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Julia B. Skaggs Cook Scholarship



The Julia B. Skaggs Cook Scholarship was established last December by the late Wallace D. Cook prior to his death on January 15, 2011. The scholarship was created to honor Wallace Cook's wife of 43 years, Julia B. Skaggs Cook. Julia was a graduate of the Gorman High School Class of 1957. Mrs. Cook played on the girls' basketball team which went to the State Championship in '57. She married Wallace Cook in 1965 and they made their home in De Leon where she was a wife, mother, grandmother, and co-owner of Cook Insurance. She passed away in 2009 and her husband wanted to honor her with this gift. The scholarship will be awarded in annual \$500.00 increments beginning with the Gorman High School graduating class of 2011.

Gorman I.S.D. greatly appreciates this generous scholarship that will enable students from Julia's home town to pursue a valuable college education. We would also like to thank Farley Farm Supply and Jerry and Virginia Skaggs for their additional contribution to the scholarship fund in memory of Wallace and Julia Cook.

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department FISH FRY

The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department will have a FISH FRY on March 26th at the Carbon Community Baptist Church. Menu includes fish, hush puppies, french fries, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink. Serving begins at 5 p.m. And ends at 7 p.m. Cost for Adults is \$8.00 and \$5.00 for Children. The wives of firemen are reminded to please bring a dessert -- Any other ladies are welcome to also participate. Please come join us for a good meal and support a good cause. Thank you for your help.

Carbond Volunteer Fire Department

THE GORMAN YOUTH SPORTS COUNCIL WILL BE HAVING A MEETING ON MARCH 6 AT 5PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. IT IS TIME FOR ELECTIONS AND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE COUNCIL PLEASE BE THERE AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU - GYSC MEMBERS

CIA IS BACK!!

CIA is Back. Yes that is right CIA (Children In Action) First Fruit's weekly children's program is in full swing once again. FCF invites all kids ages 6-12 to come and join the fun and excitement. It happens on Mondays at 6:30. We'll see there next Monday. For more info call 254-734-3203.

GUMC Bible Study News!!

Gorman United Methodist Church had a good turn out last Wednesday for our new Bible study on the book Respectable Sins by Jerry Bridges. The group was a well rounded cross section of our community - UMC members, retired pastors and other interested parties. With such a topic you can imagine that the discussion was lively and enlightening. We have barely begun our exploration of what Jerry Bridges calls "respectable" or "acceptable" sins. These sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves include jealousy, anger, pride, unthankfulness, and judgementalism. And then of course, the all encompassing and very hurtful "sins of the tongue" lying, slander, insults, ridicule and gossip. If you would like to explore this topic with us it's not too late. Join us tomorrow night, March 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of UMC Gorman. Everyone is welcome.

City of Gorman General Election To Be Held May 14th

The City of Gorman General Election will be held on May 14, 2011. Positions to be on the ballot are Commissioners Place 1 and Place 3.

Currently serving as Commissioner Place #1 is Nathan Files, and serving as Place #3 is David Stanley. The first day to file for a place on the May General Election ballot will be February 12, 2011 and the last day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 14, 2011 @ 5:00 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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 - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

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. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Dear Gorman Community,

The rumor mills are flying and I wanted to share with you exactly where Gorman ISD is at this point and to let you know as the state makes decisions in the future, the district will share these decisions with the community as soon as we receive them.

The past two school years Gorman ISD has worked with a deficit budget in hope that the state would correct those issues in the future. According to the Moak, Casey projections for next year we will also receive far less money from the state than we received this past school year. It is also rumored that the state may choose to withhold our August payment this year. Due to the before mentioned, the school district did offer the early resignation program to our teachers.

I did share with the teachers that if these issues were not addressed that we would not have a fund balance within 2 years. The Board of Trustees and the administration are working hand in hand to address these issues. We have been to Austin and spoke with Representatives. We have joined forces with "Make Education a Priority", so that our voice would be heard in Austin. There will be some very tough decisions in the near future, however we will continue to have school and will do everything possible to meet the needs of every student.

I hope that this letter will clear any issues that might have been misunderstood. My door is always open and I will be happy to address these issues and try to answer any questions you might have in the future.

