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#### **Fourth Annual Open House Fellowship**

Merry Christmas from the folks of First Baptist Church! YOU are invited!

What: Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn's Fourth Annual Open House Fellowship

When: Saturday – Dec. 5, 2009 – 2pm to 4pm

Where: Home of Jerry and Virginia Skaggs 19950 Hwy 6 Gorman, TX

We hope to see you there!

#### Praise and Workship Center Volleyball Tourney

Praise and Worship Center is holding a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, December 5th in the Old High School Gym. \$75.00 Entry Fee Per Team! Contact 254-734-5637 - Mila

#### Confederate Country Christmas To Be Held At ZJ's on December 12th

Second Texas Frontier district, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #1904 along with Cactus Rose, Chapter #23, Order of Confederate Rose, warmly welcome you to celebrate with us A Confederate Country Christmas on Saturday, December 12th at 6:30 in the evening at ZJ's Steakhouse, located in Gorman, Texas. Come and celebrate a good 'ole Country Christmas, with a hearty Southern Meal, Southern Music, and a Rebel Speaker, U.S. Army Col. Allen C. Huffines (Ret.).

Confederate money will be given as door prizes as well as for Best Period Dress and Uniform. Ticket cost is \$15.00 (include meal). For more information, contact Thomas Harrison - 254-734-5058 or rebeltom@cctc.net. You may also order tickets by mailing a check and ticket request to P. O. Box 41, Gorman, Tx 76454.

Anyone wishing to attend the celebration while dining at ZJ's is welcome.

#### News Release

What a wonderful time of year. This is true for everyone, but especially true, if you are a kid. We have been enjoying this season with all the kids who have been coming to CIA on Monday nights. There have been more and more kids coming every Monday. It is such a privilege to be a part of their lives. We thank each one of you for allowing your children to come and be a part of CIA. We will continue to meet for CIA till Monday December 14th. Then we will break and resume again some time the first of the year. The 14th will be our CIA Christmas Night so you do not want to miss it. There will be plenty of fun, food, and excitement. We will see you there, Thank you once again for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful community. We pray you have blessed and happy Christmas Season.

#### Middle School Honor Roll Plans Set To 2nd Six Weeks 6th Grade A Kourtney Seaton Betty Cruz

h Grade A Chey Gibbs

Garet Vaughn

Turner Whitten

Lauren Spivey Lacey Wilson

8th Grade A Zach Carlton Connie Gonzalez Kinsey Johnston Melissa Ramirez

Arlette Giles Rylan Laminack Jose Maldonado Alfredo Montelongo Beth Woodall A-B Adriana Brown Brittany Burns Chloe Cole Cynthia Gonzalez Russell Morrison Jacquelynn Rainey Madison Warren A-B

Silvia Alejos Sheldon Fenley Haven Gibbs Mykisha Hampton Jessica Ledford Andy Madera

Randall Miley Yarixa Montelongo Dakota Pacheco Tony Ramirez Alaina Swanner Jessica Williams

### **GHS Honor Roll** 2nd Six Weeks

Ninth Grade: A - Luis Limon and Rachel Tucker; A-B - Jasmeen De le Torre, Drew Flanary, Skyler Henderson, Viri Maldonado, Margarita Oronia and Robert Shawver

Tenth Grade: A - Maria Garcia and A. J. Vaughn; A-B - Ryan Campbell, Chelsea Griffin, Carlic Jackson, Ally Little, Erica Madera, McKenzie Osborne, Cortney Shirley and Stetson Thompson. Eleventh Grade: A - Jaylon Miley; A-B - Troy Gilder, T. J. Warren, Stephanie Risueno, Jaime Johnston and Abby Pacheco.

Twelfth Grade: A - Ben Burgess, Kathryn Fritts, Kelsi Gibson, Alex Giles, Brittany Henderson, Laura Herrera, Tyler Johnson, Skylar Jones, Erica Limon, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, Kimberly Seaton and Brenda Velasquez; A-B - Jarrett Blankenship, Chance Bryant, Justin Little, Praxedis Raygoza and Eric

#### ELEMENTARY

The teams for the U.I.L. Competition have been chosen. The students are continuing their practices for their competitions at Ranger in December. Please encourage your child to do their best if they made a team.

