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Merry Christmas!!!



From
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And Correspondents

Sing In The New Year At New Hope Baptist Church

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!!!!! Come join us at New Hope Baptist Church for the annual "Sing In The New Year" Singing, Saturday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. We'll sing until 10:00 p.m. and then break for food and fellowship and return to sing in the New Year until Midnight. If you will lead a song or have a special or want to just come to sing and enjoy, please come.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

The First United Methodist Church in Gorman invites you to join us for our warm and welcoming Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:00 p.m. Dec. 24th. Come alone or bring family and friends. All are welcome!



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Date DECEMBER 29, 2011
Time 4-7 p.m.
Place UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL
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"Merry Christmas"

The City Of Gorman office will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26. Will open as usual on Tuesday.

"Merry Christmas"

The Board and Volunteers of Charlie Garrett Memorial Library thank you all for your patronage this year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As in years past, the library will be closed December 26th through the 30th.

Mary Powell Receives Degree from McMurry University

Mary Powell of Gorman, TX, has been awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in All Level Physical Education from the School of Education at McMurry University. Powell is one of 79 graduates receiving degrees during the Commencement in Radford Auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum to more than 1,400 students, McMurry University is a small Christian liberal arts school in Abilene. Students choose from 41 majors; education and business are popular as are the school's pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, law, and physical therapy. The three-week May Term gives students an opportunity to explore a subject outside their major. Through the Servant Leadership Program, students learn about ethics and develop leadership qualities. McMurry's signature Texas Semester takes students through Texas history and culture with hands-on experiences like visits from leading authorities that take place both in the classroom and at historical sites across the state. Internships with businesses in Abilene present undergraduates with the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge of the workplace in nonprofit and corporate settings.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) have approved McMurry University to grant master's degrees. Beginning in the fall of 2012, students may enroll in a Master of Nursing program through the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing. It is anticipated that a second master's program in Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an English as a Second Language Endorsement (ESL) will be launched in the fall of 2013 through the School of Education.

This past summer, the NCAA officially announced that McMurry University has been accepted into a NCAA Division II candidacy period, bringing back scholarship athletics to the institution for the first time since the 1976-77 school year.

On the web: <http://readabout.me/achievements/Mary-Powell-Receives-Degree-from-McMurry-University/3162494>.

Items of interest

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd 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.

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.

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

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

Food Bank

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. - Second Thursday

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. Stan Harper, 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

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 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
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NRCS Announces Sign-up Period for Conservation Stewardship Program

TEMPLE, Texas, - USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Salvador Salinas announced Jan. 13, 2012 as the first ranking cut-off period for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

"CSP gives conservation minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts," said Salinas. "Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in natural resource conservation practices have the opportunity to earn financial rewards through CSP."

CSP is a voluntary five-year program offered to landowners statewide through continuous sign-up. Producers interested in CSP should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during this first 2012 ranking period.

In fiscal year 2011, Texas awarded 206 CSP contracts on nearly 500,000 acres with a total of \$5.1 million in payments to help farmers and ranchers implement conservation practices that provide public benefits, such as cleaner water and improved air quality.

"CSP is a strong program in Texas and we are hopeful more farmers and ranchers with stewardship goals will participate in the 2012 CSP," said Salinas.

Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of Indian tribes. Individual landowners, legal entities and Indian tribes may be eligible to apply for CSP assistance. Participants will have the opportunity to receive payments for practices that maintain and improve water and soil quality, as well as enhance wildlife habitat.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help potential applicants determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices and on the CSP Web page.

As part of the CSP application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory using a Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT), which determines the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

"I encourage farmers and ranchers actively involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain or improve existing conservation activities, and implement additional practices on their land," said Salinas.

Interested producers can obtain the information from the Texas NRCS website <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>, or contact their USDA-NRCS field office.

