodist Staff for their help over the years for Bill and Faith. Thank you to the staff of Hendricks and Abilene Regional for their help for Bill and Faith. Finally, Please Keep Me in Your Prayers, as I begin this difficult journey without Baby. But by God's will I will prevail, one small step at a time. In memory of my previous twin, thank you.

God Bless You For Everything,
Hope Decker



Stephen P. Kelly, M.D.
Medical Director

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Master Gardener Elaine Pogue Hosts Meeting of Texas Star Gardeners



Elaine Pogue of Proctor hosted and presented the program for the September meeting of the Texas Star Gardeners. She received her training in New Mexico and is an avid supporter of Xeriscape, emphasizing the importance of landscape water conservation in her presentation. She also shared educational material on plant materials to each one in attendance. Shown in the picture above are L-R: Floydene Gilbert, Bonita Moorman, Barbara Howell, Elaine Pogue, Speaker, Mary Wilson, Caro Boswell, Mary Kirk and Joy Rogers. Not pictured are attendees Gail Clayton, Betty Huff, Sandra Osborne, Kay Craddock and Carolyn Gilbert.

Senior Citizens News By Carol Ward

There were 26 present for our weekly dinner on Wednesday the 12th. We try to eat by 11:30, but sometimes we run a little late. We still have pot luck, every one bring a dish or three dollars a plate. Barbara Bush or I always prepare some kind of meat. Its been so goo to see Geraldene Wright often and appreciate her giving the blessing of the food.

We enjoyed chicken nuggets, Mexican casseroles of chicken and beef, beans, corn, mashed potatoes, creamed green beans, potatoes and cheese with green beans. We always have cornbread and Betty Regian's homemade rolls. So good. Our desserts were cake, brownies, cobbler, rice pudding, banana pudding and rice marshmallow crispies.

The Birthdays for September were James Miears, Jackie Burns, and Max Bush. Bernice Hewson made the cake which was french vanilla with vanilla icing and pecans. Yummy!! We enjoyed chocolate and vanilla ice cream. A good time was had by all with the singing of Happy Birthday.

It was Joyous to have Martha Rainey back with us. She is much improved and looks wonderful. I know she is glad to be back home and doing much better than anticipated. Living in the Hotel with all those good people around sure helps.

Max and Barbara Bush's daughter Diane and her husband, Stan Williams were with them for a visit and to enjoy our lunch. She also visited Dr. Dan. People come from all over for this expert services. We are all very fortunate to have him in our town. It was good to see Diane again and meet her husband.

My granddaughter Kendra Swanner married Ryan Wright on Saturday the 27th. They had a grand celebration with more than 100 people in attendance. A good time was had by all especially at Par County Club. We dined on brisket, beans, baked potatoes, salad, and all the trimmings. The cakes were fabulous made by Cecilia Hirst. Brides cake was square, quite different and Grooms cake was made like a football. Kendras colors were turquoise, black and white. Verry dramatic. Daisy Slaton and I attended the reception and left at 9:30. Late for us, but enjoyed.

We enjoyed game night on the 25th at 5 p.m. There were 12 out to play Spinner, Skipbo and 88's. It was good to see Ann Warren back to play and feeling better. Also good to have Ellen Parker and Evelyn Poindexter with us. Always have our eats around 7 p.m. We had a good variety plus watermelon, a good yellow one. Hope all is well and see you next time.

Super Notes

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

I am ready for some cooler weather. How about you? I know our football and volleyball players are ready. I'm ready for a cool breeze and the rustling of leaves. I hope it's not too far off.

Our volleyball team had a great week. They defeated Tolar here at home last Tuesday in a very close match and won 13-15 in the tie breaker. It was very exciting! The girl's then defeated Lingleville Saturday at Lingleville winning 3 out of four games. The first few games were close. I don't think our girls are morning people. By the fourth game they began to wake up and won that game 25-13. It looks like our girls are going to have another good year. We play Albany here this Saturday at 10:00am. Don't miss it. Albany is leading in district play right now, but I know our girls can beat them. It will be a lot easier if we have a great crowd to cheer them on. Don't miss it! Your presence always makes a difference!

