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Gorman Chapter No. 443 Order Of The **Eastern Star Celebrated 100 Years**

Our Celebration began with a rousing rendition of "Deep In The Heart of Texas", led by Joe Williams. Our Special Guest, Bess Caldwell, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, is using Texas as her theme this year. We were also honored to have as our guests General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Wanda Fairchild, Sharon Fentress and Leland Benefield and Past Grand Matron Joyce Nicklas.

Mayor of Gorman, Robert Ervin, presented our Chapter with a Proclamation, proclaiming named to the First Team Nov. 8, 2009 as Gorman Chapter No. 443 Day.

Others who took part on the program were Gaylord Battenfield, Howard Hagood, Donna Cate, Sandra Osborne and Ann Jay.

We received Congratulatory letters from the General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Texas Governor Rick Perry, and Texas Senator Troy Frasier. Senator Frasier sent us a Texas flag which had flown over the State Capitol in Austin on October 13, 2009. Our chapter received our Charter on October 13, 1909.

A brief history of the chapter was read. Worthy Grand Matron Bess Caldwell, gave an interesting and informative History of the last 100 years.

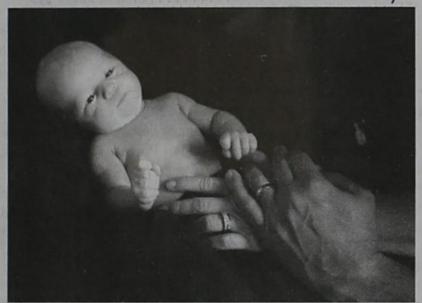
We were pleased that 46 were in attendance for our 100 Year Celebration. On this date we also presented Certificates of Membership to those who were in attendance who had been in the Order of the Eastern Star for 30 years or more. Those receiving Certificates were: 60 years - Mrs. Juanita Spence, 55 years- Mrs. Nell Ragland, 53 years- Mrs. Sandra Loving, 40 years-Mrs. Oleta Moseley, and 33 years-Mrs. Sandra Osborne.

Those not in attendance, but, who will receive a Certificate are: 60 years-Mrs. Patsy Morgan, 56 years-Mrs. Dorothy Greenhaw, 55 years-Thurman Jay, Jr., 52 years-Mrs. Rowena Wilson, 40 years-Mrs. Catherine Eaves, 35 years-Mrs. LeVona Patton and 30 years-Mrs. Kathi Williams.

Thanks to all who helped make this a Memorable Day. We are looking forward to the next

100 years.

Look Who's New - It's A Boy



James and Traci Gerick are proud to announce the arrival of their new son, Chase Aiden Gerick. Chase was born at Harris Hospital in Stephenville on October, 12, 2009 at 1:10 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Shirley Burns of Gorman, Angie Gerick of Temple, and Billy Gene Burns of Gorman. Great-parent is Beulah Morgan of Coleman.

Strawn 3rd Saturday

Jamboree Saturday, November 21th 6:00 p.m.

Concession Open at 6 p.m. "Concessions proceeds benefit 'Home delivered Meals" Civic Center - 301 E. Housley

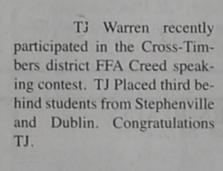
(Hwy. 16 to downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 (Housley St) 2 Blocks.

Everyone is invited to come and hear a good lineup of Country, Gospel and

Bluegrass Muic FREE ADMISSION **EVERYONE WELCOME** ALCOHOL AND SMOKE FREE

ENVIRONMENT

T. J. Warren Places Third AT District FFA Contest





Hog Validation Set for Nov. 24

Validation is set for November 24, 2009 @ the Eastland County Livestock Barn, from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for swine entires for County and Major shows. If you need assistance to transport your project please notify Mr. Boles. For more information you may call Mr. Boles @ (254) 734-2505 during the hours of 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

GLRA To Meet Nov. 19th

The GLRA will meet Nov. 19, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Gorman Ag Shop. We will be filling out entry forms and taking care of entry fees. If you are planning on being a participant in the County Show or in any Major Show your attendance is required please.

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.

Crystal Snider or Gorman Pharmacy.

Card of **Thanks**

We are so very grateful to all of you who sent food, cards, or flowers or those who called or came by with a kind word during the loss and services for our beloved Trish.

Thanks also to Ray, Carolyn and Margie Nell at Higginbotham Funeral Home for their compassionate service; our local Policemen and Cemetery workers; and the staff of their continued care.

