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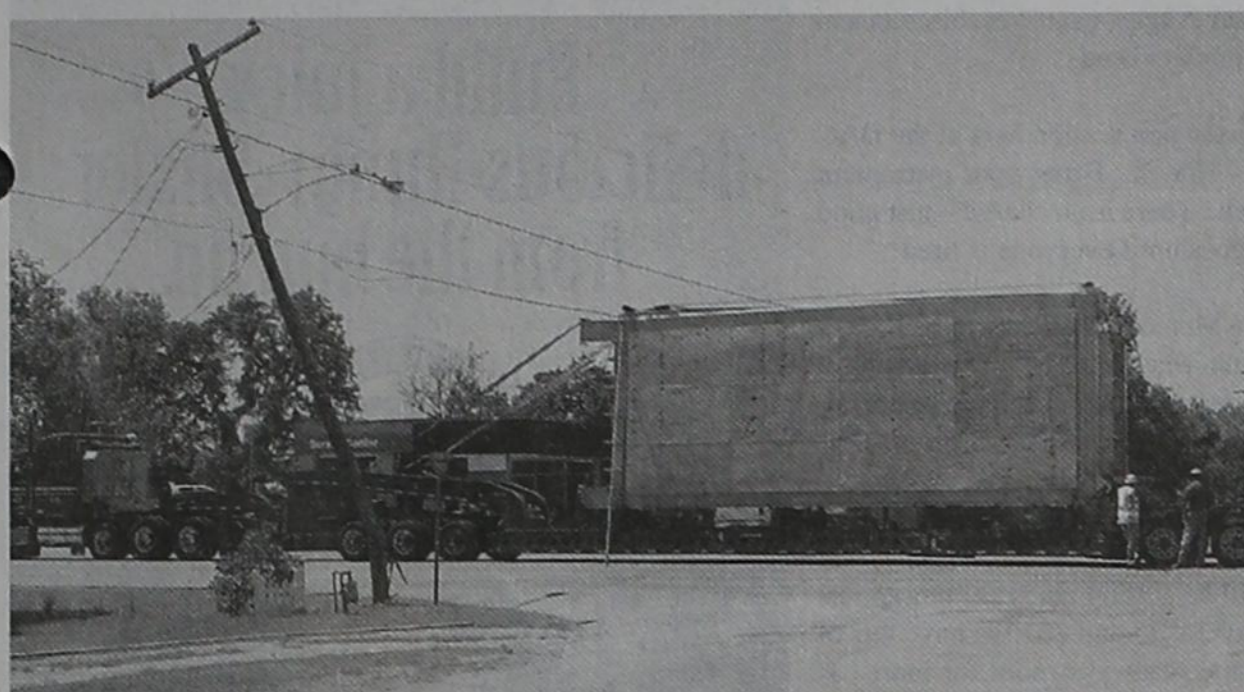
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## Oversize Load Blocks Highway 6 For Several Hours



The Oversized load shown above apparently hung the cable line crossing Highway 6 in Gorman on Friday, April 25. The load was stopped and had the highway blocked for several hours. Oncor and the Reach Cable company had to notified to come out and repair the pole and restore the power and cable service to some customers in Gorman. After the line was lifted up the oversize load was allowed to continue on its trip down Highway 6. The Gorman Police Department helped with traffic control and the Volunteer Fire Department was on site to protect in case of fire and also to help with traffic while this event was happening.

## Panther Baseball News

4-26-12

The Game regularly scheduled between Gorman and May for Monday the 30th was moved to last Thursday the 26th. The Panthers jumped out to a 10 run lead after 2 innings and held on for an 11-0 win in five innings. The win secures at least a share of the District 11-A Championship.

Zach Carlton struck out 4 in 2 innings, Dakota Pacheco struck out 5 in 2-innings, and Matt Fox finished the last inning with 1 strikeout, to complete the shut-out of the Tigers.

