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Round-Up For Rehab Auction In Dublin

On Friday, April 8th, the Dublin Livestock auction barn will be hosting the first of the 2011 Round-Up for Rehab special sales and events benefiting the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The Round-Up program represents a long-standing tradition of Neighbor-Helping Neighbor with the agricultural and area communi-



The 2010 Dublin Round-Up for Rehab auction crowd with LuAnn and Billy Ballenger, Polly Schuman and Anthony Brinson sitting in the front row with their auction item of fried apricot

Helping with this year's special sale are J. T. and Cayce Pratt of Dublin Livestock Auction, along with Dale and Marla McKinney of Stephenville and Anthony Brinson from DeLeon. Others with key roles in this year's program are general chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson of Abilene, Jody Frey of San Angelo and Bob Helmers of Christoval. World-renowned cowboy musician and poet, Red Steagall continues to support the Rehab Center as Round-Up Honorary Chairman. They all join with other volunteers in asking for help so the Rehab can meet the needs of all who turn to the Center for assistance in overcoming the disabling effects of an illness or injury.

Ways ranchers and other supporters can help include:

- Donating livestock, merchandise or other auction items to the sale
- Attend the sales and join in the bidding

Make a cash gift to Rehab

Notify Rehab or a local chairman now of an intent to have the auction house cut a check to Rehab for animals sold later in the year

Whether you are a long-time supporter or have never been to one of the Rehab's auctions, the Dublin sale promises to provide a fun experience. Starting at Noon on April 8th, the Rehab's own chuckwagon will be offering a meal of beans, cornbread and cobbler. The auction will then kick-off at 1:00 p.m. with items of interest for all. Livestock, ag-related and general merchandise, crafts and baked goods will be offered with a round of lively, friendly bidding.

Corporate friends of Rehab that have once again stepped forward as Round-Up sponsors are Bar-G-Feedyard, Family Powersports, Group IV Member Owned Electric Cooperatives, Lone Star Beef, and Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife, Inc. "The commitment of our local chairmen and ranchers, along with the continuing support of our corporate sponsors helps to ensure that the services of the Rehab are available to all who need them regardless of their ability to pay," said WTRC President, Woody Gilliland.

As a private, non-profit organization, West Texas Rehabilitation Center with outpatient facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, treats more than 28,000 patients annually.

For more information about the Rehab Center or Round-Up sale dates call WTRC-Abilene at 325-793-3507. For Dublin area residents wishing to donate animals, merchandise, baked goods or needing information on the local sale, contact Cayce Pratt at 254-445-3250.

Gorman Represented At Network Luncheon

Hamilton community leaders hosted one of five network luncheons sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network this spring. The luncheon was held at the Circle T Arena west of Hamilton. Immediately following lunch, discussion focused on "Effective Local

Efforts".

Gorman economic development executive Cliffa Vaughn was among more than 40 community leaders in attendance. During the luncheon community representatives from neighboring cities offered comments on projects that community-wide create involvement; how to engage youth in community projects; and growing local leaders. The group also received on overview of the



Texas Midwest Community Network organization.

Cities represented at the luncheon included Hamilton, Comanche, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Goldthwaite, Gorman and Hico. Representatives from AT-MOS Energy and Texas Department of Agriculture also attended. The meal was catered by the Crossfire Cafe.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more information about TMCN call 325-795-8626 or visit www.texasmidwest. org.

Annual Easter Treasure Hunt Set April 23rd

Easter is later this year but it is time to start preparing for our annual Easter Treasure Hunt. Plans are to hold the Hunt on Saturday April 23 at the city park. Time to be announced at a latter date. Donations are being accepted at Bob's Gro., City Gro. or the City Office. Donations of money, snacks, trinkets, candy(no chocolate please) and toys. A date has not been set for the Youth in The Dark in the Park night.

Thank you Mrs. Bunny and Ina Smith

Lady Panthers beat Lipan 14-2. Kinsey - 3 runs, 2 hits, 3 RBIs and 1 homerun; Cortney -1 run, 3 hits, 1 RBI and 2 sb; Jaime - 1 run, 3 hits, 1 RBI; Rebecca- 2 runs, 1 sb; Rachel- 3 runs, 1 hit, 1 sb; Holly- 1 run, 1 RBI; Yari- 1 hit; Haven- 1 run; Jaylon- 1 run, 1 hit, 1 RBI; Melissa- 3 hits, 2 RBIs; Alaina- 1 run.

Way to go Lady Panthers!! Keep up the good work!

BLOOM Is Almost Here!

Artists of Eastland County cordially invite you to attend their art show and sale, Art in Bloom, to be held April 16/17, 2011 in the Eastland County Historical Museum, 112/114 S. Seaman, Eastland, TX.