Your generosity and Sponsor - Debra Sanchez. thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Trish Hudson

Week of Nov. 23 thru Nov. 27 BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Yoguart, Juice and Milk TUESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Hash brown, Juice and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Holiday. THURSDAY - Holiday. FRIDAY - Holiday.

LUNCH MONDAY - Chili Dogs, Baked

Beans, French Fries, Fruit and TUESDAY - Pepperoni Pizza,

tossed salad, corn, chocolate chip cookie and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Holdiay. THURSDAY - Holiday. FRIDAY - Holiday.

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 Thanks, Jill Rainey

Kimi Seaton and Jamie Johnston Both Named On First Team All District Volleyball

Two Lady Panther Volleyball players were All-District list for this Kimi Seaton and year. Jamie Johnston were both named to the list. Congratulations to these girls on a job well done.



Spanish Club To Hold Food Drive



Homestead Nursing Home for SPANISH CLUB - President - Brittany Henderson, vice President - Erica Limon, Secretary - Cecilia Olivares, Treasurer - Maria Raygoza, Reporter - Abby Pacheco, Member - Myra Guzman and

> The Spanish Club is having a Food Drive to help families in our Com-The Family of munity this Christmas. From money to food donations would be greatly appreciated. The Club has already put cans out in many businesses in town and food boxes in the Pharmacy, Bob's Grocery, Julie' Hair Shoppe, The Peanut Hut, Housing Authority, The High School and all the churches that people can put canned food in. Please help out our community.



The Class of 2010 will donate a tree to Gorman High School representing the first Senior Class to graduate from the new High School. The Class has also made a time capsule that the class will be opening at their ten year reunion. Each class member has put something in the capsule that represents them and also wrote a letter to themselves. The Class of 2010 would like to say thank you to their senior sponsors.



Cameron Clark Takes First Place in T.O.R.N. ATV Race

Cameon Clark has been racing in the A.T.V.C.C.S. Spring and Fall Series. But due to School activities was unable to

On Saturday, November 14th he was able to compete at Gordon in a T.O.R.N. Fall series. There was 5 other riders in his class. They raced for 70 minutes making as many laps as needed a card/care package can, to stay ahead. He was able to complete 4 laps that are 4 1/2 miles long. Way to Stay Strong Cam!!

THANKSGIVING

The United Methodist Church of Gorman is proud to host this year's community Thanksgiving Worship Service & 5th Sunday Sing (this service will replace 5th Sunday). The Service will be held on November 22nd @ 6PM with food and fellowship to follow. Churches are invited to gather up musical groups that will perform and we will have a speaker with a short message. So, plan to bring yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors; come join the fun the fellowship and the worship, as we praise and give thanks to the One from whom all blessings flow.

City Park Committee Accepting Donations For Miniture Clear Lights

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

GLRA Selling Riverstar Fruit

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is selling Riverstar Fruit. The 3lb Cheese Wheel is also offered again this year.

If you would like to order, please call Mr. Boles @ the Gorman Ag Shop (254) 734-2505, or contact a GLRA member. Thank you for your continued support.

Obituaries

Aniceto "Cheto" Vasquez

Aniceto "Cheto" Vasquez, age 70 of De Leon passed away on Friday, November 13, 2009 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held Tuesday, November 17th at 10:30 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mike Fritscher officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

He was born April 17, 1939 in Delores Coahuila, Mexico to Jose Ramiro Vasquez and Maria de los Angeles Gaytan Vasquez. He married Maria Margarita Gracia on August 15, 1965 in Reynosa Tarnaulipas, Mexico.

He had lived in De Leon since 1969. He was a laborer and was of Catholic belief.

He is surivived by his wife, Maria Margarita Garcia Vasquez of De Leon; 5 daughters, Bertha Vesquez Moreno of De Leon, Maria Vasquez Vara of Canton, Georgia, Gloria Vasquez Lopez of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Olga Vasquez Garcia of Canton, Georgia and Diana Vasquez Parades of Canton, Georgia; 2 brothers, Hector Vasquez of Comanche and Efrain Vasquez of Puebla, Mexico; 2 sisters, Berta Vasquez de Garza of Del Rio and Aurora Vasquez de Galindo of Puebla, Mexico; 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, Jose Ramiro Vasquez and Maria de los Angeles Gaytan Vasquez; brother, Rogelio Vasqeuz and sister, Irma Vasquez Randall.

