

# The Gorman Progress

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## Santa Coming To Gorman

December 11th at 4 p.m.



Santa will be arriving in town on December 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. He will be at the Community Center. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each. Santa will be there until time for the parade.

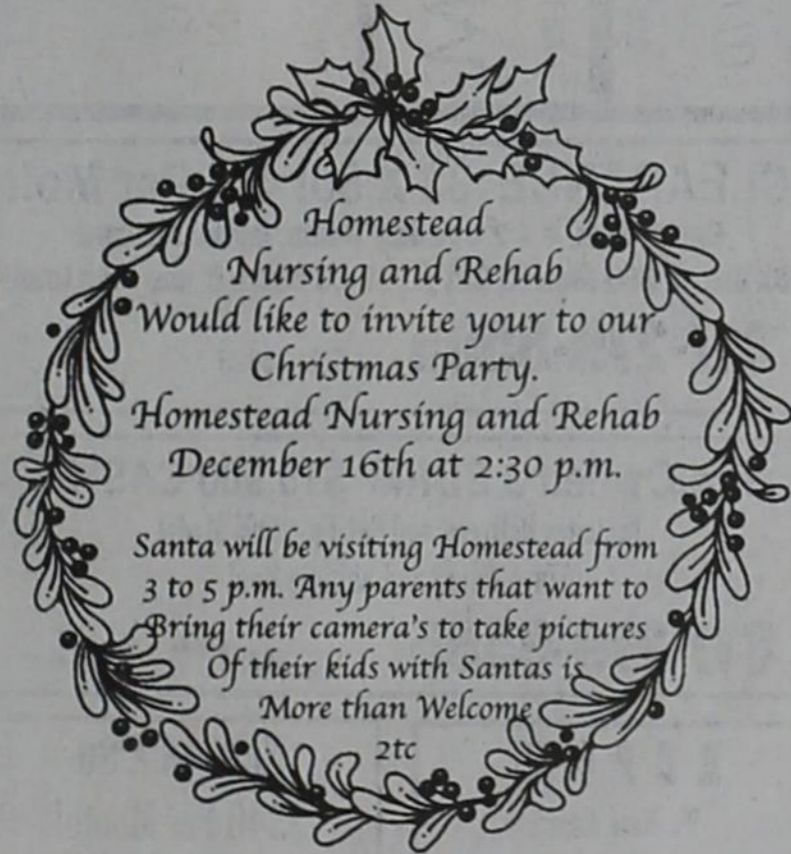
## A CONFEDERATE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Second Texas Frontier District, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #1904 along with Cactus Rose, Chapter #23, Order of Confederate Rose warmly welcomes you to celebrate with us A Confederate County Christmas on Saturday, December 11th at 6 o'clock in the evening at Hwy. 6 Cafe (Banquet Room) located on Hwy. 6 in De Leon.

Come and celebrate a good 'ole Country Christmas, with a hearty Southern Meal, Southern Music, and a Southern Speaker, Compatriot L. D. Cox, Survivor of the USS Indianapolis.

Ticket cost is \$14.00 (includes meal) - Confederate Money will be given as Door Prizes as well as for the Best Period Dress and Uniform.

For more information, contact Thomas Harrison at 254-734-5058 or rebeltom@cctc.net. You may also order tickets by mailing a check with ticket request to: P. O. Box 41, Gorman, Texas 76454.


  
Homestead Nursing and Rehab  
Would like to invite you to our Christmas Party.  
Homestead Nursing and Rehab  
December 16th at 2:30 p.m.  
  
Santa will be visiting Homestead from 3 to 5 p.m. Any parents that want to bring their camera's to take pictures of their kids with Santas is More than Welcome  
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## 2010 9-1A All District Volleyball



Nine Lady Panthers were named to the All 9-1A District Team. Named to First Team - Jaime Johnston - Senior; Cortney Shirley - Junior; and Holly Wood - Freshman. Named to Second Team - Jaylon Miley - Senior; Ally Little - Junior; and Melissa Ramirez - Freshman. Honorable Mention - Chelsea Griffin, Kinsey Johnston and Rachel Tucker.

