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Edcward and Ruth Rodgers To Mark 50th Wedding Anniversary



Edward and Ruth Rodgers of Gorman. Texas will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7th. Their children and grandchildren will be hosting a surprise open house at Kokomo Baptist Church. We are inviting you to help celebrate 50 years of marriage on Saturday February 28, from 2-4 pm. Please no gifts. Cooking foreward to seeing you. God bless.

Look Who's New - It's A Boy



Tiny Yawns and Sleepy Sighs, Nursery Rhymes and Lullabies, Marcie Davis and William Duske are please to announce the arrival of their sons, Adyn Gage Duske. He weighed in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces, 19 1/2 inches long, he was born on November 24 2008 at 2:58 p.m. In Stephen-

Proud grandparents are Isaac and Mary Harris and Benny and Margie Duske of Gorman. Proud greatgrandparents are Vernon and Shirley Crain also of Gorman. Adyn is welcomed and loved by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Notice of Meeting

This is a notice of a meeting for the Gorman Baseball Park Assoc. There will be a meeting on March 4th at 8:00pm at the Community Center for all those interested in becoming part of the Assoc. We have one spot to fill. We hope to see you

We are still having sign ups for baseball. We will be at Gym on Sat. Feb 28th from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

Thank you

Clint Jones

Graduates From Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION, February 20, 2009 - Diplomas were awarded to 3,182 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized was: Clinton LaFayette Jones from Gorman with a Bachelor OfScience

in Sport Management.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18th 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.

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

Boy Scouts

Meeting Weekly Mondays - 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. Techology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonio 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.

T-Ball Softball and Baseball Sign ups

We will be having sign ups on Feb. 28th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the gym and

March 7th from Noon to 2:00 pm -- final sign up no exceptions

We have a deadline to turn in all the teams that we will be having this year on March 13. A coaches meeting will be scheduled and put in the paper. You can also get your sign up

forms at City Hall. If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the baseball commissioners.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Mar. 2 thru Mar. 6

LUNCH MONDAY - Chicken Noodle or Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, pickle spears, fresh carrots, oranges, crackers, chips and Milk.

TUESDAY - Roast or Steak Fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, gravy, roll and strawberry cake and Milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita or Taco Salad, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit shapeup and Milk.

to beans, cornbread, pumpkin pie and Milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken and rice or Pigs in a Blanket, carrot coins, tossed salad, fruit, crackers and

Now Taking 2009 Yearbook Orders

The Yearbook Staff is now taking orders for the 2009 Yearbook-please come by the school if you need an order form. If your child is enrolled @ Gorman-they have received a form to order a yearbook. The deadline is March 13, 2009-No Extra Books Will Be Ordered.

The Yearbook Staff would like to inform Parents or Legal Guardians of a Senior Graduate that the Senior Ads for the Yearbook are due by March 13, 2009. Space is limited-first come first serve basis. Reminder that Senior Baby Pictures are due by March 13th for the Yearbook.

The Yearbook Staff is still accepting orders for Photo CD's (HS Football, HS Volleyball, JH Football, JH and HS Pep Rallies/Cheerleaders, Band/Dance/ Flags)-All Photo CD's Include a Group Picture-Cost is \$5.00. New CD Basketball Season for HS/JH.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department wants to Thank Everyone for the great response of donated Bottled Water to the fire department. They have received enough cases of water and Gatorade to last them for good spell. Thanks again.

PRAY FOR RAIN WE NEED SOME MOISTURE & WARMER TEMPS

SEVERE STORM PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17

Storm observing, reporting procedures, and safety to be emphasized

The 2008 storm season in north Texas was one of the more violent in recent history. Thirty four tornadoes were reported across the area, and destructive windstorms, large hail, and deadly flooding all made appearances in our area. The toll on life and property was significant, with many casualties and damage in the tens of millions of dollars.