Pallbearers were Pete Moreno, Howard Vara, Marc Paredes, Hector Vasquez, Adam Moreno, Lupe Lopez, Samuel Rodriguez and Alejandro Rodriguez.

Gorman ISD

P.O. Box 8 -- Gorman, TX 76454 -- (254) 734 - 2617

Dear Parents,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-12 during the coming school year. Any child in K-12 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before November 24, 2009.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Sincerely,

Kristin Matteson and Jackie Gutierrez Gifted and Talented Coordinators

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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 Landa

Notes From Dr. Dan

A hypnotist was hypnotizing an entire auditorium full of people when he dropped his watch. He said "shit" and it took a week to clean up that auditorium.

People say: "No one can hypnotize me." and that's true. Hypnosis is self-induced. The hypnotist can guide one during hypnosis and can assist one in entering the hypnotic state, but you will not do anything under hypnosis that you would not do otherwise.

Can you feel the clothes on your body? (... Before I asked you about it?)

If your answer was no, you are normal. The fact is that we need to filter out many sensations during our days or we will get overloaded.

Hypnosis is just redirecting which sensations we filter. God made our body, mind and soul very well. We often limit our abilities. That is why, when these limitations are lifted, it seems so remarkable. The abilities were there all along.

TECHNOLOGY

Identity Thieves Target PCs, Laptops and Stored Data Devices

NewsUSA

(NU) - Electronics this year are expected to be among the top-five gifts American consumers will give - ranging from PCs and laptops to iPhones, PDAs and cell phones. This growing affinity for consumer electronics and subsequent reliance on stored data devices to place confidential data tax returns, client and personnel information, phone numbers, addresses and photos - presents two mounting challenges for the American consumer: identity theft and electronic waste.

nexGrēn, Inc. (pronounced "nex-green"), a new technology innovation company, recently launched DiskEraser, a consumer product that completely erases data from computer hard drives, making them safe for donation, reuse or recycling. New to the consumer marketplace, DiskEraser's patented technology - available for both Mac and PC systems has already been approved, used Department of Defense to remove "secure" sensitive information from their end-of-life PCs and lap-

There are currently more than 100 million computers and laptops stored in offices, attics, basements and garages throughout the U.S. And if these devices don't have their data properly removed before disposal, identity thieves can use

them to find personal information. "Many people fall under the false assumption that by simply deleting all files or reformatting the hard drive, the computer is free of all important data," said Dr. Joe Fergus, founder and CEO of nexGren. "However, deleting files isn't nearly enough. The information remains accessible on the hard drive and can be misused if it falls into the wrong hands.

Identity thieves often prey upon lost, stolen or abandoned computers. In 2008, more than 10 million Americans experienced identity theft. It can take up to several years to correct the problem. And it reaches far beyond households. The cost to U.S. corporations over the last five years exceeded \$60 billion. DiskEraser was developed to help combat this problem.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cites consumer electronic waste as growing two to three times faster than any other waste stream. Stored data devises are constructed with lead, mercury, cadmium, barium and other compounds that represent hazards to human health and environmental safety if not disposed

nexGren aims to slow that stream of waste by offering a nationwide recycling service, which is a critical part of the company's overall green initiative. Soon consumers will be able to send their old computers to nexGren for data removal and recycling with peace of mind and the knowledge that they have disposed of their computers in an environmentally responsible way.

If you're one of the many giving someone a PC or laptop, you should consider giving a second gift - DiskEraser.

For more information, visit www.nexgren.com.

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is now selling

the Fresh Country Smoked Meats.

Be sure to get your Thanksgiving ham or turkey ordered! Also order some of that good sausage, smoked bacon, peppered bacon, smoked pork loin and the list goes on! If you would like to place an order with a GLRA member call (254) 734-2505 or 734-5017. Thanks to all of you who so faithfully continue to support our organization. We do appreciate you

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REDUCED 2-11/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000 REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000 Fully-equipped Restaurant, large one acre lot on Hwy.6 in De Leon [RL01] \$85,000 Commercial Bldg, on Hwy.36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [BN01] \$82,500

Fully-equipped Restaurant, Hwy.6 DeLeon, 2,998sf(CAD), paved lot [GM02] \$180,000

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CIA Celebrates the Season of Giving

During this Season of Giving, CIA, Children in Action, a Firstfruits children's program, is engaged in a project with that will benefit children who live in Indian orphanages. In an effort for children in Gorman and surrounding areas to bless children in other less deprived areas of the world, CIA is encouraging children to help fund what we have called "India-Operation Gift Drop." The funds will help acquire a small toy for over 100 Indian children who currently live in orphanages. The "drop" will be made by Kayce Dodd, an active 11-yr old "CIA agent", and her mother, Lori Dodd, during the Christmas break. This presents a great opportunity for our children to see firsthand how they can help other children who are in greater need than themselves. If you would like to help fund this project, along with Firstfruits and the CIA group, then please contact us at 734-3203.