The varsity football boys had a bye this week. The JV however, played Milsap Thursday night here at home and lost. Unfortunately, we were just out gunned by a 2-A JV that was the size of our varsity. Win or lose though our boys did not keep fighting and showed good sportsmanship. The experience can only serve to help them as they develop into out varsity players of tomorrow. Our junior high boys won 22-0 against Evant. They played well and look like they are improving each game. You should come out and support these Cubs. They are working very hard to prepare themselves to be tomorrows Panthers!

If you have not been by the school in over a week, you are in for a big surprise! Our new building is going up fast. Tippen Brothers Steel has been working twelve hour days and it is looking good. Those that live nearby can tell you it is difficult to sleep late now days with all of the work going on. These are exciting times watching a dream unfold right before your eyes. This new school will be living proof of how a community can come together and create a vision for a community and then make it become reality.

That's not all that is happening in Gorman. The First Baptist Church had a great celebration this Sunday to dedicate their new addition to the sanctuary. The congregation was blessed by a barbeque dinner after the service that was provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Miears in memory of his mother, Eula Miears, that recently passed away. She had been very excited and supportive of the expansion project. There is also another new building in town that is being finished. At the corner of Coke St. and S. Winkler, there is a little church that they have been working on for some time. They have had the walls up for a while, but now they have the steel up for their roof and entryway. It looks great! It is going to be the Centro De Adoracion Y Alabanza Praise & Worship Center. I am sure this is a very exciting time for them!

There are many good things happening all the time in our community. If you know of something you think I should share with everyone by way of this article, please e-mail or call me. I love to brag on our kids and our community. I think this is a great place for folks to come and raise their family and I like to tell people about it.

I do not know if our legislators are taking us seriously when we say we must have more money. We have had to absorb inflation, rising gas prices, rising utilities, and all mandated teacher raises as well as our raises for regular employees for the last three years. Because we have a school board that has been a very steward of the taxpayers money, we have been able to do this, but our surplus will not carry us through another year without an increase in funding from the state. Due to new funding regulations for school districts passed by the legislature in the last session, they have eliminated our capacity to increase our fund balance through wada (weighted average daily attendance) sales with chapter 41 schools and eliminated our ability to even raise property taxes to the level of the effective tax rate without having to have an election. When districts like Dallas ISD are looking at having to layoff up to 750 teachers, it is obvious there is a problem. The problem is not just in Dallas. There are many district facing the same d e a. Next year will be worse if something is not done during the upcoming legislative session to give financial relief to our public schools. Please contact your representatives and senators and ask them to be a friend of public education and to promote legislation during this session to increase funding to our public schools across the board!

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!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center ("Ole School Building"). Musicians and singers from several area towns attended and they presented good Country and Western music with some Bluegrass and Gospel included. We really appreciate all these musicians that attend each month and all of our visitors too. Thanks to the ladies of our Community as they donate food each month to our Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville visited the past weekend with "Humpy" and Betty Duke.

Paul and Inez Pennington of Benton, Arkansas called the Guthery home last Sunday afternoon. Paul worked for the Magnolia Oil Company at this "Ole" plant in Desdemona. Paul is retired and now recovering from a recent stroke. They would like to say "Hello" to all of their Magnolia Friends in this area.

Remember to make your Calendar for Saturday, November 8th. The date for the Annual Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper to be held at the Community Center ("Ole School Building"). More details later on.

Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley of Sealy, Texas contacted this reporter over the weekend saying her cousin, W. H. Jacobs, Jr. of Pasedena is having some serious health problems. Jr attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1948. Remember this family in your prayers.

Justin Deiter Hornback celebrated his Third Birthday last Saturday afternoon with a "Family Fish-Fry Cookout" party hosted by his parents, Lee and Sonja Hornback. Several family members and friends attended to enjoy the food, birthday cake, etc.

Murry Clayton of Ranger is now having some health problems at this time. His brother reported last Saturday night that Murry was doing better and gaining some strength. Friends in Desdemona send "Get Well Wishes".

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Have a great day, Coon.

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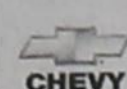
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