> Thank you, U.I.L. Coordinator Crystal Snider

# Service Men

Christmas time is coming up quickly and a few of us have put our heads together and decided we need to do something for our local men and women that are serving this great nation to keep us free. I would like to suggest that if you know someone from around here that is in the military, put their address in the paper or bring it by the City office and we will find somewhere to post them so whoever would like to write or send a card/care package can.

Thanks, Jill Rainey

### Ramirez, Giles, Little, Johnson, Vaughn Named To 15-A All District List To 2009 Season



ALL District Panthers - (left to right, back row) - A. J. Vaughn, Alex Giles, Tyler Johnson; (front row) - Justin Little and B. J. Ramirez.

Five Panthers were named to the 2009 District 15-A All District List. B. J. Ramirez, Freshman, was named Co-Newcomer of the Year. Tyler Johnson - Senior - Was named to First Team Offense All Purpose. Justin Little - Senior - Was named to Second Team Offense Running Back. A. J. Vaughn - Sophomore - Was named to Second Team Defense - Outside Linebacker. Alex Giles - Senior - Was named to Second Team Defense Pride Award. Alex Giles and Tyler Johnson both were named to Academic All District. Congratulations!!!

### Kindergarten Turkey Home Projects

Maxfield tary would like to thank all the families that participated in the Kindergarten Turkey Home Project. For the project, families were to work together and decide how they could decorate a turkey that would be unique or different. There were a lot of creative turkeys decorated this year and all were outstanding.

Students displayed their turkeys for others to see and ribbons were given out based on family interaction and creativeness.



This years Kindergarten winners went to Lilly Williams for first place, second place went to Natalie Torrez, and third place went to Kaitlyn Wallace.



SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. VISIT IS TUESDAY, DECE BER 16 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 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, 1x 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 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.

Christmas Store - Desdemona Activity Center December 3,4,5 and 10,11,12 9:00A.M.-6:00P.M. - Desdemona, TX.

### City Park Committee Accepting Donations For Miniture Clear Lights

The City Park Committee will be accepting donations of miniature clear lights to be used for decorating in the park. If you would like to donate lights please drop them off at the City Office, or Gorman Pharmacy.

# Gorman Middle School Getting

Gorman Middle School participants are getting ready for the UIL competition in Ranger on December 8 & 10. The students are practicing so they will be ready to compete in every contest. Last year, the middle school took second place in the district contest with 553 points, and we want to build on our accomplishment this year.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to compete with students from Tolar, DeLeon, Santo, and Ranger.

Mildred "Tootsie" Whitt

Mildred Whitt, known by her family and friends as "Tootsie", passed away on November 23, 2009, in Midland, Texas. Tootsie was born on December 20, 1920, in Groesbeck, Texas, the daughter of Luther and Willy May Davis. Tootsie married Keith Whitt in August 1940, and they moved to Gorman, Texas in 1948. Tootsie graduated as a Registered Nurse from the Shannon School of Nursing in San Angelo, Texas in 1944. After raising her two children, she returned to nursing, most recently as the Director of Nurses at Dublin Hospital. She enjoyed her years in the training program for the LVNs that she founded at the Dublin Hospital, and was proud of the success of her students, not one of which failed their State Boards. Tootsie was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Gorman, Texas, for fifty years. She enjoyed a life-long love of playing bridge, reading, dancing, daily crossword puzzles, and Bible study.

Keith preceded Tootsie in death in November 1989. Tootsie moved to the Sun City retirement community in Georgetown, Texas, in 1998 and moved to Helen Greathouse Center at Manor Park, Texas, in 2006. Tootsie is survived by her children, Tomasine Payne of Dallas, and Robert Whitt and his wife, Joan, of Midland, and grandchildren, Jason Whitt and Jessica Whitt, both of New York City, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. The family would like to thank all the staff at Helen Greathouse Manor and the Mabee Center for the loving care given, with special thanks to Wanda Feliz, the Head of Nursing, and Chanita Macklin, and the staff at Hospice of Midland, with special thanks to Becky Walker.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the First to place an order with a GLRA Methodist Church, Gorman, Texas. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 or to the Methodist Church, 303 W. Roberts St, Gorman, Texas 76454

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

### Hazel Lavelle Keith Cox

Hazel Lavelle Keith Cox, age 87 of Brownwood passed away on Friday, November 27, 2009 at Cross Country Nursing Home in Brownwood. Graveside services were held Sunday, November 29th at 2 p.m. at De Leon Cemetery with Bro. Eddie Smart officiating.

