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Easter Treasure Hunt Is Huge Success

Thank you, thank you, to each and everyone who helped make this years Easter Treasure Hunt another big success. I greatly appreciate those who helped hid the treasures, Jaime Johnston, Tyson Swanner, Carol Clark and Tryston, Fran and Chris.

Thank you to those who brought their little ones to hunt. Thank you to those who gave so generously in the cans set up at Bob's Gro. and City Gro. I appreciate Mark and Jeri and Brenda and Bob for doing this for me. A Big THANK YOU those who I depend on the most, our local businesses,: American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro. Gorman Chamber of Commerce, City Gro. Clark Construction and Building Supply, Country Cuts, Gilmore Auto, City of Gorman, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Homestead Nursing and Rehab, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Nathan's Barber Shop, Panda's Floral and Gifts, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, Gorman Church of Christ, Smith's Service Station, Dr. Dan, Josefina's Breakfast Delights, Porter's Garage, Perez Garage, A.O. Easley Trucking, Campbell Construction, East End Storage, Dublin Dr. Pepper(Lori Dodd). Please let me know if I have left someone out, I apologize if I did.

My last thank you is for my new MANAGER, Johnny Smith. He volunteered to go out and collect for me this year, stuffed eggs and set up the hunt area. I think he now has the job as Manager for Mrs. Bunny full time now.

I don't remember Easter being this late in the season before and it was most definitely the hottest. Again Thanks everyone. Mrs. Bunny

Grade School Honor Roll Fifth Sixth Weeks

First Grade

A Honor Roll - Brianna Caballero-Satcher, Alan Olivares, Aryann Cook, Marco Ramirez and Natalie Torres. B Honor Roll - Izabella Aguiree, Keaira Ahearn, Clarisa Cox, Karlie Landes, Annesty Rainey, Jasey Rice, Breanna Shirley, Trinity Torres, Hailey Abbott, Jacob Harris, Suellyn Hunter, Tony Montelongo and Kaylan Swint.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll - Stacy Gonzalez, Hayden Hampton, Braeden Mc-Donald, Jonathan Rodriguez and Hannah Underwood. B Honor Roll - Rose Aguirre, Mya Campbell, Gustavo Gutierrez, Hallie Hagan, Brylee Johnson, Braylan Laminack, Kaitlyn Morton, Skyler Parson and Jessica Rice.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll - Karsyn Scitern and Rachel Snider. B Honor Roll - Caitlyn Clark, Kacen Ervin, Kaylee Grumbles, Kelsie Guthery, Sydnee Locke, Keaton Moore, Chris Sanchez, Justin Wheeler, Asael Maldonado, Dylan Carlton, Alexis Estrada, Destiny Flanary, Larissa Hampton, Michelle Hernandez, Yuliana Hernandez, Isaiah Landa, Genaro Madera and Angel Ramirez.

Fourth Grade

A Honor Roll - Reece Scitern and Lauren Underwood. B Honor Roll - Rees Byrd, Brandon Hogan, Briana Landa, Rachel Williams, Morgan Wright, Jennifer Cruz, Juvenal Montelongo, Ella Segura and John Warren.

Fifth Grade

A Honor Roll - Danette Lara, Jessica Ramirez, Stratton Thompson, Trent Fenley and Sara Woodall. B Honor Roll - Allie Grumbles, Moses Hipolito, Connor Kehl, Kade Sparger, Colton Wheeler, Jacob Ervin, Neyda Herrera, Chelsea Monk, Dianna Rainey and Isaac Segura.

KOKOMO-SIMPSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING PLANNED

Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association will hold their annual Homecoming and Business Meeting on Saturday, May 7. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Kokomo Community Center. Everyone with loved ones buried in the Kokomo, Simpson and Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. You may visit the cemeteries before or after the business meeting.

Immediately following the meeting we will have a meal so bring your favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship with relatives and friends. If you attended school at Kokomo, make your plans to come and reunite with your former classmates and have a wonderful time.

GORMAN'S CITY WIDE GARGAGE SALE

Will be held on April 30, 2011. Call to get your name on the map free of charge: 254-734-2317 Jill.

You are welcome to set up in the park or in front of community center or city hall if you choose.