## The Best Christmas Present Ever - A Christmas Musical

Celebrating the Christmas season, First Fruits Christian Fellowship is pleased to present a children's Christmas drama, The Best Christmas Present Ever by Celeste Clydesdale. This energetic children's Christmas celebration is overflowing with colorful characters, choreographed dances, dynamic music and dazzling lights. The story in this musical is about a group of children who have only one week to invite people from all over town to a birthday party for Jesus. Each day, they share the responses of the people that were invited. The defining moment of the musical is when the skeptical news anchor Rod Stark encounters the true meaning of Christmas.

Join and support the Children of Gorman in their first musical drama. You are sure to be amazed as they present this simple, yet powerful message of Christmas. Adding this event to your holiday calendar is one your entire family will enjoy. To conclude the festivity, refreshments will be served to celebrate with others and the cast.

Due to our limited seating capacity, this musical drama will be presented two nights, December 17th and December 18th at 6:00 pm. Free tickets are available upon request at 734-3203. Upon your request, please specify the date you wish to attend. RSVP to your invitation to the greatest birthday bash ever!

## Gorman Lady Panthers Place Third in Woodson Tournament.

On Thursday the Lady Panthers played Goldburg and won 54 to 33. Friday they lost to Woodson 48 to 28. They beat Harrold on Saturday for 3rd Place. Won 46 to 26. Jamie Johnston was selected for the All-Tournament Team.

## JAIME JOHNSTON NAMED TO ALL TOURNAMENT

Jaime Johnston was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Woodson Tournament held on Dec. 2 -4. Jaime stats are as followed for the Tournament: 67 points, 38 rebounds, 5 steals, and 6 assist. Congratulations to Jaime.



## SCHOOL MENU Week of Dec. 13 thru Dec. 17

**BREAKFAST**  
 MONDAY - Cereal, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.  
 TUESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, fruit, juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, hashbrown, Juice and Milk.  
 THURSDAY - Muffins, fruit, Juice and Milk - No Salad Bar.  
 FRIDAY - Sausage, biscuit, gravy, Juice and Milk - No Salad Bar.  
**LUNCH**  
 MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, cream potatoes, green beans, jello, biscuit and milk.  
 TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken, corn dog, pinto beans, macroni and cheese, cornbread, oranges, chocolate cake and milk - Birthday Table.  
 WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Soft Taco, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet and milk.  
 THURSDAY - Sausage Pizza, corn, tossed sala, chocolate chip cookie and milk - Early Release - No Salad Bar.  
 FRIDAY - Corn dog, baked beans, French fries, fruit and milk- Early Release - No Salad Bar.

No School  
 December 20th thru January 2  
 First day of School after Christmas break  
 Will be January 3rd

GORMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
 ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT 100% OF  
 THEIR STAFF ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AS  
 REQUIRED BY THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REGULATIONS!

## NOTICE OF HEARING IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

- (1) Name of Owner, occupant and other persons interested in the Property: Jason Pierce, owner of the Property; Colonnade at Polo Park Venture, Judgment lien holder; American State Bank, Judgment lien holder
- (2) The street address or legal description of the Property: Building located at 109 S. Kent Street, Gorman, Texas (N 16 2/3 of S/2, 2 Blk 8, SE Pt 1 & N/2 2 Blk 8, S 8 1/3 2 N/2 3 Blk 8)
- (3) A general description of the improvements: Two story commercial building that has been extensively damaged by fire.
- (4) A list of defects on the Property: The two story commercial building has been extensively damaged by fire and is a dangerous and uninhabitable building as defined by Ordinance No. 302.2 (the "Ordinance") and constitutes a danger to life, safety or the general health of the occupants of the building and/or the citizens of Gorman. Gorman, Texas.
- (5) A brief statement of the action to be considered by the Commission: Consider whether the Property is in violation of the Ordinance, order abatement or removal of the building and debris located on the Property, determine the amount of civil penalties for the violation, and consider other lawful orders authorized by the Ordinance.
- (6) Hearing Date and Place: December 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Gorman City Hall, City Council Chambers, 116 South Kent Street, Gorman, Texas

Tacy Warren, City Secretary (254) 734-2317

## 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 - 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.

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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

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

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

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


  
Merry Christmas from the folks  
 of  
 First Baptist Church  
 Please Join Us For:  
 Barry and Sharlene's  
 Fifth Annual  
 Open House Fellowship  
 Saturday, Dec. 13th -- 2 to 4 p.m.  
 Home of Jerry and Virginia Skaggs  
 19950 Hwy 6 - Gorman, Tx  
 We hope to see you there!!!

