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## Tyler Johnson To Play

### FCA All Star Game

Tyler Johnson is the youngest son of Vicki Brown of Gorman and Johnny Johnson of Carbon, Texas. Tyler has two brothers, Josh and Seth. Josh, wife Kayla and niece Blakely, live in Hawaii while Josh is stationed with the US Army. Seth, a defensive tackle for the Howard Payne University Yellowjackets, resides in Brownwood, Texas.

Tyler is the grandson of Corky and Jerry Brown of Gorman, the late George Johnson of Carbon and Verna Pinson of Eastland. Tyler's extended family include Aunt and Uncle Julie and Darren Clark and cousins, Corey, who attends San Angelo University, Cameron and Caitlyn Clark. Also, Aunt and Uncles Joann and Johnny Sciter of Kokomo, Cathy Crouy of Eastland, Lindy and Gary Snider of Granbury, Jacky Johnson of Mineral Wells and Jimmy and Sherry Johnson of Gorman as well as numerous cousins.

Tyler's uncle Jimmy Johnson, a 1982 graduate of Gorman High School is especially honored that Tyler is getting to play in the All Star Football Game. Jimmy had the privilege of playing in the 1982 Texas High School All Star Football Game in Austin, Texas where he played halfback and return carrier on the kick off return. Jimmy's North team won the game that year.

First Baptist Church is proud to sponsor Tyler Johnson in this year's game. Tyler is not only a remarkable athlete and student but more than that, he is a tremendous example of a student leadership in Christian service. Tyler exhibits a strong Christian example through his character, integrity and service in both the community and church.

## DURWARD WEBB

### ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE

I'm asking for your Vote and Support in the upcoming City Election. If elected I will continue to serve to be the Best of My Ability for a more effective, Productive cleaner and Safer City with the help of each. Make Gorman a better place to live and for New-Comers to want to live in Gorman, Texas.

Durward Webb

## WORD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who brought food to the house, sent flowers, cards, and prayers to us during this difficult time for our family. We really appreciate all of you who fed the family at the Desdemona Activity Center after the funeral and everyone who visited. It is a blessing to have friends, and live in a Community who is so supportive and caring.

Thank you,  
Jerry Buckley  
Cindy Abbey and family  
Melinda Walker and family  
John Buckey and family  
Jeff Buckley and family

## KBC Revival Set May 9th - 12th

A revival will begin at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Monday morning, May 9th and continue through Wednesday night, May 12th. Services on Sunday will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday services will be at 6:30 p.m.

Bro. Ray Rodgers, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church will be the evangelist. Daryl Hirst will direct the music. There will be a Nursery/Children's church for ages birth to age 7 during the evening services.

The pastor, James Hunter and members of the Church cordially invite you to come hear the messages from God's word.

There will be a Fish Fry at the Little's Lake Cabin at Lake Leon immediately following the Sunday morning service. Charles Little does a great job frying fish.

## Gorman Music Department

Concert Slated For May 13th - 6:30 p.m.

In the Old Auditorium - 5th - 6th

7&8 - Fine Arts and High School Bands

## SCHOOL MENU

Week of May 10 thru May 14  
**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 or Burrito, Chili beans, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Sherbet and milk.  
TUESDAY - Honey Lemon Chicken, Smoke sausage, cream potatoes, carrot coins, roll, peanut butter cookie and milk.  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti or Ravioli, cheese sticks, corn, green beans, bread stick, fruit and Milk.  
THURSDAY - Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Nuggets, cream potatoes, black-eyed peas, gravy, oranges, biscuit and Milk.  
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger or Sloppy Joe, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and Milk.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Upper Leon River Municipal Water District (the "District") intends to file applications with the USDA-Rural Development for funds to purchase equipment to help with maintaining their water systems serving their Member Cities and numerous rural residents.

A public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., May 10th, 2010 at the District's General Office located at 2250 Highway 2861, Comanche, Texas. The meeting will provide opportunity for citizens to become acquainted with the proposed projects and to comment on such items as economic impacts, services, or alternatives.

## ATTENTION CARBON HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1945, 1946, 1947 AND 1948

The classes of 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 will meet at Cricket's Restaurant in Eastland at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening, July 9. The address is 3800 East I-20, phone 254-631-0828. The restaurant is located by the Super 8 Motel. Please let your classmates know of this meeting. You can order off the menu or go through the buffet.

