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New Districts for 2006-2008 Present A Challenge for Gorman Teams

Every two years the UIL realigns all the districts in the state of Texas for athletics and UIL academics. The UIL first sets the cut-off numbers for each classification and aligns the football and basketball districts, which it did back in February. Then they work to form the districts for volleyball, baseball, softball, and spring sports/UIL academics (this includes track, cross country, golf, tennis, UIL academics, OAP). This realignment saw the cut-off for class 1A rise to 194 and under from 189 and under. To compare, in 1976 when Gorman won the state title in class B the cut-off ranged from 124 and under. In addition, as early as 2000-2002 the numbers were 169 and below, if that were now DeLeon and Tolar would not be in our football district. If we were under the 1976 numbers, only Perrin and Cross Plains would be in our district. It is interesting how times have changed and populations have caused the numbers to change over the years. Small schools have lost numbers, but one of the biggest changes that effects realignment every year is the addition of new schools (usually AAAA or AAAAA schools). Here is a look at our districts for the next two years:

Football	Volleyball	Baseball	Softball	Spring/CC/UIL
Gorman	Gorman	Gorman	Gorman	Gorman
Tolar	Albany	Albany	Albany	Albany
DeLeon	Lingleville	DeLeon	DeLeon	DeLeon
Ranger	Ranger	Ranger	Ranger	Ranger
Cross Plains	Moran	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains
Perrin		Eula	Eula	Eula
Santo		Baird	Baird	Baird
		May		Santo
				Tolar
				Winters

2006 Football Schedule (Tentative)

August 19th Scrimmage	Evant/Johnson City	Evant	TBA
August 24th Scrimmage	Miles	Miles	TBA
September 1st	Roby	Gorman	7:30
September 8th	Covington	Covington	7:30
September 15th	Ben Bolt	Taylor	7:30
September 22nd	**Sterling City	Gorman	7:30
September 29th	*Ranger	Ranger	7:30
October 6th	*Perrin	Gorman	7:30
October 13th	*Santo	Santo	7:30
October 20th	open		
October 27th	*Cross Plains	Gorman	7:30
November 3rd	*DeLeon	DeLeon	7:30
November 10th	*Tolar	Gorman	-7:30

**Homecoming 2006

*District 12A Games

Junior High and/or Junior Varsity schedules will be released later

Community Women's Fellowship to Host First Event

Community Women's Fellowship is a newly organized group of women in the Gorman area. Their purpose is to encourage women of all ages in their Christian growth through meetings and opportunities for fellowship. The first event is scheduled to be held on:

