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Miss and Little Miss Gorman

The Miss/Little Miss Gorman 2012 contest is coming to an end. The Miss Gorman candidates this year are: Lauren Spivey, Chamber of Commerce; Stephanie Grissom, Fire Department; and Rasha Rainey, Lion's Club. The Little Miss candidates this year are: Angelica DeLeon, Lion's Club; Seanna Jones, Fire Department; Alizabeth Wilder, Chamber of Commerce; Kamry Brown, Bob's Grocery; Hadli Hampton, Panda's Flowers & Gifts; and Lily Madera, Gorman Pharmacy. The Little Miss candidates have cans out all over town. Please help them with a donation as this is the only way they can make money. The Miss Gorman candidates have many fundraisers in progress. Support them, please, as this is a lot of work and they work very hard for this contest.

The proceeds from this project go back into our community; much of it goes to help out with the kid's projects in Gorman, such as scholarships, the Easter Treasure Hunt and the Livestock Show.

The Miss/Little Miss Gorman pageant will be held on June 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Many thanks go to Mykisha Hampton and Markee Simmons, Miss and Little Miss Gorman 2011 for representing Gorman at many functions this past year. They have represented us very well. We look forward to crowning the 2012 Miss and Little Miss Gorman.

Carbon Community Center News

Several events have been scheduled for June. The Eastland County Chamber of Commerce luncheon is scheduled for June 20 (at 11:00am), the Mitchell Family Reunion is scheduled for June 23 and 24 and the Carbon 5th Saturday Musical will be held June 30th, with music and dinner offered for \$5, beginning at 5:30pm.

During the June 30th Musical, drawings will be held for gifts donated by The Silver Bullet, Higginbotham Brothers, Greer's Clothing and Radio Shack. Tickets will be issued with the purchase of a meal. Winners of these gifts will be pleased that they participated.

Groups or individuals wishing to sing or play should contact T.J. Cummings, at 254-488-1249, in order to be scheduled. We extend our thanks, in advance, to these musicians for using their talent to provide pleasure for others. We understand that a local choir may offer gospel music which, in previous Musicals, has been well received.

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 significance. The Center is home for memorabilia from the Carbon ISD and is an ideal site for reunions, weddings, anniversary celebrations, meetings, dinners and musicals. It is often used as the polling place for Carbon. If you are interested in using the Center for your next meeting, please contact Janis Keith at 254-639-2210, or Tonne Rogers, at 254-639-2551.

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 long range plans to invite your neighbors and bring your family to our June Musical. We hope to see you there.

BRITTANY ELIZABETH BRINEGAR GRADUATED MAGNA CUM LAUDE FROM JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL ON SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 3



Brittany's family celebrated with her as she walked across the grandstand to receive her diploma. She was the Sports Editor for the newspaper and graduated in the top 10% of her 700 fellow graduates.

Karen Morazzano-Brinegar and John Edwin Brinegar are her parents. Joyce and John Brinegar and Carol Morazzano and the late Eli Morazzano are Brittany's proud grandparents. The commencement exercise was held at the University of Texas in Arlington where Brittany plans to continue her education.

The families met in Ft. Worth at Joe T. Garcia's on Sunday evening. Celebrating the event with her, in addition to parents and grandparents, were aunts, uncles and cousins. The families reminisced, took pictures and ate on the patio.

Homestead Nursing and Rehab - We will be offering Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Checks on Friday, June 28th from 9 a.m. To 2 p.m.

"Tour The Peanut Country" Bike Ride & Walk/Run Event Scheduled For July 14th

An Annual Bike Ride and 5K Run/walk brought to you by the Gorman Lions Club and the Gorman VFD. The 13th Annual "Tour of the Peanut Country" begins in the quaint downtown Gorman City Park. Pick one of four routes of your choice that will have you traveling through the scenic farming country of Eastland County. The scenery will generally be rolling hills and the curves along farm to market roads or shouldered state highways. The ride will start at 8:00 a.m. with no starts later than 9:00 a.m. The course will close at 2:00 p.m. This year we are adding the 5K Run/Walk to the events. The run will start just after the bike ride start.

There will be frequent rest stops stocked with water, Gatoraid, snacks, fresh fruits and more. Sag wagons will be available should you have any medical trouble or need medical assistance.