Also, in the spirit of giving, CIA will be decorating its own Christmas tree with Christmas stockings. If you would like to have a Christmas stocking with your child's name, you can let us know at our next meeting which will be this coming Monday, November 23rd at 6:30 pm. We would like every child in Gorman and surrounding areas to experience His goodness. If you would like transportation or a have a question, then please call 734-3203. You may need to leave a message, but we will get back with

"Letter To The Editor"

This letter is meant to be a warning to area peo concerning the Texas Commission on Environment Qua (TCEQ). This could happen to you.

I am a widow lady 81 years old, my late husband and I moved to Desdemona in 1981. My husband and I put in a new sewer system at that time, which has been great until lately. I called 2 different plumbers. I was told the 2nd section of the drain line was stopped up. They said they are not allowed to repair it without getting the EPA involved, but that the homeowner could do it. My son-in-law put in another line same place and connected it. As he was covering the line, here came the TCEO lady from Abilene.

I was told a homeowner is not allowed to do any repair to their line. Now I have to pay a large fine, and get a permit, and she told me I will have to put in a complete new system.

The EPA's rule book says that the homeowner can not do any repair or upgrading to his own system without the EPA involved, which will mean in most cases a complete new sys-

I had my water well tested on October 15, 2009, and it proved to be good, they found no problems at all. Another problem I have with them is that they refuse

to say who complained, thereby causing people to want to accuse neighbors. This sort of thing has happened earlier here causing

problems. The TCEQ lady said they are working 14 active complaints here in Desdemona at this time - it seems like someone is vindictive about something.

If all the problems with TCEQ were not enough for an elderly lady living on social security, imagine my embarrassment to see the large sign in front of Porkers Cafe here in Desdemona saying "Did Mrs. Patty get a permit? Call TCEQ"

Sincerely (s) Marie Patty November 11, 2009

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site.

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. 32,200 nere - Seller Financing

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.

S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great ences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre. 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.

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

Our Veterans Day Program last Friday was very nice. We appreciate all the veterans that attended. I also appreciate those that prepared the program. Our local veterans are very special and we want them all to know that we appreciate the sacrifices they've made for us. They have protected the freedoms we enjoy every day and too often take for granted with their very lives. Please, if you know any veterans, thank them. They deserve our respect and our gratitude. This is my thank you to you all!

Our regularly scheduled school board meeting was held last Monday evening. The meeting began promptly at 6:00pm with an invocation given by Daryl Hirst followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark Simmons was the only trustee absent. Vice President Bob Powell called the meeting to order and after a brief discussion about some of the bills the consent items on the agenda were passes unanimously and the principals gave their reports. During Mrs. Reeves report she had Elementary teacher Nana Vaughn report on our School Health Advisory Council. Mrs. Vaughn gave a very informative report about the mandated requirement s. Mrs. Reeves report covered the following topics: a. Enrollment (179), b. ADA(down due to flu), c. Scholastic Book Fair (was a success), d Fall Festival details, e. Play at TSU (kids had a great cultural experience), f. School Health Advisory Council (Nana Vaughn was appointed coordinator), g. Criminal History Checks -(directed to form her own policies), h. OEY grant application (approved), AND I. Highly Qualified report (all teacher met requirements). Mr. Byrd's report covered the following: PSAT(changes in the test), Exit Level TAKS for Senior Retake's (when and where), SBDM/ Staff Meetings (status update), 3 week reports/grading polices (brief explanation), Dress code policies (explanation), Middle School Fitness Grant (status), ARD's/504's (procedures), ADA Report- (H1N1 & Flu), Volleyball & Cross Couny conclusion, Basketball season/ UIL Eligibility Reports Complete, secondary enrollment (165) The superintendent then reported on a fund balance of \$1,941,589.05 for GISD and a fund balance for the East End Special Education Coop of \$1,024,862.88. The tax office has collected approximately 95% of 2008 taxes and 2009 taxes are already beginning to be paid. Mr. Perry then shared that the school auditor was recovering from surgery and that a special meeting may need to be held in December in order to have it to T.E.A. on time or to reschedule the December regular meeting They then discussed the shingle problem on the new gym and looked at shingles for replacement This will be at the contractor's expense, not the district. Mr. Perry then presented the board with some pictures to consider regarding an Ag facility if and when the district could afford to address the issue. Mr. Perry is looking for grant money for this project. The board then reviewed goals that were set for Mr. Perry at his last evaluation and received a copy of the superintendent evaluation form that will be used in January. Mr. Perry then discussed the annual training requirements of the board and reviewed their hours with them and discussed upcoming opportunities for training. The board then cast all of their votes unanimously for Mark Simmons as a member of the Comanche County Appraisal District board. Mr. Perry then discussed the plans for disposing of the old suburban. There were no objections. The second reading of TASB Update 86 was then unanimously approved and adopted as presented. The board then approved the annual employee performance stipend unanimously. Lisa Hagen was then approved for hire as a Para-professional at the high school to be paid for with stimulus money. The board adjourned at 8:30pm.