Thank You for Your Time,

Jeff Byrd
Superintendent of Schools
Gorman ISD

Letter To The Gorman Community

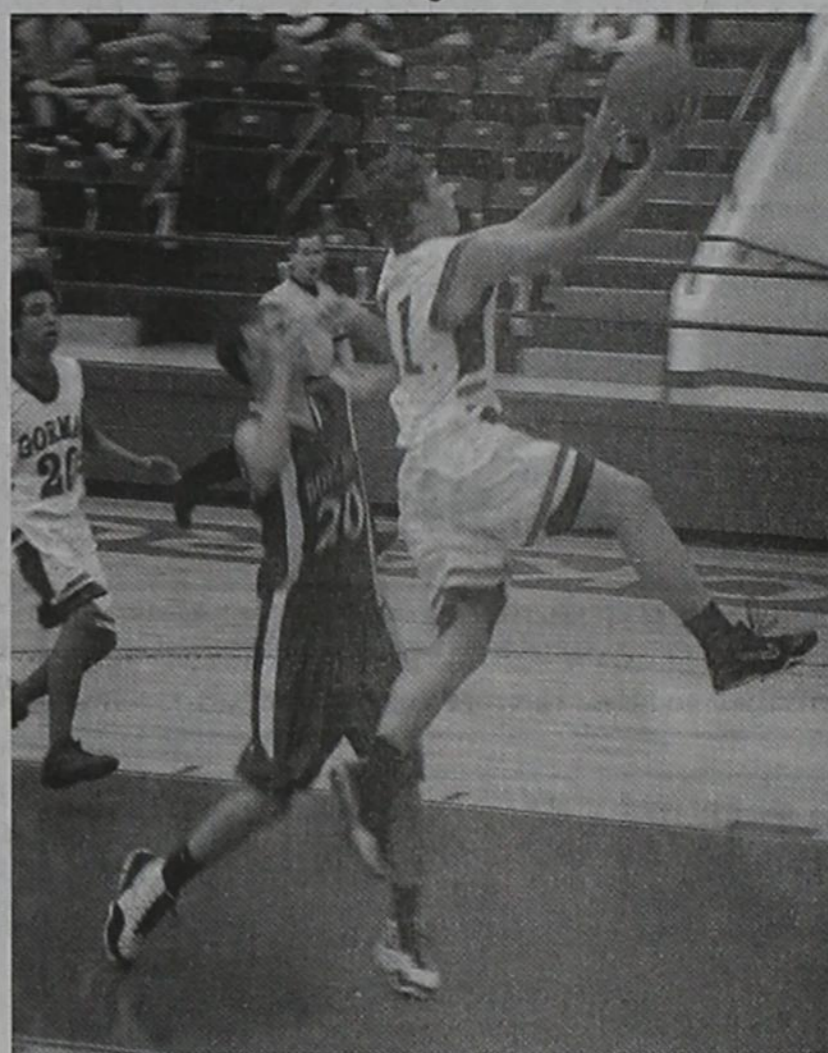
SPRING PORTRAITS TO BE TAKEN AT GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Riley's Studio photographers will be at Gorman High School to take Spring individual and Family and friend group pictures on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Anyone wanting a family or group picture may come to the high school on this day. Please call in advance for best times. Also individual portraits of anyone not of school age may be taken. There is no cost for individual pictures, but groups need to pay a \$2.00 per person sitting fee. Kyle Riley is an excellent photographer with his studio located in Comanche, Texas. Proofs of all the portraits will be sent out and orders will be made from the proofs.

Gorman Panthers - Scenes From Basketball Playoffs



#44 Jonathan Fenley roars back into the game and is the high point scorer in the Newcastle game after sitting out all season due to a knee operation.



Freshman #11, Zach Carlton drives to the goal for a beautiful lay-up and an easy two points.



Our big senior #22 Cody Wood goes up for a three pointer to add to the Panthers score.



The Gorman Cheerleaders and the fans did an outstanding job of supporting the Gorman Panthers with signs and cheers.

Daylight Savings Time
Spring Forward On March 13th

THE GORMAN YOUTH SPORTS COUNCIL WILL BE HAVING SPRING/SUMMER T-BALL, BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS ON MARCH 3 FROM 5P to 7P AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND FINAL SIGN-UP WILL BE MARCH 12 FROM 2p to 4p IN THE NEW GYM. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Gorman ISD School Board Election To Be Held May 14th

Three positions will come open for the May 14, 2011 election for school board trustees and include election to fill an unexpired term. These positions will include two three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Larry Thompson and Noah Landa. The third position is a two year unexpired term ending May 2013, this term vacated by Beth Underwood and filled by appointment by Don Whitten. Don Whitten and Noah Landa have filed for a place on the ballot. First day to file is February 12, 2011. Deadline to file is March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Superintendents' office during school hours.

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

Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

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

Obituaries

Rhynold Lee Weehunt, Sr.

Services for Rhynold Lee Weehunt, Sr., 80, of Holland was held at 2 P.M. on Monday, February 21, 2011 at the First Baptist Church, Holland, with Michael Fortson and Danny Shaver officiating.

Rhynold died peacefully in his sleep on Friday, February 8, 2011 at this home in Holland. He was born October 17, 1930 in Morgan, Texas to Roy Loyd and Bernice Weehunt.

During his childhood, he was particularly close to his grandparents "Mama" and "Papa" Mears who had a peanut farm in Gorman. After graduation, he served 3 years in the US Air Force, 2 of those years in Germany. After honorable discharge in 1952, he worked for Western Electric in Texas.