**Homestead Nursing and Rehab** is sponsoring a food drive to benefit our local **Food Pantry**. We will be accepting non perishable items from April 26-May 13. A box will be set up in the front lobby for your convenience. Thank You

## Sixth Annual Veterans Benefits and Health Care Outreach

Attention all Veterans and Family Members! Here's your opportunity to learn more about eligibility for Veteran's Benefits and medical services! Saturday, May 8th at 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. At Eastland VFW, 918 Hwy. 570, 2 miles East of Eastland. Contact Larry Monroe or Joel Jimenez - 254-631-9226. Bring your DD214 "We Care For Veterans".

Valuable personal assistance with your questions and claims will be given by experts from: *County Veterans Service Officers (and Texas Veterans Commission); VA Benefit Counselors (Bring your VA Correspondence); Dallas VA Health Care System; Other organizations that serve Veterans; Texas Veterans Land Board; OEF/OIF Representative; and Small Business Administration.*

**KBC Invite Everyone On Thursday, May 6th - National Day of Prayer, for a BBQ Sandwich Lunch at 12 Noon. There will be a short Program following the meal.**

## Mother's Day At Desdemona FBC

Desdemona First Baptist Church cordially invites you Sunday May 9, 2010 to hear Pastor Frank Shirley for Mother's Day Service. Please join us at 10 A.M. for Sunday School and 11 A.M. for Worship Service.

God has great plans for us!

## Abundant Life Impact Ministries Youth Olympics

Gorman City Park - May 8th - 9 a.m.

There will be Awards Given In Several Different Events.

Cheerleaders Will Also Have A Barbeque Sale.

## NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK

May 9-15  
Please join us as we celebrate National Nursing Home Week at Homestead Nursing and Rehab

### Open House

Tuesday May 11, 2010  
11:00 to 1:00

Free Hot Dogs, Chips, and Dessert

## Carbon Community Fish Fry And Gospel Music Festival

Please join us on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 6-9 pm at the Carbon Community Baptist Church (Old Carbon School) for a community wide fish fry and gospel music entertainment. The meal will consist of fried fish, hush puppies, beans, french fries and all the trimmings including delicious homemade desserts. The cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. T.J. Cummings has put together 3 hours of gospel music entertainment featuring gospel singing and musical groups from near and far. If you have a group wishing to participate in the event call T.J. or Brenda Cummings at 254-639-2226 or Jody Forbus at 254-639-2609 to be added to the schedule.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the building projects underway at the church which include adding new Sunday School classrooms and a new entry foyer and restrooms. Come join us for a night of fun, fellowship and food.

## Yoga Has Come to Gorman

If you are one of those people who have said, "I could never do yoga," 74-year-old Virginia Skaggs of Gorman would like a word with you.

Skaggs is one of a handful of Gorman residents who are practicing yoga on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the lounge at "The Hotel" - Gorman's Senior Housing. Skaggs, who has suffered from arthritis, has discovered the benefits of a regular yoga practice.

"It makes me feel so much better," she said. "I just think people think it's something it's not."

Yoga literally means union. The goal of a regular yoga practice is to create union between strength and flexibility and mind and body. Through an hour-long series of stretching, strengthening and balancing postures with a focus on steady breathing, yoga students can, over time, relieve stress, ease chronic pain and develop new levels of strength, flexibility and fitness.

Men and women have practiced yoga since it was developed in India about 5,000 years ago. Yoga is not a religion and can be practiced by people of all faiths.

Local Mom Tera Gortt, who is a regular on Tuesday and Thursday nights, has noticed increased upper body strength and a change in her stress level.

"I can really tell the difference when I haven't been to class," she said.

Local classes are taught by Gorman newcomer and certified YogaFit instructor Erin Kirk. The class is designed for beginners who are able to move from lying down, to seated, to standing with relative ease. An even gentler, restorative yoga, geared for seniors and people with limited mobility, is planned for May.

"If you can breathe, you can do yoga," Kirk said. "I teach to the first-time yoga student and demonstrate more advanced options for those who want a little challenge."

The next yoga series begins Tuesday May 4th from 6pm to 7:15 at the Hotel - across from ASB. Classes are \$5 but any new student's first class is free. Students should wear workout clothes and bring a yoga mat. Mats are available at WalMart.