Judging this year's event is Judia Terry, well known artist and illustrator from Coleman, TX. The docent will be Katherine Gordon Rice of Eastland and formerly of Stephenville, who is also a well known artist. Presenting awards will be 91st District Court Judge Steve Herod.

Entries will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at which time entries will be judged. The show will open again at 1:00 on Sunday, April 17, 2011 and awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. Entry fees are \$15.00 per entry, or 3 entries for \$40.00. There is a limit of three (3) entries per artist. Cash awards will be given for Best in Show, Student Best in Show, first, second and third place in each category and Honorary Mention ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the Judge. There will also be a People's Choice ribbon awarded. Professional artists are invited to display their work but are not eligible for awards.

Of special interest to the organization are entries from students in grades 6 through 12, and all students are urged to enter this show. Cost will be \$5.00 per entry for students and all entries must be framed and ready to hang for display.

For more information on the Art in Bloom art show, or just information on Artists of Eastland County, please contact Jill Page at 254-647-1799, Barbara Bridges at 254-647-5143, Ruth Espinoza at 254-647-1436 or Martha Elliott at 254-442-1208. We will be happy to answer any question you may have.



2010-2011 Peanut Queens at Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade held March 19th. Shown in photo are Brittney, Kaylee and Rorri.

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack Announces Process to Resolve Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General Tony West today announced the establishment of a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. This announcement follows the Obama Administration's settlement of longstanding litigation brought by African American farmers and Native American farmers.

In conjunction with this announcement, USDA is launching an outreach effort to potential claimants that will include a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website, public service announcements, and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov. Beginning February 25, 2011, individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Gorman General Election Officially Cancelled

The City of Gorman General Election will be officially cancelled at the next Regular scheduled meeting. Each candidate is running unopposed.

Kenneth Good will be the incoming commissioner for Place 1 and incumbent David Stanley will be Commissioner Place 3. Candidates will be sworn in the week following the May 14, 2011 scheduled election

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

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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 OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

"Two Little Words -- Huge Meaning"

To all friends and neighbors who came to our "Annual Fish Fry" to enjoy good food, fellowship and show your love and support, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We can't do our job without your help. Our sincere thanks each

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

MAXFIELD ELEMENTARY RECEIVES AWARD

Maxfield Elementary has been recognized as a Title I Distinguished Performance School in Texas. The criteria for this recognition include:

- Title I, Part A campus in 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11;
- Maintained a campus residing population of 40% or more low-income in
- Met AYP in 2009 and 2010;
- Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2010 of Exemplary;
- Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2009 of either Exemplary or Recognized; Achieved a campus rating in Spring 2008 of either Exemplary or Recognized.



"HUGE" 11 FAMILY GARAGE AND YARD SALE: TWO WEEKENDS - Apr. 1st and 2nd and April 8th and 9th - 607 W. Brewer - Gorman -- Too Much To Name. Lots of NEW and Good Things. More added as room permits. 254-734-2850.

YARD SALE: Saturday, April 2, 2011 - 807 N. Kent - Gorman, TX -- Sale begins at 8:00 a.m. - Appliances, bedroom sets, kitchen items, linens, clothes, books, miscellaneous items. 1TP Multi Family Garage SALE: Fri. - Apr.1 and Sat. Apr 2 at 207 S. Fisher -- Abbe Residence - Baby items, nice clothes, Tool Boxes for Pickups, Household Items, Lots of Miscellaneous items.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman needs CNA's for 2-10 and 10 to 6 Shifts also All P.R.N. Shifts For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC

COGBURN REALTY

254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 679: Old homesite w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 a cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre.

2-1 Frame, window A/C, 50 x 125 lot. Only \$14,900 - Owner Financing 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 Brick, 1348 sf, central a/C, some new carpet, metal roof, sunroom,

large fenced backyard, near school, nice & Clean. \$41,500. 35 A. M/L - Erath Co. N. De Leon, paved frontage, good small acreage recreational place, heavy brush cover, deer, wild turkey and hogs! Over 1/2 mile of creek front-

age. \$3,495 per acre. 3 + Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg, game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks! \$119,500.

9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2 story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, mere 170f, carport 30 of theta sap several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00 S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water

well, 2 car carport/storage, \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.

peted, 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. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds,

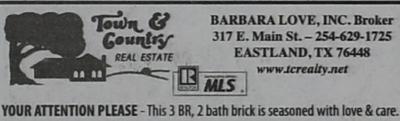
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, car-

sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre. SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!

