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Gorman Jr. High Cubs End Season As Co-Champions



Congratulations to the Gorman Jr. High Cubs Football Team on being District Co-Champions. They ended their season with a record of 7-1. They won over Brownwood (C), Perrin Whitt, Menard, Santo, Ranger, Cross Plains, Baird and their only lost was to Meridian. Way to go Cubs!!

Thank You

A big Thank You to all the Cub's parents and grandparents for donating money or food so that we could feed the boys for the out of town games. I also appreciate all the help from Pam Childers and Jeanene Roemisch for dealing with all the errands at the school. Also I want to say I couldn't get it down with your help Mindy Ray, so thank you and our coaches and administrators for letting us do this for the boys.

Thanks Again for helping make this a great year for the Cubs.

Sincerely,
Becky Laminack

Community Thanksgiving Service

Gorman's annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday, November 20 at 6 P.M.

This is the time each year when the community comes together to consider and to voice our gratitude to God for the many expressions of His love and blessing toward us. It is a time of worship, of music, of reflection, and of fellowship.

Featured in the service this year will be the Angel Award winning film, "The Harvest." The film is based on the true story of executive producer Chuck Klein's family when they were caught in a crisis at harvest time on their North Dakota farm.

This modern day parable about family, about crisis, and about community encourages and challenges us to put aside our differences and to come together for a greater cause and to be involved in changing our world.

The service will be followed by a time of refreshment and fellowship to which all are invited to attend. Attendance at this community service is a great way to begin your holiday season.

CVFD - Thank You

Many area businesses and individuals continue to be strong supporters of our fire department through monetary contributions

Our thank you list for 2011 includes the following businesses and people:

Gorman: Something Different Bakery (Shannon and Kim Mauney), Gorman Milling Company, Hampton's Paint & Body and Birdsong Peanut Co.; **Carbon:** Lone Wolf Automotive; **Dublin:** Dublin Livestock Auction Co.; **Cisco:** West Texas Gas; and **Eastland:** Brookshire's, Wal-Mart, Texas Cattle Exchange.

We sincerely hope this listing is complete. If not, please forgive the oversight.

Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

Gorman Youth Sports Council To Hold Signups

The Gorman Youth Sports Council will be having Pee-Wee Basketball Sign-Ups on Thursday, November 17th at the Gorman Community Center from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Thank You
GYSC

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree Set

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree will be held Saturday, November 19th from 6 p.m. - Concession open at 5:30 p.m. Concessions proceeds benefit "Home Delivered Meals" will be held at the Civic Center - 301 E. Housley St. (Highway 16 to downtown, turn East on Hwy. 108 (Housley St.) 2 blocks. Everyone is invited to come and hear a good lineup of Country, Gospel and Bluegrass Music. Come On Out - You'll Be Glad You Did!!

Alcohol and Smoke-Free Environment. Free Admission Everyone Welcome. For more information - Call Finis Butler at 254-631-9223.

Downtown Gorman Christmas In The Parks

On Dec 10 the Economic Development Commission will host an evening of fun and festivities for the whole family! Jolly Old Saint Nick will lead a "Light Parade" through the downtown area and end up at the City Park where the main activities will take place. Parade floats will be judged according to theme as well as their display of Christmas lights. This year's theme is "A Homemade Christmas".

After the parade, we will be lighting the city's Christmas Tree, which will be decorated with ornaments made by students at Gorman ISD.

There will be a "Best Homemade Christmas Cookie" contest for all ages. Entrants must include a list of ingredients.

There will also be a coloring contest for the little ones. You may pick up a coloring sheet at the City Office and return them by Dec 9.

All businesses and churches are encouraged to participate with floats as well as providing warm drinks and goodies.

Contact Jason Wilder at (254) 243-0338 for more information.