For more information contact Erin Kirk 254-243-0199

## Apostolic World Center To Present 2nd Annual Gospel Music Concert

Apostolic World Center presents the 2nd Annual Gospel Music Concert with Gods Heart String / Gibbs Family; Dennis and Alice Rehders; New Day Ministries; and Redeemed. Don't Miss this Gospel Music Celebration, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. At 206 North Dixie in Eastland. FREE Admission - Love Offering.

## Bob Powell Running For Position on Gorman School Board

My name is Bob Powell, and I am running for a position on the GISD school board. Deann and I have lived in Gorman for 21 years, and we have two daughters, Mary Kathryn and Rebekah. Mary graduated from Gorman and is now attending McMurry University; while Rebekah is currently a sophomore at Gorman High School.

I currently serve as vice-president on the board, and have enjoyed the opportunity to serve this community.

I appreciate all the support I have received and I look forward to the opportunity to serve each of you in the future. Thank you.



Last weekend, approximately 18,000 people traveled to Forney TX, to compete in the "Warrior Dash". Bob and Deann Powell of Gorman were two of those who made the trip to run the 3.5 mile obstacle course. There were 14 obstacles that included cargo nets, a swim, climbing, running in waist deep water, a leap through a fire wall, and tons of mud. The couple completed the course, and said, "While it was physically taxing, it was the most fun and exciting thing we've done in years! We are already thinking about doing it again next year!"

## 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 - Meets Second Monday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 19TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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

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

# Obituaries

## Patricia Ann Buckley

Patricia Ann Buckley, age 73, of Desdemona passed away on Monday, April 26, 2010 at her residence. Services were held Thursday, April 29th at 10 a.m. At Desdemona First Baptist Church with Bro. Tim White officiating. Interment was in Desdemona Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Anders Funeral Home.

She was born on April 11, 1937 in Wink, Texas to John Frances Williams and Marry Etta Center Williams. She married Jerry H. Buckley on February 26, 1956 in Kermit.

She was a homemaker. Had resided in Desdemona a number of years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Desdemona for over 50 years; former school bus driver for De Leon ISD; very involved in Desdemona Community activities; loved her family and was very active with their sporting events; member of De Leon Study Club for a number of years; was a active farmer.

Survived by her husband of 54 years, Jerry Buckley of Desdemona; two daughters, Cindy Abbey and husband David and Melinda Walker and husband Larry; two sons, John Buckley and wife Kathy and Jeff Buckley and wife Candice; sister Bonnie Joiner and husband Lloyd; and grandchildren, Dayva Abbey, Cassie Deubler and husband Alan, Latisha Abbey, Selina Hoges and husband Cody, Scott Walker, Jennie Koehler and husband Chad, Kristen Buckley, Chelsea Buckley and Haley Buckley and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded by her parents, John and Mary Williams and sister Mary Jo Lamerand.

## Annie Fay Foster

Annie Fay Foster, age 91 of Gorman, passed away Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at her home.

Services were at 2:00 P. M. Thursday, at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Annie Fay was born March 21, 1919 in Girard, Kent County, Texas to John and Sarah Ann Waldon Murdoch. She married M.E. "Buck" Foster, September 24, 1938 in Gorman. They were married for 58 years before the passing of "Buck" in 1997. Annie Fay was a nurse and began her career when she was a teenager in the Blackwell Hospital. After her children reached school age, she started working in the Gorman Nursing Home. After the new Lawndale Nursing Home opened, in the early 1960's she served as director of nurses for about 20 years until retirement.

Annie Fay loved the Lord. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Gorman. She loved her Sunday School Class the "Joyful Willing Workers" and her church family. She served as WMU president, taught Sunday school classes; worked with the G.A.'s, Sunbeams and Vacation Bible School.

Annie Fay is survived by three daughters, Martha Overstreet of Gorman, Pam and Ron Childers of Gorman and Beckey and Vernon Smith of Rising Star; one sister, Jewel Morris of DeLeon; six grandchildren, Ronson and Tiffany Childers, Jonray and Suzanne Childers, Robert and Lisa Darley, Rachel and Josh Beal, Jennifer Overstreet and Sara Overstreet; and eleven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Mamie, Pallie and Opal and six brothers, Willie, Louis, Noah, Hughie, Clyde and R. G.