The bulk of the 2009 severe weather season is fast approaching. Are you ready for whatever this year has in store? Do you have a severe weather plan at your home and your workplace? Can you recognize the clues that suggest large hail, flash flooding, or a tornado is possible? Do you want to become part of the severe weather warning system in your county? As part of its area-wide weather preparedness campaign, the National Weather Service in Fort Worth will answer these and many other questions at the Skywarn severe weather program on Tuesday, March 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The program will be held in Eastland at the Fire Station, and will be held in partnership with Eastland County Emergency Management.

The 2009 program will discuss thunderstorm formation, severe weather production, and features associated with severe storms. The presentation will also review tornado formation and behavior, non-threatening clues which may be mistaken for significant features, and safety when thunderstorms threaten. The program will discuss spotter operations and recommended reporting procedures. The two-hour presentation will be in multimedia format, featuring numerous pictures of storms and nearly 25 minutes of storm video clips.

"We have some new material in the 2009 spotter training program", said Gary Woodall, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Fort Worth NWS Office. "We will present the information in the form of a checklist for the attendees to utilize. Most of the storm photos and video clips are different this year. We have reworked many of our graphics. We'll have more identification cases, and we'll discuss the operational aspects of storm spotters in detail".

The fundamental purpose of the spotter training - and of the storm spotter network as a whole - remains unchanged. "We could not do our job as well as we do without storm spotters. Radar is a great tool, but it only tells us part of a storm's story. Spotter observations complement the electronic data we use to analyze storms. The combination of spotter reports and radar data gives us the best possible picture of the storms and what's going on inside them".

The program is free and open to the public. "By coming to this program, you will learn a THURSDAY - Fish or Mini lot about thunderstorms", Woodall said. "Even if you don't become an active storm spotter, you will CornDogs, potato wedges, pin- learn about how storms work and the visual clues you can identify when storms are in your area. We will discuss severe weather safety tips. This will better prepare yourself and your family for the threats that storms pose".

> The Eastland County severe weather program is one of over 40 that the Fort Worth NWS Office will conduct between January and early April 2009. The National Weather Service in Fort Worth provides forecasts, warnings, and weather services for 46 counties in north and north-central Texas. For more information on severe weather and the National Weather Service, visit the Fort Worth Forecast Office's website at http://www.weather.gov/fortworth

Federal Economic Stimulus Bill Sends \$4 billion To Public Schools In Texas Eastland County Schools To Receive \$1,306,000

AUSTIN (2/20/09) - "The stimulus bill wheels are turning in D.C. and in Texas. Officials throughout the state are just waiting for guidelines about how to access the funding and how it can be spent," said Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc., an Austinbased research and procurement consulting firm that is tracking the funding flows into Texas.

Approximately \$4 billion for education and public schools will be headed to Texas, an estimated \$1,306,000 of that amount going to schools in Eastland County.

Some of the money is allocated by formula and other funds will come down to local school districts in the form of grants. School districts, receiving money to be directed to special programs, are expected to spend a large amount for technology, equipment, energy enhancement and construc-

As with other funding sectors in the bill, such as transportation infrastructure, technology, homeland security and energy programs, the funds will result in more work opportunities for Texans and hundreds of contracting opportunities for vendors and service providers. "Those interested in selling to government - whether to school districts, cities, counties or state agencies - should get involved immediately," said Nabers.

Throughout the country, government entities are watching to see how the funding will flow and who will have oversight. Once the money is released, a federal Web site, www.recovery.gov will allow citizens to see how it is spent.