Where is Gorman -- From Fort Worth : Drive west on I-20 to Hwy 16 Exit (Strawn - DeLeon). Go south to Hwy 8 in Desdemona. Go West to Gorman 8 miles. From Austin : Take Hwy 183 North to Goldthwaite and turn North on Hwy 16 to DeLeon, then West on Hwy 6 to Gorman. From Waco : Take Hwy 6 West to Gorman. From Abilene : Drive East on I-20 to Eastland Exit 340, then South on Hwy 6 to Gorman

Registration opens at 7:00 a.m. at the City Park (Right at the blinking yellow light on Hwy. 6, then 4 blocks to downtown).

First 50 Pre-registered riders will receive a t-shirt along with other assorted goodies

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USDA CCC - 2012 Crop Loan Rates Announced

USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced 2012-crop loan rates for four types of peanuts.

CCC calculated the price support levels for each peanut type using the same method as last year. CCC uses the national average loan rate of \$355 per ton and five-year average quality factors, along with a three-year simple average weighted production. The rates take effect

Aug. 1, 2012, the beginning of the peanut crop year. For an average grade ton of 2012-crop peanuts, loan levels by type are:

Runner-type peanuts - \$354.65 per ton
Spanish-type peanuts - \$338.91 per ton
Valencia-type peanuts - \$358.17 per ton
Virginia-type peanuts - \$358.17 per ton

CCC applies premiums and discounts for quality factors to compute the loan value for an individual ton of peanuts. The actual loan level depends on the percent of various sizes of kernels in each ton. CCC uses the percentage of sound mature kernels (SMK) and sound splits (SS) to compute the basic loan value of the load. SMKs are whole kernels that pass over the testing screen officially designated for each type of peanut. Sound splits are whole kernels split into two pieces. Excess sound splits receive discounts. There are discounts for other kernels (OK), damaged kernels (DK) and foreign materials (FM). An additional discount occurs for loose shell kernels (LSK). Other quality discounts also may apply.

For each percent of SMK in a ton of peanuts, plus each percent of SS, the loan levels are:

Runner-type peanuts - \$4.869 per percent
Spanish-type peanuts - \$4.845 per percent
Valencia-type peanuts - \$5.286 per percent
Virginia-type peanuts - \$4.966 per percent

Additional peanut program information is available from Tonye Gross at (202) 720-4319 or via e-mail at tonye.gross@wdc.usda.gov.

Last Chance For Recipes

This is the last week to get your recipes included in the New Gorman Cookbook. June 30th is the deadline for sending in your recipes. Don't miss out, the more recipes and the more contributors the better. The Chamber of Commerce plans to have this cookbook available for sale by late summer. The proceeds will go to update the Gorman Swimming Pool. Drop them by the City Office to Jill, or at the school to Terry or Email to:

Terry Treadway - terry@cctc.net
Jill Rainey - katiethan@yahoo.com
Cliffa Vaughn - vaughn.cliffa53@gmail.com

Gorman Lady Panthers 8 Under Softball Team



The Gorman Lady Panther 8 Under Coach Pitch Softball Team would like to thank Panda's Flowers and Gifts and Clark Construction for the donation.

REMINDER: As written in Ordinance # 240 of the City of Gorman, no person shall sell, use, discharge or ignite any kind of firecracker, torpedo, missile or other detonator within the City Limits without obtaining a permit through the City Commission. We hope you enjoy your 4th of July. Also, the City office will be closed July 4th for the holiday.

Knights of Columbus to Hold Third Annual Barbeque Friday, June 29th at Cisco Chamber Pavilion

The Knights of Columbus will be having their third annual Barbeque Friday, June 29th starting at 11am under the Cisco Chamber Pavilion. They will be serving a BBQ sandwich with pickles, chips and ice tea for \$6.00. And if you don't want a sandwich you can have a sausage on the stick with ice tea for \$2.50. All proceed will be in support to our local life changing resource center, The Open Door. The donations they receive will help parents provide for the needs of their children through classes, mentoring, and supplies.

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

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, JULY 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, 156 N. Mohon, De Leon, Tx 76444 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

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43A: Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced. Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre.

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

77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.

158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/C, 1500+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fence, water well, steel pens. \$525,000.

179 A: south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building \$2,350.00 acre.

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322A: Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A, Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$7,300 A.

NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.