The Panthers collected 11 runs on 10 hits. BJ Ramirez led the way for the Panthers with a double, single, and a walk. Matt Fox had 2 singles and 2 Base on Balls. Dakota Pacheco had a triple and scored 3 runs. Zach Carlton had a single and 2 Base on Balls. Jon Fenley had 2 singles and 3 RBI. Sergio Hipolito had a nice Sac bunt and scored a run. Sheldon Fenley was 1 for 4 with a single and a scored run. Daniel Herrera had a Base on Balls, and Yovani Palacios had a single and a Base on Balls. The Panthers improved to 11-7 on the season and 7-1 in District.

4-30-12

The Goldthwaite Eagles beat the DeLeon Bearcats by a score of 7-4 on Monday night. The win sets up a seeding game between the Panthers and the Eagles for the number one District 11 seed. The team's finished with identical district records (7-1). The Panthers beat Goldthwaite by a score of 1-0 in Gorman on 3-23-12. The Eagles returned the favor with a 4-3 win on 4-17-12. The seeding game will be played on Tuesday May 1st in Comanche at 5:00. The winner will receive a Bye during the Bi-District Round and play the winner between Ranger and Petrolia in the Area Round. The looser will play either Meridian or Moody the # 3 seed from district 12 in the Bi-District Round. Meridian and Moody play at 7:30 in Valley Mills on Tuesday May 1st.

## OAKLAND CEMETERY MEETING SLATED

The Oakland Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 5. The meeting will convene at 10 AM in the Gorman Hotel Lobby. Anyone interested in the upkeep of this beautiful cemetery is invited and encouraged to attend.

## 8th Grade Parent Meeting

Eighth grade parents are invited to attend a parent meeting Thursday, May 3rd at 6:30 in the high school computer lab. The meeting will address high school graduation requirements and end of course exams.

## Gorman High School Honor Roll Fifth Sixth Weeks

Correction - We had the wrong last know on Sergio last time. **Junior Class - A** - Luis Limon; **A-B** - Jasmeen DeLaTorre, Sergio Garcia, Viridiana Maldonado, Margarita Oronia, Robert Shawver and Rachel Tucker.

## Routine Monitoring Violation Total Coliform Rule

City of Gorman, PWS 0670003, failed to collect the required number of bacteriological samples for coliform monitoring of the water distribution system during the month of February 2012. This monitoring is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's "Drinking Water Standards" and the federal "Safe Drinking Water Act," Public Law 95-523.

Bacteriological samples are used to monitor water quality and indicate if the water is free of coliform bacteria. Our water system is required to submit two (2) bacteriological samples each month. Failure to collect all required bacteriological samples is a violation of the monitoring requirements and we are required to notify you of this violation.

If you have any questions regarding this violation, you may contact the City of Gorman, Public Works Director @ (254) 734-2317.

## KOKOMO-SIMPSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING PLANNED

Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association will hold their annual Homecoming and Business Meeting on Saturday, May 5th. The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. at the Kokomo Community Center.

Everyone with loved ones buried in the Kokomo, Simpson and Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. You may visit the cemeteries before or after the business meeting. **Donations Are Appreciated!!**

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

## To the Voters Of Gorman I.S.D.

First of all let me Thank You for the honor of representing you on the Board of Trustees for over 23 years. I served from 1978 to 1993, then from 2003 until the present time.

Today we face more problems as a School District than ever before. State Funding used to be our greatest asset, today it is our biggest enemy. We are faced with a legislature that doesn't want to fund the Public Schools as they should. We have a Governor that is all about personal glory and achievement. He could care less about the Public School of Texas, and the Children we are trying to educate. Teacher pay is still well below the national average.

Somehow, we have made it financially through this school year. The state didn't cut our funds as much as was expected. Governor Perry chose not to make the originally planned cuts in order to aid his short-lived run for the presidency of the United States. Through the grapevine we heard he told the legislature not to cut the Schools funding as band in 2011-12 and the State would make up for it by cutting the Schools more severely than originally planned in the 2012-2013 School year. If this happens we could see many small Schools in Texas have to close their doors and there is even rumor of a Statewide Teacher Strike. I hope you realize, Governor Perry is a very self-centered, disorganized person. This became very evident when the national media exposed how much of a "country bumpkin" he was in his "short-lived" run for the White House. It became very clear to the voters that he can't run his own state much less the United States of America.

