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Annual Halloween Costume Parade Set Saturday Night

The annual Halloween Costume Parade will be held on Sat. Oct. 31. The parade will start at 5:00 p.m. Plans are being made for some different type of activities to take place earlier in the day at the City Park. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in having a booth of some kind (game, food, ect.) in the park to come and be a part of this years Halloween Fun Day. There will NOT be a charge to have a booth, It will be first come first serve. No electricity will be provided, if you must have electricity it must be arranged through the City office. I will have more on this next week. I am taking up donations of money, candy, snacks, small toys, what ever to put in the kids Trick or Treat Bags. Donations may be left at Bob's Gro. City Gro., or Smith Service Station.

So, get those costume ready for a fun night in Downtown Gorman. Thank you for your support. Ina Smith

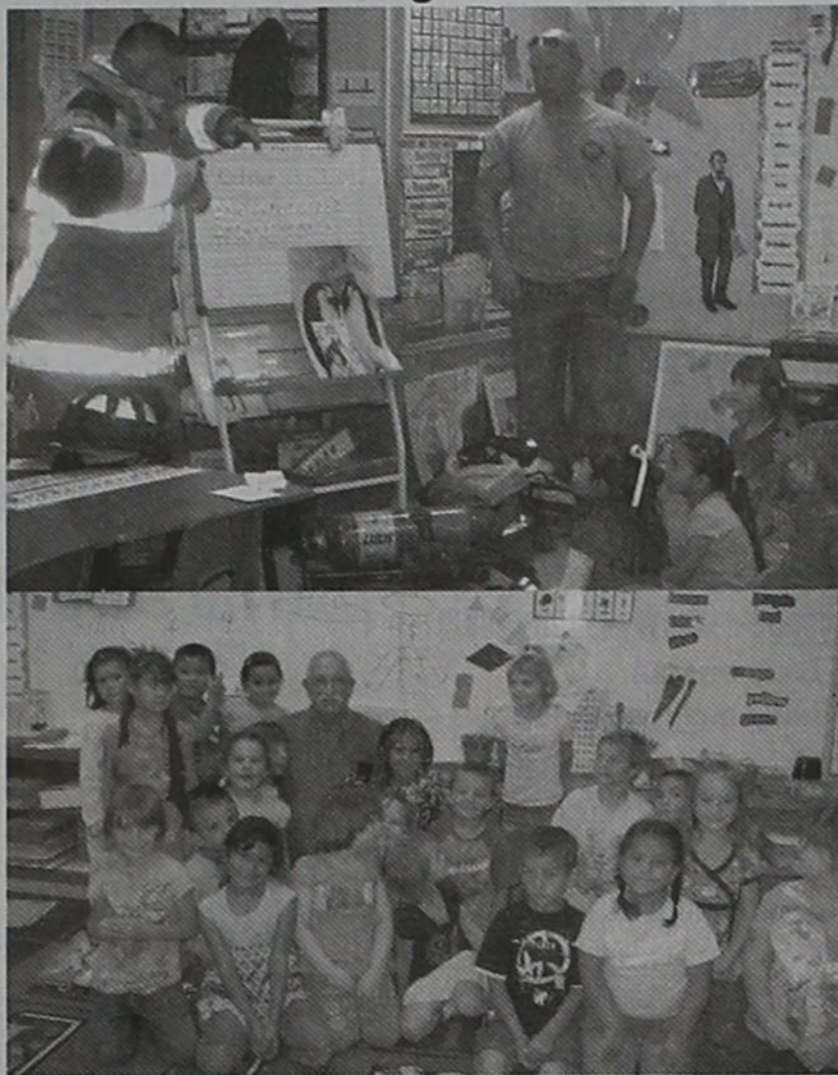
Community Workers Talk To Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students have been discussing community helpers for the past three weeks at Maxfield Elementary. Community workers were invited into the classroom to help explain their duties to the students.

City Officials that spoke to the children about what they do were: Barbara Fenley--Chief of Police, Robert Ervin--City Mayor, Trace Gortt--Animal Control Specialist, Blake Guthery and Carlos Herrera--Gorman's Volunteer Fire Department.

The lessons helped the children become more aware of those who help in their community. The firemen taught the students what to do in case of a fire emergency.

Gorman ISD would like to thank all those who participate in helping educate our children.



Lady Panther Volleyball Spooks - Goblin's - Creatures of All Ages

Tolar Box Scores: 21-25--18-25--19-25; Kimi Seaton: 1 dig, 6 kills, 9 assists, 1 block; Jaime Johnston: 3 digs, 8 kills, 1 assist, 2 aces, 2 blocks; Abby Pacheco: 5 digs, 1 ace, 1 block; Courtney Shirley: 4 digs, 3 kills, 2 blocks; Ally Little: 4 digs; Chelsa Griffin: 1 dig; and Jaylon Miley: 3 digs, 2 kills.

Lingleville Box Scores: 25-8; 21-25; 25-11; 25-11; Kimi Seaton: 15 assists, 3 aces; Jaime Johnston: 1 dig, 9 kills, 2 aces; Courtney Shirley: 2 digs, 3 kills; Abby Pacheco: 2 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace; Chelsa Griffin: 1 dig; Jaylon Miley: 2 kills, 2 aces; Erica Limon: 1 dig; Ally Little: 1 dig.