407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 acre, 6 ponds, 2 water wells, metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Irene Beaty

Dorothy Irene Beaty, age 85 of Gorman, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at the Homestead Nursing & Rehab of Gorman.

Services were at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 23, 2012 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory in Comanche County.

Mrs. Beaty was born May 31, 1927 in Sipe Springs, Texas in Comanche County to Arthur Newton Turner and Effie Leeoda Medart Turner. She married James Claxton "J.C." Beaty on January 10, 1959 in Carbon, Texas. He preceded her in death on November 11, 1983. She attended Gorman High School and was a long time resident of Gorman. She embraced the arms of the Lord June 20, 2012.

Dorothy loved the Lord and loved to sing songs praising God. The family wishes to express many thanks to the Homestead Nursing & Rehab of Gorman, Lighthouse Hospice and her church family. She was well loved and cared for by all her friends and family.

She is survived by her son, Joe Alvin Beaty and wife, Amy of Lakeland, Florida as well as grandchildren, Aaron, Zach, Joshua and Adam; sisters, Helen Denton of San Angelo, TX and Juanita Spence of Little Elm, TX and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Lonnie Turner, Johnny Turner, and C.B. Turner, sisters, Leeoda Leathers, Nettie Denton, Vada Collins and Annie Turner.

Ira Oren Webb

Ira Oren Webb, age 75 of Leander formerly of Gorman, passed away Saturday, June 23, 2012 at his home.

Services were at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday at the Kokomo Baptist Church with James Hunter, Richard Watson and Jacob Webb officiating. Burial was at Simpson Cemetery. Funeral services under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Oren was born June 16, 1937 in St. Joseph, Missouri to Charles Chester Webb and Emma Mae Bell Webb. He married Norma Jacobs on January 29, 1966 in Midland, Texas. Oren served in the National Guard and was an environmental instructor for Eagle Construction Co. He was a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church for 45 years. The last two years he had been a member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Cedar Park.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Webb of Leander; two daughters, Judy Porter of Leander and Laura Shelton of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; three sons, Jamie Webb of Granbury, Stacy Webb of Gorman and Andrew Bias of Oklahoma; two sisters, Monnie Harrison of Pompano Beach, Florida and Myrna Dowdell of Tallahassee, Florida, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers and granddaughters will be honorary pallbearers.

William Smith "Bill" Craig, Jr.

William Smith "Bill" Craig, Jr., passed away Thursday June 14, 2012 at his home in Comanche after a long illness. He was born October 26, 1924 in Desdemona Texas to William S. Craig, Sr. and Ruth Wilhite Craig. He attended school in Desdemona.

Bill served two tours of duty in the United States Army during, and shortly after, World War II. His first tour began February 26, 1943 with basic training at Camp Barkley in Abilene, Texas. He then trained with the 25th Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. From there he spent time in England, Belgium and Germany before going to France where he helped set up a tent hospital. He was later sent back to the States where he was discharged January 9, 1946 at Camp Fanning in Tyler, Texas. He reenlisted May 14, 1949 in Abilene and served at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, Hamilton Field, California, and then spent two years in Anchorage Alaska before being sent to the Letterman Hospital in San Francisco, California. He was discharged November 6, 1952. During this time he Married Ruby Sutton July 1, 1951 in Gustine, Texas. They have lived in Comanche for the past forty three years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Craig of Comanche, daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Mike Stepken of Stephenville, Son Rodger Craig; seven Grandchildren and eight great grand children, two brothers, Doug Craig of Desdemona and Jim Craig of Houston. Six sisters, Geraldine Zummer of Carbon, Maxine Lawles of DeLeon, Helen Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Mary Sue Garza of Houston, Doris Whitley of Granbury and Vera Love of Horseshoe Bay. He is preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, a daughter Brenda Reed and two brothers, J. T. Craig and Jack Craig. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery June 18, 2012.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given to all students with disabilities (or parents of students) who attended school at Cisco ISD, Eastland ISD, Gorman ISD, Moran ISD, or Ranger ISD. Student files for students who have been inactive for 7 years or who graduated 7 years ago, PRIOR TO JULY, 2005, WILL BE DESTROYED. This is in compliance with state regulations. [Local Government Code 202.001]

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A Letter To The Editor -
About Rodney King By Henry A. Buchanan

Rodney King is dead. His body was found at the bottom of his swimming pool. It is the end of a short and tragic life. Running, fear crazed and hatred driven, he tried to escape the four policemen but they caught him and beat him badly; but the beating was videotaped and Los Angeles burned, men died, many were injured, and Rodney King survived to write his own story. It was a plea to the society that had beaten him. "Can we all get along?"

