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### Gorman Chamber of Commerce "Heroes and Survivors" Benefit and Awards Dinner March 6, 2006 Update

The Gorman Chamber and its partners are continuing to pull together a great event for this year's awards program. Diamond D Ranch has donated 500 pounds of brisket for the BBQ Brisket Dinner. Local merchants, civic organizations and churches have become involved in the event with donations of additional food, paper goods, and personal service.

George Simmons, event coordinator, says they are expecting close to 1000 people to attend. Those to be honored at the dinner are: All members of our local Volunteer Fire Dept, all families that were affected by the fire (not just home loss, but any loss), community volunteers that helped in any form, and all 48 fire departments from around North and West Central Texas that came and rendered assistance. "We are all very grateful for the incredible response of these individuals, both professionally-trained and those that came in acts of selflessness to help their neighbors. It is still very real in our minds how much their support and efforts meant to our families and friends. We want to honor these individuals and departments. They are truly heroes."

Entertainment that evening will be provided by Award-winning The Messengers and the Howard Family, and other groups to be announced. The music will begin at 5:30 pm in the Community Center and will continue until 8:30 pm.

The BBQ meal is also available for carry-out and delivery. You can call George Simmons at 734-5948 before March 6th or that evening call ZJs at 734-3043.

All meals are on a donation only basis. Proceeds will go to area fire survivors and Gorman Volunteer Fire Dept.

# **Cathy Jentho Announces For Re-Election As County Clerk**



My name is Cathy Jentho and I would like to thank the citizens of Eastland County for the honor of allowing me to serve as their County Clerk since 1998. I am again asking for you vote and the privilege of serving you for another term.

I am an Eastland County native and was born in Gorman, Texas in 1967. My parents are Freddy Pevehouse and the late Birt Pevehouse. I am married to Gist and we have two children, Daniel, 14 years old and Hope, 9 years old. Both are enrolled in the Eastland Independent School District. I attended Eastland Schools and graduated from Eastland High School in

1986. I received a Salesperson License at the George Leonard School of Real Estate.

> I have been active in the community in the Rotary Club serving as president in 2001 - 2002 and again this year. I have recently coordinated the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign for the Eastland Rotary Club, which entails working with local school officials, several churches, service clubs and the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. I am a member of the Eastland Civic League and Garden Club, having served as president and first and second vice president. I have served on the beautification, scholarship and yearbook committees. I have planned and conducted the annual tree lighting ceremony and tour of homes in the past. I am on the Eastland Club House Board serving as board member for four years, then terms as president in 2004 - 2005, currently serving my second term as president in 2005-2006. I am a member of First Baptist Church in Eastland where I have served the Lord in several capacities such as the Hospitality Committee, Junior High Sunday School Director, Mission Friends and Disciple Now. I currently serve as the Senior High Youth Sunday School Director.

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#### **Twenty-nine Wildfires This** Weekend

Wildfires across the western two-thirds of Texas stretched fire resources over the weekend. Texas Forest Service, along with cooperating federal and state wildfire agencies, supported local fire departments this weekend actively fighting wildland fires. Nine fires on Saturday burned 224 acres and resulted in the loss of five homes, while 184 homes were saved.

On Sunday, firefighters responded to 20 fires that burned more than 6,100 acres and destroyed four homes and several outbuildings. Local fire department suppression efforts saved 104 homes and numerous outbuildings. Throughout the day, single engine air tankers and helicopters dropped over 450,000 gallons of water in coordination with the local fire departments. The largest fire was the Hwy 207 Fire that burned 3,000 acres in Carson County in the Texas Panhandle. The Cisco Fire in Eastland County burned 1,200 acres. Four homes were lost (two on the Gunsight Fire in Stephens County and one on the I-10/794 Fire in Gonzales County) and one abandoned home near East-

Weather conditions in Texas continue to be dry and windy resulting in the extreme fire behavior seen on the ground by firefighters. "With our extremely dried and volatile fuels, we need everyone to do their part by being careful when participating in outdoor activities," said Nick Harrison, Texas Forest Service Regional Fire Coordinator.

