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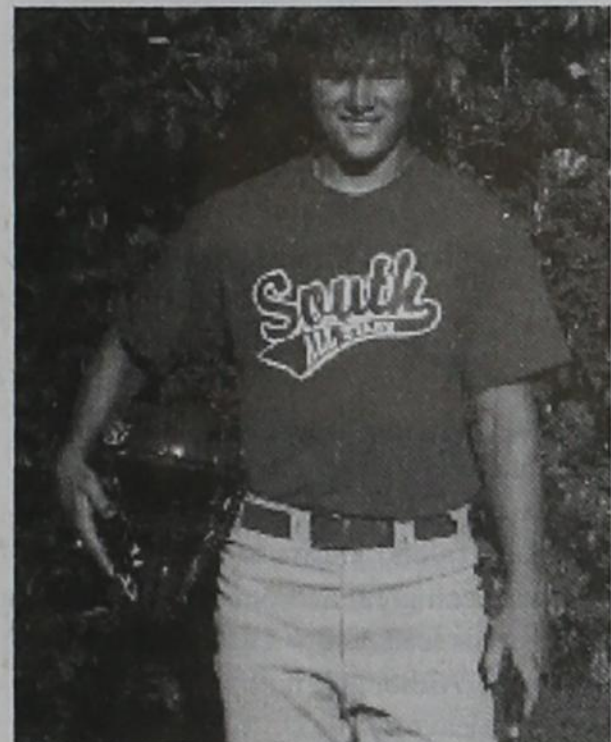
GISD Breaks Ground On New High School

Pictured from left to right: Jeff Seaton, Daryl Hirst, Beth Underwood, Larry Thompson, Melinda Harrington, Bob Powell, and Mark Simmons)



The Gorman School Board breaks ground for the new high school/gymnasium. The building will be built directly across the street (east) from Maxfield Elementary. Site work will begin this week.

Corey Clark Plays In GWTBCA All Star Game in Lubbock



Corey Clark chose to play in the GWTBCA (Great West Texas Baseball Coaches Association) All Star Game. Representing Gorman and the Southside Team. He played June 1st in Lubbock, TX at Moegle Field. His team was a combined 1A-2A team. Corey was one of 3 Catchers (the only 1A). He was in the starting line up as Catcher was able to play 3 innings. Corey made a throw down to Second in the 1st inning and got the runner out. Corey was the lead off batter in the 1st inning. He had a single and 2 RBI's, was able to score for his team later in the game. South won 9-7. Corey would like to Thank Coach Fox for his help and support on and off the field. We would like to Thank all those that drove all the way to support Corey, he had a great year and this was the Greatest way to end that year.

Dorcas Class Ends Semester of Study With Salad Luncheon

The Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ concluded its study of the Men of the Bible for the spring on May 27. A salad luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The survey of the Old Testament included character studies as well as a review of the historical background of the period. After a summer break, the group will begin again on Tuesday, September 9. Classes will start at 10:00AM each Tuesday. All ladies in the area are cordially invited to attend.



LOOK MAW, NO HAIR!!! – The bare ones shown above are (left to right) - Gary Overstreet, Harold Rodgers, Doyle Welch, Jerry Ormsby and Larry Anderson who dropped by the Progress office for "Kernel Gene" to snap this picture. We need old photos for our paper.

ATTENTION Juniors and Seniors:

The Quick THEA test will be given at the Gorman High School at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 12th. The cost for the test is \$29.00. The examinees will be given 5 hours to complete the test. If you have any questions regarding the test, please contact Mrs. Hampton at 734-2614.

K'ann Howard and Ryan Graves To Pledge Vows

Rev & Mrs. John Howard of Gorman, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, K'ann Dence' to Ryan Graves, son of Rev. and Mrs. Kendall Graves of Iowa Park, Texas.

