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# Susan Pierce In Concert At Kokomo **Baptist Church March 27th**

Kokomo Baptist Church invites you to come and enjoy the beautiful voice Susan Pierce in Concert on Sunday, March 27th at 11:00 a.m. Susan sings blend of Southern Gospel, Country and Western and Contempory Music. She lives in Austin and is a sister to Pastor James Hunter.

A delicious noon meal will be prepared by the Teen Class. This is by donation to help them attend Church Camp this summer.

## Stand with Israel' Forum Set For March 30

Area residents are invited to attend a free "Stand with Israel" Forum set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30 in the Dublin Rotary Building.

The event is hosted by Christians United for Israel (CUFI) and the Dublin Dr Pepper Bottling Company.

In issuing the public invitation, Bill Kloster, owner of Dublin Dr Pepper, said, "In view of all the current turmoil in that part of the world, with revolutions in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia, for example, God's chosen people and land in Israel are being increasingly threatened. Those events, coupled with the desire of Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas to obliterate Israel from the face of the earth, are proof that God's prophecies are literally unfolding in front of our eyes on a daily basis.

"Dublin Dr Pepper is pleased to provide an opportunity for area residents to receive a comprehensive briefing from the organization Christians United for Israel which will allow them to gain an understanding of why these things are happening in the world and why the outcome is so vitally important," Mr. Kloster said.

Guest speaker will be retired Marine Colonel John T. Somerville, the central regional coordinator of CUFI. During his 30 years in the military, he was an infantry officer and later an intelligence officer, specializing in the Middle East. He spent time in Israel, Turkey, Somalia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Washington, D.C.

Col. Somerville first went to the Middle East in the early 70's and he has made more than 50 trips there in the ensuing years. His interest in the Middle East and archaeology enable him to speak with authority about the historical and current military/political events in the region. Col. Somerville, who holds a Ph.D. from the Ohio State University, is a recipient of the prestigious "Friend of Israel" award.

Col. Somerville said his mission is "to reach as many Christians and others with the message that God has given us a Biblical mandate to unconditionally love and support the Jewish people and Israel. While there is an increasing number of people who love Israel, there are so many millions in our nation who haven't heard."

The purpose of the CUFI is to provide a national association through which every pro-Israel church, organization, ministry or individual in America can speak and act with one voice in support of Israel in matters related to Biblical issues.

The group's third annual "Christians United for Israel Sunday" will be on May 15. "More than 2,000 churches in over 50 countries have stood in solidarity with Israel through the event," reports the CUFI web newsletter. "From the largest cities to the smallest towns, from mega-churches in the American heartland to underground churches in China, Christians have come together to express their love and support for Israel."

For more information, go to the CUFI website at www.cufi.org or contact Mr. Kloster at 254 445-3466.

# City Minutes

ARCH 3, 2011

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Joe Casey, Nathan Files, and Durward Webb. Barbara Fenley was also present.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with one correction, adding the word cities after 385 in paragraph five. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

After looking over the bills, Joe made the motion to approve for payment with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports were submitted by department heads. Glenn was unable to attend this meeting due to family medical issues.

Currently the City has started accepting credit cards for payment. Cameron Gulley, City Auditor advised it would be best to open another bank account just for these proceeds to be deposited in. Tacy Warren and Jill Rainey will be on the signature card. This account will have the deposit proceeds put in, and a check will be written to distribute the funds to the appropriate departments. David made the motion to contact the bank and open this account. Durward made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The use of the chipper was discussed. The Commission requested that the City crew limit their time at residents while chipping. The City will only chip limbs that the property owner has trimmed or compiled. If the property owner has hired someone to trim trees etc., the person hired to trim will be responsible for hauling or disposing of the limbs. The last Monday of each month will be the designated date for running the chipper. The City requests that residents with limbs for the chipper call so that Jill or Tacy can make a work order.

No action was taken on Distribution of Assignments of Duties.

Barbara will be working on "Red Tagging" vehicles, and Tacy will be contacting the city attorney to have him send a letter to Clark Fire Hydrant Repair requesting that our fire hydrants be delivered to us as soon as possible.

There being no further business for discussion David made the motion to adjourn with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:45 p.m.