Residents can help firefighters competition at the Strawn meet by observing the local burn bans. Homeowners are encouraged to visit the Texas Forest Service web site at http://texasforestservice. tamu.edu or www.firewise.org to learn how to protect their homes

# **Lady Panthers Take First / Panthers Take Third At Winters Powerlifting**



Back Row: David Ibarra, Gabe Burt, Zach Bryan. Middle Row: April Keaton, Megan Lewis, Rosa Herrera, Sharla Perez, Nikki Keith, Aurora Tyson. Front Row: Seth Johnson, Pete Ramirez, Matthew Cogburn, Daniel Shirley, Avery Tyson, and Tecia Jones

The Lady Panther Powerlifting team brought home the 1st place trophy from the Winters Powerlifting meet held this past Saturday. The boys team against some fierce competition was able to earn a 3rd place finish. Both teams will take this Saturday off, but will resume competition on Saturday February 25th in Strawn. That meet will be the last regular meet of the year and the last chance for lifters to qualify for regionals.

All of the girls medaled at Winters which continues a streak of every lifter medaling at each meet this year. April Keaton took 3rd place in the 114's with a season high total of 465 lbs. Tecia Jones took 5th place while lifting in the 114's for the first time this season and her total was 420 lbs. Sharla Perez earned 1st place in the 123's with a season high total of 585 lbs. Megan Lewis finished 2nd in the 123's with a season high total of 565 lbs. Nikki Keith took 2nd in the 132's with a total of 540 lbs. Rosa Herrera finished 1st in the 181's with a career best total of 685 lbs. Kendra Swanner did not lift with the team on Saturday, but will be back in

The boys had 4 lifters medal at Winters. Matthew Cogburn took 3rd in the 114's with a total of 530 lbs. Daniel Shirley finished 2nd in the 123's with a career high total of 800 lbs. Pete Ramirez finished 4th in the 181's with a season high 1115 lbs total. Seth Johnson earned 1st in the 275's with a career high total of 1205 lbs. Others that lifted and placed are Gabe Burt who finished 13th in the 148's with a total of 740 lbs, Zach Bryan who finished 11th in the 181's with a total of 980 lbs, and David Ibarra finished 9th in the 181's with a

# Randall Logan Candidate For Mission Friends Class From **Eastland County Judge**

My name is Randall Logan and I'm requesting your support in my bid to become the next County Judge for Eastland County. Since 1984. I've served the 91st District Court and Eastland County as an Adult and Juvenile Probation Officer, and for the last 15 years, as the Director of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department. I've worked closely with, and learned from two County Judges, and I am familiar with the people, the problems and the promise of Eastland County.

Under my leadership, the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Probation) has grown from a three-person operation in 1984, to a department that employs six probation officers and two support personnel with a payroll of approximately \$340,000. Our funding is two thirds from the people under our supervision (probation fees) and one third from state funds. Eastland County provides office space and utilities. The department's total budget for FY06 is \$471,524. In FY05 the department collected \$705,512.79. Including \$394,491 in fines, court costs, and restitution that supports local and state government and repays victims. The department also supervised 4,987 hours of community service performed around the county.

The Community Supervision and Corrections Department has supported public safety in Eastland County by directing rehabilitation efforts for offenders who may benefit from them, and by removing offenders who continue to pose a threat in the community.

My philosophy as County Judge would be to meet the needs of the people of Eastland County in a responsible and economically sound manner. My desire will be for the citizens and commissioners to set the agenda for the commissioner's court in a spirit of cooperation that will best serve the entire county.