BENEFIT FOR RUTH NORRIS

We're "cookin up a storm" for our friends and neighbors to honor sweet Ruth Norris -- Kidney and pancreas recipient who continues to do well, but needs financial assistance.

Please come eat supper with us, enjoy visiting and participate in our live auction. Menu will include delicious barbecued brisket (cooked by Hardin's Barbecue of Eastland) and all the trimmings plus -- Wonderful home-baked desserts. If you can contribute a dessert please call Mittie Bledsoe at 254-639-2494 by May 7th.

The feed is on May 14th at the Carbon Community Center -- Fun starts at 5:00 p.m. -- Auction planned for 8:00 p.m. Or thereabouts -- Please come eat, enjoy fellowship and show your love and assistance for Ruth and the Norris Family.

Thank you so much for your support -- Not only for this event but all those sponsored by Carbon Community Center.

Lady Panther Track Team Compete At District And Regional Track Meets - One Girl To Compete At Area



Melissa Ramirez will advance to the Area Track Meet when she placed Third in the Triple Jump at the Regional Track Meet.



LADY PANTHER TRACK TEAM - Back row l to r - Kinsey Johnston, Jaime Johnston, Melissa Ramirez, Rachel Tucker, Katey Thackerson, MyKisha Hampton and Yari Montelongo. Front row l to r - Alaina Swanner, Becca Rainey, Ally Little, Chelsea Griffin, Rasha Rainey, Viri Maldonado.

The Lady Panther Track Team participated in the District Track Meet held recently. In the 100 Meter Run - Melissa Ramirez placed Third with a time of 13.57 and Kinsey Johnston placed Sixth with a time of 14.09. In the 200 Meter Run - Katey Thackerson placed Fourth with a time of 30.99. In the 400 Meter Relay the Gorman Team (Kinsey Johnston, Ally Little, Chelsea Griffin and Melissa Ramirez) placed Fourth with a time of 56.82. In the 800 Meter Relay the Gorman Team (Kinsey Johnston, Ally Little, Chelsea Griffin and Katey Thackerson) placed Second with a time of 2:02.19. In the 1600 Meter Relay with Gorman Team (Rachel Tucker, Rasha Rainey, Becca Rainey and Viri Maldonado) placed Fourth with a time of 4:55.95. In the Triple Jump - Melissa Ramirez placed First with a leap of 31'4". In the Long Jump - Melissa Ramirez placed Second with a jump of 14'1" and in the Shot Put - Yari Montelongo placed Fourth with a throw of 27'11". Area Track Meet Results - In the Triple Jump - Melissa Ramirez placed Third and in the 800 Meter Relay the Gorman Team (Jaime Johnston, Kinsey Johnston, Katey Thackerson and Melissa Ramirez) placed Fifth.

Public Safety Telecommunications Proclamation

WHEREAS the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators, such as 9-1-1 operators and dispatchers, are dedicated to saving lives, responding to Texans in hours of great need. Their specialized skills and their calm, caring presence are invaluable to the great State of Texas;

WHEREAS the Commission on State Emergency Communications works with local and state governments throughout Texas to ensure reliable access to emergency telecommunications services. To highlight the invaluable role of public safety telecommunicators, the commission designates a week in April for an awareness campaign;

WHEREAS all Texans are encouraged to extend their appreciation to public safety telecommunicators. Their diligent efforts ensure that help is on the way when Texans need it most.

NOWTHEREFORE, I, Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge, do hereby proclaim April 25 - May 1, 2011, to be PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK in Eastland County, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature
This the 25th day of April, 2011.

April, 2011.
(s) Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge

OAKLAND CEMETERY MEETING SLATED

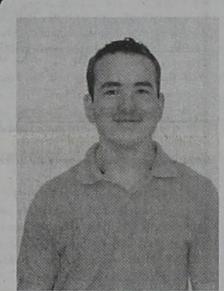
he Oakland Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 7. The meeting will convene at 10 AM in the Gorman Hotel Lobby. Anyone interested in the upkeep of this beautiful cemetery is invited and encouraged to attend.