Rodney King's story is the story of a black man against the armed power of the white man in control. It is also a story of attempted forgiveness and redemption.

Forgiveness comes hard and redemption is not always a constant state of well being. Sometimes the old hatred comes back in the form of despair, and the redemption feels like a return to the slavery of fear. The story of Rodney King is in his own book though, and America, struggling for survival, ought to read it. This is the essence of our troubled government. Our troubled world. It is the essence of the family, even the lonely individual man. Can we all get along (together)?

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 6/24/2012

Use Caution During Fourth of July holiday

With Independence Day celebrations drawing near, Texas Forest Service officials are reminding residents to exercise caution outdoors and remember that just one spark can cause a devastating wildfire.

About 90 percent of wildfires in Texas are human-caused, which means they can be prevented. As residents enjoy building a campfire, shooting off celebratory fireworks in approved areas or cooking on the grill, they're asked to take a few safety precautions to ensure their homes and families are protected.

Texas Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface and Prevention Coordinator Justice Jones said that while drought conditions have improved for much of the state, wildfire potential still exists – especially in areas where consecutive days of hot temperatures have dried out the vegetation.

"We don't want to discourage anyone from enjoying the holiday; we just want to remind people that Texas is still prone to wildfire danger," Jones said. "We're still seeing almost daily local activity in some parts of the state."

There are several things you can do to help prevent wildfires:

Check for and obey burn bans and fireworks restrictions.

If outdoor burning is allowed, create a firebreak (down to bare dirt) around an outdoor fire before igniting the materials to be burned.

Keep water nearby just in case a fire starts. It doesn't take much of a spark or burning ember to ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grass and weeds.

Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.

Only use fireworks with close adult supervision. Use fireworks only in areas clear of dead, dry grass and weeds.

Avoid using fireworks, particularly aerial varieties, around buildings. Winds can carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.

Burn bans and fireworks restrictions are determined by county government. Texas Forest Service does not take a position on the use of fireworks nor does the agency determine, set or lift any restrictions on fireworks.

Gorman City Minutes

MAY 3, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, commissioners Joe Casey, David Stanley, and Durward Webb. Absent was Kenneth Good. Others present were Barbara Fenley, T J Cummings, and Dylan Cogburn.

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.

David made the motion to approve the minutes and to correct the 4th paragraph. At the April 5, 2012 meeting we need to note now that Steve Singleton cannot do the cross connection inspections, and Jacob and Martin can help with the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. The April 19 meeting Durward made the second to approve the minutes, with these notations and corrections Durward made the second to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

T J Cummings was present to request water in return for "millings" to repair approximately 800 yards of City streets. The City and the County will form or revise the County / City of Gorman interlocal agreement.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from David. Motion carried 3-0. (Check on the Industrial Chem Lab bill) No Citizens were present for Citizens In Put.

Barbara was present for questions on monthly report. The judge's report was presented to each Commissioner.

Items #8 and 9 were tabled. These items were the Staff Water mete acquisitions and the city pool repairs.

There being no further agenda items for consideration, David made the motion to adjourn. Durward made a second. Motion carried 3-0, time was 6:23 p.m.

MAY 17, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Kenneth Good, David Stanley, and Joe Casey. Absent was Durward Webb. Others attending were Dylan Cogburn, Patricia Gutierrez, Barbara Fenley, Curtis Gilder, Leland Rainey, and Billy Carson.

Before the meeting was called to order, Tacy read the Oaths of Office to Robert Ervin, Joe Casey, Dylan Cogburn as Robert Ervin was sworn in as Mayor, and Joe and Dylan were sworn in as City Commissioners Places #2 and #4.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:39 p.m.

Tacy read the minutes of the previous meeting. David made the motion to approve the minutes as read with one spelling correction in paragraph 8, the word meter. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Patricia Gutierrez was present to present pictures of the mobile home that she and her family plan to move in after cleaning up and clearing a lot they recently purchased inside the city limits. She requested a mobile home permit based on the commissions approval. The Commission approved the permit. She will be in on or around the 21st of May to purchase the permit.