GLRA To Sell Fruit And Cheese

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is selling fruit and cheese. If you would like to purchase, please notify any member or contact Mr. Boles @ 734-3171, #2 then #3. Thank you

Panthers To Play Mt. Enterprise In Groesbeck Saturday At 1:30

The Gorman Panthers, winners of the 9-1A District Title, and got a bye in the Bi-District round, will meet Mount Enterprise, winner of the Bi-District game against Dallas Gateway last week, in an Area Round to be played Saturday, the 19th at Groesbeck at 1:30 p.m. Groesbeck is on Highway 164 east of Waco and Mart. Mount Enterprise defeated Gateway by a large margin and boast a record of 9-1. The Panthers show a 5-5 record for the season and a 4-0 mark in 9-1A.

So follow the Big Red to Groesbeck and support them in this game. The followers can take Hwy 6 to Waco and then take Hwy. 164 east of Waco to Mart and then on to Groesbeck, turn left on Hwy. 14 N - Ellis Street 1.4 Miles to the stadium. Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!

Eastland County Burn Ban Reinstated As of November 14th

STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF EASTLAND)

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, The Commissioners Court has determined that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Eastland County that all outdoor burning is banned in the unincorporated area of the county to begin November 14, 2011, at 8:00 a.m., for 90 days from the adoption of this Order, the same being February 12, 2012, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This order does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; or (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2011, by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 nays.

(s) Rex Fields
County Judge, Rex Fields

Attest: (s) Cathy Jentho
County Clerk

Thank You Letter To The Editor

Vicki and I would like to thank everyone involved in saving our home on November 5th, 2011.

Thanks to someones watchful eye that reporting sparks on the power company's line leading to our home, an electrical surge that could have burnt our house down was contained and primarily only ruined a little wiring and our central heat and air conditioning unit outside. We had no interior damage that we know of other than the central heating unit. We have a great fire department. Thanks guys!

A special thanks to Brother Barry and Sharlene for putting up with us while our electricity was being restored and to the Gibbs for storing some of our food. As I have always told everyone when talking about Gorman, it is a great place to live. Those that don't think so should go somewhere else!

"IT'S A CELEBRATION"



Daisy does Vegas - 2010

!!! IT'S A CELEBRATION !!!

Daisy will be blessed with 90 Years of life on November 17, 2011.

We are having a Birthday Celebration in her Honor!! November 19, 2011, from 2-to 4 pm at the Gorman Hotel Apartments on the corner of S. Fisher and Coke Street in Gorman, Texas.

No gifts please, but a card would appreciated. If you are unable to attend her mailing address is: Daisy Slaton 1202 N. Kent Gorman, Texas 76454

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Dear Parents,

Estimados Padres,

Our school district will be conducting a program for students with potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills in grades K-12 during the coming school year. Any child in K-12 who you believe is an intellectually gifted learner is eligible to be nominated. Those nominated will go through a screening procedure. Because of state guidelines, not all nominated students will meet admission requirements.

Nuestro testamento distrito escolar está dirigiendo un programa para los estudiantes con el potencial en académico y las habilidades del pensamiento creativo-productivas en las calidades K-12 durante el próximo año escolar. Cualquier niño en el K-12 que usted cree es un intelectualmente el aprendiz dotado es elegible ser nombrado. Aquellos nombrados pasarán por un procedimiento de la granza. No debido a las pautas estatales, todos nombraron que los estudiantes reunirán los requisitos de la admisión.

If you wish to nominate a child, please do so by going to the Elementary Office and completing the proper form. Any nominations should be made before November 29, 2011.

Si usted desea nombrar un niño, por favor haga para que benga a la Oficina Elemental y completando el formulario apropiado. Cualquier nominación debe hacerse antes del 29 de noviembre 2011.

Finally, please be aware that if you or a teacher nominates your child, special testing will be needed in order to complete the identification process.

Finalmente, por favor sea consciente que si usted o un maestro nombran a su niño, la comprobación especial se necesitará para completar el proceso de identificación.