Governor Perry and our State Legislature have so overburdened our Teachers and Students with mandated testing that our teachers have no time to teach the "three R's" but must teach the test material. The real kicker is that School Funding is tied to how well our students do on the State mandated tests. During the 3rd six weeks of the 2010-11 school year our Teachers were only able to teach school 18 days. The rest of the days in the six weeks were spent taking State mandated tests! We are losing many great teachers all across the State because of this problem.

Please contact your State Senators and Representatives and the Governor's office about the testing and the funding cuts that cost many teachers their jobs. We need your help to stop the cuts. Please ask them to stop the cuts and call a Special Session to restore the cuts to the schools. Budget cuts have already cost Texas 32,000 education jobs, including 12,000 teachers, and a total of 50,000 education jobs and 68,000 related private sector jobs could be lost by the end of the two year State Budget cycle. The cuts will force students to learn in thousands of overcrowded classrooms and harm the quality of their education. We can stop the cuts now. At least \$7.3 billion will remain in the State rainy day fund at the end of the current budget cycle. We, as teachers, school officials, and taxpayers need to urge our legislators and local elected officials to join in the Call to Stop the Cuts. The restoration of these cuts will result in no new taxes and still leave billions in the bank for other State priorities. Please help us Stop the Cuts on Education. We need your help!

Thank you for reading this lengthy letter. I respectfully ask for your vote in the School Trustee Election. Unlike my opponents, I have No Nepotism Issues. I have no family members employed by the School. I will serve impartially to the best of my ability the Gorman I.S.D.

Thank You Again For Your Time,  
Daryl Hirst

## Maxfield Elementary School Honor Roll - Fifth Sixth Weeks

**First Grade - A** - Emma Clark, Caroline Crain, Nashton Guthery, Kathrine Hair, Erik Ramirez, Markee Simmons, Michelle Snider, Shaelyn Waters, Ayden Andrade, Connor Hail and Kimmie Squires; **B** - Jade Hamilton, Gabriyela Herrera, Eli Martinez, Kayle Nichols, Joseph Rainey, Joey Salinas, Raelena Fenley, Chasidy Kunze, Larissa Massengill, Jerry Murphy, and Dalyn Ramirez.

**Second Grade - A** - Jacob Harris, Suellyn Hunter, Alan Olivares, and Jasey Rice; **B** - Hailey Abbott, Izabella Aguirre, Emily Brown, Brianna Caballero-Satcher, Aryann Cook, Clarisa Cox, Karlie Landes, Tony Montelongo, Annelly Rainey, Marco Ramirez, Briar Shirley and Natalie Torres.

**Third Grade - A** - Hayden Hampton, Jessica Rice, and Hannah Underwood; **B** - Stacy Gonzales, Brylee Johnson, Brylan Laminack, Braeden McDonald, Kaitlyn Morton, Skyler Parson, Jonathan Rodriguez, Gustavo Gutierrez and Hallie Hagan.

**Fourth Grade - A** - Rachel Snider and Larissa Hampton; **B** - Caitlyn Clark, Alexis Estrada, Kelsie Guthery, Genaro Madera, Taw Scitern, Isaiah Landa and Karsyn Scitern.

**Fifth Grade - A** - Rees Bryd, Jennifer Cruz and Reece Scitern; **B** - Brandon Hogan, Briana Landa, Jesenia Rodriguez, Daniella Segura, Lauren Underwood and Morgan Wright.

## OLIVER SPRINGS CEMETERY WORKING

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working is set for Saturday, May 5th. Donations are appreciated for up keep of the cemetery and may be sent to the F & M Bank, De Leon, Texas. Thank yo in advance for your help.

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

## Time for a new Gorman Cookbook.

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this project. It has been several years since we printed a Gorman Cookbook.