No action was taken on the Staff Water Meter item.

The Commission decided to move forward with pool repairs and opening the City pool. David and Michelle Gray will be operating the pool again this year.

Tacy read Resolution #2012-05-17, a Resolution denying the Mid-Tex Division of Atmos Energy Corp.'s statement of intent to change the gas utility rates in the municipality, so that the company may pursue a system-wide rate case with the Railroad Commission of Texas. Joe made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to recend the previous motion appointing Steve Singleton to do the cross connection / backflow prevention inspections. These inspections cannot be performed by a licensed plumber. The person performing the inspection must be a licensed to inspect these connections. Joe made a second. The motion carried 4-0. Leland has contacted a licensed inspector who will perform this task for the City, but it will have to be an after hours duty.

David made the motion to approve Lelands request to order new street signs to replace damaged or missing ones. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

@ 6:10 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0.

@ 6:30 p.m. Joe made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further agenda items for consideration Dylan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:35 p.m.

Tarleton Releases Distinguished Students' List

Tarleton State University has released the Distinguished Students list for the spring 2012 semester. Students on the list include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C,' and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C.' All must be in good standing with the university.

Students making the list include the following: Jeri Serratt of Desdemona is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Engineering. Stephanie Garcia of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Social Work. Veronica Walton of Desdemona is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Biomedical Science. Scott Jordan of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Ag Services and Development. Adriana Madera of Gorman is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Social Work. Lisa Cooper of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. Veda Holland of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Communications. Emily Auvenshine of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Psychology. Tiffanie Forbus of Carbon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Art. Angela Clark of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. Montica Newby of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. Ashley Auvenshine of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Undeclared. Floyd Pearson of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Undeclared. Heidi Britain of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Animal Production. Tamila Henson of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in English. Margaret Nabors of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Music. Timothy Lukacz of Gorman is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Applied Science. Yvonne Gray of Gorman is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Social Work. Santiago Soto of Carbon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Computer Information Systems. Destiny Gonzales of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Kinesiology.

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

Tarleton Releases 'A' Honor Roll List

Tarleton State University has released its "A" Honor Roll list for the spring 2012 semester. Students listed have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Students making the list include the following: Trevor Nowlin of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Kinesiology. Joshua Draeger of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Environmental Engineering. Maria Chavez of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Pre Nursing. Matthew Nowlin of Gorman is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Economics. Meghan Wheat of Carbon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies. Megan Williams of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Undeclared. Cassie Howard of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Business Administration. Emily Lewis of Gorman is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences. Maria Garcia of De Leon is enrolled at Tarleton's Stephenville campus and majoring in Spanish.

Tarleton Releases May 2012 Graduation Lists

Tarleton State University's spring commencement was held May 12, 2012 at Tarleton's Memorial Stadium. 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). Rebecca Koenig of De Leon graduated Cum Laude from Tarleton State University with a Master of Science degree in Agriculture from the university's Stephenville campus.

Nichole Forbus of Carbon graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Sciences from the university's Stephenville campus.

Matthew Nowlin of Gorman graduated Summa Cum Laude from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the university's Stephenville campus.

Santiago Soto of Carbon graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems from the university's Stephenville campus. Yhdira Garcia of De Leon graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from the university's Stephenville campus. Whitney McDonald of De Leon graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the university's Stephenville campus. Meghan Wheat of Carbon graduated Summa Cum Laude from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the university's Stephenville campus.

Yvonne Gray of Gorman graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree in Social Work from the university's Stephenville campus. Lashae Sanders of De Leon graduated from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the university's Stephenville campus.

"On The Wilder Side"

I recently read an article called "Is Your Church Visitor Friendly" in the July 2012 edition of the Christian Chronicle and it got me to do some serious head scratching.

The article's main premise was that churches today really are friendly, but are usually only friendly to each other and routinely ignore visitors. This is something that I, myself, have noticed. I have had several occasions to visit other congregations either on vacation, job interviews, or as guest speaker, and I have discovered that most churches aren't really that friendly to visitors. Of course, most people usually fall over themselves getting to you once they realize that you're the preacher. But what if you're not the preacher? What if you're the average "Joe" who isn't sure what's going on, where to go, and what to do?