## Please be in prayer for Men's Walk #362!

The cancellation date is drawing near, Dec. 23. They stand at 14 pilgrims and need a minimum of 20. Walk #362 is Jan 20-23 at Lake Brownwood. Applications can be found at [ctcemmaus.org](http://ctcemmaus.org).

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## Obituary

### Lisa Kay Sanders

Lisa Kay Sanders died peacefully in her home on November 30, 2010. Lisa was born March 22, 1960 in Fort Worth, Tx to Dan Pannell and Pauline McCurdy.

Lisa married Robert Lynn Sanders in 1978 and had two sons, Jeremy and Zachary. At the time of her death she resided in Burleson with husband Rick Stevenson.

Survivors include husband Rick Stevenson; sons Zachary Sanders, Jeremy Sanders and wife Wendy of Stephenville; granddaughters, Carly and Mallory Sanders of Stephenville; mother, Pauline Morris and husband Robert of Fort Worth; sisters, Nancy Penton and husband Steve, Becky Ashmore and husband Robert, and Judy Lanford of Fort Worth; brother, Larry Pannell and wife Michelle of Crowley; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father Dan Pannell and husband Robert Sanders.

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## Classifieds

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20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2  
BETTER BELIEVE IT - There's plenty of room & privacy for the lover of country living on this 2 AC, m/FL 3 BR, 2 bath brick-LR w/FP, DR & den. Outside is a deck w/ jacuzzi, a tank, 3 stg. bldgs. & lg. metal barn 2/2 heated & cooled rooms. Call today & enjoy the fresh air & Wide open spaces! HA2  
11,917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3  
MOTIVATED SELLER - Brick Home on 3.7 ac. - REDUCED - 3 BR, 1 3/4 baths, LR, DR, office, DAG, stg. Bldg. & metal barn w/elec., outbuildings. Excellent location at the edge of Gorman. 03  
"EDGE OF GORMAN - 1.3 AC, m/L. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk. bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06  
HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18  
CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A, utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08  
PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/L, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well & frontage on 2 county roads. A13  
STOP & TAKE A LOOK - 2005 DWMH - quiet neighborhood & large trees on half an acre. Comfortable living with spacious LR, 4 BR, 2 baths, a front deck & Nice stg. Bldg. OWNER AGENT 02  
INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building & old cafe. C19

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## HOLIDAY

## Transport Food to Holiday Parties in Style

NewsUSA

(NU) - With the holidays fast approaching, amateur and professional chefs are busy thinking up new recipes, and tasting and testing them. The problem for many, however, is transporting dishes to their final destination. Often, hot meals become cold in transit. And, let's face it: holiday parties are only as good as the food that is served.

Rachael Ray has created a line of products specifically designed to help chefs and home cooks transport food so that it looks and tastes as good as when it was made. Below is just a small sampling of the many great products that are available to transport food in style, whether the party is just around the corner or hours away:

- **Party on.** The 5-piece Food-tastic Party Box features a spacious thermal carrier that fits dishes of almost any size or shape. Inside, the large storage container has an easy-to-secure lid, along with a five-compartment snack tray and a deviled egg tray that holds eighteen eggs. And with SuperFoam high-performance insulation and a zippered garage door opening for easy access, the carrier can be used on its own for transporting all kinds of hot or cold foods.

- **Take the double decker.** The highly portable Expandable Potluck has two compartments that can accommodate 9x13-inch baking dishes. SuperFoam high performance insulation plus Thermo-Flect Radiant Barrier will keep food hot or cold for hours.

- **Go then stow.** The Stow-A-Way Potluck fits 9x13-inch baking dishes. High-density thermal insulation keeps meals hot or cold



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New products make it easier to transport food from your home to holiday parties.

for hours of transport. And when the fun is over, this great product folds flat for easy storage.