Rhynold, after dating for all of 1 week, married Bobbie Adell Cooper on April 8, 1955 in Weatherford, Texas. They have been married for over 55 years.

He continued his telephone career in Decatur, Tx, in 1958 and subsequently took a position as manager at Comanche County Telephone Co. in 1973. His dream was to one day own his grandparent's peanut farm, a dream which came true before he retired in 1992.

Rhynold was a Deacon of the Church of Christ in Gorman, a VFD Fire Chief, member of Rotary International, and JC's in Decatur.

He was an avid crappie fisherman and traveled the US with his wife in their RV trailer, to fulfill her childhood dream of travel and visiting the mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bobby Elvin Weehunt. He is survived by his brother, Ben Roy Weehunt and his sister Reta Ann Weehunt Shaver. He is also survived by his wife Bobbie Adell Cooper Weehunt, so Rhynold Lee Weehunt, Jr. of Brownwood and daughter Connie Adell Weehunt-Hagood of Holland. He has 3 grandsons, Shannon Know Hagood and his wife Betty Lisa of Holland, Rhynold Lee Weehunt III of Odessa and Michael Madison Weehunt of Houston. He also had one great grandson William Knox of Holland.

A graveside service was held at Holland Cemetery with military honors that followed.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to www.texas-ramps.org or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements was handled by Broecker Funeral Home of Salado.

Dorothy Mae Barron

Dorothy Mae Barron, age 79, passed away on February 10, 2011 in Odessa Hospital. She was born to Charlie and Clara Rich on December 22, 1931 in De Leon.

Funeral Services were held in Andrews on Thursday, February 15th by McNett Funeral Home. Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Virginia Hernandez and husband Raymond of Andrews; two brothers, Marvin Rich of Gorman and Bill Rich of Zapata and four grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, granddaughter, Bonnie Earhart; two brothers, Jerry Rich and Joe Rich; one sister Jewel Whitely.

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"On The Wilder Side" Q. What is the difference between humans and dogs? A. Two things: Humans have thumbs and humans aren't afraid of the vacuum cleaner. While there may be a few more differences between humans and animals than those two, I would like to point out one you may have never thought about. I had several dogs growing up and I witnessed several fights between them. Now these fights weren't the result of some sick ploy of us to purposefully get them to fight. They fought on their own accord; over which one got the larger portion of food, which was the best suitor for the female dogs, and so on. One interesting fact that I noticed is that after they fought they didn't seem to hold any grudges against one another. You would never see Fido pouting and refusing to talk to (or bark at) Spot until he apologized. Instead, they would go on about their business like nothing ever happened. So I guess there are at least three major differences between humans and animals: We have thumbs, aren't afraid of vacuums, and animals have the sense not to hold grudges.

Wouldn't it be great if humans, in our supposed wisdom, had that same unlimited ability to actually forgive each other? Imagine what kind of world we would live in if we unconditionally and indefinitely forgave each other. Alright, maybe expecting everyone in the world to forgive is a bit of a stretch. Imagine how perfect the church would be if just Christians had the ability to unconditionally forgive our brethren. Christ tells us that if we won't forgive others, we shouldn't expect to be forgiven either (Mat 6:12). He teaches us that just as we expect to be forgiven time and time again by God, we ourselves must forgive our brethren and even enemies. Not just once, seven times, or seventy times seven, but indefinitely. After all, forgiveness with a grudge isn't really forgiveness at all. Is it about time you forgave someone?

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00 Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

Pig Tales From Hogtown

It's time for 'Breakfast at the DAC' again - can you believe how fast this new year is going! Come and join us for sausage, bacon, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. Breakfast starts at 7:00 A.M. and the cost is by donation. The date is this Saturday, March 5th.

Thanks to all who attended the dance last Friday evening - there was quite a crowd at the DAC. We always enjoy Wallace Reed and Burning Daylight. They will be back on March 25th so mark that on your calendar.

I would like to invite all of you who like to read to come and visit the public library located in the Desdemona Activity Center. It is open Tuesday through Thursday from 3:00 until 5:00. We sure have lots of books, magazines, books on tape and video tapes.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

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Gorman Schools Menu for Mar. 7-Mar. 11

BREAKFAST MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice and Milk. TUESDAY - Pancake On A Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, juice and Milk. THURSDAY - French Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk. FRIDAY - Ham, Biscuit, Gravy, juice and Milk

LUNCH MONDAY - Enchiladas, Burrito, Chili Beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Sherbet and milk. TUESDAY - Oven Fried Chicken, Steak Fingers, Baked Potato, English Peas, Biscuit, Gravy, Strawberries and milk. WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn Cobbet, Bread Stick, Oatmeal Cookie and Milk. THURSDAY - Ham and Cheese Stromboli or Turkey Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Chips, Fruit and Milk. FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or Chicken Burger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Salad, Potato Rounds, Ice Cream and Milk.