K'ann is currently pursuing a Bachelors of Music degree at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Ryan, a 2006 graduate of Victoria College, is currently employed by United Regional Hospital of Wichita Falls as a Registered Nurse in the Patient Relations Department.

The couple will wed at Grace Tabernacle Church of Iowa Park on June 7, 2008 at 1:00 PM.

Immediately following the wedding, a reception will be held in the Wichita Ballroom at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel. Following a trip to Montana the couple will reside in Iowa Park.



Miss Gorman and Little Miss Gorman Candidates

Kimi Seaton



My name is Kimi Seaton and I am running for Miss Gorman. I am the daughter of Jeff and Veronica Seaton and the granddaughter of Lester and Sue Seaton and Frank and Jean Brinegar.

I am 16 years old and will be a Junior at Gorman High School this fall. I am active in Volleyball, Basketball, Livestock Raisers, UIL, FBC Youth Group and Volunteering in my Community.

My hobbies include spending time with my boyfriend Drew, hanging out with my friends, texting, just driving around, swimming, camping, summer league basketball, playing volleyball and definitely talking.

I am being sponsored by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce. All funds raised will go back into our Community. The contest will be held on June 28th at the Gorman Auditorium. My escort will be Drew McCreless. Thank you for your Support.

Bethany Kay Oliver



Bethany Kay Oliver is the daughter of Barbara and Gary Snapp. Bethany is a junior at Gorman High School. She participates in Basketball, Softball, Cheerleading, and UIL One Act Play. She enjoys riding horses, going fishing, and camping. Bethany is representing the Gorman Lion's Club as the Lion's Club Sweetheart in the upcoming Miss Gorman Pageant.

Ashlyn Rae Ann Nicole Martin



Ashlyn Rae Ann Nicole Martin is the daughter of Daniel and Carrie Martin.

Ashlyn has 2 brothers Cody and Calvin, she also has 3 sisters, Jessica, Rosie and Danielle.

She is sponsored By The Lions Club and she enjoys playing T-Ball, riding four wheelers, playing Barbies and spending time with her family.

Brylee Ray-Ann Johnson



My hobbies include swimming, playing camping with my big sister Bailey, playing babies, and going to my Nana and Daryl's to play the keyboard.

I also enjoy singing and going to Nana Rhonda's to play with my cousins. I also enjoy pestering my big brother Ben and his friends.

My favorite food is chicken noodle soup and my favorite drink is pink milk.

I am very excited about the Little Miss Gorman contest, and would like to thank the Gorman Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring me.

I will be escorted by Hayden Hampton, son of Adam and Sylvia Hampton.

**Good Luck To All
The Contestants
In Miss Gorman and
Little Miss Gorman**

Hello, my name is Brylee Ray-Ann Johnson. I am the 5 year old daughter of Jody and Amanda Johnson. I am a candidate for the 2008 Little Miss Gorman Contest. I am proud being sponsored by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce. I will be in Kindergarten this year.

Ride The Wave Of Excitement!!

First Baptist Church of Gorman invites all children ages 3-12 (or just completed 6th grade) to join us for an "Outrigger Island" Vacation Bible School on June 9 thru 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration will begin



at 7:45 a.m. on Monday morning, June 9th. Those needing a ride on the church van, need to call the church office at 254-734-2420. ALOHO - We Hope To See You There!!!

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Edgar would like to express his sincere Thank You to everyone that attended his 90th Birthday Party. Thanks also goes out to Kenneth Welch for bringing everyone together. Thanks again.

Edgar

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Teen Challenge is the largest and most successful organization of its kind in the world. They help people with life-controlling problems overcome through the power of Jesus!

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OBITUARY

Delton H. Killebrew

Delton H. Killebrew, age 86 of Abilene, passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at The Oaks at Radford Hills in Abilene. Services were held Wednesday, June 4th at 10:30 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel. Mit Chorn officiated, Music by LaResse Wilkerson and Nicky Wilkerson. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

He was born October 12, 1921 in De Leon, Texas to the late Mose Jefferson Killebrew and Clireen Hughes Killebrew. He married Mae K. Ross on December 30, 1939 in De Leon.