## Patsy Ann Rodgers Clerk

Patsy Ann Rodgers Clerk was born to Ray and Lavelle Rodgers on March 22, 1940 in Gorman, Texas. She left this world at her Lord's calling to join him in Heaven, on May 1, 2010.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 P. M. Monday, May 3, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Rev. Jim Holt of Comfort, Texas and Rev. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery. Services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Patsy was raised in Gorman, Texas where she met and married her sweetheart of 54 years, Doyle Lynn Clark on May 11, 1956. After their marriage they lived in various places in Texas until they settled in Comfort, Texas where they resided for 40 years. Two years ago, they returned to Gorman their childhood home, to retire.

Together they cherished three children, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Patsy was the heart of her family and loved each and everyone of them immensely. She always had time for family and friends and was the first one to offer care and concern to those in need. An avid gardener and landscaper, her yard and beautiful flowers were admired by all. Her family and friends know that they will never look at a rose again without thinking lovingly of her. In addition to gardening she enjoyed cooking, fishing, following all the grandchildren's school and sporting events and she was never too tired to shop.

The most important thing in Patsy's life was her relationship with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Her greatest joy and desire was that her family follow Him and trust in His word. Her faith never faltered. Even as she battled cancer, she spoke of how blessed she was to have had 70 wonderful years on this earth. She truly gave all the glory to God and knew where she would spend eternity.

Patsy is survived by her husband, Doyle Lynn Clark of Gorman; son, Ricky Clark and wife, Linda of Salado and their children, Garrett and wife, Lisa and Travis and Ryan; daughter, Cathy and husband, Phil Webb of Ranger and children, Cara and husband, David Branch, Corby, Marissa and husband, Edwin Marmalejos and Lyndi; Rob Clark and wife, Beth of Tomball and children, Matthew and Mallorie and Macie; great grandchildren, Corben and Brynna Branch and Griffin and Olivia Clark; mother, Lavelle Rodgers Crowley of Gorman; sister, Glinda Poe and husband Bob of Fort Worth; brother, Harold Rodgers and wife, Kathy of Comfort and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Ray Rodgers and her brother, Charles Rodgers.

To honor Patsy's memory she and her family ask that donations be made to the building fund of the First Baptist Church in Gorman.

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1,260 A, hills, mesas, wildlife, RV hookups, creek, tanks, much more [FE01] \$2,396/acre  
613 A, 3-2 Brick Home, barn, wells, tanks, fencing, seasonal creek, [WW02] \$1,532,500  
**REDUCED** 455 A, rolling hills, 150' elev. chg., costal, creek, hunt [RS01] \$3,000 \$2,950/acre  
407 A, 2-1 Brick Home, garage, well, tanks, fencing, corrals, barn [FZ01] \$2,750/acre  
210 A, 2-1 home, 2 car garage, wells & tanks, cross fenced, coastal [WWS01] \$619,500  
162 A, 2 story 2-1/2 Frame Home, shop, wells & tanks, woods, hunting [JA03] \$585,000  
155.57 A, remote recreational, cattle or horse. Creek, wells, fencing, [CSK01] \$513,381  
102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, minerals, possible owner finance [JB04] \$252,450  
**SOLD** 400 A, water well, 3 tanks, minerals available [RS04] \$240,000  
**REDUCED** 81 A Pecan orchard, 900± trees, possible owner finance [REMO1] \$465,000 \$300,000  
69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, costal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900  
45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, costal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500  
24 A, new water well and septic system, costal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000  
18 A, water well, stock tank, rural water available, wildlife cover, hunting [AB03] \$64,500  
7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000  
**REDUCED** 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$459,000 \$89,000  
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000  
3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500  
4-2 Brick Home, large shaded lot, privacy fence, near elementary school [KO01] \$65,000  
**UNDER CONTRACT** 3-1 Frame Home, carport, shaded lot, strg. bldg. [DS03] \$39,500 \$36,500  
**UNDER CONTRACT** 3-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, large lot, CH&A, fenced [JG02] \$95,900  
3-2 Frame home, 1 car garage, carport, large lot, fenced yard [KS01] \$55,000  
2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2.99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000  
**NEW LISTING** 2-1 Frame Home, carport, large lot, garden, well, pecan trees [DM02] \$29,500  
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38 A M/L south Gorman, Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fence, sandy and 22,200± ac. - Seller Financing  
100 A west De Leon FMS87, 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.  
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# Pig Tales From Hogtown

We had a great crowd at breakfast last Saturday! Thanks to all who came. The men sure enjoyed cooking in the new covered shed.

Hope you all have been able to get out to see the wildflowers along the highways this spring. They are extra beautiful this year – I guess they liked all the rain just as we did.