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EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW SEWING CONTEST

Break out your sewing machines and get ready to enter the second annual Eastland County Livestock Show Sewing Contest. This contest will be a chance to show off your talents in sewing. Everyone of all ages can enter this contest. Entries for the contest will be due between 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11th in the Concession Stand at the Eastland County Stock Show Grounds, and all entries will be displayed at the Eastland County Livestock Show starting Thursday, January 12th to January 13th in the Concession Stand at the Stock Show.

A list of complete rules may be picked up at the Eastland Extension Office located on the 1st Floor of the Eastland County Courthouse. For more information or questions, please contact Hallee Mitchell, Eastland County Extension Agent at 254/629-2222.

EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW BAKE-OFF CONTEST

We are searching for great cooks to enter the third annual Eastland County Bake-Off contest at the Eastland County Livestock Show. If you are certain that your wife, husband, mother, father, daughter or son is the best cook in the county, now is the time to give them the opportunity to demonstrate their talents.

The Eastland County Bake-Off will be held in conjunction with the Eastland County Livestock Show, January 11th - 14th. Bake-Off entries will be checked in Wednesday, January 11th at the Eastland County Livestock Show Grounds Concession Stand starting at 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This contest is open to everyone.

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"On The Wilder Side"

I'll be honest with you, sometimes it burns me up when a teenager gets a brand new \$40,000 car or truck when they turn sixteen because you usually know what's going to happen to it. They're going to do what every new driver does to their vehicle and trash it. I had a kid in my youth group once who wrecked three mustangs before he turned eighteen. Now, I am in no way jealous of them for having nice vehicles, only that I don't like to see good thing go to waste. Now, I am going to make a general statement here, because I know it does not apply to everyone, but people usually don't take good care of things they receive for free. If a teen didn't have to work for their car or truck, they won't take as good care of it as the teen who earned it. We generally don't care of other people's possessions as good as we take care of our own, and we don't know to appreciate gifts as much as if we paid for them by the sweat of our own brow.

I am afraid this is often true when it comes to the free gift of grace that Christians have received. Sometimes we assume that since grace is a free gift, there is no cost associated with the free gift. We assume that we can go on living the way we have been because our sins are now forgiven. The gift is free, but that doesn't mean it doesn't come with a price. Jesus paid for it with His own life, so shouldn't we also pay for it with our obedience and commitment?

I hope you haven't been taking advantage of God's free gift of grace. I hope you haven't been receiving forgiveness without repentance, baptism without discipline, or communion without confession. Just how much do you value God's grace in your life? That question can be answered by how much importance you place on being a follower of your Lord.

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

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

A Letter To The Editor -

About War and Peace and Christmas By Henry A. Buchanan

The war in Iraq has ended in a whimper. Our Secretary of Defense made a speech declaring all our soldiers are heroes and we ought to be proud of what we've done there. But I see differently. It costs us 4,500 American lives, with 32,000 wounded. We killed 100,000 Iraqis and it cost us 800 billion dollars. I don't think it was worth it.

I remember when World War Two ended. I remember when we were working at the Fuse Loading Plant in Macon, Georgia, and when we heard the announcement over the loud speaker: we took off from work, drove downtown in Macon, Georgia, horns blowing, church bells ringing and happy people shouted. I got caught up in a traffic jam and the police stopped me for driving the wrong way on a one way street. But the officer was in a mood to celebrate too and he let me go to our apartment in Stagger Inn on the Mercer University campus.

But WWII was a different kind of war. We were fighting for our lives rather than just getting rid of a tin-horn dictator and making a regime change. We drove downtown in Gorman, Texas yesterday and didn't get into a traffic jam and this morning's news was about somebody (was it Cisco?) Losing a football game.

The President hopes to end the war in Afghanistan in 2014, but leading Republican candidates are hope we can get one started in Iran soon after Christmas or at least by the 2012 election in November.

I plan to go to church Sunday morning because Christmas is coming and I would like to find out if anybody is singing 'Peach on Earth, Good Will to Men.'