A Letter To The Editor - About Unrest In Libya

By Henry A. Buchanan Mommar Gadhafy in a speech to the world from his embattled throne in Libya says he will fight to the last drop of blood and with the last bullet. His throne is crumbling for the people are speaking and no amount of bullets and shedding of blood will keep him on the throne of Libya because we are in a new age, the age of the People on the Street. That voice is the bullet that will bring down Gadhafy in the pool of mingled blood, that of the people and that of his defenders. This tumult on the shores of Tripoli presents a temptation for Imperial America, the same temptation which brought us into war in Iraq, the same spilling of the blood of "his own people" which lured us to Saddam's overthrow and death. It is, in fact, the same lure in a new historical shape that led President Reagan to declare "he can run but he can't hide," then bombed the Gadhafy residence in the hope of killing the rising dictator. The 'Gipper' only got a member of Gadhafy's family because the aspiring dictator was not at home that night. Now, the wily Gadhafy has played a trick card: Osama bin Laden is the troublemaker who has stirred the revolutionary brew, and Americans hate bin Laden more than they hate the Libyan ruler. Fear to stand in the streets of Tripoli because it is to stand with bin Laden. So gadhafy will shoot the People in the Streets until the last bullet and the streets run red with the Peoples blood -- And his. Say something diplomatic, Sec. State Clinton. Don't do something foolish, President Obama, open your eyes and ears; America, the Revolution is now!

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Ralph and Joyce Berry raise some of the finest calves and coastal hay in central Texas. After Mr. Berry gave me a tour of their farm south of Cisco, I commented that it was a good operation. "It works," he said. But a good cattle and hay operation isn't built overnight; Mr. Berry bought his first twenty acres when he was twenty years old and has been at it ever since.

Even with the rising cost of fertilizer, Berry says that it's essential for his pastures: "Coastal does great, but you've got to feed it." Because he feeds his, his hay meadows produce more hay and his pastures support more cattle than they would otherwise. But Mr. Berry's goal isn't to just produce more; he's also concerned with quality. He's nutrition goals for his hay and then has it tested to see how he's done. Last year his hay showed 10.9% protein, which is great by any standard. "It's not the cheapest," he says, "but it's good."

An operation like the Berry's takes a lot of work. If you need to reach Mr. Berry, you better call before daylight or you'll miss him; while the sun is shining, he's working. But for the last nine years, he has taken time out each month to serve the farmers and ranchers of Eastland County by being a member of the USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee. The FSA committee reports on crop conditions, sets loss levels, and makes other decisions that affect agriculture producers county wide.

Mr. Berry served the maximum of three consecutive three-year terms, the last of which ended December 2010. In recognition of his service, he received a certificate of appreciation from Juan Garcia, the Texas State Executive Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Besides being a good hay and cattle producer, Mr. Berry is also a great story teller. The committee meetings won't be as entertaining without him. We at the FSA would like to thank Mr. Berry for his service. And if you need some good quality hay, look no further than Eastland County.

Farm Service Agency has Resources to Help Livestock Producers Who Suffered Winter Losses

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that permanent disaster assistance programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill allow FSA to offer relief to producers affected by adverse weather.

The winter months brought much snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the state causing livestock losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. For LIP benefits, producers should document the number and kind of livestock that died due to the winter storms and notify our office as soon as possible.

To meet eligibility requirements under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer. It is also important that the verification of death loss is verified by an unrelated third party.

Another disaster assistance program available to livestock producers is the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which provides financial assistance to producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP requires that producers obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the grazed forage crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable state application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Eastland County is not currently eligible for LFP.

Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Gorman Middle School Fourth Six Weeks Honor Roll

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| 6th Grade | A Honor Roll | A-B Honor Roll |
| Izael Herrera | Mayra Ramirez | Austin Byrd |
| | | Bradi Campbell |
| | | Sydney Casey |
| | | Carrissa Cole |
| | | Kayce Dodd |
| | | Shawn Estrada |
| | | Mayra Gutierrez |
| | | Ismael Herrera |
| | | Katalina Landa |
| | | Karina Lira-Moreno |
| | | Rebecca Mata |
| | | Ricardo Olvera |
| | | Dayanna Palacios |
| | | Sam Rainey |
| | | Jonatan Rivas |
| | | Audri Segura |
| | | Vanessa Valdez |
| | | Dylan Walton |
| 7th Grade | A Honor Roll | A-B Honor Roll |
| Rylan Laminack | Garet Vaughn | Hunter Childers |
| | | Nathan Cook |
| | | Arlette Giles |
| | | Flavio Herrera |
| | | Yulissa Madera |
| | | Jose Maldonado |
| | | Freddy Montelongo |
| | | Betty Montelongo |
| | | Kodie Sparger |
| | | Turner Whitten |
| | | Kathryn Woodall |
| 8th Grade | A Honor Roll | A-B Honor Roll |
| Jacquelynn Rainey | Lauren Spivey | Adriana Brown |
| | | Brittany Burns |
| | | Chloe Cole |
| | | Cynthia Gonzalez |
| | | Jazmine Howard |
| | | Cosette Keeping |
| | | Yovani Palacios |
| | | Holly Rainey |
| | | Lacey Wilson |



Happenings At FBC!!