Saturday, April 29th
9:00 A.M. until noon

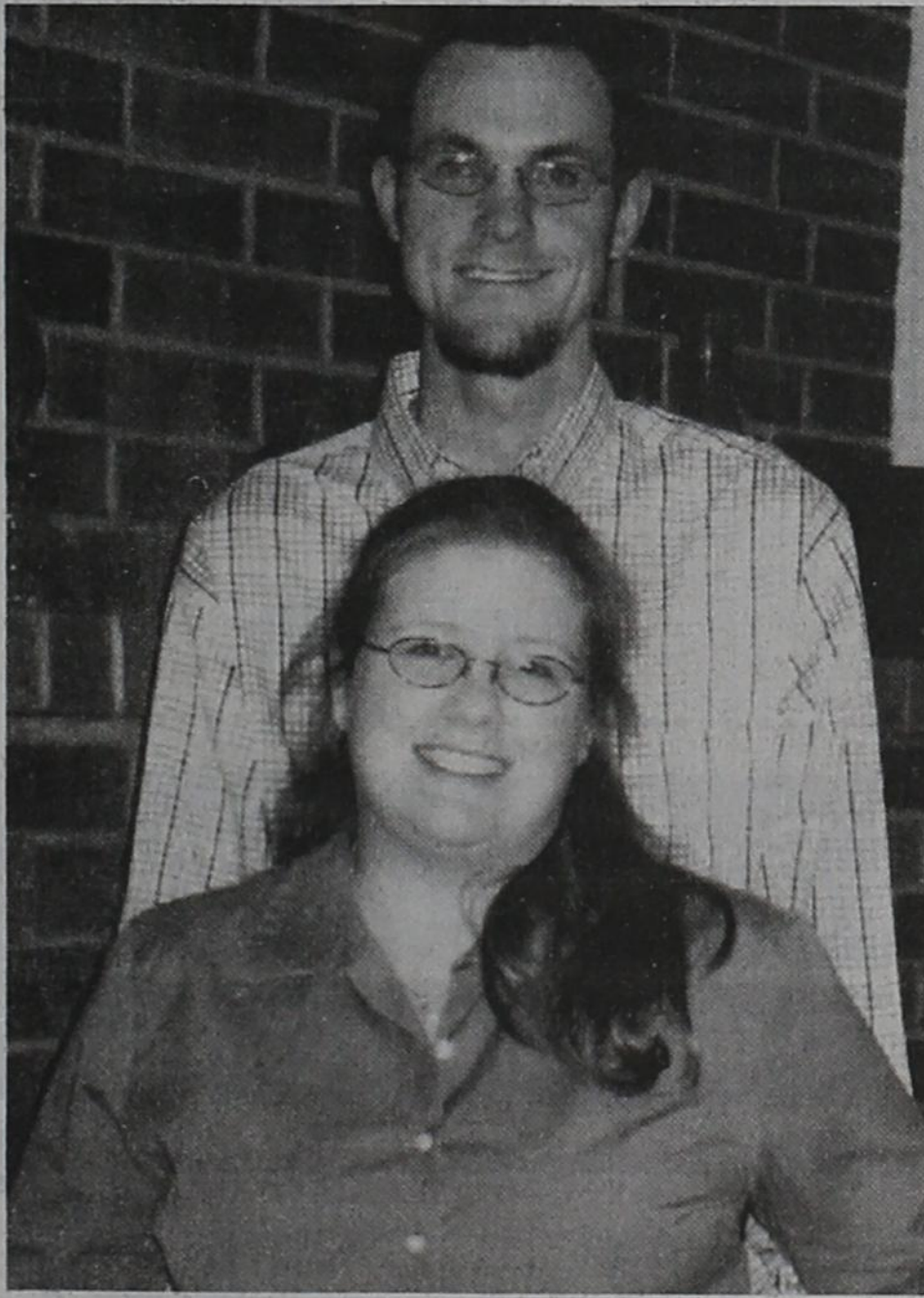
Senior / Community Center - Downtown Gorman

Special speaker, Linda Levens

A light breakfast will be served.

All ladies and girls of the community are invited to attend.

Miears - Gregg Engagement



Leigh Ann Miears and Chad Gregg announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The wedding will be May 20 at Austin College in Sherman. Leigh Ann is receiving her masters degree in communications and also getting teaching certificate.

Leigh Ann is the daughter of John and Carrie Miears of Bowie, and grandmother Connie Hall of Bowie, granddaughter of James and Eula Miears of Gorman.

Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregg of Watauga and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ward of Fort Worth.

COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

STARTS AT 8 AM

Maps Will Be Available At Bob's and City Grocery

To register your garage sale, call Lori Dodd at 734-3933. Deadline to get on the map is NOON FRIDAY APRIL 21.

Executive Director Of FFF To Speak At Church of Christ



Bill Wheeler, Executive Director of Families First Foundation will speak at both services of the Gorman Church of Christ on Sunday, April 23. All are invited to come to hear this special presentation. Wheeler is a Family Life Educator with the National Institute of Relationship Enhancement. He is also a registered lobbyist with the Arkansas Legislature and travels extensively lecturing on family issues. He received a BA degree from Harding University and MAR from Harding Graduate School of Religion. A preacher for 43 yrs, he

Bed and Breakfast Getaway Drawing

Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a Weekend Bed and Breakfast Getaway in Granbury. This is a value of over \$400. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For tickets contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505, Cecilia Hirst at 734-4059, or Melissa Osborne at 734-2849.

CITY-WIDE SPRING CLEANING

It is that time of year again. With all the nice weather that we have been having the grass and weeds like to grow. This is just to let you know that the CITY is enforcing the City Ordinance that deals with grass and weeds. This Ordinance is No. 302. We need to keep our community clean and healthy. In May there will be a time that we will be having a City Wide Clean-Up, this means that BFI will pick-up things that are put out with a few exceptions. You will need to contact City Hall if you have any questions about what will be picked up. Please help us keep the community clean and healthy.