Sincerely,

Atentamente,

Crystal Snider and Jackie Gutierrez
Gifted and Talented Coordinators

Crystal Snider y Jackie Gutierrez
El Coordinador dotado y Talentoso

Don't miss this year's Cisco Holiday Market, November 19th and 20th at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center located at 1498 IH 20 West. The Market will feature over 40 vendors and will be open from 9:00-5:00 on Saturday and 11:00-4:00 on Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, children 12 and under are free. The Market is presented by the Cisco Chamber of Commerce.

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 17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
 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.
 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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EDUCATION
WGU Texas Declares, "No Parent Left Behind"

NewsUSA

(NU) - As kids are prepped for school each day, the last thing parents have time to consider is heading to school themselves. But, they should be...

More than 3 million Texas residents, many of them parents, have started but not finished a college degree; yet by 2018, an estimated 63 percent of all jobs will require at least some post-secondary education. A bachelor's or master's degree can bring career advancement, increase job security and enhance earning potential; so how can busy parents finish their degrees and avoid being left behind?

The prospect of heading back to college can be a daunting one. There are a number of college options, but few that are affordable and flexible enough to meet the needs of working adults. Texas's new online university, WGU Texas, Texas.wgu.edu, is designed to meet the needs of students with family and work obligations, and to do it affordably. Nonprofit and endorsed by the state, WGU Texas offers 50 accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs in the high-demand career fields of business, information technology, teacher education, and health professions, including nursing.

WGU Texas's programs are structured to allow students to move quickly through what they already know and to focus on what they still need to learn. WGU Texas students advance by demonstrating what they know, not by logging time in class. This learning model, which includes the support of a dedicated mentor, is called "competency-based education," and it represents a truly new and innovative approach to higher education.



As a parent or adult learner, open up your career opportunities by attending an online university.

At less than \$3,000 per six-month term (and no limit on the number of courses per term), WGU Texas is about half the cost of most other online universities and considerably less than most of Texas's public universities. Because students can leverage their experience and prior college to help them move as quickly through courses as they are able, the average time to complete a bachelor's degree at WGU Texas is just two-and-a-half years - an average cost of about \$15,000.

It's likely that you are already encouraging your kids to plan for college. And, as all good parents know, kids learn best by example. Finishing a degree means more than career advancement and better earning potential - it is a priceless accomplishment that demonstrates the value of education to your children. This school year, don't be left behind.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thanks to all who came to the dance last Friday night. We had a great time as always. We will not have a dance in December because of our annual Christmas Store. The dances will resume in January with a change. Instead of being the second Friday of each month, the dances will be held on the second Saturday night of each month. Johnny Johnson will still be playing for us and everything else will also stay the same. We will see you on January 14th.

Please be advised that the burn ban has been re-established so please remember those rules.

Remember to come to the Christmas Store here at the Activity Center. It will be held December 1st, 2nd and 3rd and December 8th, 9th and 10th from 8:00 until 5:00 each day. We are working to get everything ready and we have lots of things for you to choose from. The ladies of Desdemona will be baking their goodies, too. If you would like to donate anything for our sale, please call at 254-758-2420.

'Breakfast at the DAC' will be held as usual on the first Saturday of December so you can eat and shop all at one time.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

"On The Wilder Side"

I love making useful tools out of old useless junk. I recently converted an old pottery kiln into a heat treating oven for my knife making hobby. It took a few weeks of hard work and creativity, but I saved a piece from the scrap pile and turned it into a fully functioning tool to suit my needs. I have also salvaged old rusty dull metalworking files and turned them into custom handmade knives as well. I know of many artists and sculptures who find inspiration, not in the galleries and museums, but at the junk yard. I think there is a lot of satisfaction knowing that you can bring new life to a worn out piece of scrap.