# Carbon Volunteer Fire Deaprtment

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

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

# TWDB Approves \$11,650,000 In Financial Assistance To Eastland Co. Water Supply Dist.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution a \$3,495,000 loan and \$8,155,000 loan forgiveness from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund-Disadvantaged Community Program to the Eastland County Water Supply District (Eastland County) to finance water system improvements.

The Eastland County Water Supply District (District) proposes to use these funds to install a new filtration system, renovate its chemical system, enhance its coagulation and solids handling, and repair the building housing the office and lab. In addition to these improvements, the raw water delivery system, including the pump station and transmission line, will be evaluated for capacity and function, and improvements will be made as necessary.

The District is located in Eastland County and currently services the Cities of Eastland and Ranger. These two cities in turn service the City of Carbon, as well as several other water supply corporations in the area. The District owns, operates and maintains a dam and impounding reservoir in Eastland County, known as Lake Leon. The system is designed to serve a population of approximately 12,419.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

Regional Economic Development Workshop

Economic and community development representatives from throughout the region met in Eastland on March 16 to sharpen their development skills.

A workshop entitled "Secrets of Economic Development Unveiled" offered presentations by several E.D. specialists. Topics included: economic development programs and assistance available through the Governor's Office; what's new in economic development; legislative update; pros-



Cliffa Vaughn of Gorman EDC visits with Jane Crouch of Hamilton EDC.

pecting for prospects and how to respond; and legalities that ED organization must follow.

The workshop was open to members and guests of the Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance. The Alliance was formed in 1999 to provide educational and networking support to TMCN cities actively engaged in economic development.

The E.D. Alliance is one of several programs conducted by Texas Midwest Community Network, an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." The regional organization sponsors a number of networking events during the year as well as projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN member cities include: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Rising Star, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

For more information about TMCN visit the website texasmidwest.org.

# Gorman General Election

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

Currently serving as Commissioner Place #1 is Nathan Files, and serving as Place #3 is David Stanley.

# Gorman ISD School Board Election To Be Held May 14th

Three positions will come open for the May 14, 2011 election for school board trustees and special election to fill an unexpired term. These positions will include two three-year terms to be elected at large, currently held by Larry Thompson and Noah Landa. The third position is a two year unexpired term ending May 2013, this term vacated by Beth Underwood and filled by appointment by Don Whitten. Don Whitten, Noah Landa, and Larry Thompson have filed for a place on the ballot.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Boy Scouts**

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

### Gorman Panthers/ Lady Panthers 2011 Track Schedule

Thursday Thursday Saturday Friday Thursday April 7th Thursday April 13th

Fri/Sat.

March 3rd March 10th Cross Plains March 26th Meridian April 1st May District Track (May)

Mon/Tues. May 2nd & 3rd Regional Track (Abilene) May 13th & 14th State Track (Austin)

#### 2011 Junior High Track Schedule

Friday March 4th Thursday Thursday Thursday March 31st

Ranger Gorman

Area Track (Zephyr)

Goldthwaite March 10th March 24th District Zone Track (Strawn)

## Gorman Schools Menu for Mar. 28 - Apr. 1

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuits, Juice, and Milk. TUESDAY - Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Juice, and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk. THURSDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk. FRIDAY - N/A.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken/Dumplings, Lasagna, Tossed salad, crackers, fruit and Milk.

TUESDAY - Meat Loaf, Chicken Nuggets, cream potatoes, corn nuggets, gravy, rolls, brownies, and Milk. WEDNESDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Pizza, vegetable sticks, green beans, crackers, rice crispy and Milk. THURSDAY - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chicken Wraps, corn, tossed salad, oranges and Milk. FRIDAY - N/A.

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#### REA

254-893-6666 DE LEON, TX 107.09 A, 2 mile S of Gorman FM 679: Old homesite w/large Oaks, old well, approx. 40 a good coastal, 40 a cultivated, small pond. \$2,150 per acre. 2-1 Frame, window A/C, 50 x 125 lot. Only \$14,900 - Owner Financing. 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 Brick, 1348 sf, central a/C, some new carpet, metal roof, sunroom,

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age. \$3,495 per acre. 3 + Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg. game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks! \$119,500. 9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2 story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, metal roof, carport 300 thetal sapp several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.

Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

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

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. 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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PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well s

& frontage on 2 county roads. A13

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building & old cafe. C19

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## Happy Birthday

Family members recently honored Vada Lewis of Desdemona with a Birthday Party at the home of John and LaTonne Rodgers at Carbon.

Attending were Grant Lewis, Kim, Wayne and Will Cauthern, Jonna, Mia, John Ruben and Layla Herrera, Julie Ann White and Stephen Gehring.

Good food and visiting was enjoyed by all - Happy 90th Birthday - Mom and Granny

#### "On The Wilder Side"

Alexander the Great, one of the greatest military generals who ever lived, conquered almost the entire known world with his vast army. One night during a campaign, he couldn't sleep and left his tent to walk around the campgrounds. As he was walking he came across a soldier asleep on guard duty - a serious offense. The penalty for falling asleep on guard duty was, in some cases, instant death the commanding officer sometimes poured kerosene on the sleeping soldier and lit it.

The soldier began to wake up as Alexander the Great approached him. Recognizing who was standing in front of him, the young man feared for his life. "Do you know what the penalty is for falling asleep on guard duty?" Alexander the Great asked the soldier. "Yes, sir," the soldier responded in a quivering voice.

"Soldier, what's your name?" demanded Alexander the Great. "Alexander, sir." The soldier answered. Alexander the Great repeated the question: "What is your name?" "My name is Alexander, sir," the soldier repeated. A third time and more loudly Alexander the Great asked, "What is your name?" A third time the soldier meekly said, "My name is Alexander, sir." Alexander the Great then looked the young soldier straight in the eye. "Soldier," he said with intensity, "either change your name or change your conduct!"

How many of us call ourselves Christian? Most of us. But how many of us call ourselves Christian and actually live up to the name? Mahatma Gandhi once said, "I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ"

Christianity is more than being in Jesus' fan club... It's about being a disciple, a follower, an imitator. "They were first called 'Christians' at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). This was not a name they gave themselves. It was a name given to them because the people on the outside saw Christ in every word, every thought, and every action. And so we're faced with the same statement we saw in the story at the beginning, "Either change your name or change your conduct."

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

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

#### A Letter To The Editor - About A No-Fly Zone Over Libya By Henry A. Buchanan

The commitment is now made. The "consequences" begin. We are going to establish a "No-Fly Zone" over Libya. Now we will have another war we can't win. And the "Democracy" we have been preaching to the world has come home to haunt us in Madison, Wisconsin.

In Iraq we created a Democracy which hanged Saddam, but can't govern the country.

In Afghanistan we went after the terrorist training camps. Now we have an impressive military force there, we can shoot little boys chopping wood, but we have an angry tiger by the tail, and we can't turn loose.

In Pakistan we complain that the Pakistanis don't fight the Taliban, and we pay more than two billion dollars "blood money" because an American shot two Pakistanis who were "holding him up."

Now we are going to show Gadhafi some "consequences" because he's killing his own people.

In the meantime the Revolution has come home to Madison, Wisconsin with the State's Governor acting as the Union Buster. And a miracle working Republican Congress is running the government on a two-week basis while attempting to deal with a budget crisis created by cutting taxes and spending money for war. And this "two-weeks government is going to give Moamrmar Gadhafi two days to straighten up and fly right or there will be "consequences."

The "Consequences" will be another war we can't win. And can't pay for.

> Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 - March 21, 2011

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# Pig Tales From Hogtown

Are you enjoying this warm weather as much as I am? My brother is visiting from Indiana and it is nice to show him some great Texas weather! It is still soooo windy, though, so please observe the burn ban.

Hope to see you all at the Desdemona Activity Center on Friday night, March 25th for our 4t Friday of the month dance. Burning Daylight will be here to provide great music for dancing or toe tapping. The band starts to play at 7:00. The concession stand opens at 6:00.

Please mark on you calendars April 2nd for 'Breakfast at the DAC'.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

#### HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

Green was everywhere on Thursday as we celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Martha Rainey came that morning to lead us in some Yoga exercise. That afternoon we had a green party with green topped cookies and green "ale" punch. We talked about what St. Patrick had done in his lifetime.