Some of the ladies of Desdemona are having a baby shower for Jordan Riggs on Monday, May 10th at the Activity Center. The shower that was planned earlier had to be canceled because of Jordan's illness. Please join us from 4:00 til 6:00 to welcome a new addition to the Riggs family.

Mark May 14th on your calendars for the next dance at the DAC. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here from 7:00 until 9:30. The concession stand will open at 6:00.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## Church of Christ Host Ice Cream Supper For 2010 Seniors

On Monday evening, the 2010 graduating class of Gorman High School was honored with an ice-cream supper by the local Church of Christ. On the serving table there were 8 huge canisters of homemade ice cream and on another table there was an assortment of cakes and cookies. Eight couples stood behind their canisters and delivered the "goodies" as the seniors streamed by. Graduating seniors, school faculty and staff members, both current and retired, joined couples from the church in honoring these students.

At the appropriate time, Jason Wilder, Minister at the Church of Christ, gave a short address to the honorees. Flanked by his wife, Kristie, and with his small daughter, Lizzie, standing at his knee, Brother Jason revealed to the graduating class the real reason why parents and public spend over \$200,000 dollars to educate each graduate. Tongue in cheek, he said it was because the parents knew they would be old one day and in need of a place to stay; their social security would be exhausted and they wanted educated, successful, affluent children to live with. After the laughter subsided, another trip was made through the line! Finally, more than 20 graduating seniors wobbled out the door, made a feeble attempt to play a little volleyball, and then went home. The time was 9:00 p.m.

Thank you, graduates, for what you have accomplished and for what you will accomplish! It is a changing world of opportunities and dangers. The members of the Church of Christ stand behind and with you!

## GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



On Wednesday, April 21, Gorman High School inducted into the National Honor Society, NHS, two new members. At the current time the NHS contained eleven members. Officers are: Brittany Henderson, NHS President; Erica Limon, Vice President; Kathryn Fritts, Secretary; Perla Maldonado, Asst. Secretary; Adriana Madera, Treasurer; and Jaylon Miley, Reporter. Members include: Tyler Johnson, Corey Houston, Jaime Johnston, Abigail Pacheco, and TJ Warren. The two new members are Sophomores, Dolores Garcia and Erica Madera. The NHS is now made up of thirteen members, and is very excited to have our newest members. At the Induction Ceremony, four of our officers reviewed the four ideals of the National Honor Society, Perla Maldonado reviewed Scholarship, Erica Limon reviewed Service, Adriana Madera reviewed Leadership, and Jaylon Miley reviewed Character. The NHS grows a little more every year and every year we watch our Senior members graduate and move on from NHS into the real world. We will certainly miss our Seniors, Kathryn Fritts, Brittany Henderson, Tyler Johnson, Erica Limon, Adriana Madera, and Perla Maldonado. We trust that they will continue to show Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character in their lives, and our remaining members next year will continue to show the four ideals of the National Honor Society. NHS will continue to grow and be successful each and every year.



## AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

### Aquatic Plant Management in Stock Ponds

Aquatic plants that cause weed problems may be placed into four groups: algae, floating weeds, emerged weeds (foliage above water) and submersed weeds (majority of foliage below water).

Algae are the most common group of weeds in aquaculture ponds. Shape and size vary from microscopic single- or multiple-celled plants to branched plants that resemble submersed aquatic weeds. Unlike other aquatic plants, algae do not produce flowers or seeds. Algae are divided into three groups: plankton algae, filamentous algae (pond moss) and the stoneworts.

There are four management options available for the control of weeds and algae in a stock pond. First, is the preventative method. It is easier and less costly to prevent weed problems than it is to control them once they develop. Careful pond site selection and proper pond construction practices are the first steps in preventing aquatic weed problems. Rooted aquatic weeds and algae usually begin growing in shallow water (< 2 feet). Edges of new and existing ponds should be deepened so shallow water areas are minimized. The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service provides technical assistance for pond construction and renovation.

The second method is biological control. The grass carp is a practical and economical way to control certain types of pond weeds. Grass carp effectively control weeds with tender succulent vegetation such as filamentous algae and duckweed, but are ineffective in controlling weeds that have tough, woody vegetation such as waterlily and cattail. Many states regulate the use of grass carp. Contact Texas Parks and Wildlife for more information on grass carp.

The third method is chemical control. Herbicides may be used to control weeds in commercial fish ponds. The first step in successful chemical control is accurate identification of the problem weed. You can go to [www.aquaplant.tamu.edu](http://www.aquaplant.tamu.edu) for plant identification pictures, and recommended herbicides for all plant species.