In Phil 3:4, the Apostle Paul goes into great detail to describe how good of a Jew he was. He even called himself "a Hebrew of Hebrews" to show that he was the best of the best. But he repurposed himself once he became a follower of Christ. He still had the same personality, the same zeal to work hard, the same boldness, and the same leadership ability, but now all of those efforts were repurposed to serve Christ rather than his former religious traditions.

Are there any areas of your life that need to be repurposed? Surely all of us have hobbies, relationships, or even personality traits that drag us down. They're time consuming, draining, and add nothing to our spiritual growth. In short... they're the scrap of our lives. It is a good practice to audit ourselves every so often just to make sure we are serving God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And if you happen to find any areas that are bringing you down, you have a few options: First, you can ignore it and keep doing what you're doing. Unfortunately, this won't benefit yourself or the Lord's Kingdom. Second, you can cut it off. Throw the scrap out of your life that weighs you down. Many of us have bad habits that should be stopped completely. But what about a third option... what if you repurpose that part of your life so that it brings glory to God and produces fruit in His Kingdom?

Maybe you enjoy working on cars. You can repurpose that hobby by inviting a neighborhood boy to your shop and teach him what you know. You could also use your talent to fix the car of a person in need. Maybe you like to quilt or knit. You could offer to teach a young lady the craft. Maybe you are into extreme couponing. You could share your coupons and skills with a family in need. Do you get the idea? Repurpose every aspect of your life so that you give your completely to God.

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

SCHOOL MENU Week of Nov. 21 -- Nov. 25

- BREAKFAST**
 MONDAY - Cereal, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - HOLIDAY.
 THURSDAY - HOLIDAY.
 FRIDAY - HOLIDAY.
- LUNCH**
 MONDAY - Hot Dog, Baked Chips, Pork 'n Beans, oranges, and milk.
 TUESDAY - Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, broccolli, gravy and rolls, strawberry cake and milk.
 WEDNESDAY - HOLIDAY.
 THURSDAY - HOLIDAY.
 FRIDAY - HOLIDAY.

A Letter To The Editor - About The Republican Debates -
 By Henry A. Buchanan

The Republicans hoping to step into President Obama's shoes have shown their ineptness while dealing with the problems facing the nation broke and on the verge of civil strife, but on foreign policy they propose a disastrous war with Iran and a hopeless struggle with China. Seeking to keep the deified image of Reagan from gathering dust, they vie for first place in bombing Iran into oblivion lest that late comer to the nuclear table get enough nuclear power to challenge Israel.

Mitt Romney, with Lindsay Graham's ardent backing, wants to prove to the world that America, broke and hopelessly divided and with unhappy throngs camping on the doorsteps of major American cities, is the single POWER in the world, and will prove it by bombing Iran into total darkness while that small but wealthy nation is unified in its determination to get enough power to turn on a light bulb.

And the Congressional "Boadicea", with the more eloquent backing of businessman Cain will water board the people who are suspected of knowing something the rest of us don't know yet, but which we will learn by torture.

Now China, though, is a big problem left over from the days of General Douglas MacArthur. Not only have the Chinese loaned us enough money to keep the American government afloat for two more weeks, but they want to make it hard for us to pay it back by messing around with their own currency to get a better trade.

Meanwhile, walk carefully President Obama, the Republican candidates; all eight of them, already want a debate with you.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 11/14/11



Vicki Robinett's piano students, including Gorman pianist Stratton Thompson and Dublin pianists Janna Kenkhuis, Maryka Postmus, and Lisa Postmus, entertained the residents of Golden Age Manor Saturday. Also participating were K'Leigh Harlin, Kandyce Mohon, Hannah Dyson, Katie Alegria, Drake McCamey, and Ian Caldwell of DeLeon.



Gorman pianist Stratton Thompson entertains the residents of Dublin's Golden Age Manor Saturday as part of a performance put on by Vicki Robinett's piano students.