Mr. Killebrew was retired U. S. Air Force serving World War II; also served in U. S. Navy; had resided in Abilene since 1969. He was Protestant.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Killebrew of Abilene; one daughter Linda Chorn and husband Mitt of Abilene; one son, Elton Killebrew of Abilene; daughter-in-law, Judy Killebrew of De Leon; one sister, Barbara Killebrew of Portland, Oregon; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, two sons, Jerry Killebrew and Ramon Delton Killebrew; one brother, T. J. Killebrew.

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Livestock producers have until July 18, 2008, to enroll in the 2005 - 2007 Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program. Signup began on September 10, 2007, for the two programs which provide aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock or livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007.

LIP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and contract growers who incurred the death of livestock because of a natural disaster. LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and producers who had feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

More information about LCP and LIP is available online at: <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. For more information on FSA programs, visit your local USDA Service Center or the agency's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

ACREAGE REPORTING

Acres reporting time will soon be here. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Failed acreage must be reported within 15 days of the disaster event and before disposition of the crop. Prevented planting must be reported no later than 15 days after the final planting date.

Acreage reports are required for many Farm Service Agency programs. For crops other than NAP (Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program) crops, acreage reports must be certified by the May 1 deadline on small grains and a July 15 deadline on all other crops.



Courtney DeAnn

Congratulations on your Promotion to Gorman High School - 2008

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- 455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RSO1)
- 250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, tanks, cabin, rural water \$850,000 REDUCED \$795,000 (LMO2)
- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (ABO1)
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (RSO2) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DKO1)
- 150 A, rolling terrain, minerals \$442,500 (LMO1) - SOLD
- 100 A, approx. 95 A of costal, 5 A wooded, and stock tank. Located about 1/2 mile off Hwy.36 \$275,000 (WMO1)
- 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals neg. \$397,500 REDUCED \$392,500 (BE01)
- 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 (REMO1)
- 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LPO1)
- 51 A, with highway frontage, spring creek and hunting 182,000 (RPO1)
- 47± A, 1-1 Rock Home, hand dug well, rural water, wildlife cover, coastal, hunting, minerals negotiable \$175,000 (WMO2)
- 45 A, 7 irrigation wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, mineral available \$2,750 per acre (NFO1)
- 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (PBO1)
- 25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (JBO3) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MPO1) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 20 A, Pecan Orchard, hwy. frontage, rural water available, Owner will divide \$5,000 per Acre (SHO1)
- 20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water supply available, hunting, minerals negotiable \$75,000 (WMO1)
- 14± A, 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, garages & storage buildings \$180,000 (FWO1) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 (KIO1)
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (JTO2)
- 7± A, Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well \$65,000 (FWO2) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 (WKO1)

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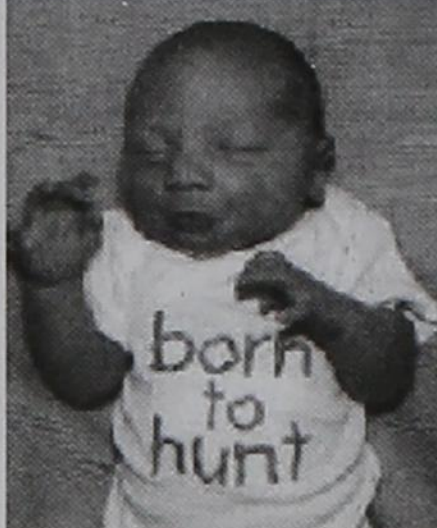
- NEW: Gorman 12A., more or less, CR frontage, pond, mesquite cover. \$2,500 A. 15A north of Gorman: Sandy land, 2 water wells, county road on 2 sides,nice location for pond. \$3,000A.
 - NEW: 17A N/E Gorman, 10A wooded, nice large oak trees, electric meter, country location, great place for a new home! \$3,500 A.
 - NEW: 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre
 - 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre
 - NEW: 77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A. 49.83 A. west Gorman, large oak, paved road, birding spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE
 - NEW: 80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre
 - 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.
 - NEW: 156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh. central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.
 - 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$2,350.00 acre.
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Cook Who's - New It's A Boy!!