Fallen! Falling is losing your balance or stumbling to the ground. Those that have fallen away from God know it's from anything that one puts before God. God is the creator and sustainer. The ways of the Lord are right and the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

Mark your calendars:

April 24th – Easter Sunday – Make plans for Baby Dedication, call Church Office to sign up.
Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and have fun learning about Jesus!

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children a box with different shaped holes, and one block that was the shape of a star. Several of the children tried to fit the star in the holes. They quickly found that the star would only fit in one hole. The box is kind of like heaven. In John 14:6 we are told that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus. May all of our children grow to find that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Living Through Darkness 3 & 4" – Deuteronomy 30:20 - In review, Living Through Darkness #1 is Admit You have a Problem and #2 is Jesus has the Power. Tell your troubles to Jesus, He Alone has the Power to Get You Through Darkness! Many years ago Dr. Billy Graham told thousands of people attending a crusade not to worry about the headlines, and we can echo these same words today. Don't worry about the headlines you see in the newspaper and on television, God is on His Throne! The Key to Your Life is making the Choice to Love and Obey the Lord. Jesus calms the dark times.

THE DARKNESS:

1. It's Your Fault. – Accept Responsibility.
2. It's Other's Fault. – You are Collateral Damage.
3. It's Nature's Fault. – Natural Causes.
4. It's God's Fault. – Don't blame God for Your Errors.

Give your burdens to Jesus and take His Yoke upon you for only He can give your weary soul rest. (Matthew 11:28-30) Picture in your mind a "yoke", the wooden beam that is used between a pair of oxen. It's in the OX: Big Ox is in front to lead, Little Ox is alongside the big one, Smart Ox is in the back to help the dumb one, and the Dumb Ox cannot lead but will follow so he is behind the big one. Likewise, it is the metaphor for submitting to Jesus and being connected to him as with a yoke.

LIVING THROUGH DARKNESS:

Step 3: Make Jesus Lord! – Jesus is not satisfied with being your Savoir and Blessed Redeemer. Jesus wants to be the Lord of Your Life!

Step 4: Confess the Good, the Bad & the Ugly. – We're God's Creation and there is good in that. God needs to hear your confessions of the good, bad, and ugly so you may let go of it and allow God to turn your darkness into light.

Think of how bad you tear up others lives while tearing up your own!

May we experience a Great Awakening and recognize our responsibility to love one another. Open your eyes to the light of Jesus! Let God's people nurture you back to spiritual health!!!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100 Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Agape Letter Needed For To Bless Ladies During Walks

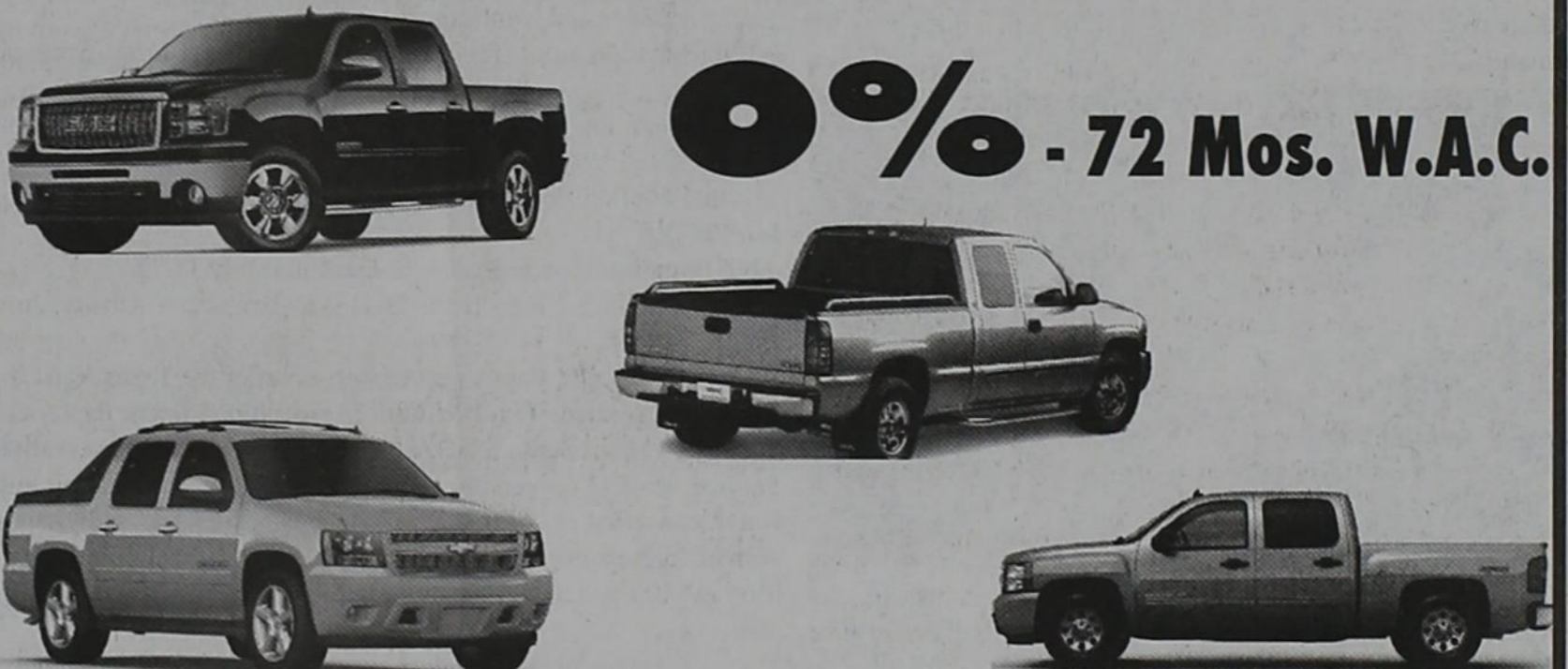
Carolyn White and Pat Burns will be attending Walk #366, March 24-27, in Brownwood. Carolyn is the wife of Duffy White (White's Ace Hardware). Pat (First Financial Bank) is the wife of Gene Burns. Mary Jane Barrera and her sister, Sylvia Zamora, will be attending Walk #172, April 7-10, at Leuders. Mary Jane is the wife of Joel Barrera (Joel's Paint and Body Shop).