Thank you, President Obama, for bringing the boys home from Iraq. Do the same for the ones in Afghanistan, and try not to do anything rash about the drone they shot down in Iran.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 12/17/11

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — As many as 500 million trees scattered across the Lone Star State have died this year as a result of the unrelenting drought, according to preliminary estimates from Texas Forest Service.

The numbers were derived by Texas Forest Service foresters, who canvassed local forestry professionals, gathering information from them on the drought and its effect on trees in their respective communities.

Each forestry expert estimated the percentage of trees in their region that have died as a result of the 2011 drought. That percentage was applied to the estimated number of trees in the region, a figure determined by the agency's Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) program.

Using this approach, an estimated 100 million to 500 million trees with a diameter of 5 inches or larger were estimated to have succumbed to the drought. That range is equivalent to 2 to 10 percent of the state's 4.9 billion trees.

"In 2011, Texas experienced an exceptional drought, prolonged high winds and record-setting temperatures. Together, those conditions took a severe toll on trees across the state," said Burl Carraway, Sustainable Forestry department head. "Large numbers of trees in both urban communities and rural forests have died or are struggling to survive. The impacts are numerous and widespread."

The preliminary estimates indicate three multi-county areas appear to be the hardest hit. The area including Sutton, Crockett, western Kimble and eastern Pecos counties saw extensive mortality among Ashe junipers.

The area including Harris, Montgomery, Grimes, Madison and Leon counties saw extensive mortality among loblolly pines. Western Bastrop and eastern Caldwell counties, as well as surrounding areas, saw extensive mortality among cedars and post oaks.

Additionally, localized pockets of heavy mortality were reported for many other areas.

Texas Forest Service foresters plan to use aerial imagery to conduct a more in-depth analysis in the spring, which is when trees that may have gone into early dormancy — an act of self-preservation — could begin to make a comeback.

A more scientific, long-term study will be completed as the agency collects data through its FIA program. Considered a census for trees, the federally-funded program allows the agency to keep a close watch on trees — and how they're growing and changing — across the state.

As part of the program, foresters are tasked with surveying certain, designated plots of land each year. Because the state is so big, it takes a decade to complete a full inventory cycle.

"Quantifying the impacts of a statewide drought on tree survival is no small task," Carraway said, noting that Texas was home to 63 million acres of forestland, much of which is in remote areas.

"During this time of year, it's difficult to tell in some cases if a tree is truly dead. And keep in mind that the drought is ongoing. We fully expect mortality percentages to increase if the drought continues."

Christmas Letters

Mrs. Grissom's Kindergarten Class

I love you Santa, I like for you to bring presents to everyone. Bring me a cell phone cover with flowers and a cell phone. My Mom wants some candy canes for the room. I love you, Kyndall Scitern.

Dear Santa, I want a make up how big girls wear. I want a bicycle with training wheels. Give me a pet too. I love you Santa. I will see you when its Christmas.

Dear Santa, I would like a Nintendo DS, a doll, and clothes for Christmas. I would also like a Wii.

Dear Santa, I love you Santa, I sleep in the living room so I hope to see you. I want a remote control car. And a toy car. Have I been good?

Dear Santa, How are you? This year I would like a ladybug pillow pet and a toy cell phone for Christmas. I'll leave you some chocolate cookies. I love you!

Dear Santa, I want a real motorcycle that's orange and a real phone.

Dear Santa, I have been minding mom. I hope my mom will be home for Christmas. Can you bring her something. Bring me a toy cell phone that's blue.

Dear Santa, I Love you. How are the Elves doing? This Christmas I would like a toy Rudolph, a LaLa Lucy doll and a car game for my Dad. I will leave you a present when you come to my house.

Dear Santa, I've been really good this year Santa. So I want a necklace and earrings, but Santa it's not about the gifts its about family. And Santa for Christmas I'm going to stay with my cousins so wer are going to leave some cookies and hot cocoa so we hope you enjoy it.

Dear Santa, I love December. I have been good this year. I want o have a real reindeer please, and I want to see you Santa. I want a dog.