Photos by Jon Awbrey - Publisher De Leon Free Press

USDA Farm Service Agency Urges Farmers and Ranchers To Vote in County Committee Elections Beginning Friday, Nov. 4

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson announced today that the 2011 FSA county committee elections will begin tomorrow, Nov. 4, with USDA mailing ballots to eligible voters. The deadline to return the ballots to local FSA offices is Dec. 5, 2011.

"The role and input of our county committee members is more vital than ever at a time when our country faces important choices regarding the funding and operation of our government," said Nelson. "New county committee members provide input and make important decisions on the local administration of disaster and conservation programs. With better participation in recent years, we have also seen promising increases in the number of women and minority candidates, helping to better represent the richness of American agriculture."

County committee members are an important component of the operations of FSA and provide a link between the agricultural community and USDA. Farmers and ranchers elected to county committees help deliver FSA programs at the local level, applying their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on commodity price support programs; conservation programs; incentive indemnity and disaster programs for some commodities; emergency programs and eligibility. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be an eligible voter, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm may also be eligible to vote. Agricultural producers in each county submitted candidate nominations during the nomination period, which ended on Aug. 1.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots from their local USDA Service Center. Dec. 5, 2011, is the last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers. Ballots returned by mail must also be postmarked no later than Dec. 5. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Jan. 1, 2012.

Close to 7,700 FSA county committee members serve in the 2,244 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee consists of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Approximately one-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. More information on county committees, such as the new 2011 fact sheet and brochures, can be found on the FSA website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/electionsor> at a local USDA Service Center.

The Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its best years in decades thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers. Today, net farm income is at record levels while debt has been cut in half since the 1980s. Overall, American agriculture supports 1 in 12 jobs in the United States and provides American consumers with 86 percent of the food we consume, while maintaining affordability and choice. The Obama Administration has aggressively worked to expand export opportunities and reduce barriers to trade, helping to push agricultural exports to record levels in 2011 and beyond. Strong agricultural exports are a positive contribution to the U.S. trade balance, support nearly 1 million American jobs and boost economic growth.



OLD ARCHIVED PHOTO

New Truck

Members of the Gorman Fire Dept. display their new fire truck which was recently put into service. The truck carries 800 gallons of water and an auxiliary gasoline fire pump for

rural fires. Shown beside the truck are from left Robert Ervin, department treasurer; Kim Cockerham, secretary; and Jack Harrison, chief. (RNS Photo)

MEDICINE

Lasers Redefine Medicine At the Speed of Light

(NU) - In the past, lasers were fictional weapons created in comic books. Today, fiction has become reality as medical specialists rely on advances in laser medicine to help provide patients of all ages with better and earlier detection of disease and improved treatments for common medical problems - combating "evil" disease and medical problems worldwide. "Chances are, you or someone you know has benefited from laser medicine or surgery," said R. Rox Anderson, MD, president of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS). "Lasers have had a tremendous impact on how we detect and treat diseases, improve aging skin, and manage conditions that in the past were difficult to treat with traditional therapies or systemic medications. There are no signs that this technology has reached its peak; on the contrary, we expect new laser devices and applications will continue to be discovered in the years to come."

When used in medicine, lasers work by delivering tiny pulses of light or energy in various wavelengths to target particular areas or particles in the body. Lasers and other energy sources offer patients tremendous benefits, including less-invasive procedures, reduced recovery times, elegant results, less bleeding and speedy healing. In fact, many laser procedures are now performed in a physician's office using only topical or local anesthetic - eliminating the need for general anesthesia.



Lasers are making common medicine safer and faster.

skin rejuvenation and dental disorders to throat surgery, treatment of acne and birthmarks, and early detection of numerous types of cancer, lasers and related technologies are improving the quality of medical and surgical care. Even persons of color, who previously were not good candidates for laser skin treatments, are now able to enjoy the advantages of most laser therapies and related technologies.