My education includes a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas in Business and Psychology, 45 graduates hours in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University, and more than 800 classroom hours of continuing eduction relating to corrections and adminis-

I applaud and support the work that has been done by the current administration to develop Camp Inspiration into an assisted living center and pledge that I will continue to support this worthwhile project. I also realize that the city of Eastland has benefited from the work of the Eastland Economic Development, Inc. and the benefactors who have provided funding for the projects that have renovated downtown Eastland. I am also aware that other communities in Eastland County are struggling and I will strive to seek the help that benefits all areas of the county.

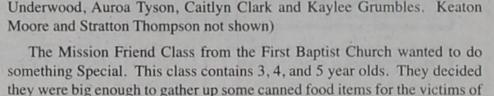
I pledge that I will be a full-time county administrator and judge. The only business that I will operate will be the business of Eastland County. I am requesting and would appreciate your vote in the Republican

Primary on March 7, 2006. Early voting at the courthouse begins and February 21. Thank You (Political Advertisement paid for by Randall Logan. Jayne Jones, Campaign Trea-

surer, P.O. Box 82, Eastland, Texas 76448)

## Top row and down - I to r - Kaiden and Bryce Laminack, Isaac Segura, Allie Grumbles, Lauren Underwood, Ella Segura, Avery Tyson, Hannah

**FBC Collected Canned Food** 



the recent fires. The kids were so excited because they were going to get to ride in the church van! Each child was given a sack and we went house to house knocking on doors. Everyone was so generious. The teachers were worn out after locking and unlocking 10 seatbelts. Ha! Besides a few scrapped knees and

one unfortuante little girl getting hit in the eye, we all survived the outing.

The children were so thrilled to take part in contributing to these people. These fires affected the children in Gorman, too. Not only did it affect the ones who got their houses burned, but all of the ones who loaded up their cars and left town. They were scared to death. Some were scared to go to sleep the next few nights, because they were afraid the fires would break out again. I know one little girl was so worried about one of the firemen, that she personally knew. So pray for our little children because they need our prayers,

If you are not sending your children to church on Sundays or Wednesday nights we have classes for all ages. We learn all about missionaries and all the exciting stories in the Bible. We learn all about God's love. And we also love to sing. So please send your children or call the church if you need a

# **Prayer Meeting For Rain**

First Baptist Church of Carbon to host a called Prayer Meeting For Rain on Monday evening, Feb. 20, 2006. This invitation is for all people in Eastland County who would wish to meet together for this purpose, but especially for those in the Carbon, Kokomo, New Hope, Gorman, Long Branch, Pleasant Hill, Okra, Rising Star, Flatwood, and Mangum Areas. The meeting would begin at 7:00P.M. and we invite you to attend if at all possible.

# **City General Election Scheduled for May 13, 2006**

The City of Gorman General Election is scheduled for Saturday May 13, 2006. Three places on the City Commission will expire. Mayor Robert Ervin's term expires as well as Commissioners Joe Casey Place 4 and

Charlie Torrez Place 2. First day to file an application for a place on the ballot will be February 11, 2006. Last day to file will be March 7,

# **School Board Election Planned For May 13, 2006**

TWO positions will come open for the May 13, 2006 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Mark Simmons and Daryl Hirst. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 13, 2006. Deadline for filing will be March 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours.

# **Gorman ISD "Wall of Honor"**

The Gorman Athletic Boosters are beginning a landscape project that will beautify the north interior section of Brogdon Field. Part of this project includes the sale of "memory bricks" to be laid around the entry of the football field. Individual engraved pavers are 4" x 8" in size, and can include three lines with twelve characters. The price of the individual paver is \$25.00 each. We will also be offering a business, family, organization, or "special event" paver that will measure 8" x 8", and can include four lines with twelve characters. The price of the large paver is \$50.00 each.

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plishments; and to "inspire" our current athletes. We encourage everyone to buy a paver and let those memories be a permanent part of the landscape at Brogdon Field. We believe this project will be a great source of pride for our school, and for our community. Anyone who wishes to purchase a memory brick; please contact, Bob Powell at 734-3322, Becky Swanner at 734-2480, or any member of the Gorman Athletic Boosters.