Days Of Noah Ministries To Make Presentation At New Hope Baptist Church Sunday, Nov. 1st

The Paul Cornelius family of Days of Noah Ministries will be making a presentation at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 1, at 7:00 P.M.

Based in Virginia, Paul and Dana Cornelius and their seven children travel together throughout the United States presenting programs at churches, schools, rallies, fairs, and other events. They have recently completed appearances at the State Fair of Texas and will be taking their ministry into Canada in 2010.

Using a 1/60th scale model of Noah's Ark which they built as a family project, their presentation compares the conditions of our day to "as it was in the days of Noah," a significant statement by Jesus concerning the end of the age.

The community is invited to come and experience this unique presentation.

"Spirited House" at Methodist Church, October 31st

The Methodist Church will host a "Spirited House" October 31st from 5 pm to 9 pm. Come on over to our house and let us feed your kids for you! We will be serving corn dogs, chips and kool-aid. You can eat at the church or take it with you. We will also have a minor first aid station for those little bumps in the night and our facilities are available for pit stops. There will be goody bags for all the kiddos!

So come on by our house and fill it, empty it, and patch it!

Plans Set To Send Cards To Service Men

Christmas time is coming up quickly and a few of us have put our heads together and decided we need to do something for our local men and women that are serving this great nation to keep us free. I would like to suggest that if you know someone from around here that is in the military, put their address in the paper or bring it by the City office and we will find somewhere to post them so whoever would like to write or send a card/care package can.

Thanks, Jill Rainey

GORMAN CHAPTER NO. 443

Cordially invites you to attend our

"100 YEAR CELEBRATION"

Sunday-November 8, 2009 -- 2:00 p.m.
Gorman Masonic Lodge - 107 Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454

Reception afterwards in dining hall

Special Guest - Mrs. Bess Caldwell -- Worthy Grand Matron
Ann Jay - Worthy Matron Gaylord Battenfield - Worthy Patron

Rattlers Blank Panthers; Panthers At Santo Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE

GORMAN	TOLAR
4 First Downs	12
26/94 Carries/Yds.	18/136
0 Yds Passing	96
1 of 14/1 Pass Cplt./Int	6 of 14/1
1 / 1 Fumbles/Lost	1 / 1
6 / 28 Punts/Avg.	1/34
7/65 Penalties	7/60

The Panthers hosted a very strong Rattler team on Friday night and started on a bad note on their first possession as the Rattlers got an interception on the Gorman 18 and returned it for a score with 11:00 left on the clock. From there, the Panthers couldn't get any offense going and were on the short end of a first quarter score of 13-0 and trailed 27-0 at halftime. The Rattlers added 16 points in the third period for a 43-0 win.

The Panthers got the opening kickoff on their own 22 and 3rd down the Rattlers intercepted a Panther pass on the Gorman 18 and Code Cavender returned it for a TD with 11:00 on the clock. Zake Naquin added the point after and Tolar was up 7-0.

After holding the Big Red on their next possession, the Rattlers took the ball on the Gorman 32 and scored in one big play with Tanner Gilliam racing in for the score from the 42 with 8:42 left in the first. The Rattlers overcome 2 five yard penalties. A pass try for 2 points failed and Tolar led 13-0.

The Big Red got a Rattler fumble on the Tolar 29 but could not move the ball.

After exchanging possessions the Rattlers got the ball on their own 31 and moved the distance in 8 plays with Chase Campbell grabbing a 11 yard pass for the score with 7:42 left in the second. A run by Campbell added the 2 pointer and Tolar was up 21-0.

Then after holding the Panthers on their next possession the Rattlers got the ball on the Gorman 31 and scored in 5 plays with Sandy Uphress getting the score from 6 yards out with 3:47 left in the half. The kick for point failed and Tolar led 27-0.

Both Bands did very good on their presentations and the fans applauded their performances.

Following the intermission the Rattlers got the kickoff on their own 32 and went the distance in just 4 plays with Gilliam running in for the score from 6 yards out with 9:46 left in the third. Naquin added the point after and Tolar was up 34-0.

After holding the Big Red on their next possession the Rattlers got the ball on a fumble on a punt try and recovered it in the end zone to make the score 40-0. The kick for point failed.

The Rattlers got their final score on a 22 yard field goal by Naquin with 22 seconds left in the 3rd to make the score 43-0.

Neither team scored in the final period.