On Wed. afternoon we were going outside to plant our garden but the wind was blowing a little too much so everything was brought inside. We planted onions, lettuce, tomatoes, and peppers. On Friday we were able to go outside and plant some more. This time we planted some flowers. We would like to thank everyone who brought the yellow tubs, potting soil and plants. We still have a few more things to plant. The fresh air and sunshine felt so good.

On Monday afternoon we had our monthly birthday party following singing. Those with birthdays this month are Ora Lee, Nell McAnally, and Faye Johnson. Amy Wood outdid her self again with the beautiful, delicious cake. Thanks again Amy.

On Friday, Faye Johnson's family surprised her with a "surprise birthday party". Her son, Dale did an excellent job on the cake. Those coming for the party were, Dale Johnson, Shelia, Chey, and Haven Gibbs, Candice Ervin, Mandy Johnson, and Kelsea Parker, and several staff members.

Visiting Dorothy Beaty were Juanita Spence and Nita Cardinal of Little Elm. Visiting Charles Dyess were Chris, Valine and Blake Burris of Cleburne, Tammy Burris of Alvarado, and David and Diane Dyess of Venus.

Visiting Frankie Stacy were Christina Haney and Taylor Fairfax of Burleson and Marilyn and Maxine Huddleston of Eastland.

Visiting Jud Thompson were Jessie and Lenora Speers of Ranger and Kristi and Larry Thompson.

Billy Self visited his mother, Christine Self, and Troy Scitern, Frankie Stacy and Jud Thompson. Visiting with Ora Lee Lawrence were Lou Marlow and Ima Brown. Roy Cooper of Canyon Lake visited Lula Schneider, Nell Kennedy of Olden and Father McNamara visited Nell McAnally. Mary Ann Barantina visited Melvin Daniels. Bo Caraway and Kathy Scitern visited Rozelle Caraway. Kathy and Rozelle went to Eastland to visit Allen Scitern before he returns Houston. Johnny Smith visited Edgar Reynolds.

Be sure and sign our guest register in the front lobby when you come to visit.

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### SPREAD OF CATTLE FEVER TICK CONCERN AS BORDER VIOLENCE CONTINUES

Fort Worth, Texas - As drug cartel violence continues to plague the U.S.-Mexico border, Texas cattle raisers are concerned about how this issue will impact the Texas cattle herd, specifically the spread of cattle fever ticks along the border. Cattlemen and women will have the opportunity to discuss these concerns with Under Secretary Avalos from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at the Fever Tick breakout session during the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Convention Weekend, April 1-3 in San Antonio.

Due to personnel safety concerns, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) modified the cattle inspection protocol for Mexican cattle being imported into Texas. This inspection now occurs on Texas soil rather than in Mexico. The activities of livestock border guards, also known as "tick riders" have also been adjusted to enhance safety.

"The tick riders have patrolled the U.S./ Mexico border since 1906, and played an integral role in the eradication of the cattle fever tick from the U.S. in 1943," said Avalos. "Today, their role remains as important as ever, as they are our Nation's first line of defense against an outbreak of cattle fever."

Additionally, Texas Animal Health Inspection Commision (TAHC) officials no longer make inspections in Mexican states along the border. Ranchers were seeing outbreaks beyond 3. Make Jesus LORD the quarantine zone prior to the state budget cuts. Now, with budget cuts inevitable at both the state and federal levels, the risk of 5. Tell Someone. widespread re-introduction of the tick in the Southwest is increas-

The Fever Tick breakout session is just one of 9 breakout sessions scheduled to take place during the convention.

As the largest cattle industry event in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for anyone involved in livestock production. More than 2,000 ranchers, landowners and members will gather for a weekend of outstanding programs, educational sessions, a trade show with more than 200 exhibits, plus networking and fellowship with fellow cattle raisers.

A complete schedule of events, information on accommodations, and registration information can be found at www.tscra.org/convention.

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

#### SAFETY

# **Is your Public Pool** Struggling to Stay Open?

(NU) - In December 2007, Congress and President Bush passed the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act (VGB). Inspired by the tragic drowning of a seven-year-old girl, the law required all public spas and pools to install VGB-compliant drain covers, properly separated or unblockable drains or anti-entrapment systems such as a Safety Vacuum Release System (SVRS)

– by December 19, 2008.