The proceeds will be used for Parks and Recreation fund. We need to update our swimming pool to be handicapped accessible.

Please bring your recipes to Terry at school or Jill at City Hall.

You can email your recipes to:

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

## An Invitation to Eastland County

The National Day of Prayer Task Force has declared Thursday, May 3, 2012, our nation's 61st National Day of Prayer. This day presents an opportunity for us to join as a community and as a nation to pray prayers that will bring a positive and dynamic effect within the lives and the future of our great nation.

Because of our belief that prayer makes a difference, you are invited to join with us on this day. River of Life Church is extending a cordial invitation to the business and civic leaders, pastors and people of Eastland County. If you believe as I do, that prayer can really change our nation, and our own lives as well, join with the pastors, businessmen, and citizens of Eastland County as we pray prayers of faith for our great nation and this community where we work and live.

The River of Life Church at 1247 East Main Street in Eastland will host this event at 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 3rd.

Jerry Maston  
Senior Pastor, River of Life Church

## 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, MAY 16TH 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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 WEDNESDAY - Pizza, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.  
 THURSDAY - Pancake On A Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk.  
 FRIDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

**LUNCH**

MONDAY - Frito Pie, Salad, Broccoli and Ranch, Fruit, and milk.  
 TUESDAY - Chicken and Dumplings, green beans, fruit and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY - Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, fruit cookie and Milk.  
 THURSDAY - Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pickle Spears, Fruit, Crackers and Milk.  
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 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, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fence, 2 water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.  
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 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.  
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**Pig Tales From Hogtown**

Well, it's the end of another month already - can you believe it! But the good thing is that it is time for 'Breakfast at the DAC'! Join us this Saturday, May 5th from 7:00 until 10:00. We will have the usual - bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. It's a great way to start your weekend.

Don't forget to come to the jam session here at the DAC on the second Tuesday in May - May 8. Bring your instrument for joining in or just come to listen. There is no charge - just good fun! The jam starts at 6:00 and goes until everyone is tired!

Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will be here as usual on the second Saturday night, May 12. The music begins at 7:00 and the concession stand opens at 6:00. The cost of admission is \$5.00.

Wow! The first 2 weeks in May are sure going to be busy for the ladies of Desdemona! Actually, the whole month will be busy - after the dance, we will be getting ready for our annual garage sale. The sale will be May 24, 25 and 26. We have lots of interesting items for sale, but there is always room for more. If you have gently used things you no longer have use for, we would be glad to have them for the sale. You can deliver them to the DAC on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons from 3:00 until 5:00. Or you can call me at 254-758-2420 to arrange for pick up. Thank you to all the folks who have already donated items!

See you in Desdemona!  
 Carol Pell

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**FORSALE - Pedestal Table with four chairs - \$100.00. Karen Guthery - 254-734-3388. 1TC**

**GOODE FAMILY OPEN HOUSE-MOVING SALE: Saturday, May 5th - From High-End to Odds and Ends. Dozens of items must go including: Antiques, Collectibles and Brand Name Furniture, such as Ethan Allen and Lazy Boy. 250 CR 424 - 4.5 Mile NE of Gorman - Off of 571 (Ranger Hwy). 2TP.**

**POLITICAL CALENDAR**  
**PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:**  
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**"On The Wilder Side"**

While doing some online research this past week I stumbled on several eBay auctions for Wal-Mart gift cards. That seems to be a fairly simple method of turning your gift cards into cash if that is what you'd rather have. But two of these gift cards being auctioned off really caught my attention. Both of them were \$25 cards but the current auction prices were \$25.11 and \$25.12. I can't help but wonder why anyone would want to spend more money on a gift card than what it is worth. Maybe it is their competitive nature that they just have to win at any cost. I suppose that does happen at auction from time to time where people end up paying more for an item than what it is worth.

In all actuality, that happens quite often in life too. People frequently pay more than an item or an experience is worth. I see it most often in our never ending quest for pleasure, and many are willing to pay whatever the cost to get it, even if it means selling their own soul.