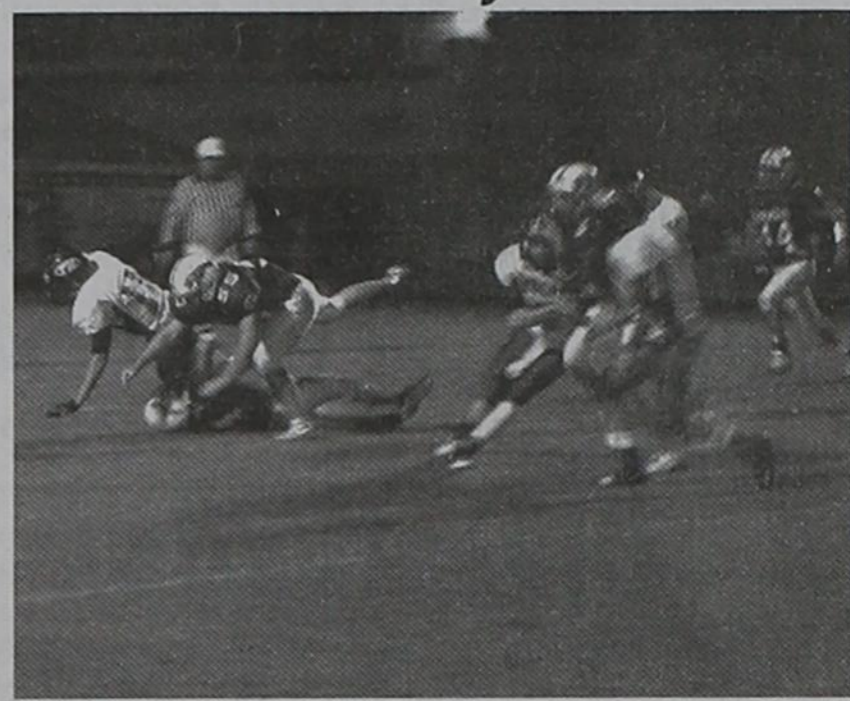
B. J. Ramirez led the Panthers with 60 yards on 12 carries. Ben Burgess got 19 on 4 keepers and Justin Little had 15 on 12.

The Panthers will travel to Santo on Friday night in a District contest. The Panthers are hoping to bounce back following the loss to Tolar and with a fine effort should get back in the winning column. So follow the Panthers to Santo and back them to a victory!

Go Get 'Em Big Red!

"NOTICE OF INTEREST"

Eastland County Property Tax Office and Registration Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. To 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch from 11:30 to 12:30 To accommodate most lunch hours. Thanks



SACKING THE QUARTERBACK -- Tyler Johnson and Justin Little team up to sack the Rattler quarterback in game action Friday.



GOING FOR THE INTERCEPTION -- Drew Flanary is shown trying to intercept a Tolar pass in game action Friday. Also shown is Ben Burgess.

Note of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who attended my benefit in De Leon and all who have donated and continue to do so for my stem cell trip. I am so blessed to belong to such a caring community. I also would like to thank the businesses that donated to the silent auction: *Stephens Feed, Scarlet Ibis, Clark Tractor, Dollar General, Ben E. Keith, Hwy. 6 Cafe, Lawrence Bros., Carolyn Garza, Golden Oak, Birdsong Peanuts, Panda's Flowers, Pate's Hardware, Price's Flowers, King Music, Third Wednesday Quilters and Franks Home Center.*

SCHOOL MENU Week of Nov. 2 thru Nov. 6

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk
TUESDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Hash Brown, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Cheese toast, Hash Brown, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage Biscuit, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Corn Dog, Mac and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Jello and fruit and Milk.
TUESDAY - Turkey and Dressing, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Hot Rolls, Pumpkin pie, and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Fajita, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers, sherbet and Milk.
THURSDAY - Sausage Pizza, corn cob bet, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, potato rounds, ice cream and Milk.

GLRA Selling Fresh Country Smoked Meats

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is now selling the Fresh Country Smoked Meats.

Be sure to get your Thanksgiving ham or turkey ordered! Also order some of that good sausage, smoked bacon, peppered bacon, smoked pork loin and the list goes on! If you would like to place an order with a GLRA member call (254) 734-2505 or 734-5017. Thanks to all of you who so faithfully continue to support our organization. We do appreciate you.

Halloween Pictures To Be Taken

The Chamber of Commerce will be making Halloween pictures starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center on Saturday, October 31. Come by for a picture with your costume and we will print and get them ready while you go to the Spook Parade and Trick or Treat. Pictures will be \$2.00 each.

Special Activities Set During Spook Parade

The Peanut Festival will be having a few fun things to do at the Halloween Spook Parade downtown October 31, 2009. We will have a train ride, cup cake walk and a duck pond for our little and big Spooks. The festivities will begin at 4:00 pm and continue until we have no more Spooks or no more prizes. The cost of the games and train is 25 cents or a non-perishable food item (i.e. canned food or boxed food item), all proceeds will go to the Gorman Food Pantry to help prepare them for Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing all of you downtown Hallows Eve, October 31, 2009

Daylight Savings Time will change on Saturday night, October 31st at 2:00 a.m. - Fall Back

Obituaries

Betty Sue Pettigrew

Betty Sue Pettigrew, age 78 of Desdemona passed away at her residence on October 24, 2009. Services were held Tuesday, October 27th at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church on Desdemona with Bro. Tim White officiating. Burial was in Desdemona Cemetery.

She was born July 7, 1931 in Strawn to the late Thomas Riley Roberson and Lillie Leona Carson Roberson. She married Lee Elmer Pettigrew on September 22, 2003 in Eastland.