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There is a drawing for (2) Two Afgahans to be given away at the Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet slated for March 6th at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman. The afgahan can be viewed at City Grocery, where you can purchase the tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The tickets will be drawn during the banquet.

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#### **Card of Thanks**

We would like to express our deepest, heartfelt thanks to all of the staff at Eastland Memorial Hospital, Dr. Mathews and Dr. Cox, for everything they did during the recent illness and loss of our mother, motherin-law, Granny, sister, sister-in-law,

Thank you to all the friends that stopped by, called, sent cards, flowers, food, or other memorials. Mere words can't tell you what this support has meant to all of us. Thank you to Brother Battenfield and all the good people of Eastside Baptist Church for a wonderful meal. Thank you to Brother Jerry Speer for his service, to the singers and musician. There's a special thanks to Sharon Collier, for standing up and saying those good words and to Doris Young for her poem. Thanks and appreciation to Terry, Suzanne, and the rest of the staff of Edwards Funeral Home for helping us so much. The nurses she worked with through the years were always special to her, so thanks to those of you that showed how special she was to you all. We can tell that we won't be the only ones missing

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also to JoKay and Robby Hand for going out and getting all of our donations and auctions items together.

Sincere thanks goes to all of the great musicians who volunteered their time and talent to come and entertain. Thank you to the girls at the Farmers and Merchants Bank - Lori, Danielle and Mandy that worked the door for us. Thanks to Nancy Harris, Pat Bird and our auctioneer - Danny Burgess, David McKalvain and Layne

Lowrance. Thanks to our local radio station, All Texas 97 and our very own Eastland County Telegram and the

Gorman Progress for the great advertising. Thanks to Roger and Sandy Terrell, Gene Bilby, Lanny Hand and

John Pagitt for all their help and The Ranger Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Jaycee Rodeo Barn.

Please accept our apologies if we have left anyone out. We also would like to thank all the families and friends

for coming out and contributing to this much needed benefit. Bonnie (Weeks) Pagitt - Benefit Coordinator

JoKay Hand presents a check to Ranger Fire Chief, Darrell Fox. All eight Eastland County Fire Depart-

ments received a check in the amount of \$2,000.00. This money was raised at an Eastland County Fire Department Benefit held at the Ranger Chamber of Commerce Jaycee Building. Others present to receive the checks

were: Terry Ware, Rising Star; Ronnie Pack, Carbon; Gene Foster, Gorman; Dwight Dold, Desdemona; Larry

Wiekel and Walter Fairbanks, Jr., Cisco; Phillip Arthur, Eastland; and Dewayne Hunter, Olden. Also present

for the presentation were the event planners Robert Week and Bonnie (Weeks) Pagitt.

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Four members of the winter

2005 graduating class at Tarleton

State University which was held

December 17, 2005. Those gradu-

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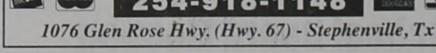
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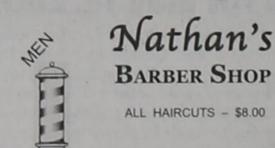
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### **Softball Season Set to Begin** This Week

The Gorman Lady Panther Softball team will open its season this week. The Lady Panthers will have played DeLeon by the time the newspaper is sent to print. Gorman then will host Dublin on Friday at 4:30 pm for their home opener. The Lady Panthers had 11 girls come out for softball this year: Seniors on the team are Nikki Keith, Kendra Swanner, and Holly Wright. Juniors on the team are Rosa Herrera and Kristy Carlton. Sophomores on the team are Megan Lewis, Brandy Carlton, Reba Granado, and Tecia Jones. This years' freshmen are Audrey Lewis and Valerie Longoria.

The Lady Panthers will compete in District 6-A along with state power Eula, Albany, Baird, and years team that were undefeated disrunner-up team. Baird will be starting its first year of softball, but will be doing so with several players who have been playing summer ball in Abilene. Ranger who improved quite a bit last year will look to improve even more with 7 of their starters back.