GORMAN ALL SPORT'S BANQUET

Corey Houston Going To State In U.I.L. In Austin

One small drive to Austin...one giant leap for

Gorman High School. Corey Houston has been determined to meet a goal: advance to the state UIL Academic contest in Social Studies. This is not an easy task, and it has been many years since a Gorman student has represented GHS at the state meet. Corey started his journey at the district meet in Gustine where he placed 1st advancing to the regional level. At the regional contest at Abilene Christian University, Corey repeated his



district performance, placing 1st which advanced him to the state level. Corey has demonstrated his commitment to obtaining his goal by tirelessly studying and reading the contest materials, including the book The Right Stuff. In preparation for the state contest, Corey has continued his study habits and consistently maintained his focus. Corey will represent Gorman High School at the UIL State Academic Meet on May 5 & 6 at the University of Texas in Austin. Good luck Corey as you strive to bring a state medal home to Gorman.

The annual athletic banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, beginning at 6:30 p.m., it will be held at the Gorman High School gymnasium. The meal for the banquet is being prepared by Cook's Fish Barn, tickets to the banquet will be sold in advance for \$12.00 for an adult meal. Please get your tickets in advance by contacting Gorman High School at 254-734-3171 or Becky Swanner at 254-734-2480. The price of the ticket on the night of the banquet will be \$15. Please call Becky Swanner at one of the above numbers if there are any questions.

OLIVER SPRINGS CEMETERY WORKING

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working is set for Saturday, May 7th. Donations are appreciated for up keep of the cemetery and may be sent to the F & M Bank, De Leon, Texas. Thank yo in advance for your help.

A Dinner will be spread around noon. Bring a basket lunch and enjoy the fellowship. Ice, plates, cups, napkins and silverware will be furnished by the Cemetery. Make Plans To Attend.

Carbon Community Center News

The Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will be held this coming April 30th. Music and dinner will be offered for \$5 beginning at 5:30pm. On the menu will be soup, stew, combread, desert and coffee, tea or water. Musicians and singers wishing to perform are requested to contact TJ Cummings at 254-488-1249 in order to be scheduled.

The Musical held January 29th was successful, featuring traditional country and western, western swing and, recently, gospel music. These groups were well received by the audience. We extend our thanks to these folks for using their talents to provide pleasure for others and we offer an open invitation to other individuals or groups to participate.

The Carbon Community Center is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens dedicated to providing a pleasant, well maintained location that serves the needs of the community by offering a meeting place with historical value. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD, which makes it a worthy site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon.

Our 5th Saturday Musicals are held to provide an occasion for folks to enjoy music played and sung by local folks, to appreciate good meals and to make funding available that helps with repairs and maintenance to the building. Make plans to invite your neighbors and bring your family. We hope to see you there.

ITEMS OF

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

INTEREST

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OF-FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3216 Hwy. 2689 Kokomo Highway. Phone 254-734-3411.

YARD SALE: Lots of household items, home furnishings, toys, boys Toddler clothes, dishes, lots of miscellaneous -- Too much to list!! Come See! 507 S. Pershing Street - Gorman, Texas (1 block East of Nursing Home) - Carolyn Mathews residence ----- Friday, May 29th - 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. 1TC

FOR SALE BY OWNER- A Real Dollhouse: 2 bedroom 1 bath, large living area dine-in kitchen, separate utility room, and attached 1 car carport; 2 outside storage buildings, nice yard with peach trees, All Appliances include along with Washer and Dryer Perfect Starter or Retirement Home. Ready To Move In and Priced To Sell.

> 507 N. Fisher in Gorman Contact Sandy Files at 254-734-3659

Now Taking Accepting Bids

Gorman Independent School District will be accepting bids for Institutional food items for the 2011-2012 school year. For a complete list of the items contact Gena Rone at 254-734-3171 ext 6. All bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m. Friday May 6, 2011

Awards will be based upon pricing and service. GISD reserves the right to reject all



HELP WANTED

Openings in Gorman for Full & Part Time food service experienced team members. Background checks &

Drug screens will be administered. We pay above minimum wage & offer a pay raise upon ServSafe Certification. Apply online at www.richesondq.com

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Homestead Nursing & Rehabilitation of Gorman needs CNA's for 2-10 and 10 to 6 Shifts also All P.R.N. Shifts For additional information, contact the facility at 254-734-2202. EEOC

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/G, 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, 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 front-

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 and carpor 300 thetal sap 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 }

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. 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. Cultivatable 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 changesm game feeders and blinds, hunter's cabin, remodeled Brick ranch house, 30X40 metal shop & More. \$2,750 acre, www.cogburnrealestate.com

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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, 13/4 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 s & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building

& old cafe. C19

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"On The Wilder Side"

The Bible class was shocked by the question. Their brother in Christ had said he was concerned if the fathers knew how old their children were. One dad angrily replied, "Of course, we know how old our children are!" The concerned member replied, "I don't mean to irritate you, but you all seem confused about how old they are."