Kyle and Kelci Sandlin wish to announce the arrival of their brother, Jesse Delton Sandlin, born May 16, 2008 at Hendricks Medical in Abilene. Jessie was born at 12:06 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs. And 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Cole and Ashly Sandlin of Carbon. Grandparents are Bill Sandlin of Carbon and Daryle Brown and Connie McQueen of De Leon.



Super Notes (5-26)

By David K. Perry -- dperry@gorman.esc14.net
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This school year is coming to a close very quickly. This Thursday will be our last day of instruction. Thursday evening we will have Eighth Grade graduation in the high school auditorium at 7:00pm. Friday evening at 7:00pm we will have our high school graduation on the football field if the weather cooperates. This has been a wonderful year and I feel privileged that you have chosen to share your children with us. I am very thankful to our entire faculty and staff for the great job they have done and for our school board members for their conscientious effort to continuously make Gorman ISD a better place for your children. I vow to continue our efforts to be the best we can be for your children and look forward to seeing everyone (except the seniors) return next year.

I am both happy and sad to announce the 2nd retirement of Martha Harrington. It has been my pleasure to work with her for the past three years. She is a great teacher and an even greater advocate for children. She will be missed. I hope she enjoys her retirement and will visit us often.

I want to congratulate all of our graduates! They are a special group. I know a couple of them would like to stay around for a couple of more years before having to brave the new world that awaits them. I wish we could keep them. But since we can't keep them, I want them all to know that they are always welcome and to come back to see us as often as they can. We are still here to help them if we can whenever they need us.

The one constant we have in education is change. Sometimes the changes are for the better and sometime they are not. I regret having to inform you all that Coach Paul Talbert is retiring this year from public education. He has done an incredible job for us in just two years and I wish we could keep him here forever. Coach Talbert is not going to quit coaching though, he is going to be coaching defense and special teams at Eastern Oklahoma State University in Ada, Oklahoma and doing a little scouting for them. I know their football program will make a noticeable improvement in their next season. Coach Talbert knows how to win! We will certainly miss him. He has been great and our athletes have accomplished great things under his leadership. He has also been a good friend and I will miss him. Although I hate to see him go, I wish him the best in his new endeavor!

We are also losing Coach Tori Talbert. She did a great job for us, especially since it was her first year to teach or coach. She has the same kind of drive her father has and put demands on our girls that they have not had and she made them better athletes. She showed them they could win and they did, especially in volley ball. Our girls made it to the playoffs for the first time ever. Tori is going to be coaching basketball at a high school in Mesquite, Texas. We wish her the best and hope she and Britain are happy there and that she experiences much success!

Last Thursday at noon we had a special called board meeting to discuss replacing our athletic director. No action was taken. We are currently taking applications and will be interviewing applicants next week if possible. We have had many apply. Bacalaureate was held last Sunday in the auditorium. There was a big crowd. Sammye Mauney gave the invocation and then we watched a slide show of the graduates at various stages of their life. It was excellent! Pastor Barry Schahn then delivered an inspirational message to the seniors regarding their "space". It was both entertaining and meaningful. We thank Brother Barry for being such an active part of these students lives!

As usual, I will not be writing an article every week during the summer, but I will do my best to keep you informed about what we are doing. The building project should get underway this week. I hope all of our graduates have a wonderful summer and that whatever plans they have made for work or their continued education are successful. We will keep them in our prayers. I know God has great plans for them all!