She was a homemaker. She had resided in Desdemona most all of her life, having previously lived in Strawn. She was a member of the Desdemona First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Ricky Lee Kitchens of Carrollton; one sister, Charlsie Marie Hughes of El Paso; one brother, Doyle Roberson of Mineral Wells and six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents; two sons, Ronnie Joe Kitchens and Toby Don Kitchens; four brothers, John D. Roberson, George Roberson, Joe Roberson and C. E. (Pete) Roberson; and her husband, Lee Elmer Pettigrew.

Pallbearers were Ricky Kitchens, Bryan Kitchens, Chase Kitchens, Glen View, Alan Kitchens, Daniel Kitchens, and Heather Clayton.

County Election News

- October 19-30, 2009 -- Early Voting Period
 - October 27, 2009 -- Last day to for my office to receive a vote by mail request
 - November 3, 2009 -- Election Day
- Anyone wishing to vote by mail can call my office 629.1583 to see if they are eligible for this procedure.

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Flatwood School Exes Reunion Held October 3rd



Photo By Ladonna Latham

Flatwood School Exes Reunion Held - Front row, l to r: Cissy Snell, Ruth Jordan, Patsy (Norris) Collins, Burl Caudle, Clay Caudle, and Jolene Johnson. Back row - John Snell, Webb Jordan, Pat Collins, Kenneth John and Bryan Johnson.

On Saturday morning, October 3rd some of the Flatwood School Exes met at the Lone Star Cafe' (also know as the Red Star Cafe) on Hwy. 6 for breakfast. We enjoyed a good meal and then had a short business meeting. Those present were Bryan and Jolene Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, Pat and Patsy (Norris) Collins, and Webb and Ruth Jordan from Eastland. John and Cissy Snell from R. Burl Caudle from Conroe, Clay Caudle from Bridgeport. After the breakfast, several went to the Carbon Golden Exes reunion in Carbon. Others went to Eastland for the Old Rip Parade and other events. Out of the eleven present, seven were former Flatwood School students. The school has been closed since the spring of 1944 when it consolidated with Carbon. Please make your plans to be with us next year.

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- 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000
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- 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage, w/ 76' x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
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NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.

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

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

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,200 Acre - Seller Financing

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NEW: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400 Acre.

NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000 Acre.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown FCF Celebrating the

Fall Season

Hope you had a chance to attend the Hogtown Hootenanny in Desdemona on October 17th. We had a great time, great vendors for the craft show, great bar-b-que sandwiches and great music with jamming on the porch. The weather turned a little chilly later in the day so the jammers moved inside. We would like to thank all of our wonderful vendors and all of you folks who came and made the first Hogtown Hootenanny a success!

Have you noticed how green the lawns and pastures are instead of our usual brown by this time. We have been blessed by all the rain.

On Halloween, the Desdemona fire trucks will be parked in the parking lot of the Desdemona Activity Center. The firemen will be passing out candy to the little goblins that come to visit.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be Saturday, November 7th. We will have a mini-health fair that morning. You can have your blood and blood sugar checked. The plan is to have seasonal flu shots available, also. The shots will be free for folks on Medicare and \$20.00 for those who are not.

Our prayers go out to the family of Sue Pettigrew. Sue passed away Saturday morning after a battle with cancer.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Carbon Golden Exes

The Carbon High School Golden Exes inducted 20 new members into their group on Saturday October 3, 2009. Approximately 100 alumni and friends registered from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Ohio. This year's committee wants to thank The Eastland Telegram and The Gorman Progress for excellent coverage.

They, (the class of 1959) were born into uncertain times at the beginning of WWII, then came the Korean War, they participated in the first Polio Vaccine inoculations and listened to the beeps of Sputnik. They participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam. They left Carbon High School as bright eyed teenagers and returned as proud parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. They have been responsible citizens with exemplary service to their communities and country.

No less than 8 of the class either have been or would have been married for 50 years had not a higher power intervened. Three of the class members are deceased and were deeply missed by the group, they are: Linda Collins Sandlin, Zelma Hendricks Willoughby, and Kenneth Tucker.

The remaining class members of 1959 are: Mittie Rone Bledsoe, Carbon; Fay Thompson Cook, Gorman; Jerry Clower, Abilene; John Grace, Gorman; Pat Guy, Granbury; Gary Johnson, Eastland; Betty Bond Kidd, Eastland; Eldon Maynard, Richardson; Maxine Stacy Morgan, Rising Star; Kathy Underwood Owen, Eastland; Mickey Rogers, Fredericksburg; Jim Sandlin, Carbon;

In celebration of the season, Firstfruits Christian Fellowship will be supporting other Gorman churches with their fall event this October 31st. For this reason, FCF will not be having a "Fall Festival" as in previous years; instead, we will assist Abundant Life Impact Ministries, First Methodist Church, and First Baptist Church with their fall events. Impact Ministries and First Baptist are having a "Trunk or Treat" event and the Methodist church is having a "Spirited House" event. We encourage everyone to join in these activities to celebrate this Fall Season.

CIA, FCF's children's program, continues every Monday at 6:30. We invite you to come and be a part of the fun, food and excitement. For more information call 734-3203. See you there.