Another man challenged, "Tell us how we seem confused." "I will," the concerned member softly answered, "but you will not like the answer. I will start with Nathan, who is not expected to sit still for thirty minutes during the sermon, because he is too young." "He is too young," interrupted Nathan's father.

"Perhaps. But you expect him to sit for hours in

school," continued the concerned member. "Then there is Sharon, who is old enough to sing with the radio, but is not expected to sing with the congregation. And what about Michael? He will not even say hello when an adult greets him after services. He learned the rules of tee ball, so why can't he learn basic etiquette? And what about Janice? Is she too young for the Bible? Her Bible class reads paraphrased Bible stories rather than the Bible itself, yet she is old enough to watch PG movies."

"Is Jimmy really too young to learn the books of the Bible? He was able to learn the fifty states. And how can Ellen be old enough to write a paper for her school, but too young to look up the scripture references during the sermon? How can Cheryl..."

"All right, you can stop," said Cheryl's father.

other father said, "I have been treating my child as if he were grown up during the week and as if he were a baby on Sunday. It seems the rest of us have not done much better. God told us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

No one answered. The silence that followed was the silence of prayer.

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

REALLY GOOD GARAGE SALE: Saturday, April 30th at 814 N. Kent Street (Linda Welch's house) in Gorman - 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. - Furniture (antique bed, headboard, etc.), nice clothes (all ages and sizes), shoes, books and jewelry, exercise equipment. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!

GARAGE SALE: 606 S. Pershing - Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30th. Chain link dog pen, fiberglass doghouse, electric wood chipper, bicycles, patio furniture, children's life jackets, mini trampoline, Men's 3XL Clothes, size 13 boots and shoes, Women's XL clothes, size 7 shoes, Ladies 8-10 Clothes. Lots of Miscellaneous Items.

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A Letter To The Editor - To Save The Nation By Henry A. Buchanan

To save the nation, the President must sacrifice himself. In the mythic language of Easter, Obama must become the Christ figure. Politically, he must offer himself up in order that America may live. He has become a one-term president, but if he can accept that, he can demand of America what is necessary to save America, that the American peole pay more and demand less services of government. This will cost the president a second term of office but if the President trims his sails to the hope of a second term, he will lose the chance to save America and he will lose his bid for a second term too. For the Republicans cannot be satisfied, placated, made ot compromise because what they want is not for the President to save America, but for him to lose, so that they may gain the White House. Then THEY must save America!

He missed his first chance on the tax reduction extension but he must regain it and more for the nation, otherwise the nation will drown in debt.

The nation, the people, must face hard times; pay its way out of debt before demanding anything for itself. Before health care, before self defense and warfare, before education, before entertainment, athletics, allf frivolities; the nation must pay its debts --and the President must lead in this. Even though it means political death for him HE MUST

We cannot afford expensive campaigning for office, money for advertising and struggling for the office of President on any other political office of power and prestige and influence. Service to the people only!

We the people. We must suffer hunger, nakedness, deprivation, sickness, death and rebirth because we have brought on a Revolution both from inside and outside forces that will utterly destroy us unless we meet the challenge of want and pain and de-

But the nation can only do it with a Leader who will give up his Life for the people.

Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 April 17, 2011

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Happenings At FBC!!!

Comfort! When you are hurting and suffering you long for encouragement and uplifting. May God use you to bring comfort to others. May you know the comfort only God can give.

Mark your calendars:

May 1st - 6:00pm - TriCounty Association Music Rally at FBC Eastland - See you there!

May 8th - Mother's Day.

June 6th thru 10th - VBS - Please pray for this Special Event & call Church Office to volunteer.

**Nikki Keith is leading the task to create a "Gorman Community Garden" - please call the Church Office to get Nikki's phone number if you are interested in helping or donating tools.