- **Get versatile.** The 4-in-1 Thermal Carrier with Baker Taker features a glass baker to hold that just-baked dessert (or lasagna). Slip it inside the handy Baker Taker, stow it in the thermal carrier bag and go. The straps are convertible so you can carry horizontally or vertically.

- **Keep it cool - or hot.** The Chill Out Tote Duo features SuperFoam high-performance insulation plus Thermo-Flect Radiant Barrier that keeps food hot or cold for hours. The front pocket holds utensils, and the leak-proof lining is easy to clean. These totes are so easy to carry, you'll want to take both - one for hot food and the other for cold.

The holidays will be here before you know it. To find the right food transport solution for you, go to [www.rachaelray.com](http://www.rachaelray.com).

## HOLIDAY

## Tips for Safe and Timely Holiday Shipping

NewsUSA

(NU) - Finding the perfect gift is a pleasure, but shipping it can be a hassle. You want your gift to arrive in one piece, but sometimes the perfect gift is oddly shaped or overlarge, making it difficult to pack for shipping. You want your gift to arrive on time, and with everyone mailing packages this time of year, you're not sure how late is too late to avoid rushed shipping fees.

If you're one of the many people shipping gifts this holiday season, know that there's no need to worry. Pak Mail ([www.pakmail.com](http://www.pakmail.com)), full-service packing and shipping centers with locations locally and worldwide, knows all the latest packaging requirements and holiday shipping deadlines that will get your gifts to their destinations safely and on time. Pak Mail offers the following tips:

- **Ship your gifts early.** Packages going overseas to the military should be mailed no later than Friday, November 12. Parcel Post to destinations within the United States should be mailed no later than the second week of December. Send Priority Mail by the third week of December and Express Mail by the 22nd of December. If you are traveling over the holidays, try shipping gifts ahead to your destination to avoid enhanced security and baggage fees at the airport.

- **Pay attention to size restrictions.** UPS, FedEx Ground and DHL set a maximum of 165 inches in length and girth and 150 pounds. The U.S. Post Office allows a maximum of 130 inches in length and girth and a maximum weight of 70 pounds. Pak Mail enforces no size or weight



NewsUSA

Ship your gifts early to make sure they arrive on time.

restrictions. Try consolidating your gifts. One 20-pound box costs less to ship than two 10-pound boxes.

- **Pack your gifts properly.** Always use proper packing materials like bubble wrap and peanuts, and use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape or nylon-reinforced tape. Put the delivery and return addresses on only one side of the package. Enclose an extra address label inside the package that contains the sender's address and the recipient's address along with a list of the contents. That way, if the package is damaged, it can be repackaged and sent to its final destination. If your gift is especially fragile, large or oddly-shaped, think about custom packaging.

- **Get the best deal.** Different carriers offer different rates. Pak Mail uses a variety of carriers to offer customers options when it comes to finding the most economical and efficient gift shipping solution.

For more information, call Pak Mail at 1-800-778-6665 or visit [www.pakmail.com](http://www.pakmail.com).

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3 - 1 1/2 - 2 Brick, 1348 sf, central a/c, some new carpet, metal roof, sunroom, large fenced backyard, near school, nice & Clean. \$41,500.  
35 A. M/L - Erath Co. N. De Leon, paved frontage, good small acreage recreational place, heavy brush cover, deer, wild turkey and hogs! Over 1/2 mile of creek frontage. \$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, 30x50 metal shop, several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500 Acre.  
Near Gorman, 60 A m/L, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.  
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. \$2,950,000 A.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building \$2,350,000 acre.  
SELLERS SAYS MAKE OFFER!!

322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.

NEW - 396 A near Sipe Springs wildlife managed sportsman's dream ranch, lakes, ponds, elevation changes game feeders and blinds, hunter's cabin, remodeled brick ranch house, 30x40 metal shop & More. \$2,750 acre.

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## "On The Wilder Side"

I guess it's time to pack our bags and move to one of Saturn's moons. NASA announced this week that they've found alien life in California. I suppose we shouldn't be all that surprised they've found aliens in California!