The season schedule is published in this paper as well as a roster. As always weather may cause some games to be postponed, moved, or canceled.

Come out and support our Lady Panthers when you have a chance!

**Nathan's Barber Shop** 

**Holds February Drawing** 

# **Cathy Jentho Announces For Re-Election As County Clerk**

Continued From Page One very complex and is ever changing. One of the duties is the recording and filing of instruments. I have implemented the computerization of real property records. The documents are now easily indexed, printed in the office in book form as well as being available as images, archived and protected. In the past two years I have converted the years of 1999 to current from film form to image form and these are now quickly available on two public terminals in the County Clerk's office. In 2002 I supervised the much needed repair of many of our books.

cases and keeps the cases updated until the case is closed. I purchased a new filing system for quick re-

ing, recording and maintaining probate records.

ing and indexing of the minutes.

The County Clerk conducts county-wide special and general elections. I have worked with local, state and federal agencies in the implementation of HAVA (Help America Vote Act). Through this act

for approximately \$153,101.00 which will be used in the purchase and training on new voting equipment for this primary election and for years to come. This should make results available faster and we will be able to print our own ballots at a great saving to the taxpayer. I have worked with the party chairs in an effort to conduct joint primaries. You will still have you choice of primary but at substantial savings. I have continued to work with and assist the cities, colleges, schools and water district in

The County Clerk is responsible The Clerk files misdemeanor for many vital statistics such as marriage licenses, birth and death records. We are currently in the process of archiving and permanently protecting approximately 85,000 birth and death records. other records such as military records, deeds, brand records, plats and assumed name certificates.

their elections.

I have outlined some but not all of the duties of my office and how The County Clerk is the ex-offico I have tried to make it more efficient, cost effective and consumer friendly for the citizens of Eastland County. I began my served to the citizens of Eastland County as a part-time employee in the County Clerks Office in 1985. I became a full time employee in 1986 and then Chief Deputy Clerk in 1989. In 1998 I was elected Eastland County Clerk and re-elected in 2002. I have proven myself over the years as a Deputy Clerk, Chief Deputy Clerk and as your County

I have attended continuing training at the Secretary of State Election Seminar, V. G. Young Institute at Texas A & M, The Annual County and District Clerks training conference, Texas Association of Counties legislative conferences, and training at U. T. School of Law Program, just

Every year the duties and responsibilities of this office change. Sometimes the changes are minor, sometimes more involved, depending on the Legislature and the Courts. I have worked very hard to keep up to date on the changes, save the taxpayer money and make recording and retrieving records as easy as possible while still carrying on the duties of this office. I have the proven experience you have come to know and trust as your County Clerk and I would appreciate your vote in the Republi-

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clerk of the Commissioners Court and is responsible for taking, record-

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## **Panther Baseball Schedule**

January's ticket drawing at Nathan's Barber Shop in Gorman was drawn

by Will Caffey, son of Doug and Becky Caffey. Will is four years old.

The winner of the pocket knife was Dearl Pittman of De Leon.