Maybe you've never realized it, but your eternal soul is your absolute most prized possession, and every time to go to Satan to make a bargain, you will always pay more than the sin is worth. Just look at Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden for a good example. They had all of life's pleasures at their fingertips: great food, rest, no work, and wonderful fellowship with God. But they lost it all when they traded it in for a bite of fruit. I'm sure that bite was good, but it wasn't good enough to justify paying more than it was worth.

In our never ending search for comfort, rest, peace, and assurance we can either turn to Satan and buy his counterfeit goods at a much inflated price, or we can turn to the Lord for the real thing. Jesus says "Here's what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that's been through the refiner's fire. Then you'll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You've gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, really see" Rev 3:18 (TMSG).

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

**A Letter To The Editor -**  
 On Forgiveness By Henry A. Buchanan

On March 3, 1991 Rodney King was beaten senseless by two police officers. A third officer tasered him and fourth stomped on him. King says he has forgiven the officers, and he has written a book to tell about the life he almost lost and is now trying to regain. Actually, writing the book was the way he worked through the hatred to forgiveness.

All the time King was hating the men who had beaten him, the hatred did not hurt the police officers, but it did hurt Rodney King. Now he has forgiven them and he has begun to live again - writing a book.

The reason we hate the North Koreans is that they beat us and drove us out of their land. We have kept that hatred alive all these years, and every time the North Koreans fire a missile into the sky we react with fear and renewed hatred. If we could forgive like Rodney King maybe we could conquer our fear. If necessary, write a book about why we were in Korea anyhow.

Iran. Same Deal. We've never forgiven Iran for holding the American hostages. Now we fear that Iran will build a nuclear bomb and nuke us. If we could forgive the hostage takers, we might not have to nuke Iran first our of fear. Maybe write another book, telling the truth about our dealings with Iran before and after the Peacock Throne tumbled to the ground.

Thank you, Rodney King, for writing the book. I hope some people in Washington read it.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan  
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 4/30/2012

# Just in Time for Mother's Day!

The Pre-Kindergarten class is selling



and signature coffees.

- One dozen fresh glazed doughnuts \$7
- Signature coffee (house blend, dark roast, and decaf) \$9

Orders will be taken until May 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders may be placed with any Pre-K student or in the Elementary office. Please pay when you place your order.

Doughnuts will be delivered fresh and will be available for pick-up after school May 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Happenings At FBC!!

Prepare! We make preparations for many things in life. Tests, holidays, vacations, aging, bad weather, taxes, appointments, new babies, retirement, and the list goes on. Ask yourself, are you prepared for the second most important event this world has ever seen? Jesus is coming again, are you living ready for Jesus' return?

Mark your calendars:

**May 6th** - 6pm - Bro. Barry begins Series "Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World"

**May 7th** - 7pm - GHS Senior Supper - FBC Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesdays:** TeamKids at 6pm, Mission Friends at 6pm, and Youth at 6:30pm. Bring your friends! It's fun to learn about Jesus!

**Children's Sermon:** All the children have taken notice of the thousands of butterflies flying around; some have even tried to catch the beautiful creatures. Traci read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" telling how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. II Corinthians 5:17 says that anyone in Christ is a new creation. It's only necessary to ask Jesus into your heart so all things in your life may be made new. Let us all learn from the examples God has set before us in nature.

**Special Music:** FBC Choir - "Jesus and Me" - Believe it! Through every heartache, every sorrow, every celebration Jesus is your friend to the end; it's Jesus and Me!

**Bro. Barry's Message:** "Gospel Between the Ears" - Matthew 12:48-50 (NLT) Everyone participated in Bro. Barry's request to put their fingers in their ears; then he said that the minds rests between your fingers. You must have the Gospel in your heart before it can reach your mind. Between your ears will rest the mind of Christ or the mind of Satan; it's your choice. Evil subtly caresses your mind; your thoughts turn to actions.