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ing on this 2 AC, m/FL. 3 BR, 2 bath brick-LR w/FP, DR & den. Outside is a deck w/ jacuzzi, a tank, 3 stg. bldgs. & lg. metal barn 2/2 heated & cooled rooms. Call today & enjoy the fresh air & Wide open spaces! HA2

11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3

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"EDGE OF GORMAN - 1.3 AC, m/l. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk. bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06 HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18

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PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well s & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building

& old cafe. C19

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"On The Wilder Side"

While I was traveling to Florida on our family vacation recently we stopped at a McDonalds early one Monday morning for a quick breakfast. Next to me in line was a well dressed business man who was obviously other and I realized that I had a decision to make. Either I could keep quiet and to myself, or I could step out of encouragement to this stranger. I realized that although I wasn't in Texas where people are a bit friendlier, I was still a Texan. I decided to have a conversation and hopefully encourage the man who I learned was a fellow trav-

I think our society is ever digressing to isolation and loneliness. They say that the loneliest place is in a crowd of people. Do we not talk to others because of the words of our mothers echoing in our ears "don't talk to strangers"? Maybe we are afraid that we will make someone feel uncomfortable? Do we not know what to talk about?

My realization was startling. I may not be in Texas but I'm still a Texan. How about this... I may not be in Heaven but I am still a Christian. Who, rather than where, I am should determine how I interact with others. I will always be in situations that my seem uncomfortable, or in less than desirable company. But that shouldn't detour my God given assignment of spreading the Good News. I didn't have time to sit down with the traveler and explain God's plan from creation to the cross, but I did have time to let him know that God loves him.

No man is an island and we are all dependant on each other. My encouragement to you is to go out and "make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." (Eph 5:16) Always remember who you are, and Whose you are.

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

A Letter To The Editor - Feeding Hungary Men By Henry A. Buchanan

On Friday evening we learned that the people of North Korea do not have enough food; they are hun-

On Saturday the Texas Monthly cover shows a famous Texan offering steak and a pan of biscuits - to Texans. Now the North Koreans are asking us to feed

them; the famous Texan is asking us to come and So God is setting before us an opportunity to

share our surplus of food with our enemies in North Korea.

ing our young Americans is obesity. Those of us who have grown old and fat are already condemned. We are making a big effort to save our youth. And God is setting before us the solution. Share our food with the North Koreans. It will help both them and us.

But, the North Koreans are our enemies! They have made a nuclear device and they are threatening us. Who wants to feed his enemies? Christians, maybe?

So there it is, the perfect weight loss program. Americans, eat less and send half of what you had planned to eat to the hungry North Koreans.

But remember, Opportunity has a forelock and the back of her head is bald. Seize the Day! For tomorrow comes the way Japan came at Pearl Harbor when we refused to allow fuel to meet the needs of an expanding nation. Feed the hungry man. He is dan-

> Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569

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Obituary

Lorene Lorette Poteet Bonham

Lorene Lorette Poteet Bonham, age 87 of Granbury, forstill trying to wake up. Neither one of us spoke to each merly of Gorman, passed away Tuesday March 22, 2011 at the Granbury Care Center.

Services were at 1:00 P.M. Saturday at the Higginbotham my self imposed boundary and offer a smile and word of Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Alameda Cemetery.

Lorene was born May 3, 1923 in Ranger, Texas to Carl H. Wallace and Vinnie Lee (May) Wallace. She married Frank Poteet. He preceded her in death in 1968. She later married John

She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Chelcee Poteet of Brownwood; daughter-in-law, Barbara Randolph of Granbury; aunt, Marie Winfrey of Sundown; seven cousins, Don Wallace of Abilene, Robert Wallace of Houston, Joe Wallace and Winston Wallace both of California, James Wallace of Atlanta, TX, Jerry Wallace of Dallas, Jessie Joe Wallace of Colorado City and Redeece Wallace of Odessa. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two sons, Roger Frank Poteet and Joe Dale Poteet, and aunt, Neoma Braeutigan.

One Day Type-1 Diabetes Seminar for Families at Texas Lions Camp

Texas Lions Camp, in cooperation with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, is conducting an exclusive advanced diabetes education seminar for the entire family, including siblings and grandparents on Saturday, April 16th in Kerrville, Texas. Caring for young people with diabetes is a challenge for the whole family, and can be intimidating for grandparents or extended family caregivers. Attending this seminar will provide knowledge, understanding, and confidence for the entire family. Grandparents will spend a portion of the day in sessions specifically designed for their unique situations, and siblings will have a break out session of their own. More details are available at www.lionscamp.com .