	Fri. Feb. 17	(Scrimma)	ge) Gordon	Home	4:00
	Mon.Feb. 20	Game	Coleman J.V.	Away	4:00
	Fri. Feb. 24	Tourname	nt Evant, Covington, Perr	in-Whitt	TBA
	Sat. Feb. 25	Tourname	ent Evant, Covington, Perr	in-Whitt	TBA
	Tues.Feb. 28	Game	Evant	Away	4:00
	Sat. Mar. 4	Game	May	Home	2:00
	Tues. Mar. 7	Game	DeLeon	Home	4:00
	Fri. Mar. 10	Game	Gordon	Away	4:00
	Thur. Mar. 16	Game	Cisco H.S.	@CJC	2:00
	Mon. Mar. 20	District	Cross Plains	Home	4:00
	Fri. Mar. 24	District	Albany	Away	4:00
	Mon. Mar. 27	District	OPEN		
	Fri. Mar. 31	District	Ranger	Away	4:00
	Tues. Apr. 4	Game	May	Away	4:00
	Fri. Apr. 7	District	Baird	Home	5:00
	Mon. Apr. 10	District	Cross Plains	Away	5:00
	Fri. Apr. 14	District	Eula	Home	11:00
	Mon. Apr. 17	District	Albany	Home	4:00
	Fri. Apr. 21	District	Eula	Away	5:00
	Tues. Apr. 25th	District	Ranger	Home	5:00
	Tues. May 2	District	Baird	Away	5:00
	Head Coach: Coy I Athletic Director: 0		er@gorman.esc14net	Assistant: Howard Co.	X
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3	Megan Lewis	2B	Soph
4	Valerie Longoria	OF	Fresh
5	Holly Wright	OF	SR
7	Reba Granado	OF	Soph
8	Kristy Carlton	3B	JR
10	Tecia Jones	OF	Soph
11	Audrey Johnston	SS/1B	Fresh
12	Nikki Keith	C	SR
14	Rosa Herrera	UT	JR
24	Kendra Swanner	P	SR

Mgr -- Kaci Seaton Atheletic Director/Head Softball Coach: Coby Rebel Tyson Assistant Coach: Miranda Speer Principal: Rick Panter Superintendent: David Perry Athletic Phone: 245 734-2264 Athletic Fx: 254 734-3425

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2006. Or join online at www.arborday.org

# Congratulations To Gorman Cubs 8th and 7th Grade Basketball Teams



Congratulations to the Gorman Cubs 8th and 7th grade basketball teams. Each team just completed a very successful season. The 8th grade completed thier distrcit schedule undefeated with a perfect record of 10-0. The 7th grade finish 7-3 and a second place finish in the district. These young men worked very hard all season Coaching Staff long. Good job and keep up the good work.



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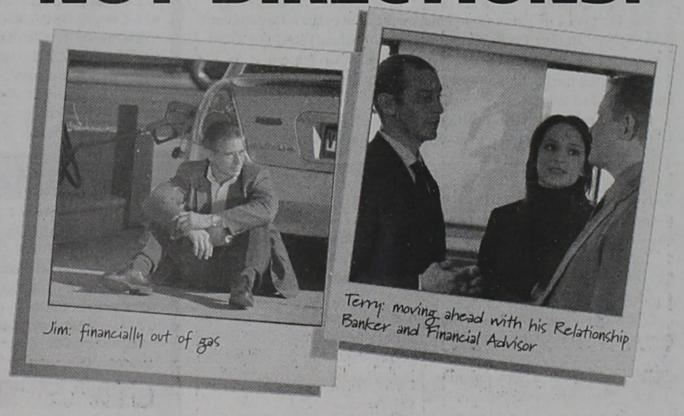
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# **Desdemona News**

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held last Monday, February 13 at the Desdemona Community Center (school building). Eighteen ladies attended this social to enjoy good food and fellowship. Dorothy Roberts was the hostess with helpers, Ima Brown and Vonnie Guthery. The tables and entire room was decorted with Valentines, etc. The next Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, March 13 at the Desdemona Community Center hosted by Ima Brown and Mildred Million. Visitors are welcome.

"Congratulations" to Josh and Carol Mahan in De Leon. Their daughter, Avery Bre' Ann was born on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 a the Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and

## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Sunday was another day of high winds and blowing sand, and there were more fires in Eastland County. None of them right in our community, but close enough to cause us concern for family, friends and neighbors on the north side of Lake Leon and south of Ranger and between Cisco and Carbon, as well around Rising Star and May. We need to keep praying for rain. That seems to be all that is going to stop the fires and blowing sand. God will here us and answer with a good rain in His time.