Truth be told, we get more excited about seeing old friends than meeting new ones. It's not that we are unfriendly... many will shake a hand and say "it's so nice to have you visiting with us today and hope you come back" but that's about it. Whatever happened to making someone feel wanted rather than welcomed. We might make others feel welcome, but do we make them feel wanted?

When I was a teenager, my family and I were "looking for a new church" so we visited several congregations in the area. I learned quickly that it is easy to come in, sit down, worship, and then leave without ever being noticed. Don't get me wrong, all of them were welcoming. But I also remember one specific place where the other teens actually invited me to sit with them. And after worship, a family invited us to dinner with them. This was the only place that made us feel wanted.

My challenge to you, oh Christian, is to do more than say "hello" and "come back", but invite them to sit with you, then to lunch. We've got to force ourselves to stay focused on others rather than ourselves. Sure, it's hard work, but whoever said that being a Christian is easy?

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

Gorman City Minutes

JUNE 7, 2012

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners David Stanley, Kenneth Good, Joe Casey, and Dylan Cogburn. Also present were Barbara Fenley, Billy Carson, Mrs. Madera, Hank Rainey, Joe Williams, and Curtis Gilder.

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

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

David made the motion to approve the minutes with two corrections, in paragraph 10 David made the motion to pass the Atmos Resolution, and no action was taken after adjourning from Executive Session. Dylan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

David made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2012 minutes correcting the spelling of budget. Kenneth made a second, motion carried 4-0.

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

Reports were submitted by Judge Seay, and Barbara Fenley, and Curtis and Hank were present at the meeting.

David made the motion to accept Leland Rainey's resignation. Dylan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Under New Business Birdsong requested that the same option that was granted to the Abbey's be considered for them. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Patricia "Peachy" Madera presented a request for a mobile home permit. Patricia had pictures of the mobile home. The Commission found it to comply with the City's mobile home ordinance. David made the motion to grant the permit once the \$50 fee was paid. Kenneth made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken on items 8 & 9.

David made the motion to order the table and chairs for the Community Center with the funds that have been put aside and saved. Joe made a second. Motion carried. The placement of the existing tables and chairs will be discussed at the next meeting.

Joe made the motion to declare the 2000 Dodge Pick Up surplus property. David made a second to this motion. Motion carried 4-0. The pick up needs transmission repaired / replaced and extensive dash work.

Curtis made an offer for the pick up. Joe made the motion to accept with a second from David. Motion carried 4-0.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2012-01 2012-13 Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Dyaln made the motion to pass, adopt and approve this ordinance so the City can provide a budget for the upcoming year. Kenneth made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Kenneth made the motion to appoint Type A EDC Board members Jill Rainey and Verganna Halbrook, and Type B EDC Board members Mark Wilkerson, Joe Casey, Verganna Halbrook, and Jill Rainey. Dylan made a second to the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Joe abstained from voting.

At 6:05 p.m. David made the motion to go into Executive Session. Joe made the second. Motion carried 4-0.

At 6:35 p.m. Kenneth made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. David made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Kenneth made the motion to hire Joe Williams as the Public Works Director @ \$15.00 per hour. Joe currently retains his Class C Water License, and his Customer Service Inspection license. He will re-acquire his Class C Wastewater License. Joe will be on the 90 day probation period. The Commission will evaluate at the end of this period. Dylan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

David had to leave at 6:40 p.m.

The Commission discussed some budge considerations. Joe made the motion to approve proposed amounts for the 2012-13budget and to consider more adjustments at the June 21st meeting. Kenneth made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Hank had inquiries he wanted to discuss with the City Commission. The Commission discussed the use of City owned equipment. This will be put on the next agenda.

There being no further agenda items for consideration, Dylan made the motion to adjourn with a second from Kenneth. Motion carried 3-0, time was 7:25 p.m.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We enjoyed a good crowd, out for our lunch on the 20 of June. There were 24 here to visit and eat. Hurray! I hope this continues even when I can't be here with you. This should be a group effort and all work together. Bro. Frank Shirley gave the blessing for us all. We did miss Martha Rainey and Sandy Warren. Hope they can return in July.