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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A Goal For Life

One of the most fascinating stories of goal setting comes out of the sports world. An eight-year-old boy told his mother and everyone who would listen. "I am going to be the greatest baseball catcher that ever lived!"

People would laugh at him and say, "Dream, you silly boy."

His mother patiently told him, "You are only eight years old, that's not the time to be talking about impossible dreams." He refused to listen to those who would attempt to talk him out of his goal.

When he finished his high school career and walked across the platform to get his diploma, the superintendent of schools stopped him and said, "Johnny, tell these people what you want to be."

The young man smiled, squared his shoulders, and said, "I am going to be the greatest baseball catcher that ever lived!" And you could hear the snickers across that graduation crowd.

The rest is history. On one occasion, the former great manager of the New York Yankees, Casey Stengel, was asked about this young man. Casey replied to the question like this: "Johnny Bench is already the greatest baseball catcher that ever played the game!"

What makes this story so amazing? Already, at age eight, Johnny Bench had set his goal in life. During his playing career, he was twice voted the most outstanding player in baseball. It began as a dream, and then became a goal that was translated into reality.

Statistics tell me that if I were to poll each of you, less than 5 percent could say what their life goal is! Ninety-five out of every 100 people are simply floating along on the tides of life.

Where are you planning to go with your life? Setting a goal for your life may well be the most important thing you will ever do! The starting point in any achievement begins with a goal! The apostle Paul knew the power of a life-goal when he said, "This one thing I do..."

People with goals push ahead in the roughest, toughest, and most impossible kinds of situations and accomplish what they have set out to do.

Many of life's greatest achievements have yet to be met! Will you be one of those who sets a goal and discovers that you life can be changed and productive for the good of mankind? What is stopping you?

Today's Quote: The Lord gave you two ends...one for sitting and one for thinking. Your success depends on which you use...Heads you win, tails you lose! - Gas Flame

Today's Verse: This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13; KJV

Hello everyone,

This story appears in Robert Strand's "Moments for Graduates"

Jthjr77

Two Gorman Students Accepted Into People To People Leadership Program

Adriana Brown and Cosette Keeping, students at Maxfield Elementary School, have been accepted into the People to People Leadership Forum. Adriana Brown and Cosette Keeping will join a select group of students in Washington, D. C., April 20-25, 2009 to study leadership and explore some of the United States most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Gettysburg National Military Park to the International Spy Museum, Adriana Brown and Cosette Keeping will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussion and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Adriana and Cosette were nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Leadership Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956. For additional information please visit www.wplleaders.org



Pig Tales From Hogtown

Since I didn't write an article for last week's paper, I would like to express my sympathy this week to the family of Evah Sparkman. And, also, to the Juan Romelia family for the loss of their beautiful baby daughter. My prayers go out to these families.

The DAC has been given, as a memorial to Bob and Merlene Wisdom, a beautiful Tree of Life. The tree has brass leaves on it which can be engraved as a memorial to your own family member. The engraving doesn't have to be a memorial - it can be your name or something else. The donation to the DAC is \$100 for a leaf. The tree is on display at the DAC.

Bob & Dolores Tucker will have a very special visitor to their home this weekend. Their new granddaughter - 1 1/2-month-old Zoe will visit Desdemona for the first time from her home in Phoenix, AZ. Zoe is the daughter of Steve & Michele Tucker. A reception to introduce Zoe to all will be held at the Baptist Church Annex this Saturday afternoon, June 7, from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. Bob & Dolores would like to invite all their friends and friends of Steve's to come and meet Zoe.

Saturday is also our usual first Saturday of the month 'Breakfast at the DAC' from 7:00 until 10:00 A.M. Please join us for eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits & gravy. It is delicious!

The DAC is going to have an old-fashioned ice cream social with homemade ice cream! This event is going to be free of charge as a 'thank you' to all who have supported the DAC for the past 2 years. We have recently purchased some sports equipment that we are anxious to try out. Come and join us!