The last method is integrated weed management. Herbicides should be considered as a temporary control method. Depending upon the herbicide selection and the weed species, duration of control can range from a few weeks to several months. Long-term weed control can be achieved by using a combination of recommended aquatic weed methods. For example, use of the proper herbicides followed by grass carp stocking will effectively control and prevent the reoccurrence of most submersed weed problems.

For further explanation or any questions, please contact County Extension Agent Heath Begeman at 629-1093

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**May 9th** – Mother's Day.

**May 10th** – 7:00pm – GHS Senior Dinner.

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Children's Sermon: Liz asked the children to picture their home in their mind, and then asked how many ways there are to get in to your house? How about the front door, back door, garage, and the windows? Likewise, there are lots of ways to get in to the Church. The Bible tells us that there is only one way to get in to heaven. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life; there is only one way to the Father except through Jesus. There is no sneaking in a window to get to heaven. Jesus is it!

Bro. Barry's Message: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" –Titus 3:1&2 - What makes up America? Some say God and the people. We sing "America" over and over without knowing the meaning of 'Tis of Thee. Translated the meaning is "It Is of You"; it's not a place and America is not just a country.

The American People – What are we? Have we forgotten God? Are we consumed with problems in our family? How do we get through it? What do we do? Statistics are disturbing and reveal that Young Adults are quitting Church. The primary concern of the American People needs to be Spiritual Health!

I. Passive Slander – Simply said it's dirty gossip. Some believe Christians have little to do with corruption in Government. Others believe Church and State are completely separate. How many doors are there in and out of Gorman? The Gospel of Jesus will make the difference in America and it's the only answer. It's not dollars and cents. Don't find yourself sitting on the fence.

II. Humility – Once we too were foolish and disobedient. All born again Christians are saved sinners, and none of us are without troubles. If you've ever made a mistake come in and worship with us who make mistakes too. Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe!

III. Enslaved – Misled by the flesh. Turn it all over to God. All in public service know what it's like to be willing to die for an American. Pray for America and our Leaders in each and every office; write them and tell them that you are praying for them. For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son; the world is everyone.

Stand up or sit down! Go with God!

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## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING By Ina Smith

Homestead and the City of Gorman would like your help. From April 25th until May 17th we will be collecting non perishable food to donate to our local food bank. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please bring items to the business office if our box is not in the front dining hall. Thank you.

National Nursing Home week is May 9-15. We have some fun things planned please come and join us.

Mothers Day is just around the corner and we will honor our Mothers with a brunch on May 7th at 10. Please come and join us.

Friday evening Dr. Dan and the Band-aids came an entertained everyone. We had several visitors come and enjoy the great music with us. Thank you Dr. Dan and The Band Aids for a great evening. Please come again soon.

Bingo winners on Monday were Mayvis Lasater, Lula Schneider, Wes Couch, Chris Crews, Robin Taylor was our blackout winner.

We had our resident birthday party following Gospel Singing on Monday. Those having birthdays in April were Marge Hudson and Lula Schneider. Amy Wood furnished the beautiful and delicious cake. Thank you Amy. Those coming for singing were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Ruby Kinsler, Ernestine Campbell, Norma and Oren Webb, Daisy Slaton. Come and join us on Monday afternoons.

I was gone on vacation last week. I would like to thank everyone who filled in for me: Nina Skiles, Teresa Santibanez, Hannah and Courtney, and Pat Graham. Thank you again.

Marge Hudson was honored on her birthday on Sunday. Ralph brought a beautiful cake and everyone was invited to a come and go party. She received several phone calls from family and friends. Brenda Tucker of Desdemona, Nita Auvenshine of DeLeon, Kay Craddock and Ina Smith visited. Others visiting with Marge during the week were Carolyn Wilkerson, Larry and Gay Ragland of Andrews, Pat and Howard Hagood, and Nelda Mauney.

LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Johnny Scitern, Keri, Kelsey and Nash Guthery visited Troy Scitern. Marvin Payne of California is visiting with his mom Viola Payne. Faye Faulk visited Edgar Reynolds. Frank Crews visited Chris Crews.

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**THE ME'S AND THE I'S**

By Kelly Mauney Johnson

I went to say goodbye,  
to a dear old friend today.  
I got so caught up in the Me's and the I's  
I didn't know what to say.