- To help ensure a positive laser experience, the ASLMS suggests you consider the following tips:
1. Ask questions.
 2. Find out who will be administering the treatment.
 3. Discuss your medical history with your physician.
 4. Ask whether this laser or other light source is right for your skin type.
 5. Be realistic about expectations and results.

For more information and to find a laser doctor near you, please visit www.aslms.org.

HEALTH

Medical Experts Recognize Health Benefits of Clean Indoor Air

(NU) - They leave you stuffy, sneezy and just plain uncomfortable. According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, more than 40 million people throughout the country suffer from indoor allergies 365 days a year. These indoor allergies occur when allergens that are commonly found indoors, such as pet dander, dust mites and mold spores, are inhaled into the nose and lungs causing allergic reactions. For most individuals, relief can't come fast enough when respiratory health is an issue. Yet, evaluating the air inside a home is a crucial, but often overlooked, step in maintaining a healthy living environment.

The medical community is recognizing the paramount importance of clean indoor air to a healthy home and focusing on the benefits of whole-home air cleaning as part of an integrated approach to respiratory wellness and allergy-related issues. "Because so much of our time is spent indoors, it is vital that we are aware of the invisible pollutants and indoor allergens that are present in our homes and how poor indoor air quality can potentially impact respiratory health," said Dr. Clifford Bissett, assistant clinical professor of medicine at the Long Island College Hospital, board-certified allergist/immunologist and Medical Director of Allergy and Asthma Care of New York. Whole-home air cleaners per-



Asthma and allergies affect one out of every five Americans.

manently trap the airborne contaminants that can aggravate allergy and asthma symptoms. A popular model is the Aprilaire 5000, which achieves 99 percent efficiency against airborne particles. The Aprilaire Model 5000 captures and kills virtually all contaminants including those that affect personal health—viruses, bacteria, spores and allergens. According to Dr. Doron Schneider, practicing Internist and Deputy Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency at Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pa.: "My patients spend time in every nook of their homes, so a system that's part of a central HVAC system and silently moves clean air throughout every room is ideal." To learn more about the benefits of whole-home air cleaners and to determine which air cleaner is best for your home, visit www.aprilaire.com.



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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper was held last Saturday night, November 12th at the Community Center (old School Gym). A large crowd attended this 66th Annual event to enjoy "Home Cooked" food and lots of good music. Thanks to all of our friends and neighbors from area towns that attend each year. Gene and Carolyn Foster of Gorman Have attended this annual supper for 41 years and only missed one. "What a Record!" Thanks. Also thanks to the ladies of our Community that cooked and served all the food. Thanks to all the musicians. It was a great night in "Hogtown, Texas."

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have good attendance each Sunday. There was 38 to attend last Sunday with visitors from Cisco. Each Sunday morning all The young Children enjoys their Special Time with Bro. Charlie. Visitors are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. For Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for Worship Service.

Bernard and Ann Keith enjoyed their visit recently in Louisville, Kentucky with their son, Brad and Priscilla Keith and children, Jenna, Brett, Andrea and Brian.

"Congratulations" to Bro. Charlie and Jana Johnson on the arrival of their grandson, Clayton Foster born on Friday, November 11, 2011. Proud parents are Chad and Mary Beth McCormick, also welcome home by big sister, Corley, all of San Angelo. Great grandparents are Doug and Sammie (Powers) Corley of Lubbock.

"Happy Birthday" to our nephew, Randall Wilcoxson from Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Bernard and Ann Keith all of Desdemona.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Murray "Maynard" Clayton, 65 of Ranger. Burial was on Sunday, November 13, 2011 in the Clayton Family Cemetery near Desdemona. Survivors include his wife, Melanie Musick; son, Wesley Clayton; two brothers, Lindley and Coy Clayton; sister-in-law, Gail Clayton. Preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Flordella (Lindley) Clayton; brother, Garry Clayton. Maynard attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1965.

Fall Season is such a beautiful time of the year with all the leaves turning pretty colors and cooler weather to enjoy. All this reminds us that our Lord is still in control. So take time to be outside some every day to enjoy this lovely time of the year.