From what I understand, and trust me it's not much, NASA has found a new bacteria in a lake in California that is different from any other type of known bacteria. Since they hadn't seen this before, their only reasoning is that it must be an alien life form from. Alien as in little green guy, not Mexican.

It seems a little bit presumptuous doesn't it? To assume that humans have come to a knowledge of everything to be known. Anything we don't yet know must not exist, or be from outer space! At one time, people thought the earth was flat and that it was the center of the universe. Is this recent "discovery" really any different? A group of scientists learned something new about God's creation. That's about it.

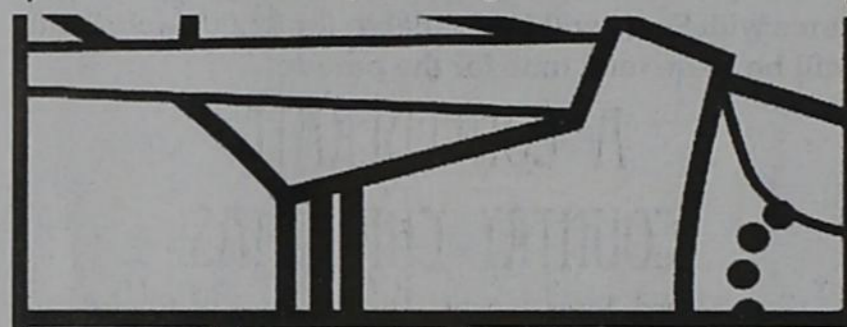
Any time I think about the arrogance of humans, I consider what the Lord told Job. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this" (Job 38:4,5,18).

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived wrote that trying to know everything about everything is vanity and is like trying to grasp the wind (Ecl 1:14). A person could spend their whole lives in search of knowledge and never know the One who gives understanding. Of course, one day every person will come to the ultimate knowledge - that Jesus is Lord! (see Rom 14:11)

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



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Thank you, to all who came to breakfast last Saturday and to the first weekend of our Christmas Store. We still have lots to sell and will have lots of fresh baked goods this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Christmas Store will be open 8:00-5:00 each day. We have several items that are suitable for small gifts. Come and check us out.

We have never missed a month since we began 'Breakfast at the DAC' on the first Saturday of every month. However, we will not have a breakfast on January 1, 2011 since this will be New Year's Day. The breakfasts will begin again on the first Saturday in February.

Everyone is invited to attend the New Year's Eve dance on Friday, December 31 at the DAC. Johnny Johnson's band will play for us and we will be serving a meal of brisket, ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread and desserts. The tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table of 8. For tickets, please call 254-758-2420 or 254-758-2346.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

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DECEMBER 11  
8:00AM - 2:00PM

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## A Letter To The Editor About WikiLeaks

By Henry A. Buchanan

The cat is out of the litter box now, and the stink is rising for the entire world to smell.

Of course it is embarrassing to the diplomats. Just what I have suspected all along - that they have been saying and doing things they did not want the people to know they are saying and doing.

And that's called Democracy?! And are there any real surprises? Only for the naive who have believed that America's intentions have been noble and intended for the freedom of all men.

Our intent all along has been to hold onto this power, to share it with the people we think will help us keep the secret, and to punish anyone who tries to steal it. The problem is that the genie is out of the bottle and anyone who is as smart as we are can harness the Power. And it should not be difficult to find someone as smart as we are. Because people who think the leaders and spokesmen for this nation can keep what they are doing secret and unknown to the people who elected them are no smarter than they ought to be.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
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November 30, 2010

## Happenings At FBC!!

Wait! Once time has passed you cannot get it back. You are special so make each moment of your precious life count; and may we all strive to glorify God in all we do. Peace be with you!

Mark your calendars:

- Dec. 9th - Food Pantry - volunteers to help are appreciated.
- Dec. 11th - 8am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Fellowship, fun, & food; Come join us!
- Dec. 11th - 2pm to 4pm - Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House at the Skaggs' Home.
- Dec. 12th - Youth Led Worship Service.
- Dec. 12th - 6pm - FBC Holiday Dinner - bring your favorite side dishes & desserts.
- WEDNESDAYS: Come join us for fun learning about Jesus - TEAMKIDS at 6:00pm, MISSION FRIENDS at 6:00pm, and YOUTH at 6:30pm.