Please consider helping make these Walks extra special and a blessing for these ladies by writing an agape letter. Letters for Carolyn and Pat may be sent to me at: Cyndee Groce, 118 CR 331, Eastland, TX 76448. Letters for Mary Jane and Sylvia may be sent to: Kelly Hill, 1809 CR 339, Ranger, TX 76470.

Blessings, Cyndee

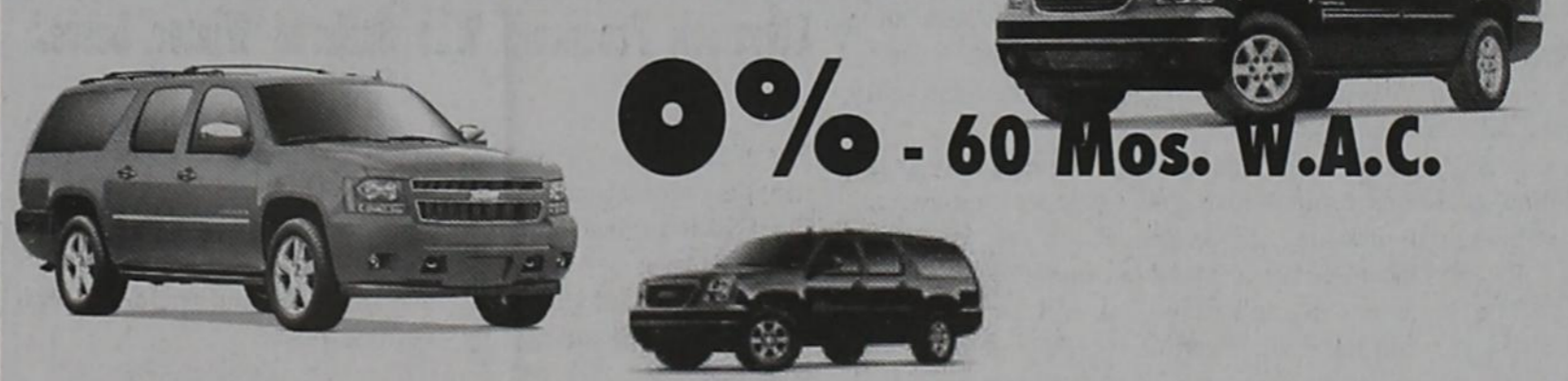
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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly meeting and dinner was held on February 23rd at 11:30. There were 16 again in attendance. I believe our court wrong last week as more here, probably 20. People were quiet after I talked, so we could at least hear Ruthie Porter give our blessing. Thanks to her for the good words. Ruthie much improved and doesn't need as much help from Debra Jackson. She is sure a help to me when here, thanks Debra.

Sure was nice to have Betty Frazier back with us. Looking good and sassy. I missed our hugs and good words. Hope her BP get straightened out soon. I've also had some of those bouts, but OK now. Also good to see Tim Thomas again, hope he becomes a regular.

We missed Lil Brudnak, Billie Bennett had a Dr. Appt., The Buchanans, and Sandy Warren. If all came at once we would have 30 in attendance! Also missed the Shirleys. We heard Bro. Frank had a stroke, hope he is improving. Can't seem to find out if he is doing OK! HE is at the Temple Veteran Hospital. Good to see Jennifer Overstreet, here to eat with Grandpa Wilburn. She always brings a good dish.