Please remember that the DAC building can be rented for your special events. We, also, have a huge covered porch that you can rent for your garage sale. Call me - 254-758-2420.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Brandy Carlton Receives

Texas Farmers Union Scholarship



Pictured above are (left to right) - Dennis Clower, District Director for District IV, of Texas Farmers Union, Brandy Carlton, Gorman High School Senior, and James Schuman, President of Eastland County Farmers Union. Brandy has received a Texas Farmers Union Scholarship, having been selected for her High School achievements and academic excellence by these to Eastland County Farmers Union leaders.

District IV (which includes Eastland County) has announced the recipient of the Texas Farmers Union College Scholarship for the 6 county area making up District IV of the Texas Farmers Union. TFU each year awards scholarships to deserving students across the state of Texas which are given through the Texas Farmers Union Scholarship Fund. Texas Farmers Union is a state division of the National Farmers Union, which was founded in Point, Texas in 1902. This organization is a grassroots organization dedicated to preserving the Family Farmer and Rancher. This effort, for now over 100 years, focuses on three main thrusts - Education, Co-operation, and Legislation. Over the years, Farmers Union has developed and maintained many Farmer-owned Co-ops, which have helped immeasurably in lowering costs of farming inputs such as seed, fertilizer, tires, etc.

Legislation on the national level certainly affects every agricultural producer, and for many years Farmers Union has had a major influence in supporting and obtaining farm programs favorable to family producers. Twice each year, the organization sponsors "Fly Ins" for individual farmers and ranchers to go to Washington D. C. and tell their concerns face to face with their Congressmen and Senators.

The Farmers Union organization has always felt that Education is vital to a healthy rural way of life as well as that of the whole nation. Across the nation, summer camps are held to better inform many rural and city youth about all the facets of agriculture, and the way of life on a farm or ranch. Another major effort to help in education is the TFU Scholarship Program, which helps encourage more young people not only to attend college, but to also be motivated to achieve more of their potential while in High School. High Grades and all around achievements are all considered in order to receive on the scholarships.

Brandy Carlton of Gorman High School has been selected for this scholarship in 2008. Brandy is a farm girl, and has done everything from hauling hay to feeding cattle and hoeing peanuts. She has raised chickens, goats, ducks, and hogs. She states that her work on the farm has taught her to be more responsible and that hard work is key to success.

In the Gorman school system, she was salutatorian of Gorman Jr. High her 8th grade year. In High School, as a Freshman, she participated in band, was a cheerleader, played volleyball, ran cross country, played basketball, softball and ran track. Even as a Freshman she was a Regional Qualifier in the 800 meter run, High Jump, and Triple Jump, and also qualified for Area in the 400 meter dash. She was also the top student in grades.

Her Sophomore year, even after recovering from a painful debilitating break of her leg after being dropped in one of the cheerleading acts, she was able to participate in all these activities, and by track season, once again excelled in District, Area and was a Regional Qualifier in the 800 meter run, and was named 2nd team All District in Softball. She was inducted in the National Honor Society, and was given the Gorman Chamber of Commerce Academic Award as well as the President's Outstanding Academic Award.

As a Junior, she made Honorable Mention All District Volleyball, 2nd Team All District Basketball, and 1st Team All District Pitcher in Softball. Again, in track, she excelled in District, Area and was Regional Qualifier in the 800 meter run, High Jump and 1600 Meter Relay. She was also an Area Qualifier in the 400 Meter Dash. She was Junior Class President and as top student in her class, received the Gorman Chamber of Commerce Academic Award.

In her Senior year, Brandy was named 1st Team All District in Volleyball, 2nd Team All District Basketball, and 1st Team All District Pitcher in Softball. Her volleyball team won almost everything - Bi-District Champs, Area Champs, Regional Quarterfinal champs and Regional Semi-finalist. In track, again she was Regional Qualifier in the 800 Meter Run, 400 Meter Dash and High Jump. She was named Most Valuable Player in Girls Track at the Annual Gorman High School Sports Banquet.