Craig Family Reunion

Sunday October 11, 2009 members of the Wm. S. Craig and Ruth Wilhite Craig met in Desdemona for their annual reunion. The weather was cooler than expected, but the following members enjoyed visiting and fantastic food. Gerry Zummer from Carbon, her daughter and son-in-law Jana and Richard Holland, Grand Daughter and Great Granddaughter Shauna Turner and Paige Kocman, Paige's boyfriend Kris Trammel from Arlington and a friend of Shauna's Cindy Roberts. from Mesquite. Maxine Lawless from DeLeon, Jack and Judy Craig from Fort Worth, their Son and daughter-in-law Jack, Jr. and Sharaine and their son Jackson from Burleson. Helen Johnson, her daughter and son-in-law Angela and Melvin Blount from Denver Colorado, Jim and Lou Craig from Houston, Mary and Xavier Garza, their daughter and son-in-law Theresa and Wayne Hook from Houston, daughter and son-in-law Vickie and Robert Barber from Round Rock, their grandson Shane McJunkin from Austin and Son Scott Hall and Grand Son Ryan from McKinney. Doris Whitley from Granbury and her daughter and son-in-law Gina and David Wurlein from Weatherford. Vera and Dick Love from Horseshoe Bay, and Doug Craig from Desdemona. Also a cousin, Nancy Bond from Desdemona. Everyone enjoyed the visiting. It was a good time for everyone. Already looking forward to next year.

Sandra Lasater Stuard, Eastland; Mary Butler Watson, Eastland; Gene Wood, Eastland; Don Underwood, Gorman; Ruth Rasberry Underwood, Gorman.

The Committee also wants to thank everyone who donated time, money, gifts and door prizes for this and next year's event.

CRIME OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Eastland County CrimeStoppers will feature a September burglary in Gorman as its Crime of the Month.

This is an opportunity for someone to earn up to \$1000 while remaining anonymous. According to Gorman Police Chief Barbara Fenley, on or about September 16, 2009, Clarks Building Supply, 109 E. Roberts, was burglarized with dozens of items stolen.

First, according to Chief Fenley, thieves probably went over a side fence and stole hog wire, barb wire and sacks of cement. The sliding side door was pried open to gain entry to a storeroom and the main building. Items were stolen from inside, including a fence charger, wheel barrow, a post driver, several saws and propane cylinders. A large number of hand power tools and shot gun shells were taken. Very upsetting to those who know the owner of the business, Tommy Clark, is that he was out of town with a sick relative when the break-in occurred.

Anyone with information should call 1-800-300-3847. We do not want your name. Just your information. You will be given a number. When calling about the status of the investigation, give your number. If an arrest and indictment is made, you will decide the location to pick up your cash reward.

County Commissioners To Evaluate and Develop County Wide Fire Services

In County Commissioners Court, Monday, October 26th, as County Judge, I was given the task to appoint a committee to evaluate and develop the most effective and sustainable way to provide funding for county-wide fire suppression. I am going to chair this committee and appoint six others which will give good representation in an effort to build a mechanism of funding that allows the individual fire departments to operate now and in the future. This committee will explore all options for funding fire fighting efforts, seeking the one that best fits our County with its combination of volunteer-only fire departments and departments with paid firefighters, incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.

By state law, a county shall provide emergency services to the unincorporated areas of that county. This may be accomplished by a county forming its own fire department or this mandate may be satisfied by a county contracting for these services with municipalities or incorporated volunteer fire departments. At a meeting Monday afternoon with fire chiefs from across Eastland County, this plan was explained and was well received by all present. Paraphrasing one chief, he sincerely hope that an agreeable method to fund fire suppression could be found to reduce tension between individual fire departments about funding and services. To that end, memorandums of understanding (MOUs) between Eastland County and each city or fire department will be prepared and presented for execution. These MOUs will become the funding agreements for the current fiscal year.

Finally, Eastland County has, in my opinion the finest group of fire fighters and emergency responders in Texas. Whenever there is an emergency incident in our county, we have professionals who respond with excellent training and excellent equipment. As the county judge, I want these professionals to have the proper level of funding to get their job done.

Respectively submitted,
Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge

Happenings At FBC!!

Careful! Those that walk with Christ know that the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. Be careful in your walk because the devil will still throw obstacles in your path. Be confident knowing that that you can live victoriously in the strength of the risen Christ.

Mark your calendars:

- Nov. 1st - 10:am - Adult Sunday School Special Studies - All are invited and meet in sanctuary.
- Nov. 2nd - Hosting TriCounty Assoc Meeting - Worship Service at 7pm - Come and enjoy!
- Dec. 5th - Save the date! Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House Fellowship.

Testimony: Nana Vaughn shared her testimony and love for missions. As a preteen, she was invited to church by her friends thus it changed her life. As a freshman in college, she was one of twenty-six college students chosen to travel around Texas and help churches host their Vacation Bible Schools and Back Yard Bible Studies. The Mary Hill Davis Offering paid for these twenty-six college students to travel and minister to churches in need of additional staff. Mary Hill Davis, Lottie Moon, and Annie Armstrong are the names of productive missionaries that have gone on before us; hence the offerings are named in their memories. Young people need to know the power God has given to them to influence lives! Give to missions with your heart, and know your money is being used to further God's work.

Children's Sermon: Jaylon and Rachel asked the children to participate in a game. The children were asked to walk, freeze, and turn around, then they were asked to jump in place, freeze, and turn around, etc. The children played this game perfectly. The Bible tells us that God wants us to turn away from things that are wrong. God love you, follow God and obey Him.