Dear Santa, I have been good this year d like your elves and I would like a bike and math book and a DS and a DS1 and I would like a picture of you and Mrs. Claus two of them. Me and my sister Bella we would like a bike. I would like a big bike and for Bella a little bike and that is all I want for Christmas.

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like 3DS and Luigi Monster 2 and stock MARIO and a new shirt with a dragon and a clock.

Dear Santa, I Love you! I would like a Spiderman game and a go cart. I will bring you milk and cookies. Stay Warm!

Dear Santa, How is your workshop? I would like a big air plane that I can drive in the air. I want to come to the North Pole and see you for Christmas. I also want a shot gun to shoot birds. Stay warm Santa.

Dear Santa, You are good at your job. You are nice to bring presents. I want a shotgun with fake Bb's and a race car cell phone this Christmas. Those reindeer flay real good.

Dear Santa, I want presents for Christmas. I want a bunny rabbit and a kangaroo. I also want Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. I love you, Santa.

Dear Santa, Have the Elves been good this year? I want a Nintendo DS, baby clothes and a baby that's really cute for Christmas. I have a picture for your one my counter at my house when you come by. I love you.

Dear Santa, I have been a little bit good. Please can you bring me a Nintendo DS? I love you Santa. I miss you.

Dear Santa, I been a good girl. I want a baby doll and clothes for me and I want a play horse and a DS and Nintendo and I love you and I want a Barbe doll and a book.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl because I need another dog because my dog got ran over by a truck on his leg and I would like another dog. I would appreciate ti and I like you Santa. And I like a ipad please Santa.

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Dear Santa, I have been a good kid. How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus. I love you and the raindeer and Misses Claus and the elves. I would like a Ipad. I would like a raindeer and some more dolls and a barbe car and a dog. I would like some candy in my stocking and a Nintendo and a barbe game and some elves in my stocking please.

Dear Santa, I have been good and would like a bike and candy in my stocking and a raindeer and a rocking chair and a dancing horse and 3DS and a hat and scarf. Have a Merry Christmas and I want Grinch.

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Dear Santa, I have been a little bit good. Please can you bring me a Nintendo DS? I love you Santa. I miss you.

Dear Santa, I been a good girl. I want a baby doll and clothes for me and I want a play horse and a DS and Nintendo and I love you and I want a Barbe doll and a book.

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl because I need another dog because my dog got ran over by a truck on his leg and I would like another dog. I would appreciate ti and I like you Santa. And I like a ipad please Santa.

Dear Santa, I Love Santa. I sleep on the couch so I can wait up for him to come. I need a stuffed animal to sleep with. I need a Crayola light bulb.

Dear Santa, I want a Pillow Pet with unicorn. I get on green in conduct everyday. And that is good. Hope to see you soon.

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. Could I have a motorcycle, candy canes, and a Santa toy this year please. Tell Rudolf we painted his face in class.

Dear Santa, I would like an X-Box 360. The ones that are easy and brother can teach you. I need a Christmas ornament for Grandmother, a special one. My Granddad wants a tool set. He doesn't have enough tools.

Dear Santa, Can you bring my sister a LaLa Lupsy doll, one that the hair don't bend. Can I have 2 things? I want a remote control helicopter and a Nintendo 3DS.

Dear Santa, I miss you. I love you. I want a real baby carseat. I already have the baby. I have been good waiting for you.

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a IPod and a Iphone and secret game and tindo 3ps and Mareo 3d and a good Christmas.

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Dear Santa, I have been a good kid. How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus. I love you and the raindeer and Misses Claus and the elves. I would like a Ipad. I would like a raindeer and some more dolls and a barbe car and a dog. I would like some candy in my stocking and a Nintendo and a barbe game and some elves in my stocking please.

Dear Santa, I have been good and would like a bike and candy in my stocking and a raindeer and a rocking chair and a dancing horse and 3DS and a hat and scarf. Have a Merry Christmas and I want Grinch.