Today, in 2011, many public

pools still do not meet the law's

'We know that, due to economic cutbacks, this is a difficult time for many public swimming pool operations," said Kevin Potucek, Hayward vice president of product management. "There are many facilities serving under-privileged children, senior citizens, physically or mentally disabled citizens or ther worthy causes. For whatever reason, they are not yet com-pliant and are at risk of not opening this spring."

There are resources for noncompliant pools and spas whose budgets do not allow them to make the required changes. For example, Hayward Pool Products, the largest manufacturer of residential swimming pool equipment in the world, created its



Underfunded pools can find resources to help them meet safety regulations.

"Safe Swimming Initiative" to aid public pools serving the communities that are facing compliance challenges with VGB due to budgetary issues.

The initiative will run through July 1 or until \$1 million in Hayward Stratum VRS products have been been given to public pools in need. Hayward will refer facility operators to registered in-

To submit a request for consideration in Hayward's Safe Swimming Initiative, go to www.haywardpool.com and click on the "Hayward Pledges up to \$1 Million for Pool Safety" button. Products will be awarded with special consideration for public or non-profit facilities serving populations that are under-privileged or have special

#### **SUMMER FASHION**

# Suit Up Ladies: girltrunks Are Making a Splash

(NU) - Bathing suit season. The words strike fear in the hearts of women of all sizes, conjuring images of teeny weeny bikinis and the inevitable wardrobe malfunctions. With bottoms that ride down and tops that ride up, women truly get the short end of the stick when it comes to summer swimwear.

That is, until now. Launched in 2009, Ohio-based designer Debbie Kuhn is bursting onto the market with a comfortable new concept that will have you gearing to go this summer: girltrunks. Kuhn designed the two-piece suits because the traditional swimsuit market offered nothing that covered the legs. After accepting an invitation to tube down the Madison River in Montana, she remembers futilely searching the racks at Nordstrom when she had a novel idea.

'Why don't I pair a tankini top with men's swim trunks?" said Kuhn. She did just that than a swimsuit. You have an outand wore her newly created fit - no cover-up needed. swimwear in Montana. "It was a day in time I remember vividly. I felt so liberated, in swimwear of all things, and I wanted to share

that feeling with other women."
We're glad she did. The trunks fit like Bermuda shorts and are made of a quick-drying polyamide material with mesh lining that dries almost instantly, unlike many traditional women's bathing suits. They are available at www.mygirltrunks.com in sizes 4-24 and come in two lega flattering fit and you have more dom to choose.



Swim trunks for women make it so you look great and feel confident on the beach, at the pool or on the go.

fit - no cover-up needed.

Like their slogan, "Reinventing swimwear for women," girltrunks deliver a sense of confidence women so desperately lack during bathing suit season. But the suits don't just flatter they're versatile, too. Swimming, hiking, volleyball, waterparks and building sand castles on the beach; women's swim trunks lend themselves to any activity. Short to tall, skinny to plus-sized, apple to pear, teenager to grandmother; women no longer must covering lengths. Pair the trunks remain a prisoner to their beach with a halter or tank top that has towels. They now have the free-

# **Happenings At FBC!!**

Bravery! Be brave and face your fears. God is your refuge and your strength, your ever-present help in troubles. Rely on God; He's there for you!

Mark your calendars:

April 3rd - 7pm - TriCounty Evangelism Rally at FBC Breckenridge

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

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children several things that help a person see better. When she showed them glasses one child said, "They're what grandmas wear when they read." We can't see everything with our eyes; we can't see tomorrow nor can we see in others hearts. God does not need any kind of help to see. The Bible tells us that God will instruct thee and guide thee. Thank God that He can see everything.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Living Through Darkness 10 & 11" - Luke 13:22 - Living through darkness demands something from us. When you turn on the TV there is darkness all around the world. Yes, even Christians see darkness. Yet, you can enjoy your Christian life.

LIVING THROUGH DARKNESS:

- 1. I got a Problem.
- 2. Jesus has the Power.
- Confess the Good, the Bad, & the Ugly.
- 6. Tell Yourself.
- 7. Tell the Lord you need Help.
- 8. Make a List.
- 9. Make Amends.
- THE DARKNESS: It's Your Fault.
- (2) It's Other's Fault. (3) It's Nature's Fault.
- (4) It's God's Fault.