Why didn't I go and see her more  
Why didn't I go and pray.  
Why didn't I tell her how much she was loved  
Before she passed away?

Why didn't I stop and think about  
All the times I missed with her.  
I had so many good intensions  
But I never uttered a word...

Why do I do this every time  
A loved one passes on?  
What am I doing that's so important  
That I'm never where I belong?

It's so important to reach out  
And take another's hand.  
And let them know how much  
They're loved  
from the beginning not the end.

Don't get so caught up in the Me's  
And the I's that you let your loved ones  
Quickly pass by.

They need to know,  
while they're still here,  
What a difference they've made  
Year after Year!!

**Super Notes**

By David Perry - Superintendent - Gorman ISD

TAKS testing is, for the most part, over for this school year. There will of course be some retesting and make ups for those that were absent. But you could almost hear a big sigh of relief from the teachers on Friday and rightfully so. It is a stressful time for both the students and the teachers. I am happy for them all that it is over for another year. We have to remember though that we still have plenty of school left before the school year is over. Please help us help your child by making sure they have all of their work turned in each day. Considering the new law our legislator have given us, the teachers can post grades lower than a fifty on your child's records and those very low scores kill an average. An average student can have one really bad day and it could fail them for the six weeks under the present law. You might want to call or write your state legislators and ask them to give the administrators and school boards back the authority and flexibility they took away. I did not think it was the job of the legislators to interfere with local control to the point of penalizing our students do you?

Prom was great! I have been to several and I think there was more dancing at this one than the others I've attended. Everyone appeared to be having a great time. Attendance was great too! I want to thank all of the sponsors. They did a great job and to the best of my knowledge there were absolutely no problems. I really appreciate Becky Smith for being there voluntarily to support her students. She has been a very caring person in the classroom and I hate to see her leave this year. We wish her the best in the coming year!

Kimie Seaton competed in the Regional Track Meet at Abilene Christian University in Abilene this week. We hope she does her best of the year. She is our only representative this year.

Early voting for the school board and city elections ended Tuesday. If you did not vote early, please don't forget to vote next Tuesday the 10th. His is your school and your city. VOTE!

Next week the remainder of the end-of-year field trips will be taken. They are scheduled as follows:

- a. Fifth Grade—Eastland County Courthouse on Monday, May 10th—leave at 8:15 and return at 2:30
- b. Fourth Grade—Alameda Cemetery and Thurber Museum on Monday, May 10th—leave at 8:15 and return at 2:30
- c. Fifth Grade—Omni Theater in Fort Worth on Tuesday, May 11th—leave at 8:15 and return at 5:00
- d. Fourth Grade—Frontier Texas in Abilene on Wednesday, May 12th—leave at 8:15 and return at 2:30
- e. Kindergarten—Fort Worth Zoo on Thursday, May 13th—leave at 8:15 and return at 5:00
- f. Third Grade—Museum of Science and Natural History in Fort Worth on Friday, May 14th—leave at 8:15 and return at 5:00

I talked about there being a lot of good things in Gorman last week and mentioned several businesses. Please know that it was not an exhaustive list and that no business was left out of the article intentionally. The day after I wrote the article I thought about The Peanut Hut, they have many great gift items and The Gorman Progress and we are very fortunate to have a local paper. There's our parts house and several mechanics, trucking companies, construction companies, my barber (Nathan) and several hair salons. I just can't remember everyone. You are all great hand everyone in Gorman should be thankful for your presence and patronize you every opportunity they have. My thanks to all of you for being here and serving this community!

That said, the most important thing about Gorman is the people! There are some wonderful folks living here and they have made Vicki and I feel right at home here and I am sure they treat everyone that is new to town just as well. The last five years have been a real pleasure and I just want to thank everyone for being so kind and making us feel at home!

There have been several funerals lately. We have lost some very special people. This means we have several families in our community that need your prayers and maybe some help. Losing a loved one is a sad and stressful time and we all need to do what we can to help our friends in their time of need!

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!

**Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday, May 10th at the Community Center. Make plans to arrive at 9 a.m. to enjoy the good food served by the Hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

Virginia Griffith visited recently with her daughter, Mary and family in Zapata. Pug and Vonnie Guthery enjoyed a short visit on Wednesday morning with Shelly Horan of Granbury. She is the granddaughter of the late Dorothy Roberts

Friends of Desdemona send their sympathy to the family of Pat Buckley, 73, of Desdemona. Services were held on Thursday with burial in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Buckley; their children, Cindy Abbey, Melinda Walker, John Buckley and Jeff Buckley; several grandchildren; sisiter, Bonnie Joiner and a host of friends.