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children a box and, of course, they all were eager to see inside. We read in Luke chapter 1 that an Angel of the Lord came to Mary to deliver greetings from God that she will be blessed and will give birth to a baby boy, son of the Most High. From the beginning, God had a plan for Mary's life. Traci opened the box and inside was an angel and then she asked the children, "What did the angel come to tell Mary?" The little voices replied, "Jesus is going to be born!" God has a plan for each of our lives. Trust Jesus, He has a special plan for you!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Facing the Impossible" - Daniel 2:11-18 - Dreams! Bro. Barry asked all the men over fifty years of age in the congregation to stand up. Then he told them that he had a disturbing dream and asked if any of them could tell him what he dreamed. None of these brilliant men could tell Bro. Barry what he dreamed; it is impossible for any of them to know the dream. In Daniel chapter two we read about King Nebuchadnezzar whom made the impossible demand of men to tell him his dream, and when they were unable to do so the king had them killed.

What are seemingly impossible things you face in your life? How about complex situations, relationships, abusive people, finances, teen pregnancy, marital problems, or mistakes that accompany an avalanche of horror?

WHEN TROUBLE COMES:

- 1) Daniel did not PANIC. - Yet we live in a panic world! (a) Stay calm. - Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion. (b) Lower your shoulder. - Brace yourself and be prepared for what may come.
- 2) Daniel took his TIME. - Daniel actually requested that the king give him more time. (a) Then acted fast. - Daniel didn't waste any time. (b) Katrina - Didn't act fast enough. - This catastrophe is unparalleled to any other of its kind and will be remembered until the end of time.
- 3) Daniel went to his FRIENDS. - We all need a support group and it can be found in our Church Family. (a) Pray together. - Ask for prayer. (b) God of Heaven - Only He can answer your prayers. (c) You have not because you ask not. - Two great days in each life, birth and discovering in your Salvation the reason you were born.
- 4) Daniel thanked GOD. - Yes, give thanks, and Praise God from Whom ALL blessings flow.

There is a legend about the swan and the crane; a crane uniquely created by God would choose snails over heaven. Would you swap heaven for snails? Snails can be likened to sin that people face every day of their lives; cursing, fornication, adultery, lying, stealing, breaking the laws of the land, etc. Snails of sin bring guilt and shame. Stop running and bring your service to the Lord Jesus who forgives!

If you knew that your next decision had FOREVER consequences, would your decision be different? Putting your faith and trust in Jesus Christ is eternal; Jesus is your forever friend!

Responding to the invitation, three people came forward to have prayer with Bro. Barry at the altar. One young woman said that she knows Jesus is her Savior, but she sometimes leaves Him at home and realizes she needs to take Him with her wherever she goes. Praise the Lord!

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100 Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at [fbcgorman@hotmail.com](mailto:fbcgorman@hotmail.com)

## Be Red Cross Ready

### Wild Fire Safety Checklist

More and more people are making their homes in woodland settings, rural areas or remote mountain sites. There, residents enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wild fires. Wild fires often begin unnoticed. They spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes. In a wild fire, every second counts!

#### Supplies to take with you if you need to evacuate:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply)
- Flashlight - Battery powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Other essential items that could not be replaced if they were destroyed

#### What should I do to prepare ahead of time?



- Learn about wild fire risks in your area.
- Talk with members of your household about wild fires—how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs.
- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number or address are clearly marked.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw, bucket and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.
- Plan ahead and stay as safe as possible during a wild fire.
- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood in case your primary route is blocked.
- Select a place for family members to meet outside your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Identify someone who is out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.

#### What should I do if there are reports of wild fires in my area?



- Be ready to leave at a moment's notice.
- Listen to local radio and television stations for updated emergency information.
- Always back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of escape.
- Confine pets to one room so that you can find them if you need to evacuate quickly.
- Arrange for temporary housing at a friend or relative's home outside the threatened area.
- Limit exposure to smoke and dust.
- Listen and watch for air quality reports and health warnings about smoke.
- Keep indoor air clean by closing windows and doors to prevent outside smoke from getting in.
- Use the recycle or re-circulate mode on the air conditioner in your home or car. If you do not have air conditioning and it is too hot to stay inside with closed windows, seek shelter elsewhere.
- When smoke levels are high, do not use anything that burns and adds to indoor air pollution, such as candles, fireplaces and gas stoves. Do not vacuum because it stirs up particles that are already inside your home.
- If you have asthma or another lung disease, follow your health care provider's advice and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen.