She was born March 29, 1922 in Comanche County to William T. Keith and Pearl Leola Smith Keith. She married \*ubrey Cox on September 3, 1944 in Fort Worth.

She was a retired school teacher having taught in De Leon, Corpus Christi and Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. SHe had resided in Brownwood since 1979, having previously lived in Corpus Christi and De Leon. She was preceded by her husband, Aubrey Cox on November 10, 2009; one brother, Cyril Keith and her parents, William T. Keith and Pearl Leola Smith Keith.

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# **Pig Tales From**

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! The weather was beautiful which I enjoyed because our family spent a lot of time outdoors this past weekend. Now, we must pay the piper - a cold spell will be upon us by the time you read this.

Hogtown

The cooler weather will get us into the Christmas spirit. And speaking of Christmas, the annual Christmas Store at the DAC will be held this coming weekend and the following one beginning on Thursday each week. We have lots of new and gently used items for sale. I know that we can count on the great cooks of Desdemona to come up with some wonderful baked goodies, also. A lot of folks come to buy cakes, pies and cookies to freeze for Christmas. These baked goods go fast so come early. The store will be open from 9:00 until 6:00 on Dec. 3, 4 and 5 and again on Dec. 10, 11 and 12.

This coming Saturday, Dec. 5, will also be 'Breakfast at the DAC' and the Christmas Store will open at 7:00 that morning. Come eat and shop all in one stop. It will be a great start to your weekend.

Please remember that we will not have our usual second Friday dance this month because of the busy season, but will begin again on January 8. We do not have a band as of yet for New Year's Eve but hope to soon.

> See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

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1,260 A, hills, mesas, wildlife, RV hookups, creek, tanks, much more [FE01] \$2,396/acre 210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500 162 A, 2 story 2-11/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000 147 A, Horse Property, 5-41/2 Brick Home, 2-Car Garage, barn, much more [SW01] \$950,000 102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, mins.& owner finacing possible [JB02] \$285,000 UNDER CONTRACT 100 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$210,000

81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig, wells [REM01] \$405,000 SOLD 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000 69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, costal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900 45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, costal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500 45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre SOLD 30 A, 3-21/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shop, barn [DB01] \$450,000

24 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000 19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre 7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000 REDUCED 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$159,900 \$89,000 4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000

3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500 3-1 Frame Home, 1 car carport, shaded lot, storage building [DS02] \$39,500

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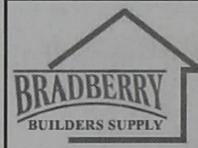
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Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer &other wildlife \$250,000.00

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. 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water.

W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

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SCHOOL MENU Week of Dec. 7 thru Dec. 11

LUNCH

MONDAY - Burrito, chili beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed

TUESDAY - Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, corn, Oat-

MONDAY - not available at press time.

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On November 12th Mary suffered a severe stroke and is currently in ICU at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, WY. She remains in a coma but is showing small signs of improvement each day. Mary worked for Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville then for the Walker Sayle Unit in Breckenridge and the Haven's Unit in Brownwood before retiring in 2007. A fund to help with medical expenses has been set up at Comanche National Bank. For information on the Mary Harmon Medical Fund or the benefit contact Susie Fields at 325 356-3664 or 325 330-0426.



# AG VIEW POINT By: Heath Begeman

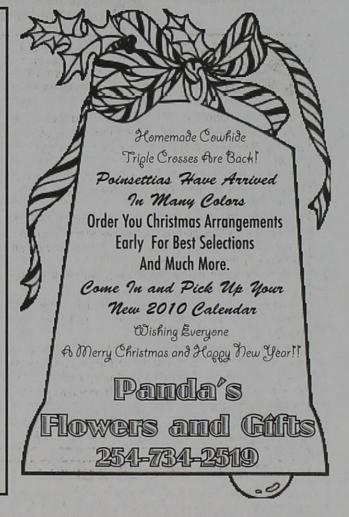
#### FORAGE SEMINAR

A special 5-Hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 9, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. All persons with a pesticide license are eligible for the 5 CEU hours. The topics to be presented are forage insect control, economics of forage production, wheat variety selection, forage/soil sample management, and laws and regulations. There will also be a Farm Service Agency Update, and a sponsor update.