Thank You

Lady Panthers End Season With Slugfest Victory over Ranger

The Gorman softball team ended its season with a slugfest against Ranger on Friday April 14th. The Lady Panthers came out on top in that high scoring affair with a 29 to 16 victory. Brandy Carlton was 4 for 5 with 4 singles, 2 stolen bases, a walk, and 5 runs scored. Megan Lewis was 3 for 5 with 2 singles, a double, 4 RBI, 1 stolen base, a walk, and 3 runs scored. Nikki Keith playing her final game as a Lady Panther was 3 for 5 with 2 doubles, a triple, 4 RBI, a walk, and 4 runs scored. Kendra Swanner playing her final game as a Lady Panther was 6 for 6 with 4 singles, 2 doubles, 6 RBI, 2 stolen bases, and 4 runs scored. Audrey Johnston was 5 for 6 with 3 singles, a triple, a home run, 4 RBI, 2 stolen bases, and 3 runs scored. Kristy Carlton was 2 for 4 with a single, a triple, 2 RBI, 2 walks, and 3 runs scored. Valerie Longoria was 3 for 5 with 2 singles, a home run, 3 RBI, 2 stolen bases, 1 walk, and 3 runs scored. Tecia Jones was 1 for 5 with a single, 1 RBI, 1 walk, and 2 runs scored. Reba Granado was 0 for 3. Rosa Herrera was 3 for 3 with 3 singles, 3 RBI, and 2 runs scored. Holly Wright played in the field for the Lady Panthers and it was her final game as a Lady Panther.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Gorman	3	3	2	9	3	9	29	30	5
Ranger	5	0	3	0	5	3	16	18	4

The Lady Panthers completed the 2006 season on a winning note and compiled a 10-7 record overall and a 4-4 record in district 6A which was good for 3rd place in the district. We will graduate 3 seniors off of this years' team and all three played very important roles on our team. They will be missed a great deal and leave us with some big shoes to fill. We would like to thank them for their effort and dedication to the program and wish them luck on their future endeavors. This years' seniors were Nikki Keith (lettered all 4 years), Kendra Swanner (lettered all four years), and Holly Wright (lettered the 2 years in which she participated). There are many quality players returning next year and we look forward to continued success in the softball program. All-district teams will be released at the end of the season for all teams representing our district in the play-offs (Eula and Albany).

2006 Team Leaders:

Batting Average: Kristy Carlton (.556); Hits: Kendra Swanner/Brandy Carlton (31); Extra Base Hits: Nikki Keith (16); Doubles: Kendra Swanner (11); Triples: Nikki Keith (5); Home Runs: Audrey Johnston (3); Runs Batted In: Kendra Swanner (30); Stolen Bases: Audrey Johnston (13); Runs Scored: Brandy Carlton (26); Walks: Nikki Keith (11)

2006 Record 10-7 overall 4-4 *District 6-A

Win	Gorman 17	DeLeon 8	Win	Gorman 14	Perrin 3
Loss	Gorman 8	Dublin 14	*Win	Gorman 17	Baird 0
Loss	Gorman 1	Evant 4	Win	Gorman 31	Goldthwaite 3
Loss	Gorman 1	Dublin 11	*Loss	Gorman 0	Eula 10
Win	Gorman 10	Perrin 0	*Win	Gorman 14	Ranger 4
Win	Gorman 5	Dublin 0	*Loss	Gorman 0	Albany 15
Win	Gorman 12	Evant 3	*Win	Gorman 21	Baird 3
*Loss	Gorman 4	Albany 5	*Loss	Gorman 0	Eula 6
			*Win	Gorman 29	Ranger 16

Regionals Are On The Way!!!



Gorman will be represented at the Regional track meet at ACU on April 28th and 29th by the following athletes; Megan Lewis, (100M hurdles and the 300M hurdles) Brandy Carlton, (800M) David Ibarra, (400M) Corey Brown, (100M dash and the 200M dash) Crystal Thackerson, (3200M) and Mary Powell. (3200M and the 1600M) They are coached by Barry Tooley, James Gerrick, and Denise Scott.

Regionals will be held at ACU in Abilene on April 28th and 29th. There are four of the girls from the Lady Panther track team that are going to be gunning it out against the best around the region. Region 2-1A consists of 93 different schools and our girls are filling many spots to represent Gorman among those Texas schools. The good news is that the girls made it as far as Regionals, and the bad news is that the workouts get nothing but more severe. If one is privileged enough to have made it to the Regional level then why not find out just how far beyond their own imaginations they can take their fitness levels and training! I hope we get to experience the state level of competition this year, and I am going to do everything I can to make sure that it happens!

Congratulations to all advancing and thanks for the effort!!!

Boys Area Track Meet Results From Jim Ned

The results of the Area Track Meet recently held in Jim Ned are:

Field Events:

High Jump- Orlando Rodriguez 6th place with a jump of 5'-10".