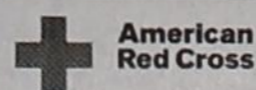
#### Returning home after a wild fire ...



- Do not enter your home until fire officials say it is safe.
- Use caution when entering burned areas as hazards may still exist, including hot spots, which can flare up without warning.
- Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles and downed wires.
- Watch for ash pits and mark them for safety—warn family and neighbors to keep clear of the pits also.
- Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control. Hidden embers and hot spots could burn your pets' paws or hooves.
- Follow public health guidance on safe cleanup of fire ash and safe use of masks.
- Wet debris down to minimize breathing dust particles.
- Wear leather gloves and heavy soled shoes to protect hands and feet.
- Cleaning products, paint, batteries and damaged fuel containers need to be disposed of properly to avoid risk.
- Ensure your food and water are safe.
- Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.
- Do NOT ever use water that you think may be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.

#### Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a wild fire, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org) to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit [RedCross.org](http://RedCross.org).

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**Ladies Monthly Social** will be held on Monday, December 13th at the Community Center. This will be a Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon. Make plans to arrive at 11 p.m. with your food and enjoy having fellowship with all your friends and neighbors. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011 at the same location. Visitors are welcome.

Mildred Million celebrated her 90th Birthday on Thursday, December 2nd. Friends send their "Happy Wishes" to Mildred.

**First Baptist Church of Desdemona** has entered into the Christmas Season. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson has good sermons on the reason that we Celebrate this Season. There was 38 in attendance on Sunday with visitors from Stephenville and Gorman. Following the morning service next Sunday (12th) there will be a "Pot Luck" lunch served at the Church Annex. Bring your food and join in the fellowship with your friends and neighbors. Visitors are welcome.

John Ulstrom walked 1500 miles to Washington, D.C. in 60 days. His mission was to meet with Senators, etc. to bring a change for our veterans that come home after serving in our armed forces. As these soldiers return home, many of them suffer from PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). These veterans need treatment as they return home. John attended First Baptist Church on Sunday and he was asked to give the highlights of his long trip. His message was very touching. He reported everyone he met was in support of his mission and they were real good to him. John and wife, Terri live in the Jakehamon Community three miles south of Desdemona.

**Christmas Holiday Season** is for caring and sharing. Please take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers.

Have A Great Day, Coon.

## NOTICE OF HEARING IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

(1) Name of Owner, occupant and other persons interested in the Property: Landrum Marvin Wooten  
 (2) The street address or legal description of the Property: 80 X 140' BLK XXX S/D2 OT 827 N KENT  
 (3) A general description of the improvements: House and small building  
 (4) A list of defects on the Property: No one has lived in or kept the house up for many years and it is a dangerous and uninhabitable building as defined by Ordinance No. 302.2 (the "Ordinance") and constitutes a danger to life, safety or the general health of the occupants of the building and/or the citizens of Gorman, Gorman, Texas.

(5) A brief statement of the action to be considered by the Commission: Consider whether the Property is in violation of the Ordinance, order abatement or removal of the building and debris located on the Property, determine the amount of civil penalties for the violation, and consider other lawful orders authorized by the Ordinance.

(6) Hearing Date and Place: December 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m., Gorman City Hall, City Council Chambers, 116 South Kent Street, Gorman, Texas

## NOTICE OF HEARING IN FRONT OF BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

(1) Name of Owner, occupant and other persons interested in the Property: Frank Willis  
 (2) The street address or legal description of the Property: JC NALL AB 1614 140' X 200' HWY 8  
 (3) A general description of the improvements: House and small buildings  
 (4) A list of defects on the Property: No one has lived in or kept the house up for a few years and it is a dangerous and uninhabitable building as defined by Ordinance No. 302.2 (the "Ordinance") and constitutes a danger to life, safety or the general health of the occupants of the building and/or the citizens of Gorman, Gorman, Texas.