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like 3DS and Luigi Monster 2 and stock MARIO and a new shirt with a dragon and a clock.

Dear Santa, I Love you! I would like a Spiderman game and a go cart. I will bring you milk and cookies. Stay Warm!

Dear Santa, How is your workshop? I would like a big air plane that I can drive in the air. I want to come to the North Pole and see you for Christmas. I also want a shot gun to shoot birds. Stay warm Santa.

Dear Santa, You are good at your job. You are nice to bring presents. I want a shotgun with fake Bb's and a race car cell phone this Christmas. Those reindeer flay real good.

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Happenings At FBC!!

Christmas! It's exciting, Christmas is just days away. Happy Birthday to Jesus! Be careful not to get lost in the wrapping paper and gift bags. Cherish the birth of our Savior & His Saving Grace!

Mark your calendars:
Dec. 25th – 10am – Worship Service. Merry Christmas!
Dec. 31st – 8pm to Midnight – New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope Baptist Church.

Jan. 1st – Happy New Year!

Children's Sermon: Traci showed the children an ornament, asked them what it was, and they enthusiastically replied, "An Angel!" The Bible tells us of a special Angel that came to see Mary. Traci then asked the children if they knew who Mary was and Triston said, "The lady who had Jesus." This special Angel told Mary that God sent him to tell her not to be afraid and that God chose her to have His Son. Mary said that she is a servant of the Lord and to let it happen. God has chosen each one of us to do a special job; will you be like Mary, and be glad to do it?

Special Music: All in attendance were wonderfully blessed by the singing of two lovely ladies. Bethany Skiles brought us "Point of Grace" – there is nothing greater than the Grace of Jesus!

Jill Rainey brought us "Mary Did You Know?" – did she know the many things Jesus would do?

Bro. Barry's Message: "Toys, Toys, Toys" – I Timothy 6:6-8 - Do you know the Baby that Mary carried and delivered to live on earth? What place does He have in your life? Christmas time to many children means "toys, toys, toys" and to adults means "money, money, money". God doesn't have anything against you having money, but He does have something against money having you. You must define "enough" in your life. If you are looking for more you will never have enough.

1 Timothy 6: 6) Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7) After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8) So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

I. WHAT IS CONTENTMENT? – The Bible says that if we have "enough", let us be content. Contentment is not laziness. Find satisfaction with what you have.

II. HOW CAN I LEARN CONTENTMENT? - Consideration of Eternity. – Determine your life is worth being Saved by Jesus. Your eternity may be just seconds away. (1 Timothy 6:6&7 and 1 Timothy 6:19)

Understanding Necessity. – Peace cannot be bought. Money is not the answer, but figuring out how to handle it is necessary. (1 Timothy 6:8)

Understanding the Penalty. – Forbes richest could actually pay off America's debt yet have not done it. Only those people know if their money has trapped them. (1 Timothy 6:9&10)

Pursuit of Maturity. – Growing spiritually mature changes your perspective. The greatest and most valuable thing in your life is most likely sitting next to you in Church. You know how important your loved ones are to you, now imagine how much more important they are to Jesus. (1 Timothy 6:11-14 and 1 Timothy 6:16)

If you need healing from an incurable disease, Money and Toys won't help you at all.

If your Family is falling apart, Money and Toys won't mend it. Bro. Barry's Challenge: Leave up your Christmas Tree until you figure out how much is "enough" in your life so you may discover contentment in 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!

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

THEY JUST GOT A PERMIT TO PUMP WASTE INTO THE RIVER. OR HADN'T YOU HEARD?

When government officials make decisions, they must let their citizens know. That's why the state requires them to publish their actions through public notices in newspapers.

But some politicians would prefer to bury public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites – away from public scrutiny!