Running Events:

400 Meter Relay- David Ibarra, Reggie Sanchez, Orlando Rodriguez, Corey Brown 5th place with a time of 45.56 sec., 100 Meter Dash- Corey Brown 3rd place with a time of 10.94 sec., 200 Meter Dash- Corey Brown with a time of 23.84 sec., 400 Meter Dash- David Ibarra 2nd place with a time of 54.02 sec.

Corey Brown and David Ibarra will advance to the next round.

Lady Panthers Strong As Expected in District!!!



Mary Powell "drafting" behind two runners.

The girls track team competed at Goldthwaite for district and 80% of the girls advanced! Ten spots advancing from district to area meet were taken up by the Lady Panthers. Gorman earned third place at Goldthwaite and almost advanced as a team, a pretty remarkable feat with ten girls competing against much larger teams. "Today, our girls did not just win, they were Victorious"! Every girl gave it her all, and showed the pride our town represents!

Congratulations to all advancing!!!

Results:

*Mary Powell: 3200- 1st (12:56) 1600- 1st (5:41) PR
*Crystal Thackerson: 3200- 4th (13:55) 1600- 5th (6:17)
*Tecia Jones: 3200- 5th (14:14) 1600- 6th (6:27) PR 300M Hurdles- 7th (59.66)
April Keaton: 800- 6th (3:07) 400- (1:19)
*Brandy Carlton: Triple Jump (28.5') High Jump- 5th (4'4")
800- 2nd (2:39) PR 400- 5th (1:09)
*Nicole Cogburn: 400 Relay- 3rd (55.09) 100- 5th (13:66) Long Jump- 6th (14.6')
*Audrey Johnston- 400 Relay- 3rd (55.09) 200- 2nd (28.64) Triple Jump- 7th (29.3)
*Megan Lewis- 400 Relay- 3rd (55.09) 100 Hurdles- 2nd (17.28)
300 Hurdles- 4th (51.44)
*Sharla Perez- 400 Relay- 3rd (55.09) Long Jump- (13'11")
Rosa Herrera- Discus (58'0") Shot Put (25'3")

Advancing Indicated w/(*)

Regional Qualifier- Glen Rose April 20th

Regionals- ACU April 28th-29th

All fans are welcome to come cheer us on!!!

Any info needed can be obtained in the high school office: 254-734-2616

Thanks and God Bless, Coach Tooley

Senior Citizens Met Wednesday

The Senior Citizens met at the Center on April 12 for our weekly lunch. We had a good crowd with 32 present. It was good to have Gerldene Wright and Winston Brown with us. Had been absent for awhile. Gerldene gave Thanks. We were really glad to have Lavelle Hallmark back after a 2 week absence. Missed her. We through Barbara and Max Bush would be gone. They surprised us by coming home early. Glad to have them back. Barbara called to order and gave announcements. Several Desdemona ladies were with us. Hope they continue to come and bring more ladies with them. We had a playday on April 14th at 6 p.m. Had a nice group of 15 for Good Friday. Hope more will come and enjoy the fun and games.

Obituaries

Lupe Torres, Sr.

Lupe Torres, Sr., age 80 of Ranger, passed away Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Richard Watson officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger.

Mr. Torres was born August 5, 1925 in Brownsville, Texas to Eusevio Torres and Salome Cruz Torres. He married Carmen Ramirez in June of 1947 in Brownsville. He was a heavy equipment operator and a Protestant.

Survivors include, wife Carmen Torres of Ranger; two daughters, Elvira Torres of Spain; Veda Rone of Ranger; six sons, Louis Torres of Ranger, Charlie Torres, Abe Torres, Manuel Torres and Lupe Torres, Jr. all of Gorman and Johnny Torres of Brownfield; one brother, Eusevio Torres of Los Fresnos; four sisters, Francisca Torres of Los Fresnos, Cuca Garza of Los Fresnos, Merced Rios of Brownsville and Maria Torres of Los Fresnos; eighteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sons, two daughters, one brother and one sister.

Billy Jack Sims

Billy Jack Sims went to be with his Lord on April 11, 2006 at Medical City in Dallas, Texas. Burial to be in De Leon, Texas under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland, Texas. Funeral service will be held in De Leon. Officiating Pastor Jim Wright of the First Christian Church in Eastland, Texas.