First Baptist Church had average attendance last Sunday. Ruben Flores of Oklahoma was the guest speaker for the morning service. His wife, Stephanie and their children, Jason, Jenna and Jalen attended. Visitors are welcome to attend and share God's word.

**Victor Cemetery Association** in Erath County will have the Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 29th. Make plans to attend the business meeting followed by "Pot Luck" dinner. Bring your food to share with others. Visitors are welcome.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers. Just a note to say "HI" means so much to a shut-ins.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.  
Happy Mother's Day!!

**Senior Citizens News**

By Carol Ward

We had to use the Hotel Kitchen and dining room, because the Census people were back in the Center. But too crowded! We were like sardines in a can with 28 people attending. I can appreciate our old building more, at least we have plenty of room. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing on the 28th of April.

There were several guests to visit and fellowship with us. Betty Frazier's daughter, Virginia Turner and her brother Donald Sanders. They both live in the Hotel. Winnie Cogburn and her granddaughter, Nicole who helps her, were with us. I sure enjoyed meeting her and talking. Winnie brought some the of best brownies, I've ever tasted. She said they were Duncan Hines. Wish she could come to the center, but in a wheelchair at the hotel. Also good to see James Mearns and Ima Brown. Ima has missed for quite while, so glad she came back.

We were all saddened at the passing of Annie Fay Foster. She was one of our most faithful members. Always brought us a delicious cake. Several of us offered to carry her to our dinner, but no. If she couldn't drive, she stayed home. I'm so thankful to Billie Bennett who carried her dinner when here. She will be missed by all.

Ellen Parker has been in the hospital at Abilene Hendricks. She suffered a blood clot on the 29th of April. It has since dissipated, she was a lucky one. Feeling much improved and should come home today the 4th of May.

We enjoyed a real smorgasbord on he 28th. Turkey breast, chicken, dressing, pizza, German sausage and Betty Regians good hot rolls. We had missed them as she couldn't attend for awhile. Also many good veggie dishes, Cole slaw, pea salad, corn, sweet potatoes, and several dishes of white potatoes. There were pinto beans, a wonderful fruit salad, grapes in cream cheese sauce, strawberries with angel cake. There were several good cakes, 1 pie and brownies. I must apologize to all for my dressing failure. I couldn't find my new container of baking powder, so put a little soda in the combread. Never again. The bread was real brown and tasted like corn tortillas! Found the BP later. HA! Barbara Bush made some pretty good cranberry sauce out of dried berries.

Daisy Slaton and I attended the Breakfast in Desdemona at the DAC on the 1st of May. Always good, especially the sausage and gravy with biscuits. Some folks wish they would have toast also, as they don't care for biscuits. We enjoyed meeting some new people from Stephenville. The lady and man were brother and sister. Their niece came with them as she is 97 and he is 90. I believe they were from Desdemona years ago.

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

**News At Gorman High School**

By John Flores

This is a very important week for many students at Gorman high school. Most of this week the faculty and staff will be administering the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, also commonly referred to as the TAKS test. This test is especially important to all current juniors, as the exit level TAKS test must be passed before a student can graduate. So here are some helpful tips to boost performance on this year's test.

Even though the TAKS test is a mental assessment, being physically prepared is very important as well. Studies have shown that students who get a good night's sleep the night before a test perform significantly better on test day. Another thing some students may over look is breakfast. This meal is very important because it is the energy they will use during most of the test, so a healthy balanced breakfast is a key thing to remember. Another item to think about is what clothing to wear. Remember to dress comfortably (following the dress code of course) and leave anything extra that will be bothersome at home.

Of course there are also the more obvious things to remember. Always read all directions CAREFULLY. Studies have shown that a noticeable portion of test questions are answered

incorrectly each year, because the tester did not read the instructions carefully. Also remember to check back through the test and make sure all of the questions are answered. If you do not know the answer to a question, try and narrow down the answers to two choices and make an educated guess at the answer.

Finally, remember the test taking strategies that have been taught for years. Teachers teach these strategies for a reason, because they work. Of course they are time consuming, but the test has no time limit, so take your time and put forth your best effort.

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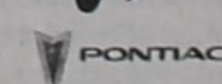
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