Wednesdays: TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and have fun learning about Jesus! Baby Dedication: Marvelous was the experience of see-

ing eight little children and their families stand before the congregation; and hearing all of them dedicate their children to God. This is not a baptism, it is a commitment we make together as the Family of God to the spiritual nurturing, supporting, guiding, protecting, and instructing of them to grow as a Christian in God's service.

Recognition of Nursery Volunteers: Sammye Mauney Nursery Director, gave thanks for all the children we have in the Nursery, as they are our future leaders. Thanks were given and a gift of appreciation was presented to each of the ladies that volunteer and help in the Nursery.

Children's Sermon: Nikki asked the children what we're celebrating today, and they said, "Easter!" Then she asked There was silence for a few moments, then an- them about hunting Easter Eggs and what they found inside. They all said, "Candy!" Nikki had three eggs. 1st Egg had a cross in it - Jesus loves us so much He gave His life for us. 2nd Egg had a stone in it – the stone was rolled away from the tomb. 3rd Egg had nothing in it - the tomb was empty, the Angel told them that "He is Risen" as He said He would. It's because Jesus lives that we have the hope of living forever with God in heaven

The Messengers: Two magnificent songs made their world debut - "I'll Lay Down in Green Pastures" and "Christ Alone". We never cease to be amazed by the extraordinary God given talents of Tommy Clark, Glen Clement, Jeff Seaton, & Jeff Clark. Glory to God!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Do You Know Him?" - Romans 13:12-14 - We all walk this earth together. As Christians we have a responsibility to live decent lives for all to see. Bro. Barry said in modern day translation it means, "Young People don't go on Spring Break!" Clothe yourselves with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas --- Birth - One day to Praise the Lord for the birth of

Crucifixion --- Death - Each & every day our sins are forgiven because Jesus paid it all.

Easter --- Resurrection - An empty tomb that changed the world. What If there was No HIM? (1) No You. (2) No Me. (3) No Us. The birth and death of Jesus are a big deal, yet if it were not for His resurrection there would be no reason to pray, no reason to dedicate babies, no reason for Tommy Clark to write songs, no reason for The Messengers to sing, and no reason for hope.

WILBURN OVERSTREET - Is not normal. 95 years old. - Only 2% of the world's population make it to 90 years of age. Your age doesn't matter; you need a relationship with Christ. Three Types of People On this Planet:

1) Those that KNOW HIM. - To know Jesus is to love Him, and want to know more about Him.

2) Those that DON'T Know HIM. - People exist that actually don't care and don't think twice. don't care and don't think twice.

3) Those that THINK they Know HIM. - It's a horrible fault of yours to not know Jesus. He is the God that created you, and He has blessings waiting for you. Jesus is the resurrected One!

Serve a Risen Savior while you still can; when God decides it's over, time will come to an end.

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 Morning - please come & join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email: fbcgorman@hotmail.

FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTION **SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

10:00 A.M. -- HWY 377 IN TOLAR, TX

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The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Durward Webb, Nathan Files, Joe Casey and David Stanley. Others present were Ron Dooley and Chris Chaney of Copsync, Leland Rainey and Ashley Dycus, Bill Barrentine, Curtis Gilder, and Barbara Fenley.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m. Joe made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commission looked over the bills. Durward made the motion to approve for payment with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports were submitted by department heads. These were looked over by Commission. Curtis was present as public works. He informed the Commission on the past week's work tasks. Bill was present to formally tell the Mayor and Commission that his last day would be April 21, 2011. Bill and wife Maryann will be moving back to Florida to retire and be closer to family. The Commission thanked Bill for his service and added that he has been a very positive asset to our community.

Curtis and Bill also had some inquiries about the sewer lines around the Gorman Milling area. The mayor will meet with the crew on Friday.

Tacy explained a grant program available through Oncor Electric Delivery. Durward made the motion to move forward with this grant. Nathan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Chris Chaney and Ron Dooley did a power point presentation over the Copsync computer program. This is a very precise computer program that works in conjunction with the state records filing system as well as our local municipal court system. The Commission requested more time to consider the payment options and to explore what we currently pay for professional costs that this program will replace.

No action was taken on the water tower repairs and the Utility Service Company. Tanner Bruce will be attending the April 21, 2011 meeting.