The cost of the seminar and accompanying meal is \$5 to those that pre-register by February 1st. Registration at the door will be \$10 per person. This program is presented by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835. Educational programs for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact the County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.







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### Super Notes

By David K. Perry dperry@gorman.esc14.net

Winter is here! This latest cold snap is bringing out the sweaters and heavier coats and we may even have had a little snow by the time you read this article. I want to remind you that we contact all of the television stations in Abilene with closing and delay information as well as KSTV (FM 93.1) in Stephenville and KYOX (FM 94.3) in Comanche. I do not anticipate and weather related action being take this week if the weather reports are correct.

The Gorman Student Council is sponsoring a Shoebox Christmas! They are looking for boy and girl gifts from ages 4-18 years of age. You may turn in your shoebox donations into a Student Council Member or to Coach Lovelace. All donations must be received by December 14th. If you choose to wrap the shoebox please wrap the box and lid separately. Thanks so much!

The High School Student of the Week for this week is Poncho Raygoza and the Middle School Student of the Week is Miles Turner. Congratulations! The Faculty Members of the Month are Trey Felan and Sandy Porter. Congratulations to them also!

Elementary U.I.L. Academic Competition will be held on December 8th and 10th at Ranger ISD. If your child is on a team, please encourage them to study for the contest. Students that are contestants will be given an allowance to be spent at the concession stand at Ranger for the day/days that they are competing. Permission slips as well as additional information will be sent home to you before the trip.

The Second Six Weeks Awards Ceremony for Maxfield Elementary will be Wednesday, December 2nd in the auditorium. First, Second, and Third Grade awards will be presented at 2:00pm. Fourth and Fifth Grades will receive their awards starting at 2:30pm. We hope as many parents and grandparents can attend as possible.

Just a reminder, all visitors at all campuses are to obtain a visitors pass from the campus office before going into the building any further. We appreciate your cooperation. Even though we know most local visitors, we have lots of new employees and students that may not know you and we are complying with security laws we have to have in place. Thanks again for your cooperation! It is for your child's protection.

The third six-weeks (first semester) will end December 18th, 2009. December 17th and 18th are early release days. The buses will run at 12:30 and the Christmas Holidays will run from December 19th through January 3rd. School will resume on January 4th. We encourage you to communicate with your children about their school work and see that they get all of their assignments completed and turned in at the proper time. It is so easy for them to focus on the holidays too early and let their grades slip. If you have any concerns, please call for a meeting with your child's teacher or principal, whichever is appropriate.

I would like to recognize an ex-Gorman student that moved to Goldthwaite this year, Kiefer Wilson. Kiefer is still playing football and doing a great job for the Eagles and I wish him the best for the rest of the season and hope a lot of his Gorman friends get to watch him and his team go all the way to State. We sure could have used him this year but it looks like his move has turned into a blessing. I am excited for him and I hope you are too!

With this weather, no reminder should be needed, but some kids would wear shorts all year if allowed. No shorts are to be worn between Thanksgiving and Spring Break. Please! We have enough of a problem with illnesses without intentionally aggravating the situation. Thanks!

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!

### **Gorman City Commision Minutes**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2009** 

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, David Stanley, Nathan Files, and Durward Webb.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Durward made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. David made the ad. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Tacy reported to the Commission that the applicant for a mobile home permit had been informed that the request was denied. Also, a notice had been placed on the door of the travel trailer stating the need to return the application for request of a permit, and proof of the age of the travel trailer.

The Commission also wanted to be updated on the issue of hogs being kept inside the City limits. Action will be taken towards correcting the situation if the hogs have not been removed or been told to remove them. (These are not FFA or 4H projects.)

Nathan made the motion that City employees could be off the same as the bank for Thanks-giving. This will be November 26, 2009. This year will not follow suit of the past fifteen years. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion to have the Christmas meal catered. Tacy will call and set up. David made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

After deliberation regarding bonuses for City employees at Christmas this year, and the exchange of discussion regarding whether or not employees should receive a bonus, Nathan made the motion to give the same amount to each employee as the previous year. Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion that no City employee will be allowed to have any children in any City owned vehicle at any time. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0. If an employee needs to pick children up at school, or any other location, they will use their break time and their own personal vehicle. Memos will be given to each employee. Once the employee has read and signed this notice, it will be placed in the employee file.