Our meal was tasty with the Country Boys German Sausage, our grocery store has, the best. Also 2 green salads, so good, hominy, peas and carrots, rice Broccoli cheese dish and cornbread. Good desserts with Chocolate fudge cake, cookies, pineapple coffee cake and a delicious buttermilk pie made by Estelle Lindley. What a treat, she hadn't made us one in awhile. Next time make town. HA! Thanks a lot.

There has been so many fires lately. Too dry and hot, also so windy. It has been quite scary for all. Places in my yard look like the Sahara Desert. We must pray for a good 3 inch rain. The fruit trees are blooming, so pretty. But I'm afraid to early, we are bound to have another freeze before spring. It is only 3 weeks away, but anything can happen in March.

I was in town the 28th and noticed the front wall had fallen at ZJ's. All this wind took it down. Sure is sad to see. That was the most attractive building in town. Hope Gorman can recover from all the losses we have had in the last ten years.

I found out Billie Bennett had surgery on her finger. She is doing good, will be home soon. Her finger stayed bent. I have one also in that condition, but does unbend, just hangs up.

Please people call me when you have some news. Sure would help or tell me at the Center.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol

Scenes From Basketball Playoffs



The Throckmorton game was full of action, and our Panthers never let up a bit. Here AJ Vaughn (on the floor) sets up the loose ball and as #0 tries to recover BJ Ramirez and Sergio Hipolito are there to continue to wreak havoc, and the ball comes back to Gorman!



Defensive specialist, #0 BJ Ramirez has that look in his eye, this Newcastle player might as well just hand him the ball because he is about to add another steal to the stats.

RANCHERS AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES SHOULD HAVE CATTLE INSPECTED

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) strongly encourages all ranchers whose cattle were on burned pasture to have their cattle inspected by a veterinarian for burns and other trauma from fires.

It is critical to have cattle inspected immediately as life threatening conditions, difficult to diagnose without training, may occur within two to three days of the fire.

Ranchers should contact their local veterinarians for inspection.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization. As the largest and oldest livestock association in Texas, TSCRA represents more than 15,000 beef cattle producers, ranching families and businesses who manage approximately 4 million head of cattle on 51.5 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma. TSCRA provides law enforcement and livestock inspection services, legislative and regulatory advocacy, industry news and information, insurance services and educational opportunities for its members and the industry.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had forty two to attend the morning service last Sunday. Truman Powers and family of Houston were visitors. He is an uncle of Jana's (our pastor's wife). Other visitors were Haily Whitefield of Lingleville, Chase Pulley and Lorian Shoemaker, both of Tarleton State University in Stephenville. There were other visitors but this reporter failed to get their names, etc. The pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson, his wife, Jana and all the members invites Visitors to attend on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Desdemona Monthly Muscial was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. A good crowd of musicians and singers attended. We appreciate all these regular musical groups that attend each Month. We appreciate the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong -- Thanks again.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Faye (Anderson) Walls, 95 of Stephenville. Burial was on Saturday in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her children, a sister, Dorothy Greenhaw, neices, nephews and a host of friends. Preceded in death by her husband, Elbert Walls, her mother, Sallie Huffman, four brothers, Raymond Anderson, Elmer Lee Anderson, M.W. "Bud" Anderson and Dalton Anderson. This family are former residents of Desdemona where most of their children attended school. Faye graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1934.

Get Well wishes to Frank Shirley. He is in the Veteran's Hospital in Temple slowly recovering from a stroke.

Get Well Wishes to June Dossey. She is slowly recovering from recent shoulder surgery.

Take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember these on the sick list and other shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie.

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

Well March came in like a lion, will it go out like a lamb? March is going to be a busy month for us here at Homestead. We will celebrate Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday on the 8th. St. Patrick's day on the 17th the first day of Spring on the 20th. Monthly birthday party will be on the 21st. And we can't forget to "spring forward" on the 13th when daylight savings time begins.

Those playing bingo Monday morning were Dorothy Beaty, Sunny Kellogg, Troy Scitern Mayvis Lasater, Melvin Daniels, Wes Couch, Rozelle Caraway, Nell McAnally, Lula Schneider and Faye Johnson. Winners were Melvin, Wes, Rozelle, Nell and Faye Johnson.

We had a great singing Monday afternoon. with Helen and Woodrow Browning, Ann Warren and Billy Joe Dennis. We greatly appreciate those who come for Gospel Singing every Monday at 2:30. Always room for more.

Martha Rainey came on Wed. and Thurs. morning and led the residents in some Yoga exercise. She is going to start coming on Tues. and Thurs. at 9:30 to hold these exercises. Martha invites everyone to come and join them in the front lobby.