A breakdown of estimated amounts that Eastland County public schools will receive from the Economic Recovery Package follows. For a statewide look at all school districts in Texas, click on www.spartnerships.com

Cisco Independent School District \$425,000 Eastland independent School District \$428,000 Gorman Independent School District \$147,000 Ranger Independent School District \$193,000 Rising Star Independent School District \$113,000

Census Bureau Opens Jobs Line For The 2010 Census

The Census Bureau has launched a critical national effort for every person in our nation to "Be Counted" in the 2010 Census that will affect the appointment of congressional seats, and how the federal government annually allocates \$300 billion in federal assistance to communities. Operations have already begun and the Census Bureau needs to recruit hundreds of workers in the area to ensure a complete and accurate count in 2010. Call the 2010 Census job line (866) 861-2010 to schedule a basic employment test. Next Test will be at Ranger College on February 27th at 10 a.m. And 2

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season. You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR. You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

Community Fellowship Set For Saturday, Feb. 28th

The First Baptist Church of Carbon will be holding a Community Fellowship on Saturday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the Church Fellowship Hall located on 201 Cannell Street in Carbon. Food, Fun, Fellowship, and Games of Checkers, Dominoes, Games, and Cards will be held.

For more information contact Pastor Mike Haggard at 254-631-9934. Plan to attend, whether you come by Horse, Truck or Car - Come and Join Us!!!

Obituaries

Nolan C. (Jack) Hasty

Nolan C. (Jack) Hasty, age 88 of De Leon passed away on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 10:00 a.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with interment at De Leon Cemetery.

"Jack" was born December 22, 1920 to Joe and Ida Zora Brown Hasty. He married Rae Jean Kinnard on June 22, 1954 in De Leon.

"Jack" was a retired car parts salesman for De Leon Auto Supply for many years. He served as Staff Sergeant in U.S. Army during WWII. He resided in De Leon all of his life. He was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rae Jean Hasty of De Leon; a daughter, Mara Hammit and husband, Kerry of Hurst; a brother, De'Albert Hasty of Springtown; a sister, Marie Mitchell of De Leon; 2 grandchildren, Austen and Taylor Hammit of Hurst; nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded by his parents, Joe and Ida Hasty.

Jeromy Shane Sturdivant

Jeromy Shane Sturdivant, age 33 of De Leon passed away on Monday, February 23, 2009 in Tarrant County. Services will be held Thursday, February 26th at 2 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Zion Hill Cemetery, and a seed a read of the mile and the

Jeromy was born February 25, 1975 in Fort Worth to Billy Gerald Sturdivant and Katrina Rench Sturdivant Taylor. Jeromy was a satellite intallation tech.

He is survived by his father, Billy Gerald Sturdivant of De Leon; mother Katrina Taylor of Fort Worth; a son, Dylan Shane Sturdivant of Ardmore, OK .; Grandparents, Bernice and G. I. (Shorty) Warren of De Leon.

He was preceded by grandparents, Bill Sturdivant and Ruth Bernard Rench.

Family visitation is Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. At Nowlin Funeral Home.

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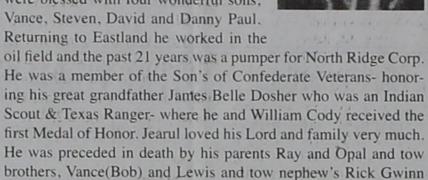
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Jearul Ray Gwinn

EASTLAND-Jearul Gwinn was born December 29, 1939 to Raymond and Opal (Bottom)Gwinn in Jacksboro, Texas, On July 19, 1957 he married the love of his life, Doris Hudson in Eastland. He was in the Air Force, then returned to Weatherford where he was foreman at General Dynamics in Fort Worth. He was a Master Mason and member of the The Groto, joining while at Weatherford. He also coached for the ladies softball team where his wife played for 3 years. Jearul and Doris were blessed with four wonderful sons,

and Clay Ratliff.



Those left behind to miss and always remember his love are his wife Doris Gwinn of Eastland, Son's Vance and wife Debra of Morton Valley, Steve and wife Robin of Eastland, David of Olden and Danny Paul and wife Kim of Eastland. fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren. His sisters and brothers- Jack Guinn and wife Mary of New Mexico, Frances Caudle of Denton, Basil and wife Jeanie of Hamby, Glen and wife Ann of-Merkel, Geneva of Abilene, Sister in law Dee Dee of Abilene, Brother in laws Dan Hudson, Kenneth and wife Nina of Eastland. Lots of nieces, nephews and good CHE COURT

Funeral Services were Monday 23rd of February at 2 PM in the River of Life Church with Raymond Hammerick and Jerry Maston officiating.