After discussing the amount of work being performed, and the timely manner in which tasks are completed, or not completed, the Commission decided to combined job responsibilities again.

Nathan made the motion that as of January 1, 2009 two of the City crew will be reading the water meters. The City will no longer retain Allen Scitern for this service. David made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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There being no further agenda items for discussion or action, Nathan made the motion to adjourn with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:15 p.m.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

### **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center (former school Building). Several musical groups and singers attended. Several musicians attended for the first time. We appreciate these musicians that attend each month. We appreciate the ladies that donate food each month for the Concession Stand. The Monthly Musical for December will be canceled due to the busy Holiday Season. These monthly musicals are held on the fourth Saturday night of each month except December. This is a "Smoke Free" Environment and the admission "FREE".

Karen (Guthery) Fair and Lorin hosted the Guthery Family Thanksgiving dinner. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery; Belinda Guthery; Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan; Lee and Sonja Hornback and son, Justin; Roy and Angela Powledge and son, Lane; and Todd and Mandi Strand and daughter, Mattie Jane all of Desdemona.

Kaley spent Thanksgiving Holidays in Cleburne with George Garcia and family.

Melissa Lewis and daughter, Ariel flew to Ohio to spend Thanksgiving Holidays with Glen Lewis who is on a Construction job at this time.

Virgina Griffith spent the Thanksgiving Holidays in Zapata visiting with her daughter and family.

John and Ronda James and daughter, Emily of Whitney visited the weekend with her parents, Humpy and Betty Duke.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie

## Happenings At FBC!!

Resist! Refuse to give in and generate disharmony, negativity, and disruption to destroy others. As believers God gives us infinite worth and dignity. Exercise true humility and strive to produce gratitude to God and thus treat others with gentleness and grace.

Mark your calendars: Dec. 5th – 2pm to 4pm – You are invited! Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House Fellowship.

Dec. 6th - Youth led Sunday - Justin Little and Alex Giles to bring the Message.

Dec. 20th – 10am – Happy Birthday, Jesus, Party!

Dec. 20th – 6pm – Annual Holiday Dinner – bring your favorite side dishes and desserts.

Children's Sermon: Liz showed the children tape, glue, a stapler, and a paper clip. The she

demonstrated how each one could hold paper together. We need people in our lives. We need to hold tight to our family, friends, and church family. Jesus gives us a commandment in the Bible to love one another. Love holds people together better than tape, glue, paper clips, and staples. Let Jesus into your heart so the love of Jesus can pour out and hold us together.

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Bro. Barry's message: "Portion Distortion" – Matthew 14: 44-46 - There was a study conducted by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute that compared the size of food portions from twenty years ago to now. It's astonishing to see how large food portions have grown, thus food portions have changed our health and the way we live. Dieticians say obesity is not necessarily what we eat rather how much we eat.

Matthew 13:44-46 – Do we really know what is valuable? Today we have the most unbelievable distractions in America. Television censoring is almost nonexistent, and using the Lord's name in vain is at an all time high. Food portions have been distorted, but Christianity has been distorted even more. Christianity Distortion is just the opposite of food because the portion goes from big to small. Christians in the twenty-first century have gone backward, yes, we have allowed the influence and impact of Christianity to shrink!

I. Man finds Treasure. - What is the greatest treasure of your life? Remember four years ago we evacuated Gorman because of the wild fires, what did you pack as you were leaving your home? How much time do you think you have left on this earth? What matters most? How much does Jesus mean to you?

II. Man Sells Out. – Will you bury your treasure? Will you hide what you have? Only you can answer. Will you give it all to God?

III. Jesus is the Treasure. – Only you know in your heart if you have found the Lord. Have you accepted Jesus into your heart? Do you trust in Jesus? The real treasure is not what you may own; rather it is the free gift you receive from Jesus.

You are never alone; Jesus promises that He will be there for you.

Re-evaluate your portions, and make sure there is no distortion in your service to the Lord.

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

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

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