Tacy presented the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. David made the motion to cancel the May 14, 2011 City General Election due to candidates running unopposed. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:40 p.m. Durward made the motion to go into Executive Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. At 6:55 p.m. David made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Durward made the motion to hire Leland Rainey @ \$9.00 per hour. Leland will be placed on the ninety day (90 day) probation period. If at the end of this probation period and the Commission feels he has performed his job duties satisfactorily he will be kept as a regular full time employee, and will be added to the City insurance plan. Raises will be considered when licensing permits are obtained in the future. If at the end of the probation period the Commission does not feel he has performed his duties to a satisfactory standard he will no longer be considered for employment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. Leland will start upon completion of his two week notice to current employer.

The Commission inquired about the keeping of livestock issues. They want to move forward with citing and placement for the residents that have too many livestock in small residential pens or yards. Barbara will act on this and Cliffa will continue to look for more adequate housing, and word available sent sent of the being no further business for discussion, David

made the motion to adjourn. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0, time was 7:00 p.m.

USDA's Emergency Conservation Program Funding Possible For Eastland County

The drought that plagues most of the state makes agricultural lands extremely susceptible to wildfires. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers emergency conservation and disaster programs to eligible producers who have lost fencing, conservation structures and livestock due to wildfire or other natural disasters.

FSA's Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers who want to repair farmland damaged by natural disasters or for carrying out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

Funding for ECP is not, "automatic." Producers aware of a need for this type of assistance should contact the FSA office immediately. Once need is identified, the local FSA office coordinates ECP funding requests through proper state and national channels.

Motley County is currently the only county that has received ECP funding in Texas, but the Texas Farm Service Agency encourages producers affected by wildfires to stay tuned because assistance could be approved soon.

If ECP funding is approved, it is important for producers to submit their requests for ECP assistance prior to beginning reconstructive work. Completing reconstructive work before submitting an ECP request could result in forfeiture of program eligibility.

Producers can use ECP funds to remove debris on agricultural lands, restore fences, grade and shape land and repair existing conservation structures damaged by the disaster.

Program eligibility is determined by the county committee by conducting on-site inspections that take into account the type and extent of the damage. Conservation problems that existed before the disaster are not eligible for ECP assistance. ECP program participants can receive financial assistance for up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved emergency conservation practices.

In addition to possible ECP funds for Eastland County, there are funds available for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, which includes wildfires.

For more information on ECP, LIP or other FSA programs, please contact the Eastland county office at 254-629-1636 or visit FSA online at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tx.

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WEDNESDAY - Cheese Toast, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.

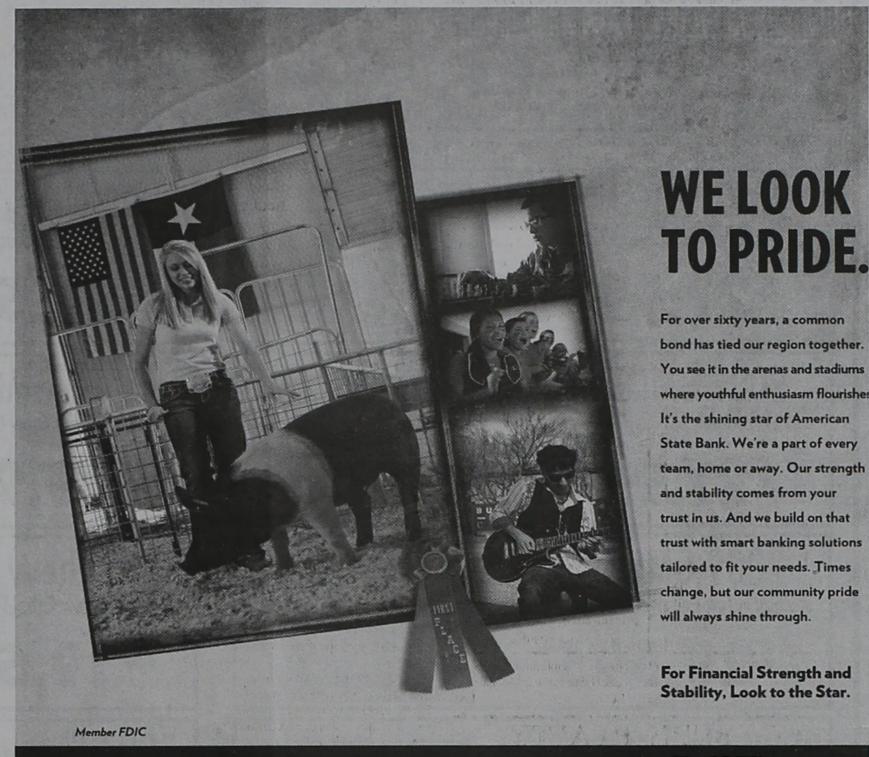
THURSDAY - Muffins, Fruit, Juice and Milk.