Pallbearers were Dan Hudson, Scott McDonald, Kevin Plowman, Danny Gwinn, D.P. Gwinn and Jack Lowrance. Honorary Pallbearers-Marion Thomas, Tom Blakewell, Ed Allcorn and Dale Phillips. and distance of the stable dis

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81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500

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Charles Donald Christopher

Charles Donald Christopher, age 69 of De Leon passe away on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at De Leon Nursing an Rehab. Graveside Services were held Friday, Feb. 27th at 2 p.m. At De Leon Cemetery.

Mr. Christopher was born July 23, 1939 in Comanche County to the lagte Charles Dudley Christopher and Pansy Hawtence Rucker Christopher.

Mr. Christopher was employed as a Highway Patrolman for eleven years in Baird, Tx; served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Era; had resided in De Leon 17 years, having previously lived at Proctor Lake. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his son Alan Christopher and wife Deb of Fulton, IL.; Daughters, Dee Ann Brown and husband Curtisof College Station and Suzette Chatman and husband Brian of Slydell, LA.; One brother, Sidney Christopher of Newark, Tx; 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, Charles and Hawtence Christopher and one brother Michael Christopher.

Billy Joe Mathis

Billy Joe Mathis, age 83, passed away on Monday, February 2, 2009 at his home in Arlington, Texas. Funeral was held February 5th at 10:00 a.m. Services in First Baptist Church of Arlington and burial was in Moore Memorial Gardens of Arling-

Billy Joe Mathis was born June 12, 1925 in Bakersfield, Ca. to Willis and Nellie (Greenwood) Mathis. Son after his birt they moved to Desdemona and Gorman area where his father was employed by Magnolia Oil Company.

Bill attended school at Grandview and Gorman. He graduated from Gorman High School three weeks before his 18th birthday and soon enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. He was soon shipped out to Europe to serve with the 36th Infantry Division under General George S. Patton. On the day known as D-Day, Pvt. Mathis entered the war zone known as Omaha Beach and served with his Military Unit until the end of the war. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his participation of capturing 11 Nazi soldiers.

Returning to Texas he enrolled in Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, where he graduated in 1948. He later did graduate work at University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma and received his Masters Degree in Scientic Research.

Billy Joe and Emma Mae Holt was married August 4, 1950 in Abilene. He became employed by the U.S. Public Health Services to do research and investigation. They moved to Louisiana, South Carolina, New Mexico and Oklahoma City, OK and in 1974 to Arlington, where he spent the remainder of this life. He worked out of the Dallas Office of Public Health Services until his retirement due ot health problems.

Bill ws very dedicated and loved his Church where he served as a Deacon many years.

He is survived by his wife, Emma; three daughters, Marcene Irwin, Paula Smith and Glenna Mathis; four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Mathis; 3 nieces and a nephew.

Proceded in death by parents and only brother, Charles Wayne Mathis.

Army Reserve Maj. Jerry B. Bush Has Been Mobilized and Activated For Duty

Army Reserve Maj. Jerry B. Bush has been mobilized and activated at Fort McCoy, Sparta, Wis., for deployment overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The soldier is a member of the 416th Theater Engineer Command, Darien, III.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Bush, a resident engineer, is the stepson of. Loretta I. Bush of N. Mohon St., DeLeon, Texas.

His wife, Debbie, is the daughter of Chuck St. Joseph of Arista Rueda, Kempner, Texas.

The major graduated in 1977 from DeLeon High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1997 from New York Regent College, N.Y.

Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

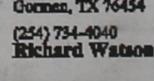
Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 11 Foreign Countries attend the 2008 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp Locations include: Commerce, TX, Phoenix, AZ, Babson Park, FL, Gainesville, GA, Champaign, IL, Glassboro, NJ, Ithaca, NY, Marietta, OH, Lebanon, TN, and Blacksburg, VA. There is also a Summer Camp available for Boys and Girls ages 9 - 18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME. www.tenstarcamp.com.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to all who came to our monthly dance even though this 'little piggy' neglected to write Pig Tales last week! Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers are great, aren't they! We are going to change our monthly dances from Thursday nights to Friday nights. Beginning in March, the dances will be on the 2nd Friday of each month. We will have the same great band. Please mark your calendars now for Friday, March 13th.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held on March 7th from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. as usual. Come and join us on the first Saturday of each and every month for a delicious start to your

I hope you are making plans to attend the AARP Defensive Driving course here at the DAC on April 2nd. It will give you a discount on your auto insurance and, I don't know about you, but I can use every discount I can find in this economy! The cost is \$12.00 if you are an AARP member and \$14.00 if you are not. The class will start promptly at noon and last 4 hours. These classes normally run 8 hours but our teacher is taking special instructions in order to give the class in 4 hours. Eat an early lunch and be ready to start at noon.

Our annual craft show will be held April 17th and 18th. The show has grown bigger each year and we hope to continue that. If you are a crafter and are interested in our show here in Desdemona, please call me at 254-758-2420. Our booths rent for \$30.00.

> See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

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Feb. 27th - Simply Stunning Conference for TeamKid Girls (4th thru 6th grades) at FBC Vernon. Special thanks to Tiffany Childers for her leadership role in this event.

March 1st - 10am - Everyone is invited! Adult Sunday School Classes will meet together in the Sanctuary for our second tour stop of the Holy Land.

March 1st - Following the morning Service the Youth will be serving BBQ lunch by donation only to raise funds for their Youth Activities. Please come and show them your support.

March 8th - Time Change - Spring Forward! Turn your clocks one hour ahead.

March 8th - 6pm - Movie Night showing "Fireproof".

Children's Sermon: All the children gathered around Liz and when the last one took his seat, Liz asked all of them to stand. She said they were going to have a fitness class. They did ten jumping jacks, ten toe touches, and jogged in place until Liz counted to ten. My goodness, Liz was honestly out of breath just counting. She admits that we all need to do exercises to keep our bodies in good physical condition. More importantly, we need to keep our minds in good spiritual shape. The Bible says when your soul is weary ask God to strengthen you. Pray, read the Word, and learn more about God everyday to be in good spiritual condition. Give thanks to God.

Bro. Barry's message was "Times of the Signs!" - Psalm 19:14

Let the Lord be your rock, strength, and redeemer. Behave like a redeemed child of God Times of the Signs:

 Signs of Despair. - No Hope, and don't feel like you can go on another minute. Give up Hope, and work all the time never changing from the same routine. Some in the world are living creation with no creator, so to what do they look forward?

II. Signs of Warning. - Keep your eyes wide open, you will be witness to those Denying the Power of God and Truth that is not recognized when it is right in front of you.

III. Signs of the Road. - What do they say? STOP doesn't mean slow down or accelerate faster. Stop your life long enough to gain some perspective. You will eventually come to a DEAD END. You must believe in death, and know that at some point your earthly life will end. All you have in this life is the present. You may make a U-TURN in life. Don't waste your life. Turn your life around - Make a U-TURN!

IV. Signs of Judgment. - Grace, the Grace of God is wonderful. Pay attention to your life and don't be lost. Choose Christ, ask Him to come into your heart, and live all your days with Him.

V. Signs of Hope. – Church growth and expansion is an amazing blessing from God, and we are utterly grateful to see it in our Church. May your burdens be lifted and may you feel loved and encouraged. We all believe in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

VI. Signs of the Cross. - Pray as a Believer! Many roads have no shoulders. Well, we have plenty of shoulders here in our Church Family. Jesus is always there, and the blood of Jesus never stops working. Jesus will return, and he will be coming back for YOU!