Our meal was delicious with Meat Loaf, Two Chicken Vegetable Casseroles, two pans of fresh squash, so good. Also fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, green salad, peas, mixed vegetables with cheese and rolls. Good to have Betty back with her rolls, even when they don't rise. HA! We decided her yeast must of been dead. The highlight of the meal was Ray Warren's, Chicken and Dumplings! Goldie with him, good to see both of you. We enjoyed for desserts - 3 cakes, lemon, carrot and white. Jello with fruit, cookies and iced Tea.

Sandra Cagle was here to visit and dine with Wilburn Overstreet. Great to see him and Estelle Lindley both 96! Always good to have Frank and Beth Shirley with us. Also Cliffla Vaughn, Jill Rainey, and Debra Jackson. Debra always helps us clean up. Thanks to Geraldine Wright and Ellen Parker for your help in the kitchen. We still miss Jerry Underwood. I visited and carried her some food from the dinner. She looks good, just slowed up. I believe she is now 92.

I visited with Daisy Slaton a week ago. She is OK. Her sister Velsie Rawson not like being there, hopefully she will adapt. Its a wonderful place, the Woodlands in Eastland. You have all the help you would ever need. Three meals a day plus snacks. You can eat in your room, but they prefer you come to the dining room if able.

My family and I went to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for my Grandson Markus's Wedding on May 19th. They enjoyed a lovely outdoor garden ceremony. Could hardly believe anything that beautiful in the prairie. There were Arbors with grapes growing over them, Arches for the service, Gazebos for ambience and many beautiful flowers and plants. All went well except a mixup in ushering. So my Son Mark walked me down the aisle. The two Mothers escorted each other. They did something I had never seen, put colored sand in a hour glass. This instead of Unity Candle.

We will go out to eat on Thursday the 28th at Hwy. 6 in De Leon. Try and be there by 5:30. I wanted to do this before hot weather, but it is here. We are in for it this week, every day 100 plus. We will meet July 18th for lunch, you all come. - Carol.

4-H NEWS

Camp Chef

Are your children always "helping" in the kitchen, asking to bake cookies or a cake? Camp Chef is perfect for your child. Camp Chef will be one day of cooking, community service and games. Camp Chef will be July 10th at the Rising Star Baptist Church Recreation Center. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the camp ending by 3:00 p.m. The camp will be for ages 9 to 18 years of age. Cost of camp will be \$15.00 per participant. Registration deadline is July 6, 2012. Space is limited, so call today to register! Please call Halee Mitchell at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 254/629-2222 for more information about this camp or to register.

4-H Members Compete At State

Eastland County 4-H members competed at the 75th Annual State 4-H RoundUp in Lubbock. This was a time of excitement, reward and fun for these outstanding young people in our community. In order to advance to state competition, a senior 4-H member (14-18 years of age) must win 1st at County and 1st at District competition. From there they compete at RoundUp and face the top winner from each of the twelve districts in Texas. The competition is rigid and there is only one First Place Winner for the State of Texas in each category!

Aubrey Lawrence, a Rising Star 4-H member, competed in the Public Speaking Event. Aubrey's speech covered the topic of bullying and methods of stopping this fast growing problem among youth today.

The Wool Judging Team competed at State. The team consisted of Kinsey Nall of Rising Star 4-H, Aubrey Lawrence of Rising Star 4-H and Heather Henson of Carbon 4-H.

The Quilt Challenge Teams competed against 45 quilts and unfortunately did not place in the top three. The 4-H Quilt Challenge is an opportunity for 4-H members to design a quilt around a piece of fabric and display the quilt at Texas RoundUp. This year Eastland County 4-H had two quilt teams. One team consisted of Kacey Jo Stevens, Kaitlyn Schaefer, Emma Stinnette, Michelle Cooper, Kasen Conring and Kobe Conring all of the Red Gap 4-H Club. The other team was from Rising Star 4-H; members participating on that team were Jill Keierleber and Hannah Willett. These quilts are currently on display in the lobby of the courthouse.

Hailey Parks of Carbon 4-H also serves on the State Clothing Advisory Board. This committee of youth is responsible for the clothing and textiles projects on the state level.

Attending RoundUp as coaches were: County Extension Agents Halee Mitchell and Makenzie Wyatt and Wool Judging Coach Karl Winge, Adult Leader of the Carbon 4-H.