Even though you've lived through darkness, we can't say darkness won't come again. It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer! The congregation sang the chorus together, "It's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer!" When you come to a fork in the road, if you don't know where you're going then either road will

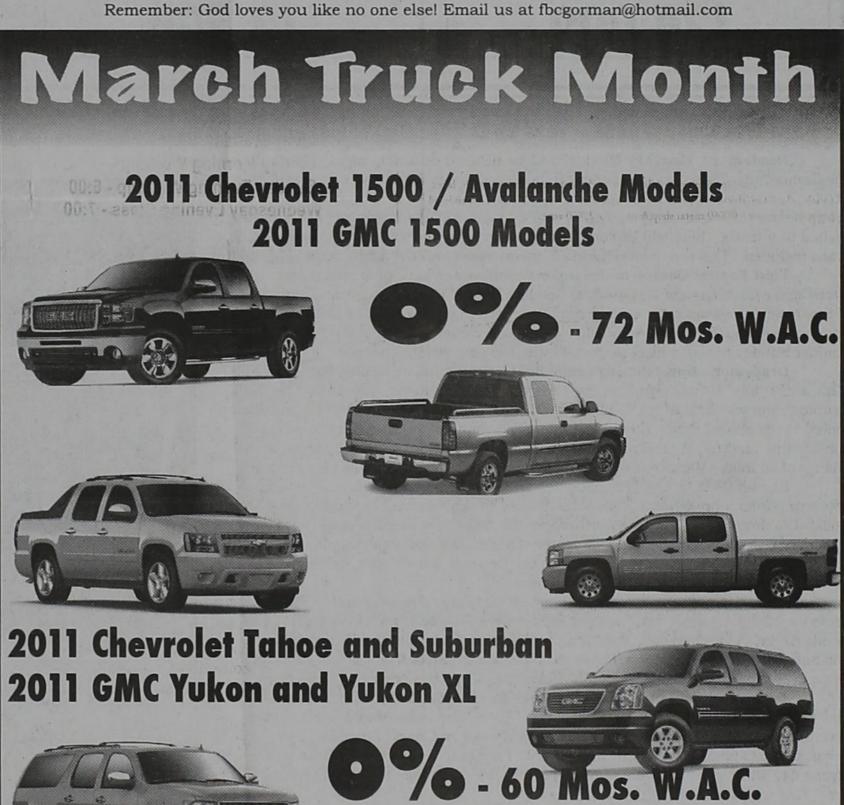
Living Through Darkness:

- 10. Stay On Track. Your Bible is your GPS for life.
  - Destination You must know where you are going. II. Direction – Your way will determine your eternity.
  - III. Discipline You will face temptation and discouragement. Stay in Church.
- 11. Stay In Touch. Take a "timeout" to save your relationships, marriage, & family.

With Godly People. - Choose who you allow to influence your life.

II. With Jesus Your LORD! - Jesus died for you, and your relationship with Him will keep you on track. If you want to stay off track and stay in the darkness, then do it and don't bring others down with you. What's done in your life comes back to you. God has plans for you. Map your directions, Start at Red Star A and Stay On Blue Line Until You Get to Red Star B. If you Love Jesus He's your Savior, if you Follow Jesus He's your Lord!

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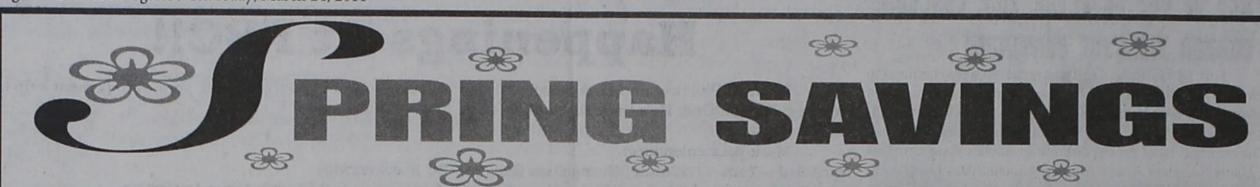
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# **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, March 26th at the Community Center (former School Building). Concession Stand opens at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper with all the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians and singers Are invited to attend. There will be country and western music with some gospel and bluegrass included. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admissions is "FREE".