While children with diabetes and their non-diabetic siblings enjoy the professionally supervised activities of Texas Lions Camp's state-of-the-art facility, a team of internationally recognized diabetes experts, led by Dr. Stephen Ponder, will provide a day-long seminar on how to apply advanced diabetes care skills. The goal of the seminar is to increase levels of advanced diabetes care knowledge and skills. The cost for this opportunity, including all meals, snacks and presentation materials, is \$75 per family (includes grandparents) or \$25 per individual. Register online at www.lionscamp.com.

The focus of the this seminar is to enhance the advanced diabetes care skills and working knowledge of parents of children with type 1 diabetes and adults with type 1 diabetes in a relaxed and unhurried atmosphere. Participants receive a basic review of current goals of diabetes care and review core diabetes care concepts which are vital for anyone with type 1 diabetes to master. Do we have a surplus? The big problem fac- The seminar concludes with an open forum question and answer session for any topic. A course syllabus will be provided to each family or individual attending with educational materials complementing each presentation.

Presenters

Dr. Stephen W. Ponder MD, FAAP, CDE, Professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Permian Basin Campus, Medical Director for the Texas Lions Camp Diabetes Camp.

Barbara J. Anderson, Ph.D. Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, and Senior Psychologist, Diabetes Care Center at Texas Children's Hospital

Meaghan Anderson, RD, MN, CDE, Diabetes Clinical Manager for Medtronic.

Nelda Caceres, RN, CDE, Texas A&M University Coastal Bend Health Education

Barb Schreiner, PhD, RN, CDE, Lead Instructor with the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

Kevin McMahon, CEO healthimo

Please join us at Texas Lions Camp or invite someone who would benefit from attending the seminar. For more information, or to register, go to www.lionscamp.com

Gorman Schools Menu for Apr. 4 - Apr. 8

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Sausage, Juice, and Milk.

TUESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hash brown, Juice, and Milk. WEDNESDAY - French Toast, Fruit, Juice and Milk. THURSDAY - Pancake Stick, Banana, Juice and Milk. FRIDAY - Bacon, Egg, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.

MONDAY - Baked Ham or Corn Dog, Mac/Cheese, blackeyed peas, oranges, bread slices and Milk. TUESDAY - Pork Chop, Chicken Legs, cheese potatoes, broccoli, roll, strawberry cake, & Milk. Birthday Table. WEDNESDAY - Chicken and Rice, or Pigs in a Blanket, Carrot coins, tossed salad, fruit and Milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken Spaghetti or Ravioli, cheese sticks, corn cobbet, green beans, bread stick, fruit and Milk. FRIDAY - Chili Dogs or Toasted Ham and Cheese, baked beans, french fries, ice cream and milk.

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Thanks to everyone who came to the dance at the Desdemona Activity Center last Friday night. All had a great time! On the subject of dances, the Monday night dances regularly held at the DeLeon City Hall will be held here in Desdemona at the DAC for the next few weeks in order for some repairs to made at the City Hall building. We welcome everyone who goes to the dances in DeLeon, to come to Desdemona on Monday nights.

There was a little excitement in Desdemona last week - the crew from the television show "American Pickers" stopped in town. They talked to several people in town and then went on to Ranger. Folks were told that any segments filmed here would be shown on TV in 2 or 3 months.

Next Saturday, April 2nd is 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Hope you all come and enjoy breakfast with us from 7:00 until 10:00. The cost is by donation.

We still have a few spots for vendors for our craft show on April 16th. Each spot rents for \$30.00. We provide a table and chairs for each. Please call me if you are interested at 254-758-2420.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

Happenings At FBC!!!

Thoughtfulness! What are some things that other people do that make you feel good ... perhaps a smile, a kind word, a hug, a phone call, or a note in the mail. May your thoughtful ways and random acts of kindness bring goodwill and happiness to others.

Mark your calendars: April 3rd - 7pm - TriCounty Evangelism Rally at FBC

April 24th - Easter Sunday - Make plans for Baby

Breckenridge

Dedication, call Church Office to sign up. April 24th - Easter Sunday - The Messengers in Concert. 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 bottle of water, and said she gets thirsty when she works out and when she teaches in the classroom. Then asked, "What do you do when you get thirsty?" The children said that they get a drink. After we get a drink and do something else we get thirsty again. The Bible tells of the time when Jesus was thirsty and asked the Samaritan woman for a drink from the water well. Jesus told her if she only knew whom He was and of the free gift of living water from God she would not be surprised that He would ask her for a drink. Once we drink of God's living water we will never be thirsty again; we only need to ask Jesus to come into

our heart one time and He will live in us forever. Special Music: Tommy Clark said that when he writes a song that is God's idea it works out well. "My God Is a Comfort" by The Messengers must be a song that was God's idea because it has brought us personal comfort. The Messengers give gifts in song to listeners such as joy, inspiration, comfort, and innumerable other blessings. We pray the Lord will open the opportunities for more in our world to hear and be ministered to by The Messengers. Amen

Bro. Barry's Message: "Living Through Darkness 12" -II Corinthians 1:3-11 - God gives us friends to comfort us in our time of need. Indeed we are thankful for our friends, family, and Church Family.