For more information on 4-H and how to get involved, please contact the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-2222 or look for us on facebook at Eastland County 4-H.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Makenzie Wyatt

HAY STORAGE AND TESTING

Hay is being bailed all over the county these past couple of weeks. With decent rain falling over most of the county, both quality and quantity seem to be high. I am wanting to stress how important storage is to hay producers.

The percentage of moisture content at storage, the greater the losses. High moisture conditions allow hay to heat up, which causes losses. The degree of heating that develops during storage depends on the moisture of the hay and its density, size and shape in storage. Tight round bales suffer fewer losses than do loose ones.

The main factor in controlling nutrient loss or retention in storage is exposure to moisture. Research has shown that a firm round bale stored outside for 1 year loses 22 percent of its dry matter. When stored outside for 2 years, the same bale loses 25 percent dry matter -- meaning that it has only 75 percent of its original weight remaining for feeding. The most nutrient losses occur on the outer portion of the bale.

In the Overton study, large round bales of coastal bermudagrass hay were stored for 112 days. During that period, the protein content dropped by almost 2 percent in the middle of the bale and by 14 percent on the outside. The digestible dry matter decreased 11 percent in the middle and 32 percent on the outer surface.

A round bale's greatest loss occurs at the bottom of the bale where it touches the soil. Purdue University conducted a study of round bales that were stored inside, outside on the ground or outside on crushed rocks. The bale stored inside retained 92 percent of its original weight. The bale stored outside on crushed rock retained 85 percent of its original weight. The bale stored outside on the ground retained only 76 percent of its original weight. The results indicate the producers should store bales in well-drained areas where moisture does not accumulate and water will run off.

Forage analysis can help you determine both the nutritive value and potential toxicity of forage, as well as the need for protein and mineral supplements. Accurate analysis requires that forage be sampled properly so that representative samples are delivered to the testing laboratory.

For more information on hay analysis, contact the Eastland County Extension Office at 254/629-1093 and talk with County Extension Agent Makenzie Wyatt.

Youth Choir of Desdemona



The Youth Choir of Desdemona First Baptist Church entertained a large crowd on Sunday, June 24th celebrating the Church's 140th Anniversary, 1872-2012.

Guest speakers was Pastor Kyle Childress, Austin Heights Baptist Church in Nacogdoches. Also sharing his ministry was Pastor Jimmy Gentry, Tabernacle Baptist Church in Carrollton, Georgia, both are friends of Desdemona First Baptist Church Pastor Charles Johnson.

Many out of town membes shared the wonderful occasion. All enjoyed a Bar-B-Que Lunch and the graduation of the Bible School Students.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona celebrated 140 years of continued Christian Leadership in the Church and in our Community on Sunday, June 24, 2012. A large crowd, approximately 135 attended the morning worship program followed by a Bar-B-Que Dinner at the Church Annex. Afternoon program was enjoyed with all the children singing their Special Songs. Other Special Music was presented by Alanna Hubbard, David Shirley and Jana Johnson. Guest Speakers were Kyle Childress of Nacogdoches and Jimmy Gentry of Carrollton, Georgia. Thank you to all the guest speakers, special music and all the helpers. Also a Special Thanks to Lee and Sonja Hornback as they cooked and served all the Bar-b-que and *it was very good!* Also Thanks to Linda Lindley for the beautiful three tier cake decorated for the 140 Celebration. Also Thanks to Carol Sue Willis as she made all the robes for the Children's Choir. It is always good when everyone can work together doing their part working for the Lord. Thanks again to everyone.

Bobby and Grace (Fonville) Horton of Tomball, Texas visited the past weekend with her friend, Carol Sue Willis. They attended First Baptist Church for the 140 Celebration. Grace is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended School.

La Rue (Carr) Campbell of Andrews, Texas visited the past few days with her sister, Linda Lindley and family and Rena Maltby and family. The Carr family attended school in Desdemona.

Get Well wishes to Nancy (Tidwell) Bond as she recovers from recent surgery.

Larry and Gay Moore reported their four month old great grandsons are doing real good. These twin boys will be spoiled rotten. Parents are Jeremy and Chelsea Lanier of Stephenville.

Donald Brazell of Stephenville recently suffered a heart attack and is in a Fort Worth hospital. Donald attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1950. His wife is the former Ann Carr. Friends of Desdemona send Get Well Wishes to Donald.

Have a good day, "Coon"

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