Visiting with Edgar Reynolds were Faye Faulk, Johnny Smith, and Kenny Welch. Dale Johnson visited his mother, Faye Johnson, Brent Lasater visited his mother, Mayvis Lasater, Christina Crews went to Mineral Wells over the weekend to visit her children and grandchildren. Billy Self visited his mother, Christine Self. Ewellene Hammon visited her mother, Claudie Shelton. Sonny and A.D. Daniels visited Melvin Daniels. Larry and Stratton Thompson visited Jud Thompson. Visiting Ora Lee Lawrence were Wanda Shaw of Coleman, Patricia McMillan of Grownwood and Clifa Vaughn. Melba Carter of Eastland visited Lucille Johnson. Visiting Sunny Kellogg were June Morton, Peper and Nila Morton of Ft. Worth. and Francis Simpson. Have a good week.

WILDLIFE EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM AVAILABLE

San Antonio...If you are 13-17 and are interested in wildlife and/or the outdoors, you may be interested in the Texas Brigades, a wildlife education and leadership development program. Applications may be submitted on line until April 1, 2011. The website address is www.texasbrigades.org.

In its 19th summer, the Texas Brigades are co-ed programs for youth with a passion for learning about the value of our state's wildlife and natural resources.

Dates and locations:

- 12th Battalion South Texas Buckskin Brigade - Carrizo Springs, June 5-9
- 19th Battalion Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade - Coleman, June 18-22
- 14th Battalion South Texas Bobwhite Brigade - Campbellton, June 26-30
- 6th Battalion Bass Brigade - Santa Anna, July 11-15
- 10th Battalion North Texas Buckskin Brigade - Albany, July 17-21

The camps are a partnership effort of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, several universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development. Tuition is \$400 per cadet per camp, but financial assistance is available.

For more information, contact Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or Kassi Scheffer at kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org or you may call 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904.

Farm Service Agency has Resources to Help Livestock Producers Who Suffered Winter Losses

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that permanent disaster assistance programs created in the 2008 Farm Bill allow FSA to offer relief to producers affected by adverse weather.

The winter months brought much snow, ice and frigid temperatures across the state causing livestock losses.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides livestock producers with benefits for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather. For LIP benefits, producers should document the number and kind of livestock that died due to the winter storms and notify our office as soon as possible.

To meet eligibility requirements under LIP, producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days from when the loss is apparent to the producer. It is also important that the verification of death loss is verified by an unrelated third party.

Another disaster assistance program available to livestock producers is the Livestock Forage Program (LFP) which provides financial assistance to producers who suffer grazing losses due to drought or fire. LFP requires that producers obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the grazed forage crop under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA) or file the required paperwork and pay the administrative fee by the applicable state application closing date for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Eastland County is not currently eligible for LFP.

Producers who have questions regarding livestock disaster assistance program eligibility and the application process should contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Daylight Savings Time
Changes on March 13th this year.
Remember To Spring Forward.

UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble Competition

On Saturday, February 26, the following students competed in the UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble Competition at Cleburne High School: Raven Kehl, Viridiana Maldonado, Rhys Vaughn, and Katalina Landa.

Raven performed an original African-American folk melody arranged by Harry Burleigh; "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired." This is a well known piece that is still popular with Gospel choirs today. However, there are various arrangements. Burleigh's arrangement is more in keeping with the original versions, which were passed down through generations of black American slaves. The songs basic message conveys the singers desire to seek for city beyond this life and enjoy a better day, while assuring the listener that the singer, while under severe pressure, is not too tired to keep seeking and expecting a better time and place.

Viridiana performed an original folk song in Spanish entitled "Preludios," which was arranged by Manuel de Falla. "Preludios" is the story of a young girl that informs her mother of a young man who serenades her at her window every night, wooing her to be his. She asks her mom why this song makes her feel both sad and happy. Her mother replies that what she is feeling is universal with young women that are wooed, because it is the prelude of a poem; the greatest poem in the world. She continues to tell her of the great sadness and happiness of the Virgin Mary at the birth, life and death of her son and alludes to the idea that all women experience this to some degree with regard to children.

Rhys sang a fun original African-American folk melody entitled "Tis Me O Lord," which was also arranged by Harry Burleigh. The basic message of the song is, "Lord, it's me that's standing in the need of prayer. It's not my deacon or my elder; it's not my sister or my brother, but it's me O Lord that needs prayer."

Katalina sang an original Spanish lullaby arranged by Kilenyi named "La Paloma Blanca." La Paloma Blanca is Spanish for the white dove. In the song, a white dove convinces a blue pigeon to join with him in singing and dancing the jota for the baby Jesus. The jota is an original dance that is similar to the dance that Mrs. Sanchez and her class put on from each year.

Each of these students are to be congratulated on the time spent preparing these pieces and for their representation of our school. Raven, Viri, and Rhys all received a two, which in UIL ranking represents an excellent performance. Congratulations to Katalina, who received a one and a gold medal for her performance.



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