Matthew 12:48) Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" 49) Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. 50) Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"  
Seek to do the will of God; live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 12:22-30 (NLT) Guard your heart and your mind. The Devil plunders and destroys. Each person faces judgement before God; even for careless words spoken. Only God can Save!

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Three Battlefields:

- (1) Mind. Ephesians 6:12
- (2) Will. Romans 7:18
- (3) Flesh.

Who wins the battle? Is your mind in control or being controlled? Your mind is the doorway to who you are; clean it up. The Will of God is set forth before us in His Holy Word the Bible. The malfunctioning of a safety belt on "The Passion Play" stage in Rio resulted in an accidental hanging of the actor playing Judas Iscariot. Don't find yourself dependent on an imperfect safety belt. Win the battle - give all you are and all you have to Jesus!

Bro. Barry extends the invitation to all, 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

## Arbor Day by Gynnalyn

Arbor Day, a day set aside to celebrate and encourage the planting of trees, was first established over 135 years ago. It is to be celebrated the last Friday of each April but I think any day is a good day to take notice and plant a tree. You don't have to look very hard to find some trees that didn't survive our recent weather. We all hope the rain starts back soon but a young tree doesn't require much water and is a gift that keeps on giving for years.

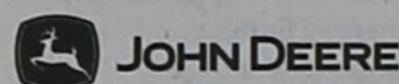
Arbor Day is related specifically to public relations. In reality, the best time to plant a tree is in the fall months when the tree is not blooming. This gives the tree a chance to expand and produce strong roots because the soil stays nice and warm despite the blistery conditions above ground. There's never really a bad time to plant a tree but planting in the fall gives your trees, and shrubs, a chance to grow where it counts before the spring when it will produce leaves, flowers and fruit.

The best things to do now is LOOK and ask questions to choose the best tree for your needs and wants while they are blooming and in their full beauty. The Internet serves as a great but tricky resource. Google searching a description of a tree or shrub then clicking images will net a plethora of pictures, some of which may be incorrectly tagged. Double and triple check the information you find on the Internet to verify the identity and name of the specimen you are after. Also, take a picture and bring it to us so we can help you not only identify but locate the tree for you to plant when the summer heat is over. Contact me at Gynnalyn@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/TheGreenhouseDeLeon.



**Howard Cemetery Working** - Howard Cemetery at Desdemona, Texas held it's Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, April 28 2012 with a covered dish lunch on the cemetery grounds. It dates back to the early 1800's and is one of Eastland County's oldest and most beautiful cemeteries, covered with large centuries old oak trees.

Pictured above left to right are Jim Horn, Pam Dyson, Cindy Dyson Heinz, who's four times great grandfather William Peter Hunter was buried there in 1853. Ricky Hogg, Bob Horton, Roy Johnson, Doug Corley, Sammie Powers Corley, daughter of Desdemona Pioneer, Sam Powers, Nancy Tidwell, President and Treasurer of the Association and Linda Hall Hahn. Not pictured were a large number of Redwine descendants. A good time and visit was enjoyed by all.



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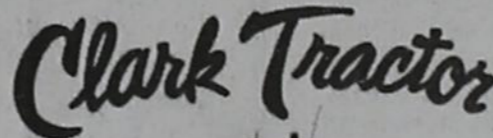


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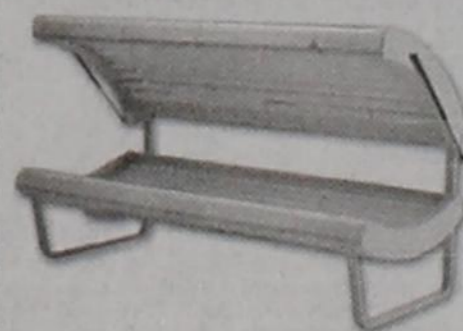
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## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We finally got together on the 18th of April after missing our meeting in March. Our turnout was good with 17 in attendance. I'm sorry some of you came in March and no one here. I just couldn't call everyone. I'd hoped word of mouth would get around more. Really was great to have Wilburn Overstreet with us and feeling better. He's always kind enough to give our blessing with his good words.