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance. Visitors were Connie Carrington of Waxahachie; Geraline Boyd of Brownwood; Ann (Lindley) Miears of Stephenville and two other visitors but this reporter failed to get their name, etc. Connie and our pastor's wife, Jana Are cousins. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Worship Service.

Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 13th at the "Ole" School Gym. In the early days this event was called the "Old Settler's Reunion" and was held at the Community Tabernacle from 1921 until 1972, when it was moved to the School Gym. This annual event will continue for as long as possible. Please contact this reporter, P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, TX 76445 if you have moved or have a change of address. Mark your calendar for this annual event and make plans to attend.

Karsan Jade, age 4 1/2, daughter of Holly Guthery is at home now and slowly recovering from a broken arm. Jade was rushed by ambulance late Tuesday night to the Cook's Children Hopsital in Fort Worth where she had a very lengthly surgery to repair her upper right arm. Jade is the granddaughter of Karen Fair and great granddaughter of Pug and Vonnie Guthery. She attends Pre K in the De Leon School. Get Well Wishes to Jade from all her family and friends in Desdemona.

R. W. "Humpy" Duke celebrated his 84th birthday this past week. His wife, Betty hosted a birthday dinner and those attending were Rodney Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley, Brandon and Daydra Ashley and son, Dylan all of Midlothian; Russell and Susan Duke and son, Bram of Houston; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona.

Does anyone in this area remember March 25, 1949? This is the date of the bad tornado that came through Desdemona. There was injuries to several citizens and several homes were destroyed. That was 62 years ago and even to this day, there are still things to see to remind you of this awful event. Prior to this date, the south wind blew very strong day and night for a whole weke with very dry conditions like we are having at this time. This reporter will never forget this day.

Have a great day, Vonnie.

# Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our dinner on the March 16 was attended by eighteen folks. We just can't get back to over 20 anymore. Several out sick, had surgery, falls or just quit coming for no good reason. We also had a few move away, and some passed on. Mr. Tim Thomas was here to dine with us, so I asked him to give our blessing. He is also an ex Pastor, so gave good words. He is our new Nursing Home Administrator. Thanks, Tim.

Betty Regian was with us, so good to see here. We have missed her and those good rolls. She didn't have her little boy so could come. The rolls so delicious! We also had baked chicken, English peas, hominy, 2 green veggie salads, pinto beans and cornbread. Also Estelle Lindley's tasty banana pudding and a bowl of mixed fruit with assorted cookies. We enjoyed two good cakes, one yellow sugar free by Berneice Hewson and a carrot. Wish Bro. Frank Shirley had been here to enjoy the S.F. cake.

Daisy Slaton had a bad fall in her home a week ago. She is in the hospital at Eastland. She remember nothing of this fall. Her meds didn't mix well together. She is still quite weak, hope she can recover. They will put her in a Nursing home so she can receive high tech therapy. I believe it will be one in Eastland. I've been to see her twice and some days are better than others. We will miss her at the dinner.

We are going to eat at Boomtown in Desdemona on March 24 at 5:30. Hope we have a good turnout. I've had several ask me if we will have dinner on 23rd, yes! Just because we eat out occasionally doesn't change our weekly meal.

We all traveled to Brownwood on Saturday the 19th for a family get together. My grandson has a new woman in his life. So we all met at my sons house to greet her. She's a lovely blue eyed blonde, with two small children. All had a enjoyable time cooking some food to help out. Enjoyed good brisket and sausage with all the sides.

The 20th of March, Alaina Swanner turned 15! They had a family dinner for her and Birthday cake she helped make. Her Dad Tim cooked good ribeye steaks out, delicious! So we all enjoyed a good weekend with family get-togethers.

I just talked to Beth Shirley and they are home! Frank is doing good walking with his walker. He is home to stay and hope to be at the dinner soon. We have sure missed these good people also her cooking. They had been gone about a month in Temple at the Veteran's Hospital. He received excel-Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol lent treatment for his stroke.



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