He was born on June 3, 1919 in Gorman, Texas. He was a graduate and football quarter back at Gorman High School. On February 10, 1940 he wed his sweetheart Mary Jo Moreland Sims. He served his Beloved Country by join the United States Navy during World War II aboard the Mine Sweeper, USSR NOTABLE. He retired from Humble Pipe Line in Odessa, Texas after 20 years in a supervisory capacity. He held a degree in Architecture and was a Journeyman Carpenter. His 2nd career was in the Insurance Business with Farmers Insurance Group where he ran an Agency for 15 years and fully retired in June 1981. His abilities as a musician included the guitar and accordion.

Jack and Mary Jo celebrated their 50th Anniversary in Garland, Texas.

Preceding his in death were his parents: William Martin Sims and Ollie Elvaria Hudson Sims; two brothers, William Clyde Sims, and C. B. Sims; one sister, Flossie Sims Underwood.

He is survived by wife of 66 years, Mary Jo Sims and three children, sons: Jerry Parl Sims of Dallas, Texas and David Jack Sims of Garland, Texas; one daughter, Helen Marie Sims Songer, and husband Kenneth Wayne Songer of Rising Star, Texas; eight grandchildren, Carrie Gayle Songer Simmons, Randall Wayne Songer, Alishia and Darla Sims, Sloane and Layne Sims, Johnathan Paul and Christopher Sims; seven great grandchildren: Daniel Wayne and Jacob Randall Songer, Kateland Marie and Karley Diane Simmons, Taylor and Hayley Sims, Cameron Lott; one sister, Adde Winnie Jewel Sims Boyd of Eastland, Texas.

His most enjoyable hobby was Fishing. Although, his family was quite entertained by his ability to react to Humor in the most entertaining way.

Arden Parker

Arden Parker, age 85 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2006 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Stephenville, Tx. Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Victory Cemetery in Erath County, with Kenneth Wilson officiating.

Arden was born September 23, 1920 in Victor, Texas (Erath County) to the late Clifford Parker and Bertha Bailey Parker.

Mr. Parker was a farmer/rancher; had served in U. S. Army as a Sgt. in WWII; had resided in the De Leon area all of his life; he was a Baptist.

Survivors include: three sons, Phillip Parker, Ronald Parker and Michael Parker, all of De Leon; 2 granddaughters, Michelle Keene and Kasey Parker and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded by one sister, Othell George.



Coach Barry Tooley helping the girls stretch before a race.

Thank You

Rock Bluff Cemetery Association wishes to thank each one that came to the cleaning on Saturday. Young and old came to remember and repair this cemetery established in 1878. A special thanks to Kerry Grisham, Terry Nowlin, Kevin Escamile, Matt Nowlin, and Calab Nowlin for all their help. This year's clean up came at Easter and these boy scouts took time from their holiday to come and help. We appreciate you very much. Boy Scout Troop 37 has been involved in restoring this cemetery since our first clean up September 8, 2001.

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To: J. Madera, et ux Ethel Winfred Madera, Jack Mann and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said J. Madera, et ux Ethel Winfred Madera, Jack Mann, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Court-house thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 21st day of March, 2006, in this cause, number CV-06-40,333 on the docket of said court and styled W. G. Arnot, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. J. Madera, et al., Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is a follow, to-wit: Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil and gas mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:

80 acres, more or less, and being the West one-half (W 1/2) of the Southeast one-quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 15, Block 2, H&T.C. Ry Co., Survey, Abstract #278, Eastland County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT 4.79 acres in the form of a square located in the Northeast corner of the above described land and SAVE AND EXCEPT 3.33 acres, in the form of square located adjacent to and west of the 4.79 acre tract, both being described in a partition deed recorded in Vol. 279, Page 128 of the Eastland County Deed Records.

If this citation is not served

**No. CV-06-40,335
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: Verna May Lake, John Mallett, Vicki Mallett Fortner, Clifton Mallett, Edna Mallett Heflin, Gladys Mallett, Milton Bradley, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said Verna May Lake, John Mallett, Vicki Mallett Fortner, Clifton Mallett, Edna Mallett Heflin, Gladys Mallett, Milton Bradley, Greeting:

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187.02 acres of land, more or less, out of Section 9, Block 3, H&T.C. RR. Company Survey, A-264, Eastland County, Texas, being 100 acres described in Warranty Deed dated July 24, 1975 from Silas Fields to James Robinson, recorded Volume 630, Page 588, Deeds Records of Eastland County, Texas; and 87.02 acres of land being described in Warranty Deed dated September 24, 1962 from H. R. Casey to Veterans Land Board, recorded Volume 547, Page 386 Deeds Records, Eastland County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Karen Moore, Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 21st day of March, A.D. 2006.