Brandy has been on the "A" Honor Roll every year and is this year's Valedictorian of Gorman High School. She looks forward to using the TFU scholarship by enrolling in Tarleton State University in Stephenville this fall. She is the daughter of Jerry and Denise Carlton, and the granddaughter of Bob and Rosetta Carlton and Lynn and Rosetta Hagan, all of Carbon.

Mr. Clower and Mr. Schuman state that they believe Brandy exemplifies what Texas Farmers Union seeks in students to qualify for this scholarship and it is with much satisfaction that they present the Texas Farmers Union College Scholarship to Brandy Carlton.

Note Of Thanks

I was in Gorman for the Graduation. I lost my glasses. Someone found them and turned them in. I just want to say Thank You and May The Good Lord Bless You.

Pat Cornwell

Happenings At FBC!!

Hot! Summer has arrived and school is out - we hope you kids and faculty enjoy every moment of your deserved summer vacation. Our Church's new addition is continuing to make superb progress; and the carpet is being installed this week. God is magnificent!

Mark your calendars: June 8th @ 11:00am - First Performance of Our Puppet Ministry Team - Don't miss the Puppet Show! June 8th @ 11:00am - Teen Challenge, Women's Choir and Testimonies. June 9th thru 13th @ 8:30am to 11:30am - Vacation Bible School, theme is "Outrigger Island" Living God's Unshakable Truth.

Special Music: Jeff Seaton shared that over the years it was evident to him that our church family and the Gorman community have interceded in prayer for him and his family. Though they have endured many tragedies, the outcome has been good. Then Jeff sang "Somebody's Praying". It was gorgeous and a remarkable blessing!!!

Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon: It was with extreme enthusiasm that Liz told the children that she loved getting to see them each and every week so she brought each and every one of them a sweet and free gift!!! Her extreme emphasis was that the gift was FREE! She brought them all a package of sweet tarts. Then she explained that the Bible tells us that God's gift to each and every one of us is His son Jesus Christ and it is FREE! We must accept it, believe it, confess our sins, and obey God. Have you accepted God's FREE gift? Will you live forever in heaven with Jesus?

Bro. Barry's message was "Last Train Out to Nowheresville" - Luke 1:1-4.

Known as the Last Train to Nowhere, there are two derelict steam engines and rolling stock that were abandoned on the tundra near Nome in 1907 when construction was stopped on a railroad track there; just picture them destitute with nowhere to go.

Has your happiness taken the last train to "nowheresville"? Change is hard and difficult, however, you can get off the train to nowhere - just do the do's!

I. Don'ts: 1.) Don't change your relationship with God to suit your lifestyle. - You can't make God fit an ungodly lifestyle! 2.) Don't change the precious true relationship you have with HIM. - His truths hold us together - strive to be a true servant. 3.) Don't change what you know as good and you know as just in your life. - Identify and realize the good and the blessings! 4.) Don't change the way you take TIME to serve God. - Keep it! Everything you do with God makes you better. 5.) Don't change your mind and allow the devil to make his change from the outside to the inside. - On the outside the devil will attack you, but on the inside the devil will destroy you.

II. Do's: 1.) Do change things that allow you to stray from Jesus. - If you fall, get up! 2.) Do change your armor from light weight to heavy to withstand the devil. - The devil is relentless, don't let him get you down! Defend him with the heavy and complete armor of God! 3.) Do change anything that gets between you and God, and His will for your life. - How do you find His will for you? Listen, obey and be available to God! 4.) Do change your thinking from what you want for yourself to what He wants for you. Right now God has a plan for you, in you, and through you! You already belong to God. Be on the road to somewhere! Which train will you ride?

Welcome new members: Sandi Adair and family joined our Fellowship.

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

Also, our Worship Service is broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.

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

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