The GLRA will meet Nov. 19, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Gorman Ag Shop. They will be filling out entry forms and taking care of entry fees. If you are planning on being a participant in the County Show or in any Major Show this year your attendance is required please.

The teams for the Elementary 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 and help them practice at home. Their U.I.L. Coordinator is Crystal Snider. Please call her or go by and see her if you have any questions. We challenge the high school students to outperform us. Maxfield Elementary rules! (The high school does not compete until next semester)

The Fall Festival was a success! The weather was perfect and everyone was in good spirits. The project earned about \$850. This will go a long way towards prizes for Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading. Thank you's go out to all those that helped do the work necessary for a project like this, as well as to the parents for taking the time to bring their children to the school to participate.

Report Cards for the Second Six Weeks will be sent out this week. Be on the lookout for them, Please call your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Please remember that no shorts are to be worn after the Thanksgiving Holidays. This applies to all campuses. The Thanksgiving Holidays are November 26th, 27th, and 28th. We hope this will be a blessed time for all of our students.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

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Mobile Office Hours

I invite you to come and visit with a member of my staff, who will be setting up shop in Gorman in the days ahead.

Friday, November 20, 2009 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Gorman Hotel Lob** 106 S. Fisher Gorman, Tx

Slated Saturday, Nov. 28th De Leon Arts and Crafts Fair is celebrating its' 20th Anniversary, Saturday, November 28th. We will have our Arts and Crafts Fair at the De Leon City Auditorium, from 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. Have your kids picture taken with the "Grinch" while you shop for those Christmas gifts. We will also be having a Christmas Parade, starting at 5 p.m. Starting at 6 p.m., there will be the "Lighting of the Christmas Lights" and a church choir singing Christmas Carols, followed by a "Silent Auction"

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Happenings At FBC!!

Equal! Some people behave arrogant, while others are humble. From a logical standpoint, we all know that regardless of appearance, race, socioeconomic level, and intelligence we all are equal in the eyes of God. How do you find yourself treating others? The Bible says that showing mercy to others triumphs over and against judging others.

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 22nd – 6pm – Community Thanksgiving at Methodist Church.

Nov. 26th - Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 29th – World Hunger luncheon after the morning service.

Dec. 5th – Save the date! Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House Fellowship.

in the city auditorium. Come out for a day of fun with the family in De Leon.

Sunday Evening Service – 6pm – Bro. Barry's Series of Great Biblical Questions, Special Guest. Melinda Harrington shared of the mission ministry she is involved in to aide poverty stricken villages in Mexico. Melinda and friends will take the "Christmas shoe boxes" we are preparing directly to those in the village. Melinda spoke of how greatly the recipients will appreciate their gifts. Praise God for the gift of giving to missions. Children's Sermon: Liz talked to the children about how the Thanksgiving holiday makes

her think about being thankful for things in her life. God gives us friends, family, food, homes, and everything we have in our lives, but sometimes we wish we had other things too. The Bible tells us to give God thanks for everything. Liz used a sheet of paper and wrote alphabet to list twenty-six things that make her thankful, and she gave a sheet to each child so they could list the things that make them thankful. Ask God to help you to be thankful to Him every day.