So glad to see Betty Frazier and Jackie Burns. They both looked in good spirits in spite of problems. Also good to have Geraldene Wright and Ellen Parker with us. Thanks Geraldene for helping in the Cleanup. Appreciate all those who help.

We enjoyed a good meal of Ham, Ham and Lima Beans, Chili, English Peas, Macaroni Salad, Sweet Potatoes, Green and Spinach Salad. I didn't make cornbread and wished I had. Let me know if you bring beans and I'll make sure to have the bread. We have had so much left over, due to low attendance, I just quit. We usually have biscuits or french bread. Our desserts were delicious with two ladies bringing rice pudding. One had Raisins, both so good. Also fruit cocktail, banana pudding and Chocolate Mound Cake. It was delicious!! Thanks to McKays bakery in Abilene.

Enjoyed having Sandra Cagle with us for lunch. She had a good visit with Wilburn Overstreet. She comes every 3rd Wednesday to Gorman so we don't have to go to Eastland for License plates. Its hard for some to make trip.

Our Nurse came from Integra Care in Cisco. Sure appreciate their visits. They take our BS and BP and they always bring a dessert. Tacy Starr had a cake and we had enough - so said put in freezer and bring next month. She was visiting me in my home, sure do like her. Her helper Tammy was here to help, a nice young woman. I now have a little woman named Sarah come once a week. She is competent and nice to visit with. This Home Health Care is wonderful. Also had PT to help with my walking and hip.

I'm having trouble with my bladder again so will go back to M.D. Anderson. I sure dread all this, the trips just do me in. Hope I can continue to help with the Seniors for awhile. Will just have to wait and see.

On April 3 Henry Buchanan enjoyed a short visit with a friend from Murray, Kentucky; Joe Nanney was driving his new (1988 Cadillac) car back home, after purchasing it in Texas, making a brief stop in Gorman. On Easter weekend Henry's family, Al, Audrey, Alex and Anthony Buchanan, from Elburn, Illinois, were guests of Henry and Anne. Anne served the traditional ham dinner Thursday evening. On Friday they were joined by Rusty and Claudia Simmons for a great dinner at Lone Cedar Country Club on Lake Leon. And, of course, the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday for grandsons, Alex and Anthony, topped the visit off before their departure Saturday afternoon.

Hope all is well and see you on the 16th of May for our next get together for lunch.  
- Carol.

P.S. - Jerry Underwood is much improved! So glad to hear the good news. I talked with Ann Maxfield and all are relieved. Sure have missed her.

## Rules of Engagement: What to Know Before Popping the Question

NewsUSA

(NU) - An engagement ring symbolizes your promise to love and cherish your partner forever, and shows the world your commitment to your fiancée. Many women dream about their engagement ring their entire lives, so choosing the right style is of utmost importance.

Here are some tips to ease the pressure of finding the ring and proposing:

### It's Not Only About the Diamond

A ring's setting is as important as its diamond because the setting is what displays and secures the stone. Platinum provides an ideal setting as it is stronger than other precious metals, which means that you don't have to worry about losing the center stone with everyday wear. Also, platinum is a naturally white metal, allowing the diamond to sparkle even brighter.

Did you know that a platinum engagement ring will last forever? Since platinum is so durable and loses little metal over time, the ring will undoubtedly become a family heirloom that can be passed down for generations to follow. And platinum engagement rings are surprisingly affordable. Contrary to popular belief, they are available in a wide range of price points, starting at around \$1,000 at BlueNile.com.

### Know Her Style

Before you go to the jewelry store, know your future fiancée's style, personality and lifestyle since there is a ring to suit her perfectly. For example, a woman with a hands-on job, like nursing, might prefer a simple band with a secure setting, while a woman who has a less active job might want something more intricate. A woman



Choosing the right engagement ring can help make your big moment memorable.

with classic style will want a different band design than a trend-setting fashionista.