God did not intend for us to have the answers, however, God does intend for us to make a decision. Do you want to spend an eternity separated from God, or do you want to spend an eternity with God? The choice is yours!

We welcome two new members to our Fellowship: Correne Battenfield and Adriana Baze Chamberlain.

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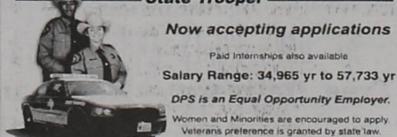


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NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed oiur weekly dinner at 11:30 on the 18th of February. We had a nice gathering of 30 people to dine and fellowship. A much better turnout than last week. It was so good to see all and some with guests. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing for us all. She is gifted with always saying the right words.

slaw, potato casserole, blackeyed peas, carrots, greens and green peas. We also enjoyed Jello, several cakes, banana pudding and a pineapple cream dessert. And always good beans, cornbread and hot rolls, made by Betty Regian, so good!!. We celebrated Jud Maxfield's birthday, with a delicious chocolate fudge cake, and sugar free ice cream. The ice cream kind of balanced out the rich cake, HA!!! My daughter, Becky Swanner baked the cake for us, she is used to making this cake. We all sang Happy Birthday to Jud and many more. His was the only one for the month of February. Next month we will have several I believe. Thanks Becky for making this O so good cake!!.

We enjoyed visiting with several guests, Ruthie Porter's brother Ray and wife Goldie Warren were her to dine with us. I liked talking with them and learning Ruthie had been a Warren. Several of us didn't know that. Also Daisy Slaton had friends, Helen and Larry Collins with her for a good visit. They live in Stephenville and Helen went to College with Daisy's daughter, Bennie Gail.

We were most excited to have Martha Rainey back with us. She's looking good and can walk some with cane and walker. She came in electric chair as easier for her to gtravel from Hotel where she lives. I do hope and pray this treatment H-E-B stores. works for her, and she improves with time.

Sandra Cagle was with us to enjoy lunch. She comes once a month as a their H-E-B store, a \$1 dollar donation will be made to a local breast cancer organization, up to service for Gorman. People can buy license for cars, pay taxes, etc. Saves us a trip to Eastland when we can't always go. She also gets to visit with Wilburn Overstreet, her uncle Buddy.

We have missed Winston Brown and Lendon Shipman, expecially at game time. They have both been under the weather. I hope Winston, you are better. I ran into Lendon in town and he had a time with his ears. He may have to undergo surgery before all is well. Also good to have Jud and Ann Maxfield and Betty Frazier and Jackie Burns back with us. Miss them when gone.

A new lady was with us for game night. She is Adriana Camberlain and moved into the Hotel. We enjoyed game of Skipbo and 88's in dominoes. Good to have you Adriana. Hope you also come and be with us on Wednesdays at Lunch.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry – dperry@gorman.esc14.net – 734-3171 Last week our principal interview committee consisting of Pam Childers, Susie Hampton, Becky Swanner, and Sandy Porter interviewed six candidates for high school principal. Their selection was narrowed to two candidates to send before the school board Tuesday evening, February 24, 2009 at a special called meeting. Hopefully, next week I will have an announcement to make regarding a new high school principal. I know everyone hates to see Mr. Panter leave, but it will be exciting having a leader on the high school campus.

I was under the weather most of last week, so other than the principal candidate, I did not involve myself in very much other than visiting Dr. Dan.