THE DARKNESS:

(1) It's Your Fault. (2) It's Other's Fault. (3) It's Nature's Fault. (4) It's God's Fault.

LIVING THROUGH DARKNESS:

(1) I got a Problem. (2) Jesus has the Power. (3) Make Jesus LORD. (4) Confess the Good, the Bad, & the Ugly. (5) Tell Someone. (6) Tell Yourself. (7) Tell the Lord you need Help. (8) Make a List. (9) Make Amends. (10) Stay on Track. (11) Stay in Touch.

Definition of Being a Comfort to Others: Cone along side of, be strong for them, with them, holding them

3 STAGES OF OVERWHELMING DARKNESS: 1. Struggling - you don't feel as well, not as powerful, dwell in seeds of doubt, no way out.

2. Searching - Search no more because Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to comfort us

3. Panic - Everything falls apart, distressed.

LIVING THROUGH DARKNESS:

12. Help Somebody. - (I) Tell Your Story - Each Is Important. (II) Rely On God - Learn to Lean on God. (III) Praying - Lift up one another.

When you don't talk about the "proverbial elephant in the room" and you leave, the other person left alone in the room with "the elephant".

P.T. Forsyth said, "You must live with People to know their problems, and live with God in order to solve them." Darkness is the absence of light. God made us to fellowship with Him and show His love to one another. Jesus is the light that never stops shining; Jesus is the light of the world even in what seems like darkness. Bro. Barry and Tommy Clark delighted us with a duet of Learning to Lean, may you find true comfort in Learning to Lean on Jesus. If you Love Jesus He's your Savior, if you Follow Jesus He's your 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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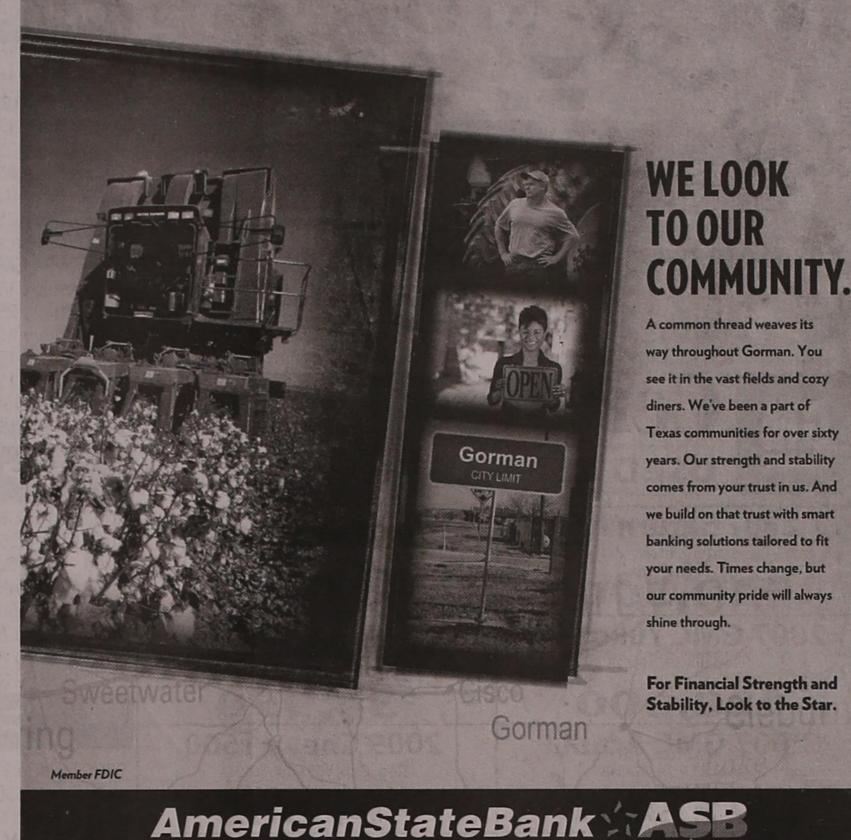
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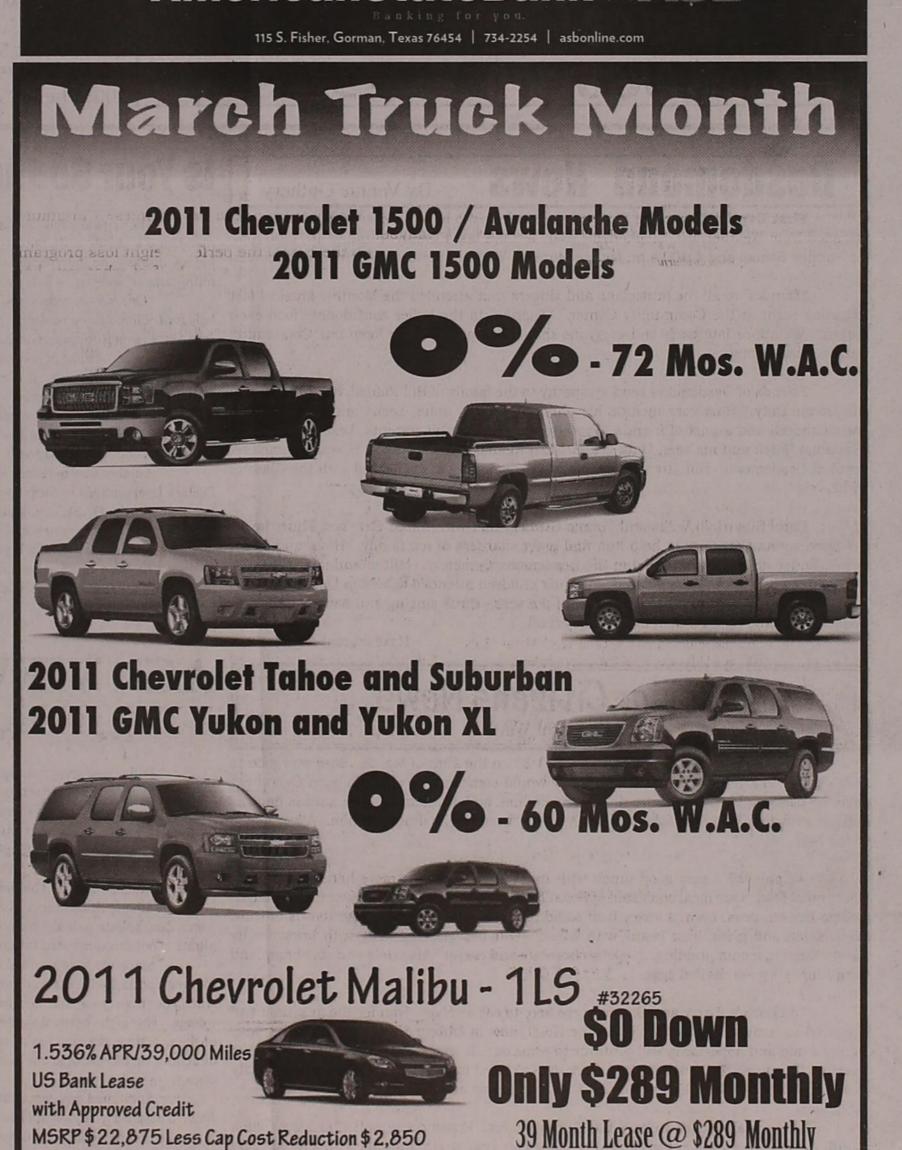
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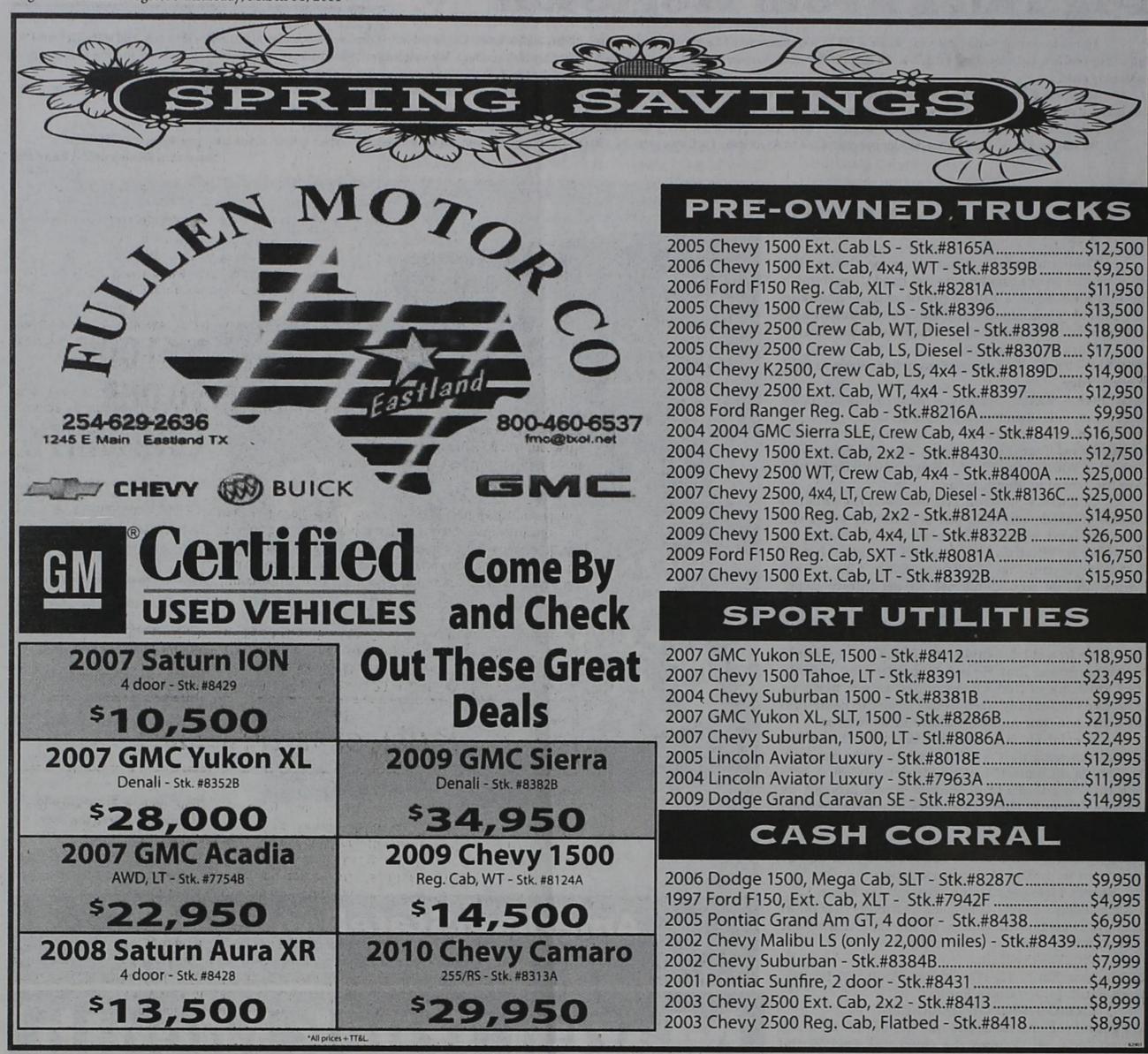
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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance. Visitors attended from Weatherford, Stephenville and Gorman last Sunday. Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service. Visitors are Welcome.