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## Gorman City Minutes

Unapproved

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Joe Casey, Durward Webb and Nathan Files. Others present were Jill Rainey, Chief Barbara Fenley, Glenn Scitern, Patricia Butler, John Powell, Jaki Polich, EDC Director Cliffla Vaughn, Verganna Halbrook, Mark Wilkerson, and Linda Welch.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31.

David made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections: work needed to be added to the exception on the curfew ordinance. And David made the statement that a third officer was already figured into the current budget, being in favor of hiring a new officer, while the other commissioners expressed their concerns about the tax base decreasing effective next January. With these corrections Durward made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

After looking over the bills Joe made the motion to approve them for payment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Linda Welch addressed the commission about dog issues. She enjoys walking daily and unfortunately has had to change her route numerous times due to dogs chasing her, excessive barking, etc. The dogs should not be running loose at any time, and citizens who have dogs need to be more responsible for keeping their dogs in fenced in areas, or pens. The Mayor asked that when it happens again to try and at least give us an address of where it happened.

Mayor Ervin suggested that we skip to item 9 so that the reps from Rural Development would not have to sit through the entire meeting. Patricia Butler, John Powell, and Jaki Polich attended the meeting to explain to the City that the pre application for the community center would have to be submitted under the City of Gorman rather than the Gorman EDC. Basically it will be a name change only.

Cliffla briefly addressed the Commission on some upcoming projects happening in Gorman.

Jill reported that three citations were issued for non-compliance to clean-up location.

The Commission discussed with Glenn fire hydrants and vehicle maintenance.

The Commission discussed the clean up of the ZJ's buildings.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2010-07 Prohibiting the Use, Purchase, Possession, or Sale of the drug known as K-2. David made the motion to pass, approve, and adopt said ordinance with a second from Durward. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:15 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:43 p.m. Nathan made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open session. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Josh needs to get daily log turned in for the week of November 8 - 12, or be written up.

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

## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were back to our usual 16 people on the 1st of December when we returned. Hope all enjoyed your Thanksgiving Holidays. I was going to Brownwood for dinner at my sons. But the cold wind stopped me, don't like to drive in bad weather. Also didn't feel like the drive. So I ate here with all the Swanners, enjoyed, plus I watched part of the football game then went home. They had a great amount of good food.

I treated us to pizza on the 1st and Beth Shirley brought tortalina, so we enjoyed Italian. The rest was a smorgasbord of sweet potatoes, bean and wiener casserole, peas, green salad, rice dish and cornbread. Low on dessert with cobbler and cookies. Henry Buchanan was kind to give the blessing for all.

My Ward family got together on Saturday the 27th for our Thanksgiving. We gathered at my daughters house in Gorman as she has more room. We enjoyed another great meal with daughter-in-law and grandkids all helping. My daughter Becky has finally learned to make great dressing. Naturally with my help. I forgot to mention that Daisys family all enjoyed an early Thanksgiving on the 20th while all here for her Birthday Party.

We missed Bernice Hewson as she was still in Fort Worth with granddaughter. Now she is gone to Oklahoma to visit her kids for the Holidays. She had not seen some in years, so happy for her. She will not come back till the first of the new year.

Our nurses Dixie and Lynn from Medway Home Health in De Leon were with us to check our BP and BS. They always come the 1st Wednesday of the month. We sure do appreciate their service to us. They had another meeting, so had not time to eat with us. Thanks again ladies.

Sure was good to see Ima Brown and Lil Brudnak, always nice to visit with them. Missed Ruthie Porter as she heard we weren't having our get together. I told her always call me to find out whats happening. I appreciate Betty Frazier and some others checking with me. At our ages we do get things mixed up.

My granddaughter Kendra Wright is expecting a baby in June. We are all excited!! She and Ryan had been hoping for a child. My grandson Kyle and wife Audrey are expecting a son in March. Their birthdays are also in March, so much celebrating that month. So I will have two more great grandkids!! I've only had my two, Jaydon who is eight and Kyree nearly four.

Hope all is well and see you next time. Carol

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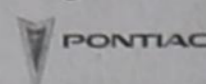
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