Bro. Barry's message: "Seven Days" - Psalm 119:8 - God, please don't give up on me! We make promises and break them, we have heavy hearts, and we have troubles with relationships and finances. God is the answer! Obey God's laws, and joyful are those walking God's path. Happiness is fleeting and external, whereas joy is eternal and internal. Trust Jesus, He is the way out, and He is the way forward.

Make a Seven Day Commitment:

I. You will receive JOY. - Joy is heartfelt. Every single day stop to read your Bible and pray to God. God promises are for eternity, and you will find joy in Jesus. Live as you should and let the Bible be your guide!

II. You will receive VICTORY. - Victory is not just winning and bragging about it. Life is not a game. Life is the real deal. Make your commitment to God, and then to yourself. There are great things ahead of you, and you will find victory in Jesus.

III. You will receive NOURISHMENT. - We need good food. As Brother Barry looked across the Church Family he said that he sees some of the best cooks in the world. We all know that Brother Barry knows they are great cooks because he has eaten their delicious dishes. We will find the greatest nourishment in God's Word, God feeds our spirituality, and He does it for eternity.

A video of Colt McCoy and Sam Bradford shares their testimonies and love for God; "I Am Second", and Jesus is first.

Brother Barry challenges all of us to fully commit ourselves and to God to go to the next level in our daily walk with God. Seven Days! Read your Bible and pray to God every day for seven days and be ready for the difference it will make in your life. Seven Days! I am second, God is first!

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

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



Helen Depwe of Desdemona shows off her beautiful jewelry creations at the Hogtown Hootenanny.



Joy Harris brought her beautiful mosaic work from Strawn to display at the Hogtown Hootenanny.

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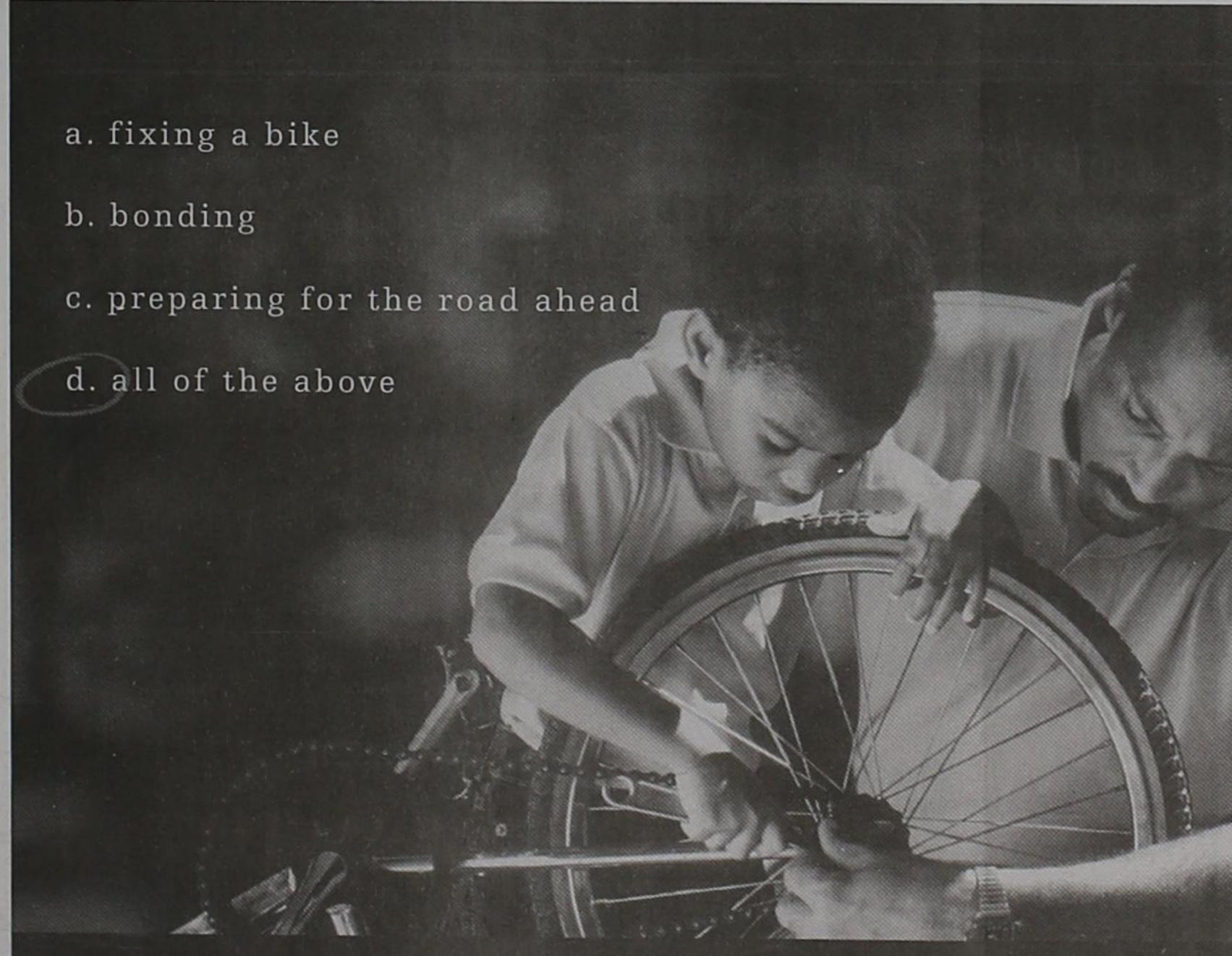
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DWI DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TEN YEARS

Oren Lee Hogue, 56, formerly of Cisco, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve an (10) ten year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated, Third Offense or More. Hogue was apprehended on June 6, 2009 by an Eastland County Sheriff's Deputy and an officer with the City of Cisco Police Department.