Praise Band: How to define music has long been the subject of debate, however, we can collectively agree that music is the art of arranging vocal and or instrumental sounds to produce a composition of melody, harmony, rhythm, and timbre. The ears of listeners are pleased and the emotions of listeners are stirred by Blessed Assurance, Blessed Be Your Name, and Days of Elijah; glory to God for our gifted Praise Band.

Bro. Barry's message: "Lying All the Way to the Cross" - Luke 23:28 - There are point blank liars in this world. The 2002 sniper that terrorized the east coast was sentenced to death and was executed on November 10th, all the while the sniper denied guilt and professed innocence to the last second of his life. There are a host of death row inmates that have lied all the way to their last breath. People in this world lie all the way to the cross, the very moment they stand before the face of Jesus. Wouldn't it make sense to come clean? Weep for yourselves and your children.

Who was at the Cross:

I. The Ignorant. (vs. 25-26) - The word for people that don't get Jesus, people that fail to know Jesus, would the word be ignorant? II. The Sorrowful. (vs. 27-31) – Heart broken and walking away without knowing the inexplicable joy of the Lord. III. The Shameless Indifferent. (vs. 34b) – People look in the face of fellowmen and deny knowing God, as the Bible says, they know not what they are doing. The shameless choose not to gather together in the Lord's house to worship Him. IV. The Mockers. (vs. 35-40) - God will hold the Leaders of our state, country, and nation accountable for unchristian leadership. Even at the cross Jesus was asked to come down to prove his identity. Imagine how regrettable for those to have been there and still deny Christ.

Answer this, how do people live and take their last breath without Jesus? Jesus is real. The health of your spirituality is imperative to making it in this life. Realize Jesus died for you, and accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior.

We welcome two new members, David and Cindy Stanley, to our fellowship. 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

Audrey Johnston made 2nd Team All Conference in volleyball at Ranger College. Not bad for a walk on! Congratulations Audrey we are proud of you.



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Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

(11-13-09) Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by Drought, Above Normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires on January 1, 2009 and Continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Texas, Richard G. Young said today.

Eastland County is one of 136 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsak eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from the Drought, Above Normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires.

Richard G. Young, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Richard G. Young, said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2010, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Richard G.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disasater emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and relay on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson, Texas is open from 8 a.m. To 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

2009 Livestock Forage Disaster Program

The deadline for applying for benefits under the 2009 Livestock Forage Disaster Program is Jan. 30, 2010.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at http://www.drought. unl.edu/dm/monitor.html

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) and, therefore, are not required to have paid the buy-in fee.

LFP program applicants should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

FSA County Committee Elections Begin

Ballots for the 2009 FSA county committee elections have been mailed to eligible voters. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by the close of business on Dec. 7, 2009. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

FSA county committees help administer federal farm programs at the local level. Committee members make decisions on conservation programs; commodity price support loans and payments; disaster assistance payments; and other agricultural issues.

County committees consist of three to five elected members who serve three-year terms. Committees may also have one or more female or minority advisors to further represent the local interests of women and minority farmers and ranchers. Each year, one-third of all committee members are elected across the country. More than 8,000 county committee members serve in more than 2,300 local FSA offices nationwide.

FSA county committees provide producers with the opportunity to help implement federal farm programs in their communities. It is vital that all farmers and ranchers, especially women and minorities, participate in the elections process to ensure the opinions expressed in committee meetings reflect an area's agricultural sector.

For more information about FSA county committee elections, visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area newsroom&subject=landing&topic=cce

HEALTH

It's Flu Season, but Don't **Forget About Colds**

(NU) - With the widespread concern about the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, many Americans might forget about another threat - the common cold.

While colds often prove less serious than the flu, they result in days of misery - not to mention missed work and school. And with today's busy lifestyles and economic woes, no one can af-

ford to get sick with a cold. The common cold shares symptoms with the flu, including sore throat, nasal congestion, sneezing, and stuffy or runny nose. But unlike the flu, colds do not usually cause fever, fatigue. body aches or dry cough. That's because the cold and flu are caused by different viruses. While influenza viruses cause the flu, it's the rhinovirus, which comes in more than 100 strains, that results in the stuffy, runny

misery that is the common cold. As with the flu, the best treatment against the cold lies in being proactive. Dr. Tim Tucker, Pharm.D., FAPhA, immediate past president of the American Pharmacists Association and owner, City Drug Company, says that, "Staying as healthy as possible proves to be the key. That means exercising, sleeping well and taking a daily multivitamin. Adequate nutrition can help the immune system fight off infection, so eat well and include plenty of nutrient-rich, balanced foods in your diet. Drinking water will help flush toxins out of the body, while also improving hydration."