Bro. James Hunter of Gorman was the guest preacher at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning with a wonderful message on love. Loving God, and our neighbors and showing our love for God by the way we treat others. Other visitors were Bro. Hunter's wife, Chris and their daughter, Suellyn, and Charles and Mary Jane Ellison of Hohenwald, TN. The special music "The Old Rugged Cross" was beautifully rendered by Chris Hunter, Helen and Woodrow Browning and Daryl Hirst with Glynda Bond at the keyboard. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Oren and Norma Webb who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anni-

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

The Sunday night church service was cancelled because of the concern about the fires that were burning round about us.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn will be the guest preacher at the Kokomo

Baptist Church on Sunday, February 19. Charles and Mary Jane Ellison of Hohenwald, TN have been visiting with Betty Little. Others enjoying supper with them on Thursday night

were Charles and Carolyn Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, and Elbert and Coralea Bennett of Gorman. Other visitors were Karen Patterson of Eastland and Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with an aunt, Veno Hale in the Comanche Medical Center on Sunday. We send Veno get well wishes and hope she will soon be able to come back to Heritage Manor .

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited in Tyler on Friday and Saturday with their daughter and family, Arlene, Terry, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield. Andrew has joined the United States Marine Corp. and left on Monday from Dallas for San Diego to begin his training. Please say a prayer for Andrew's safety.

Bobby and Mary Jane also met another daughter and family, LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp, of Lewisville, in Arlington for a visit while enroute home Saturday.

Delmon Eaves and his sister-in-law, Verda Eaves of Carbon visited recently with his sister, Virda Mae Norris in White Settlement. Virda Mae is seriously ill. Remember her in your prayers.

John Scitern is home now following surgery in an Abilene hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Don O'Neal of Houston and Fannie Bell Hoy of Conroe visited during the weekend with their sister, Nancy Hendricks in Heritage Manor and with Sylvia Buchanan.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little attended their granddaughter Breckley Little's basketball game in Eastland on Saturday evening and then visited with Ray Neal and Melissa Little and their little granddaughter, Kourtney Peacock of Abilene who was visiting with them.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited with Oren and Norma Webb. Jimmy and Maggie Nelson visited with Zelda Jordan on Thursday night and they enjoyed dinner at ZJ's to celebrate Jimmy's birthday.

Glenda and Leon Black visited with her mother, Zelda Jordan, on Saturday as they were on their way to their home in Abilene from Florida. Oren and Norma Webb visited with Zelda Jordan on Monday. May the Good Lord Bless you all.

# **Minutes For February 2nd**

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez, and Tony Carter. Lori Dodd was also present.

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

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:30p.m.

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Tony made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No citizens In Put.

Nathan made the motion to award the contract / bid to Steve Singleton to connect the residents to the new sewer line on Hall, Lubbock, McCall and Crescent Streets. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Tony made the motion to contribute \$750.00 to the Gorman Baseball Commission to aid in defraying costs. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commission discussed the roof at the community center. The roof is in need of repair work. Denver Rainey had submitted two different proposals on repairs. The Commission wanted to get one or two more estimates and contractors ideas before making a decision.

Lori Dodd gave a department head report.

There was discussion about the basketball court donations received. There needs to be some recognition made on contributors and donations. This will be done very soon. More details and decisions at the next meet-

There being no further business for discussion, Charlie made the motion to adjourn. Joe made a second. Motion carried. Time was 7:00 p.m.



measured 19 inches. Proud grandparents are Toby and Becky Mahan of De Leon; Harold and Betty Lewis of Desdemona.

Richard and Ulenda Cofsky of Fort Worth visited the past weekend with her mother, Dorothy Rob-

Trevor Walston of Gorman spent the past weekend with his grandparents, Gary and Jody Walston.

Wandy Martin has improved so much since her recent hip replacement surgery. She was able to attend the Ladies Monthly Social last Monday at the Desdemona Community Center (school building).

Several in our area are on the sick list. Estelle Lindley has the "Bug" that is going around. Get Well wishes to all these shut-ins.

Thought for today - "What a fellow believes doesn't matter much unless it makes a difference in the way he behaves."

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