"Thanks" to all the musicians and singers that attended the Monthly Musical last Saturday night at the Community Center. "Thanks" to the ladies that donate food each month. We appreciate each and everyone that takes part to help keep our Community Center going strong.

Friends of Desdemona send sympathy to the family of Bill Riddell, 86 of the School Hill Community. Survivors include his children, Jeane, Jane, Leslie and Tena, several grandchildren and a host of friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Robbie (Williams) Ridell and his wife, Oma Lee (Stokes) Riddell. Burial was in Howard Cemetery, north of Desdemona. Bill attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1942.

Carol Sue (Hall) Willis and Vonnie Guthery met with Alfred Cate last Thursday at the Desdemona Cemetery to help him find grave markers of his family. His grandfather, Milton Rouse and wife are buried in the Desdemona Cemetery. Milton and family lived in Desdemona during the "Boom Days". All their children attended school in Desdemona.

"Spring" - What a beautiful time of the year. Birds singing and flowers in bloom. Spend some time outside each day to enjoy it all.

Have a great day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There were 23 of us out for lunch at 11:30 on the 23rd of March. Sure was good to see so many in attendance. Wish that many would come every week. Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing for us all. Sure do appreciate him, so faithful to be here, unless he feels bad. His relative, Sandra Cagle, our Tax Assessor was here to dine with him. Always good to see her.

We enjoyed a very good lunch with many dishes. When more here much better selection of food. Our meal consisted of Roast beef with potatoes and carrots, pizza brought by Ima Brown, peas, corn, a lovely fruit salad by Geraldene Wright, 2 other bowls of fruit, green salad and green lima beans with bacon. Our dessert very tasty with brownies by Sandy Warren, lemon pudding, 2 cakes, chocolate and carrot. Also rolls and cornbread and Beth Shirley's good deviled eggs.

The Early's, Larry and Donna, were here to eat with us. Him for the first time and she used to come. She used to live in the Hotel, now in Dublin. We enjoyed visiting with Donna again and hope Larry will continue to come out. It was so cold in here at 70 we were freezing! Even me, that's a new one. Sure doesn't need to be kept that cold, costs the city more money. Poor Larry had to get out, was hurting his arthritis.