(s) Karen Moore, Clerk (Seal) 91st District Court, Eastland County, Texas By (s) Michelle Honea, Deputy

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**No. CV-06-40,334
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THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: William Heard, North American Trust, Trustee for the Heard - Britton Syndicate, C. D. Robb, Mrs. C. D. Robb, Mary Speer, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said William Heard, North American Trust, Trustee for the Heard - Britton Syndicate, C. D. Robb, Mrs. C. D. Robb, Mary Speer, Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is a follow, to-wit: Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil and gas mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:

160 acres, more or less, and being the Southwest one-quarter (1/4) of Section 15, Block 2, H&T.C. Ry Co. Survey, Abstract 278, Eastland County, Texas, save and except a 1 1/2 acre tract, in the form of a square, located in the Northwest corner of said tract.

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Gorman I.S.D. School Menu

For Week of April 24 thru 28

- BREAKFAST**
 MONDAY - Cereal, Cookies, Juice and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Peanut Butter-Jelly Sandwiches, Oranges, Juice and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, Bananas, Juice and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice and Milk.
 FRIDAY - BAD WEATHER DAY
- LUNCH**
 MONDAY - Fish or Ham, Pinto Beans, Mac-Cheese, Cornbread, Tarter Sauce, Catsup and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Taco Salad or Chicken Fajati, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pineapple, Salsa, Peppers and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Breaded Chicken Patties or Steakfingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Gravy, Catsup and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Pizza or Hamburgers, Pickles, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Corn, Dressing, Mustard, Mayo and Milk.
 FRIDAY - BAD WEATHER DAY

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OPENING DAY

On Saturday, the baseball season started for the youth in our community. The day started by pictures being taken. The first game started about 9:00 a.m. The schedule was as follows:

- Rangers vs. Youngest Little League Boys - Little Horns vs. Slammers (T-Ball)
- Sluggers vs. Possums (Coach Pitch Boys) - Wreckers vs. Lady Horns (8 and under softball)
- Predators vs. Diamond D Divas (10 and under & 13 and under softball)
- Astros vs. A's (Little League)

It was a fun time for all. We would like to Thank those who worked in the concession stand, and those that kept the field ready to play. Also thanks to those that umpired the games.

Thank You

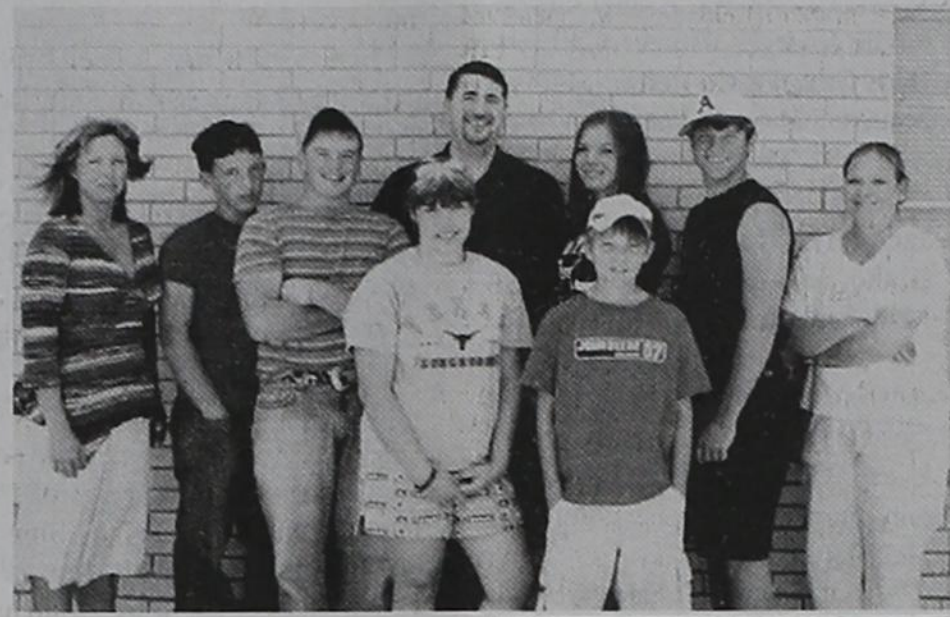
Thank you to our Sponsors for sponsoring teams and/or donating money for this baseball year. Without you this would not be possible. Please come out and watch on April 22nd. We hope to see you there.