Gordon had previously been arrested and convicted three times of DWI. Hogue previously spent four years in prison as a result of having his probation revoked in 2004.

The punishment range for a felony Driving While Intoxicated charge is not more than 10 years nor less than 2 years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a fine up to \$10,000.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Hogue to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division after he entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

DRUG TASK FORCE STOP NETS DALLAS MAN A 25 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE

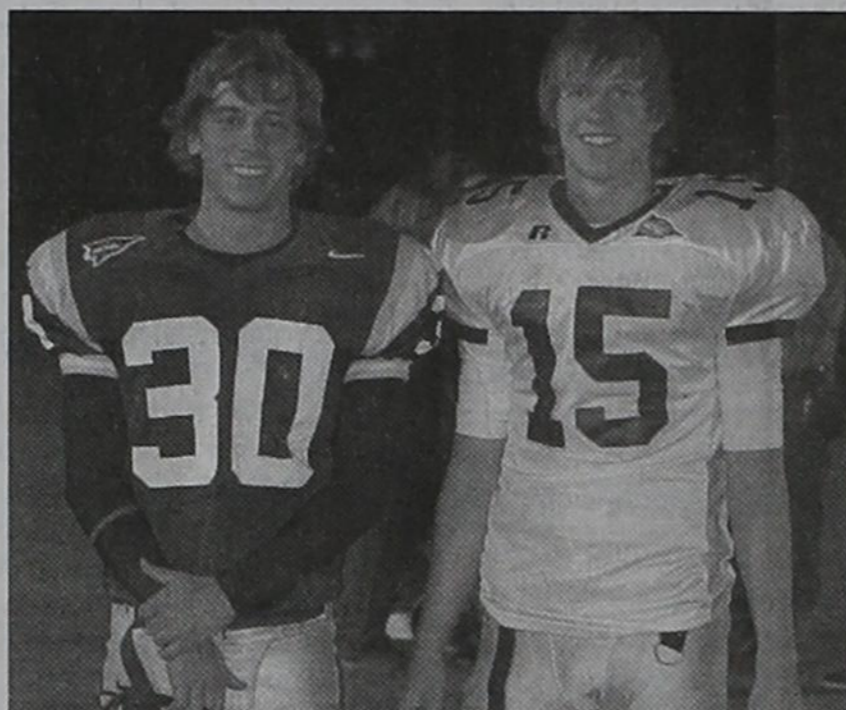
Issac Abiu Maceda Aguilar, 24, formerly of Dallas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (25) twenty-five year sentence for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, Methamphetamine and possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, Cocaine. Aguilar was apprehended on May 7, 2009 by an officer from the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force (Drug Task Force).

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Parker in the 91st District Courtroom on Monday, October 26, 2009, after he entered a plea of guilty to both charges.

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason complimented the officer and the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force stating "this county's cooperation and great working relationship with the task force prevented the introduction of drugs from this defendant into our Community. I am thankful to the officer for his alertness and diligence in helping to put this drug dealer away."

Two Gorman Panthers Meet As Opponents

On Monday, October 26, Matt Underwood and Tyson Swanner met again on the field of play, however this time they were not teammates, but on opposite sides of the football. Matt is playing at Hardin Simmons University and Tyson is playing for Howard Payne University, the two friends met when the HPU Yellow Jackets traveled to Abilene to take on the HSU Cowboys. Both athletes did a great job for their team, Matt plays as a defensive back as the free safety and was able to get in several good tackles for the Cowboys. Tyson as quarterback completed several good passes and also gained yardage running the ball and had one touchdown, he is also punter and kicker for the Yellow Jackets. The game was a great contest going to a 14-14 tie. In the tie breaker the HSU Cowboys scored a touchdown on first possession which gave them the win as the Yellow Jackets had a fumble on the 2 yard line that was recovered by the Cowboys. It was a really good game and was great fun seeing these two outstanding athletes on the football field together again, even if on opposite sides of the ball. Tyson has one game left in Abilene at McMurray University while Matt's final game is in Abilene at Hardin Simmons University, both games will be on Monday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m.



Tarleton Releases Summer 2009 Graduation Lists

STEPHENVILLE, TX (10/23/2009)(readMedia)-- Tarleton State University's spring commencement was held Aug. 15. The following candidates have satisfactorily met the university's requirements for their individual degree programs and have been awarded their diplomas. Honor designations for undergraduate degrees are: Summa Cum Laude (Highest Honors), Magna Cum Laude (High Honors) and Cum Laude (Honors). Students are listed by their requested hometown designation, which they provided at the graduation ceremonies.