"A classic polished platinum band from Michael Barin will suit a girl with more traditional tastes, while a birth stone of colored diamonds on an embellished band like one from Suna Bros. will look bold and unique," says jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor. "To figure out her ring size, press one of your girlfriend's rings in a bar of soap until it leaves a mark. You can also put one of her rings on your own hand, mark where it falls on your finger and have the jeweler measure that area," suggests O'Connor.

### How to Propose

Some women want a public proposal in front of friends and family, while others want something private and special. In either case, your fiancée will remember the day for the rest of her life. Think about what your fiancée likes, and where and how you met.

For more tips on proposing marriage or choosing an engagement ring, visit [www.engagementguide.com](http://www.engagementguide.com) or [www.preciousplatinum.com](http://www.preciousplatinum.com).

## Spring Checklist for Home and Lawn Care

NewsUSA

(NU) - Whether you're considering the resale value of your home or are simply resigned to doing maintenance projects to keep your house in good condition, your lawn and garden could certainly benefit from some TLC of the home- and lawn-improvement variety this spring.

The exterior of your house commands most first impressions, and even mild winters inflict seasonal damage. If you don't know where to start, a home-improvement project checklist may help. Consider the following lawn- and garden-maintenance tips from home and garden experts at HGTV and MarthaStewart.com:

- **Remove piles of dead leaves from the lawn.** Not only will your grass grow greener, a clean lawn helps maximize fertilizers and pesticides. Don't make the mistake of fertilizing your grass too early though. April is the general benchmark; any sooner might result in yellow spots and dried-out patches of grass.
- **Check gutters for leaks and debris.** Loose gutters cause improper drainage, so water can collect in basements and crawl spaces. Downspouts should point away from the foundation of the house and must be clear of all debris.
- **Start a roof fund.** It's a good rule of thumb to check your roof for rotted, buckled, loose or missing shingles after winter because summer sun will only worsen the damage. Since roof maintenance is so expensive, it's also smart to start a fund before you need it.
- **Remove piles of wood or debris stacked near the home.** Firewood should be kept far away from the foundation, and stacked



Protect your home by doing some lawn and garden maintenance this spring.

18 inches off the ground. These preventative measures help keep insect pests from exploring your home.

- **Don't strain yourself, and stay hydrated.** This might be the first time you've done any heavy lifting or spent hours in the sun for months. Remember to drink plenty of fluids, take breaks and stretch your muscles. If you suffer from backaches and muscle strains, keep some relief like Absorbine Jr. ([www.absorbinejr.com](http://www.absorbinejr.com)) on hand. Its herbal ingredients and uncanny ability to ease muscle and back pain make it a must-have for yard work.
- **Call a professional to clean your AC unit.** Heating and cooling experts recommend an annual servicing since clean coils work more efficiently. When the summer's blazing heat drives you indoors, your family will appreciate having an AC operating at peak levels.

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

**First Baptist Church of Desdemona** continues to have good attendance each Sunday. Song Service was led by Alanna Hubbard with Karen Fair at the piano. Guest speaker last Sunday was Bobby Duncan of Merkel. He attends Hardin Simmons University. Our Pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson was unable to attend Church on Sunday as He is having some health problems at this time. Visitors are invited to attend Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Ima Brown spent Easter weekend in New York visiting with her granddaughter, Lindsey. Ima and Lindsey celebrated their birthdays during this visit.

Robert and Ima Brown spent Tuesday and Wednesday in New Braunfels. They attended the Soil Conservation Service Retirement Reunion. They attend each year so Robert can visit with former Co-workers.

Have a good day, Vonnie

## USDA Crop Certification Deadline For Eastland County Is July 15, 2012

Eastland County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director John Bird reminds producers that the annual crop certification deadline for spring-seeded crops is July 15, 2012.

Producers who file accurate and timely reports for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage, can prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

"I encourage all producers to visit the Eastland County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the July 15 deadline in order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements," said Bird.

Producers are also reminded to report crop losses insured through Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) within 15 days of the disaster or as soon as the loss is apparent.

Producers with interest in multiple counties should check the crop certification deadline for each county because there are three deadlines statewide.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636 extension 102.

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