Remember the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community during this Holiday Season with your Cards and Prayers.

Have a Great day, Vonnie

Homestead Happenings



We would like to thank Carolyn Gilbert for the moving tribute to our veterans on Friday afternoon. It was a meaningful experience for us and our veterans, Edgar Reynolds and T.D. Whitehorn. Thank you again Carolyn.

We are busy getting ready for our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Thanksgiving Day.

On Friday after Thanksgiving we will begin putting up or Christmas decorations, if anyone would like to come and help, come on up.

Visiting with Ora Lee Lawrence were Wanda Shaw of Coleman and Patricia McMillan of Brownwood. Visiting Frankie Stacy were Maxine and Marilyn Huddleston. Carolyn Otwell and Beckie Otwell Wilcox of Granbury and Jana Grice visited Ima Brown. Bo Caraway and Kathy Sci tern visited Rozelle Caraway. Rozelle joined Johnny and Ina Smith on Sat. and went to the Desdemona Thanksgiving Supper. On Monday night Rozelle went to watch her great grand kids play basketball here in Gorman. Visiting Leta Hogan were, Elaine Eaves, Chris and Shelia Hogan, Trey Hogan, Beia and Howard Schkade, and Bubba and Lori Hogan of Albany, Melinda Watson of Eastland, and Eddie Hogan and Carroll Hogan.

Visiting Edgar Reynolds were Margery Chuchville of Ft. Worth, Johnny Smith and B.E. Simpson. Visiting Billie Marble were Pastor Stinnett of Cisco, Pat and Howard Hagood, Kin and Chelsae Brown, and Dale and Bess Curb. Visiting Bill Babbitt were Frances Babbitt and Jeanie Whittier. Bill Shelton of Cleburne and Ewellene Hammond of DeLeon visited Claudie Shelton. Rusty Simmons visited Sue Simmons. Tommy and LaVerne Carr visited Troy Scitern. B.E. Simpson visited with all the residents.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Happenings At FBC!!

Thanks! Gracias! Merci! Dank! Grazie! Thanks are universal and beautiful in any language! Count your blessings this Thanksgiving, share your gratitude with all you meet, and give Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 20th - 6pm - Community Thanksgiving at New Hope Baptist Church (bring finger foods).

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: Traci and the children sang "Itsy Bitsy Spider". Sometimes we are like the Spider going up the waterspout and something knocks us down. Then God is like the sun and dries it up. We read in Psalm 46 that God is our protection and strength. God will always help us and protect us.

Bro. Barry's Message: "My Everything" - Ephesians 1:22-23 - Some people say that Christians are annoying people. One could really be annoying if they practiced making fax machine noises, order at the "drive-thru" while emphasizing the order is to-go, and finish each sentence with "in accordance with prophesy". Some people are better than others at being annoying. Nevertheless it takes all kinds of people to make up a Church Family.

Ephesians 1:20-23 (The Message) - "All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence."

The Church is the main focus of everything:

1. For the Benefit of the Church. - Jesus is in charge and over all under His feet.

2. Body of Christ = Church. - Piece by piece, message by message, program by program, song by song, etc. Almighty God's power and strength are manifested through the Church. Nothing is more powerful than God.

3. Organism - not an Institution. - Believe the Church is living, vibrant, growing, and viable. We see Jesus is in charge of everything.

HE'S MY EVERYTHING. WHY? BECAUSE JESUS PAID IT ALL. ALL TO HIM I OWE. HE'S MY EVERYTHING!!!

Born again Christians are the Church, we need what we get when we go to Church, and we do Church as Christ rules all things so we grow in love, joy, and peace.

The Church is everywhere; Christ fills everything with His presence. Make Jesus & His Church your focus and all else peripheral. You belong to Jesus and your body is His temple, so take care of your temple. Praise God from whom all good things come!

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.

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