GAME SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

- 10:00 a.m. - Diamond D vs. Predators
- 11:30 a.m. - Sluggers vs. Possums
- 1:00 p.m. - Slammers vs. Stingers
- 2:00 p.m. - Rangers vs. TBA
- 4:00 p.m. - Lady Horns vs. Wreckers
- 6:00 p.m. - A's vs. Astros

Come out and watch the games. Hope to see you there.

Several Attend North Texas Leadership Training



Attending the North Texas Leadership Training for Christ Easter weekend were L-R Standing Back Row: Julie Clark, Cameron Clark, Tyler Johnson, Jeff Emery, Gorman Church of Christ Youth Minister, Meagan Holder, Corey Clark, and Stephanie Holder. L-R Standing Front Row: Lindsey Laminack and Jeremy Holder.

Leadership Training for Christ is a nationwide event sponsored by Churches of Christ and is designed to encourage spiritual, mental and social growth among students. Its mission is to achieve growth by developing skills in leadership, Bible knowledge and Christian servanthood. Skill development in each of these areas is accomplished through participation in a variety of individual and group events. This annual convention challenges young people to develop leadership skills they will use throughout their lives. The event was held in Dallas and completely sold out three major hotels. More than 30,000 participated in the North Texas convention. The Gorman group participated in competitive events held in the Dallas Downtown Hyatt Regency.

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Economic Development For Gorman

There have been several articles written over the past couple of years about Economic Development and Community Development in small, rural towns. It's been discussed how they really co-exist, how sometimes there cannot be one without the other.

But recently I was reading over some notes from a discussion group I had participated in a while back; and prompted thoughts that took this concept one step farther: Development IN your Community vs. Development OF your Community.

There can and has been consistent development within our community for years. Significant improvements through grants and other programs have been beneficial to our community residents and visitors. These projects come about through the efforts of our local elected officials, economic development board, school faculty members, and dedicated volunteer groups. Each project has added value to Gorman and the surrounding area. All the efforts are applauded for the time, energy and financial contributions!

But to have development of our community denotes something different. It means to have a mission, a vision, a plan for organized, forward progress. So that each effort expended, no matter the organization, it fits like a puzzle piece to make the 'big picture' of developing our community. To have development of our community means that there are no fragmented projects; all things work together to build the community into a something that is strong, viable and attractive.

This coming Thursday evening (April 20) there will be a meeting of the Community Vision project. It will be at the Community Center at 7 PM. The City and the EDC Board would like to encourage each of you that could attend to be there. The goals have been established from previous meetings, but we need interested individuals to come and participate in the development of how we will work on these goals. In such days as these when our time is limited, our financial resources and manpower is limited what better reason to make sure no efforts are duplicated--that every hour, every dollar, every creative and innovative thought are properly dispensed! Many hands make light work.

Contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 for questions or comments. Hope to see you there!

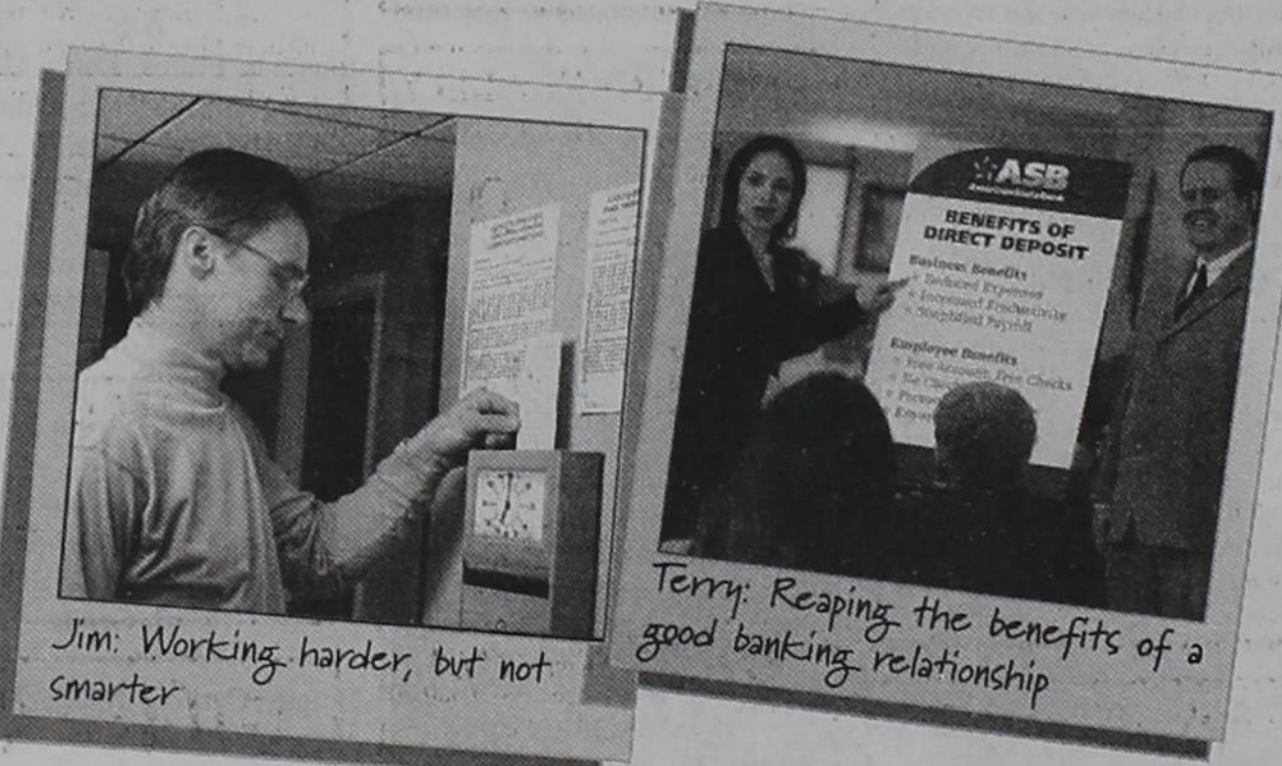
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Super Notes