FRIDAY - Sausage, Gravy, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH -- MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, Cream potatoes, Green beans, Jell-O, Biscuit and Milk. TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken, Corn Dog, Pinto beans, Macroni and cheese, cornbread, oranges, chocolate cake and Milk. Birthday Table - May and June.

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WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita, Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Refired Beans, Spanish Rice, Sherbet and Milk. THURSDAY - Cheeseburger, Chicken Burger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Salad, Potato Rounds, Ice Cream and Milk. FRIDAY - Cheese Pizza, corn, Tossed Salad, Cookie and milk. Field Day - No Choice - No Salad Bar.



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Bill Barrentine Honored With Going Away Parties at DQ and City Hall



Bill Barrentine was honored with two Going Away parties held recently at the Dairy Queen and at City Hall. Bill will be missed by all who knew him and his wife. He is moving to Lake City, Florida. Good Luck to Bill

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Homestead Happenings

We had a great time at our Easter Party, Mrs. Bunny came and help had out the bountiful Easter Basket made by the Dorcas Class from the Gorman Church of Christ. No one was able to crack the Egg pinita given to up by Diane Brown Everyone enjoyed the punch and mini cup cakes.

On Monday following Gospel singing we held our April birthday party. Sue Simmons had a birthday on April 12 and Lula Schneider will have a birthday on April 30. Thank you to Amy Wood again for a delicous, beautifully decorated cake. It was good to have Ernestine and Lane Campbell back with us for the singing. Also coming were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Margie Treadway and Eugene and Claudia Simmons.

We are always looking for ways we can give back to our community. It was brought to our attention of some of the things our Firefighters could use besides water and gator aid. So the residents and staff here at Homestead have decided to make "A Firefighters Care Kit", If you would like to help with this all or any donations would be appreciated. Suggested items are: Powder for inside their boots, paper towels, Lotion for faces, Tinactin, Eye wash or contact solution for their eyes, wet ones, Motrin, Asprin, tylenol, Socks, (so they can change out of their wet socks) Granola bars or candy that won't melt. Small Packages of kleenex. And anything else you think my help comfort our firefighters while serving our country. We need to always remember our firefighters needs at other times too, not just during wildfire season. Thank You

Visiting with Edgar Reynolds were B.E. Simpson , Johnny Smith and Adrian Wright of Goldwaith. Visiting Lula Schneider was her Pastor, Vicar Stinnett of Cisco, visiting Rozelle Caraway was Bo Caraway and Ima Brown, Rozelle went to the home of Glenn and Kathy Scitern for a visit. Leta Hogan went home for an Easter visit with her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Eugene and Claudia Simmons visited his sister, Sue Simmons. Visiting Ora Lee Lawrence were Ima Brown and Lil Brudnak Bill and Charlene Daniel of Arlington and Billy Self visiting Christine Self. Maxine Huddleston visited Frankie Stacy. We had a surprize visit from Linda Jackson Neely, who brought Nell McAnally a copy of the first Carbon "Sandstorm" Annual which was published in 1936. Nell was on the annual staff and did not receive a copy of that annual. Thanks to Linda she now has a copy of that annual. Thank you

Have a good week

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Wasn't this 2-3 inch rain wonderful? The Lord has surely blessed Gorman with all this moisture. After all the fires and loss of life, its time for some good news. The cooler temperatures feels nice too, but not the higher humidity. I just returned from the Houston area and had warmed up down there. There flowers all blooming, even the crepe

myrtles. Ours here are barely coming out of winter rest. We enjoyed our Easter meal and egg hunt at my grandsons in Spring. No bed for me there, so I stayed in a Motel two nights. All they had was a roll away bed, didn't quite fit my body.