KEEP THE LIGHT ON PUBLIC NOTICES

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Visitors last Sunday were Frank and Beth Shirley of Gorman. Following the morning worship service all the members and visitors enjoyed a "Pot Luck" lunch at the annex. There was plenty of good food and fellowship for everyone. After lunch, our pastor, Bro. Charlie and Jana was presented a nice gift with much love from all the group. Visitors are invited to attend the Children's Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m. On Christmas Eve followed by the Annual Candlelight Ceremony.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery will celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary on Friday, December 23rd. Pug thinks he deserves a "Purple Heart" - Says he has been wounded several times.

"Happy Birthday" to our great granddaughter, Lorin on Thursday, December 22nd from Granny Coon and Granke Guthery of Desdemona.

Holidays Season is a lonely time for the sick and shut-ins. Take time out of your busy schedule to remember those in our community with your cards and prayers.

Get Well wishes to our friend, Pete Kelley in Sealy, Texas (near Houston) from Pug and Vonnie Guthery. Pete is slowly recovering from recent triple by-pass heart surgery. His wife is the former Alla Rae Friday and classmate of this reporter.

Sorry about the short Desdemona News article this past week as this reporter was sick.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

Merry Christmas to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.



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-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

December 19, 2011

Protecting the B-1 Bomber

Earlier this year, President Obama included a plan in his budget to retire six B-1 bombers in 2012. I am, and continue to be, concerned about the impact of this proposal not just on Dyess Air Force Base, but also on the B-1 bomber fleet and our national security as a whole. Our next generation long-range bomber is at least a decade from rolling off of the production line. Until then, we need to protect and preserve the assets we have.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which passed the House and the Senate last week, included language I initiated regarding the B-1. While the legislation allows for some B-1 retirements, it reduces the initial number from the proposed six to only three. In addition, these retirements will come from the training aircraft, not the combat fleet. Over the next five years, three additional planes may be retired. Also, the Air Force must outline for Congress a long-term plan for the B-1 by outlining how any savings will be spent, and most importantly, how they plan to maintain the rest of the fleet for the next ten years. This is a significant improvement over the President's plan because it gives the Air Force and Congress the chance to carefully evaluate the impact of reducing our bomber fleet before the next generation bomber comes online.

While I have grave concerns regarding the impact of retiring even a single B-1, in this fiscal environment all options are on the table. I will closely monitor this retirement process, and carefully evaluate the plan to keep the B-1 in the skies protecting our nation. I am proud to represent the men and women at Dyess Air Force Base, and this bill will allow the Dyess community to continue to play a vital role in keeping Americans safe.

House Action on Payroll Tax Extension

Last week, the House passed the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act. This bill would extend the payroll tax holiday and unemployment insurance for one year, as well as maintain payments for doctors who treat Medicare patients for two years. After negotiations between Senate Democrats and Senate Republicans, the Senate passed a bill that would extend these programs only until February.

If the Senate bill is signed into law, Congress will have to revisit the issue again in two months. The House is now considering a legislative conference of the two bills to work out the differences before the payroll tax holiday expires on December 31, 2011. At this point in time, the Senate is refusing to reconvene to find common ground.

NDAA Detainee Language

Regarding the National Defense Authorization Act, concerns have been raised about the right of the administration to detain U.S. citizens associated with terrorist groups. Last week, I addressed this issue on my website. To read more information on this and what I think about it, click here.

E-Newsletter Change

In the coming weeks, my office is changing the process we use to send out Randy's Roundup. Nothing will change when you receive the email. However, if you notice you are not receiving the Roundup in the next few weeks, please contact my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-4005 or sign up for the Roundup again on my website.

Merry Christmas!

During this season of hope and joy, we thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon our great nation. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of 19th Congressional District in Congress. Your prayers and support throughout the year are a true blessing. I am also thankful for our troops—many who are away from their homes and families this holiday season. We thank them for their sacrifices and devoted service.

May the joy of the season bring hope to you and your family, and may we never forget the greatest gift of all, the reason we celebrate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Dana and I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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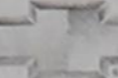
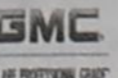
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