I have had some feedback from a few folks that say some people are having difficulty understanding the concept of our asking for donations for items for the gymnasium. Unfortunately, sometimes when I think I have explained something quite well I find that evidently that may not be the case. I'll try again! The bond package included funding for a single, simple, onesided scoreboard at a cost of \$2,500.00 to maybe \$3,500.00. We are raising money for a four-sided center hung scoreboard that will cost in the vicinity of \$25,000.00. Any additional money raised will be used for: sound system, score keepers table, custom team chairs, roster boards, timers, art work on the wall, etc. We want this gymnasium to be the best facility in the area and hope we will attract volleyball and basketball playoff games. We want to do this to bring outside money into our community and improve our economy. We want to bring in outside money into our athletic program and booster clubs. We want to boost the level of pride that our students and our community have in their school. We want to give everyone in the community who want to be a part of this once in a lifetime event by making a donation and having their name permanently displayed on a plaque in the foyer of the new gym with all of the others that participated. We could have just asked those few extremely generous givers that usually donate to the school for major projects, but we wanted everyone to have the opportunity. We might even attract some new students. I hope this explains better why we are soliciting donations. It is not for us, it is for you! Please remember this, my phone number is at the top of this article and so is my e-mail address. If you have a question regarding this or anything going on at school do me a favor and try communication instead of speculation. It is a much better way to do business. By the way, we are beginning to receive individual donations.

The building project continues on schedule and looks better every day. We poured a lot of concrete last week (sidewalks and curbs) and we will continue that this week. We will also begin to close up the area around the gym roof and head real fast toward doing finish work on the inside. If curiosity gets the best of you, come by. I give free tours.

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, February 28th at the Community Center (Ole 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, singers and visitors are invited to attend. There will be Country and Western, Gospel and some Our meal was delicious with baked ham, pasta salad, potato salad, Cole Bluegrass music to enjoy. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Robert and Ima Brown visited Wednesday thru Friday in Amarillo with his sister, Marge (Brown) Johnson. The occasion was to help Marge celebrate her 83rd Birthday. Marge attended school in Desdemona and gradauted with the Class of 1943.

Elise Duke of Stephenville and Katie Duke of Early visited the past weekend with their grandparents, Humpy and Betty Duke.

Friends of Desdemona send their sincere sympathy to Mildred Million in the loss of her brother, Dr. Jack Hittson of Rockwall. Burial was in Hittson Family Cemetery in Palo Pinto County.

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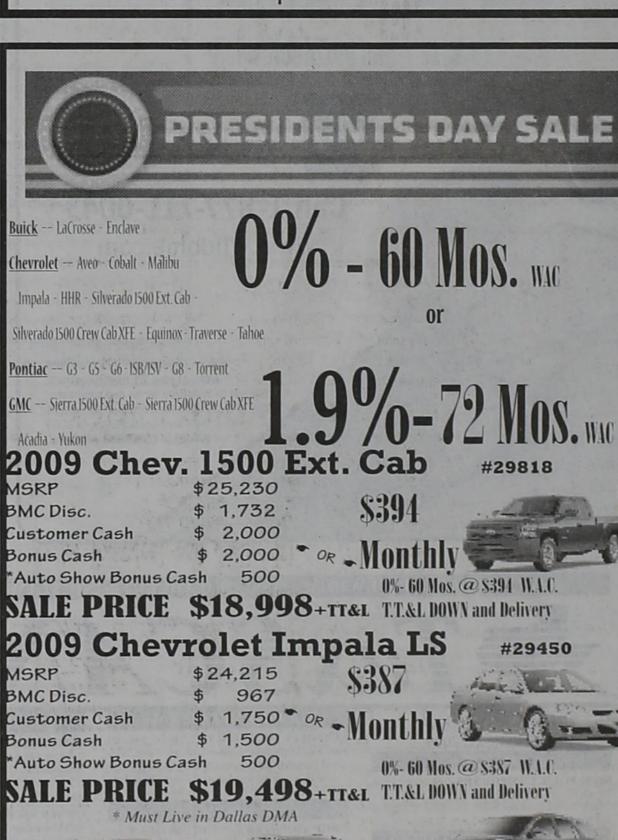
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