The report on my case at MD Anderson was some good. No more cancer found, but other problems with my bladder. They only test cancer, so will have to find another Dr. to help me. I may go to the one in Temple at Scott and White, Beth Shirley is seeing. Hopefully he can help people with more difficult problems.

Since we didn't get to meet on the 20th at the Center not much to write about. They had food and a gathering there for the firemen that lost his life. So we will all try to meet on the 27th. Hope more will turnout as well will celebrate birthdays for the month of April. I believe Wilburn Overstreet is the only one for the month. He is such a sweet, good man and nearly always at our meal. If all were that faithful we would have a good turnout weekly.

Sandy Warren had a bad fall in her home and fractured her vertebra. She has since been to San Angelo to have her spine cemented. She had this done once before and worked good. No more climbing up to clean kitchen cupboards. especially on a stool. We will miss you Sandy at our dinners, especially your good cooking.

Billie Bennett is improving after surgery on her hand a month ago. She is now having lots of therapy to improve her dexterity. Sure do miss her also. She makes the best cornbread salad I've ever tasted. Come back soon Billie.

I talked to Daisy Slaton on the phone after my return from down south. She is doing fine and walking more with her walker. Wishes she could get out for awhile. Maybe when her daughter Bennye Gail comes form Alabama. Hopefully she can go home with her for a little while. I visited Daisy the weekend before I left and she looks and sounds more like herself.

Hope all is well and see you soon, Carol.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had a "Special Service" at 7 p.m. on Good Friday to share with family and friends the unique blessing of this Easter season.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had a beautiful "Easter Service" on Sunday morning. Bro. Charlie Johnson brought a wonderful message with attendance of "Seventy Plus. Jana Johnson led the music with Karen Fair at the piano. Visitors attended from Fort Stockman, Dallas, Blanket, Stephenville,

Plano, Brownwood, De Leon and Chaney Community (near Ranger). Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. We appreciate all the musical groups and singers that attend each month. We appreciate the ladies that furnish food each month. This musical is held on the fourth Saturday night of each month (except December).

Visitors are welcome.

Our Community was blessed with a good rain on Saturday night and Sunday night.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning, April 11 at the Community Center (Ole School Building). There were seventeen in attendance: Nancy Bond, Ima Brown, Dorothy Greenhaw, Vonnie Guthery, Bobbie McKillip, Estelle Lindley, Pat Cummings, Rena Maltby, Linda Lindley and Collene Stockman all of Desdemona; Carolyn and Floydene Gilbert of Gorman; Fran Senger of Grove, Oklahoma (daughter of Ima Brown) and Lindsay Dain of New York (granddaughter of Ima Brown); Ann Brazell, Ann Miears and Eula Jean McConal, all of Stephenville.

Vonnie Guthery did a beautiful job decorating the tables with a pretty Easter theme. Hostesses Rena Maltby and Linda Lindley served the guests a delicious brunch of breakfast bacon casserole, hot jalapeno cheese grits, fresh fruit salad, homemade yeast bread, blackberry jam, apple dumplings, whipped cream and an Easter Checkerboard cake, along with hot coffee and orange juice. Nancy Bond offered a prayer of thanks before the meal.

We especially enjoyed beautiful dulcimer music played in the background, by our very talented friend, Carolyn Gilbert. "Thanks" Carolyn. The brunch and social was enjoyed by everyone. We missed those who were unable to attend. Next social will be May 9th at the same location and same time. Visitors Welcome.

Karen Fair and granddaughter, Lorin hosted Easter Sunday dinner for several family members. Following the noon meal all the children enjoyed a big Easter Egg Hunt. Even Granny coon had a part in the egg hunt.

Virginia Griffith returned home the past weekend. She is recovering from recent heart by-pass surgery.

Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug and Vonnie (Keith) Guthery all of Desdemona and Avie (Keith) Taylor of De Leon attended the funeral of their cousin, Lloyd Dixon (age 103) of De Leon on Wednesday. Burial was in the Victor Cemetery. Preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Etta (Elrod) Dixon and his grandparents, Monroe and Louquincey (Keith) Dixon.

Easter visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke were their daughter, Risa Ashley and daughter, Lauren of Midlothian. Have a great day, Vonnie Rue.

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