"Hygiene also plays a role, so take care to wash hands fre- visit www.zicam.com



Early treatment at the onset of symptoms could reduce the duration and severity of your cold.

quently, avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth, and frequently clean oft-touched surfaces, like keyboards and door knobs," he

But if you already feel a cold coming on, all is not lost - some products can reduce the length of the common cold when taken at the first sign of symptoms. For example, Dr. Tucker explains that zinc products, such as Zicam Cold Remedy, can reduce the duration and severity of your cold if taken within 24 to 48 hours after

the onset of symptoms. Americans looking to protect their families should stock their medicine cabinets so they will be prepared to nip a cold in the bud before full-blown symptoms ap-

For more cold-fighting tips, or to learn about the real-time cold and flu risks in your specific area,

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a few bowling alleys in Texas that is not licensed for alcohol sales. Did you know that Lone Star Lanes here in Stephenville is one of only

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper was held last Saturday night, November 14th at the Community Center (former school building). The entrance hall, gym and all the tables were decorated very festive for the occasion. Thanks to everyone that attended this annual event. Thanks to those that furnished and cooked all the food. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

Linda Hahn of Arlington visited the past weekend with her sister, Carol Sue Willis.

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

Mary Walls of Dublin celebrated her 90th birthday recently with family and friends. Her parents, the late W. E. and Dulcie Heatly lived near Desdemona where Mary attended school and graduated with the Class of 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Heatly taught school in Desdemona for several years. Mary married her high school sweetheart, Thelbert Walls, son of the late J. J. and Nora (Huff) Walls. Thelbert graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1939. Friends of Desdemona send their "Best Wishes" to Mary.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Anna Mae Brazell. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Nichols and husband of Austin. Burial will be in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Have a great day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly lunch was enjoyed by seventeen again on Wednesday, November 11th. Nice to have Donna Early with us. She brightens up our day. Also Ellen Parker was with us after her surgery. She is doing well and feeling much improved. Good, to see James Miears, also was kind to give the blessing of the food for all. His words so good.

We enjoyed beef pot roast with carrots, potatoes, and celery. Also cabbage, mashed potatoes, beans, Cole slaw with corn bread and rolls. Our desserts were delicious with a white cake and coconut icing, pink cool whip fruit salad, green Jello with cottage cheese and pineapple. Also a good banana pudding by Berniece Hewson. Thanks to all who cook and attend.

Christi Hammond and Crystal Conway were with us to talk about their aid for the elderly. Christi is with GeriMed, Inc. And has all kinds of aids for help in our trouble spots. Crystal is with Integra Care in Cisco, a Home Health organization. They brought us some goodies, brownies and ice cream. Thanks girls, we enjoyed.

This next meeting is the 18th we will celebrate the birthdays of Daisy Slaton and Jerry Underwood. They are two of our most regular attendees. Jerry is our helper in the kitchen, thanks so for you help. She actually does too much, but seems to enjoy. She volunteers her servies, like Barbara Bush and I.

We all traveled to Desdemona for their annual Thanksgiving Supper. Nineteen were in attendance. Should have been more, but many and staying away from crowds due to the flu scare. I have never been frightened from anything. If it's your time, OK. Their menu was excellent such delicious food. Good turkey, I believe they fried them. Also ham, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and hot rolls. The desserts were great! There was a large variety, much improved over previous years. The ladies brought what they wanted, Good. The decorations were beautiful, all the fall notiff. Vonnie Guthery is responsible for the lovely look, thanks to her.

We will have our Thanksgiving on the 18th, hope more folks will show up to dine. Then the next Wednesday before Thanksgiving, we will not meet. People have their meals to prepare and be with family. So we will have a break.

There was six of us out to play games on the 12th. More than usual, had a good time. We enjoyed Skipbo and Spinner. Hope more witll come out now that weather is not too hot or cold, just right. Don't know what other excuses there can be, other than illness,

Hope all is well and see you next time.

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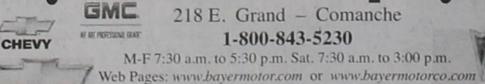


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