For the complete list of graduates, visit www.tarleton.edu/scripts/press/display.asp?id=2750.
Nicole Morganstean of De Leon, graduated from Tarleton State University Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the university's Stephenville campus. **Beatriz Ramirez** of Gorman, graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the university's Stephenville campus.

Founded in 1899, Tarleton is one of the fastest growing institutions of higher learning in Texas. Just one hour, Tarleton serves as the educational and cultural flagship of the Cross Timbers Region. It is located in Stephenville, which is included in Norman Cramp-ton's "The 100 Best Small Towns in America" published by Prentice Hall.

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Notes From Dr. Dan

Remember Bubba and Boudreaux? They both survived their last episode but fate got them later. I can still hear Boudreaux's unforgettable last words: "HEY BUBBA, WATCH THIS!!!"

Have you ever seen anyone squirting lighter fluid onto lit coals? The fluid can ignite and the flame travel up the stream and into the can of lighter fluid and explode. Unfortunately this happens way too often and it is always way too costly in human suffering and medical bills and lost work and wages etc. JUST DON'T DO IT!!!!!!

If you get less severe burns there are some things you can do. DO NOT PUT BUTTER ON A BURN. The best is cold water. Sometimes shaving cream [not mentholated] can serve as a good sterile dressing that will not stick to the wound, keep air away from the wound which can help with the pain, and is easily removed in the ER. In general it is a good idea not to break the blisters, although the doctor may decide to do this to prevent further damage. Keep the wound clean. Wash with as much water as you can. If it is an acid burn, just wash with water. Do not put anything on the wound to neutralize the acid as this will make the wound hot from the chemical reaction and possibly make it worse. Acid stops burning when it is removed from the area so flush it off!

Alkali or base chemical burns continue to burn even after the substance is removed so medical attention is required! Flushing with water is safe except in very rare cases that you are not likely to encounter except in labs or industrial compounds so when in doubt for any chemical burn, flush with clean water and get to a definitive care center.

This article is not intended to be a substitute for medical care and consultation.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Desdemona Monthly Musical" was held last Saturday night at the Community Center (former school building). Several music groups and singers attended and they presented plenty of Country and Western music. Thanks to all the musicians that attend each month. Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to the Concession Stand. Next Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, November 28th at the same location. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper will be held on Saturday, November 14th at the Community Center (former school Building). Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Make plans to attend for a good home-cooked meal of Turkey and Dressing with all the trimmings. This has been an Annual event for many years and we are happy to continue this Community project. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment. More details later on.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Sue Pettigrew. Burial was on Tuesday in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news.

Thanks, Have a great day, Coon.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were a small group of 15 to celebrate the birthdays on the 21st of October. I was very disappointed that more didn't care to show interest in being here. We enjoyed Chocolate Truffle cake and a Lemon one that was delicious, with Vanilla ice cream. Bernice Hewson and Betty Frazier were here for their birthdays. Missed Billie Bennett, as she was on a vacation trip. Wilburn Overstreet was kind enough to give thanks for us all. We nearly forgot the birthday song, but remembered toward end of our dinner. Thanks to Daisy Slaton for remembering.

I must tell this story about the truffle cake. A nice young woman brought it to us 2 weeks ago as our dinner was over. She was from a Home Health Service in Cisco, and left literature. So I put it in freezer for next time hoping for a large crowd. Well the domino players got into the cake and ate half of it!!! I was sort of miffed, but got over it. Good thing I had a back up cake. Kind of funny now, not then.

We have missed Ellen Parker who has been ill. She has been in hospital a couple times. I sure know about that and all the tests to find out what's wrong. At first thought it might be her heart, but is the gall bladder. She will have surgery soon and then be much improved. Maybe then we can all get back to playing games. She is a good game person.

I nearly forgot to mention our meal on the 21st. We enjoyed BBQ pork country style ribs. They are boneless, so don't seem like ribs to me. I like meat on a bone better, but they were tender. Also green Italian beans, fresh potatoes, pea salad, peas and carrots, pinto beans and zucchini bread. We enjoyed Betty Regian's whole wheat rolls. Also cornbread and a buttermilk chess pie.

I attended Rozell Caraway's 90th on the 25th of October. What a birthday to be around to celebrate! She is very fortunate for her good health and looks 65. She drives all over in her big car and lives in Eastland. Her family really outdid themselves with the decorations. So beautiful, all the fall motif and colors. The cake was made to look like a blue basket, full of fall flowers. A really good, lovely cake.

Hope all is well and see you next time. Carol

Lakeside Ladies To Host Two Guys & One Doll Golf Tournament

Eastland--The most popular golf tournament of the year is just around the corner!! The Lakeside Ladies Two Guys and One Doll Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. This year, we are offering two tee times for your convenience. You can choose between 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$120/team (\$40/person) which includes a meal following afternoon play. Mulligans and carts will also be available.

The festivities begin Friday evening around 6:30 p.m. with Happy Hour and Appetizers.

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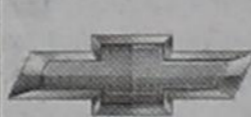
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