We were all excited to have the Shirley's back. Frank doing well after his stroke a month ago. He has a scooter to get about, makes life easier. He can walk with a walker and some alone. Frank looks so good, can't tell he was ill.

We all enjoyed a good time eating out at Boomtown's in Desdemona on the 24th. Eighteen made the trip, was hoping for more. Some just don't care to eat out, their loss. The Shirley's were there, so good to see them. I can never get Jerry Underwood to go. Can't understand as she goes with other people out to eat. We were home way before dark, especially with the daylight savings time.

We celebrated Birthdays at this meeting for March. They were Ellen Parker, Ruthie Porter and Frank Shirley. I'm glad we are doing this again, as it is fun to sing Happy Birthday once a month. We don't dwell on how much older we are becoming. HA! I even had two cakes, but they didn't eat much. So in the freezer for another time.

I visited Daisy Slaton on the 27th, a Sunday. She is now in The Woodlands. What a lovely place! She's in personal care room - 300. Hopefully she can graduate to assisted living. Lavell Crowlly is in this section, really beautiful rooms. This place is located in Eastland on the old Cisco Highway. Daisy is some improved, but still take time to get back to how she was. You bring your own furniture for these rooms. So should help having family possessions around you.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

Is Your Sodium Out of Hand?

The typical adult consumes about 3,400 milligrams of sodium each day while the recommendation is 2,300 milligrams of sodium. In fact, people with hypertension, diabetes, or chronic kidney disease and individuals over the age of 51 years should not be consuming more than 1,500 milligrams of sodium each day according to the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

"One way to reduce sodium intake is to compare similar food products' Nutrition Facts labels for sodium and consistently select products with lower sodium values when grocery shopping," says Dr. Sharon Robinson, Nutrition Specialist and Registered Dietitian with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. A third of sodium intake is from yeast breads, chicken diseases, pizza, pasta dishes, cold cuts and condiments. It is especially important to check the labels of these food products for sodium when grocery shopping.

"Eat more meals at home where you can reduce sodium during food preparation and at the table. Cook with spices and herbs instead of salt when preparing foods and when possible select fresh foods over processed foods," says Robinson.

Another way to reduce sodium intake is to follow the DASH eating plan. DASH stands for Dietary Interventions to Stop Hypertension. The DASH eating plan is rich in vegetables and fruit For example, the DASH eating plan recommends 4 to 5 servings of vegetables and 4 to 5 servings of fruit daily for a 2,000 calorie eating plan. Before changing your eating plan, talk with a physician or registered dietitian especially if you have hypertension or other chronic disease.

To learn more about nutrition label reading or how to cook with less salt, contact your local Family and Consumer Sciences County Extension Agent, Halee Mitchell at 254/629-222 or hdmitchell@ag.tamu.edu.

AG VIEW POINT By: Heath Begeman

Pecan Foliar Zinc Spray

Foliar zinc sprays are essential for pecan growth in Texas. Soil or irrigation applications of zinc are not effective. Zinc is needed for IAA hormone synthesis, so applications should be early and frequent to obtain optimum shoot growth and leaf expansion. Two products, granular zinc sulfate or liquid zinc nitrate, are used with equal success. Liquid nitrogen can be added to either zinc types to improve uptake into the foliage. Very fast growing young non-bearing trees need zinc sprays at least every 14 days from bud break in April to early June. Mature bearing pecan trees respond best to 5 applications of zinc. The first 3 applications should be made one week apart beginning at bud break. A 4th application should then be made 2 weeks later followed by a 5th application 3 weeks later. Zinc sulfate will kill most other plants if the spray contacts their foliage; consequently, zinc nitrate is not recommended for urban or yard use.

Since we have decided to apply zinc directly to the leaves of your pecan tree, obviously the first application must wait until the spring leaves have appeared. Apply your first application when your trees 'look like' they have leaves on them. Pecan leaves appear first as light yellow-green foliage. This is the optimal time to make the first application. Avoid spraying your trees in the heat of the day since the zinc has a tendency to 'burn' the leaves. Mix your zinc solution according to directions on the package and coat the leaves of the tree sufficiently until some of the zinc solution drips from its leaves.

Additional zinc applications should be made every two to three weeks until the first of June. These early season applications should be sufficient to supply your trees' zinc requirements. If you determine your orchard requires pesticide treatment, most pesticides can be mixed into your zinc solution and applied concurrently.

Any questions or need additional information, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, County Agent-Ag, Heath Begeman at 254/629-1093.

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