By David K. Perry
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Wasn't the Easter weekend beautiful! I hope everyone had a blessed weekend and was able to celebrate in some way what Easter really means. I also hope that you parents will not let your children eat too much of the candy they received from the Easter Bunny before school. I know the teachers will appreciate you!

Last week began with our regularly scheduled school board meeting. The meeting convened at 6:00pm and the board passed the regular consent agenda after making some minor corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. The meeting then proceeded with reports from school personnel. Superintendent Perry presented the financial reports and stated that the school was in excellent condition. He then pointed out that the increase in interest income over last year was significant. The school counselor, Susie Hampton, then reported on her activity regarding student, parent, and teacher contacts. She also discussed guidance and curriculum presentations that had been made to our students and the upcoming TAKS tests. Course selection sheets are due for next year's courses by April 27. Principal Reeves then gave her report on activities at the Elementary campus. The Kindergarten had a kite day on March 24th and had a great time. The Sixth graders really enjoyed their orientation for next year and the second grad went to the Omni Theater for their year end field trip and saw a show entitled, "Bugs". The Fourth grade presented a Texas Living Museum depicting the lives of twenty-seven famous Texas. Ms Sowell's class attended the Tarleton Track Meet and visited Fossil Rim. All in all, the elementary has been very busy. Principal Panter presented the board with a new recommendation for High School GPA calculation that includes additional points for honors courses, upper level courses, dual credit college courses, and all Advance Placement and Pre-Advance Placement courses. This will not go into effect until the board approves the handbook for next year. The same is true for the new schedule. Principal Panter is proposing a seven period day instead of an eight period day. This will give the secondary students and additional ten minutes of classroom time per subject. The high school will also be offering a greater selection of upper level courses next year. Superintendent Perry then discussed with the board the trips that have been made to look at other gymnasiums in order to gather information and ideas for our proposed gym. We will next be meeting with coaches to get their input and then with the public. Superintendent Perry then commented on his attendance to the Statewide Summit on Education in Austin last month and said that hopefully some of the attitudes had changed regarding it is thought that the recent primaries sent a clear message to Austin that constituents were unhappy, especially since the Chairman of the House Education Committee lost his seat. It is believed that his support of special interest groups and big schools was his downfall. Superintendent Perry then informed the board that they would all have to complete mandatory open government training this year. This training will be done here in Gorman using DVD's supplied by the Attorney General. The board then approved the following:

- Initial transfer students for 2006-2007 school year
- For the school to apply for the Texas Science, Technology, and Math Initiative grant through the Region 14 ESC.
- Contract with the architect pending attorney's approval
- Contract with the Construction Management firm pending attorney's approval
- TASB term insurance for employees for next year

The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. When they returned to regular session they approved contracts for next year for Marilyn Warren as a probationary classroom teacher and an employment agreement with Martha Harrington as a reading specialist. The meeting then adjourned.

Gorman High School students competed in the District UIL academic competition at Tolar High School on March 27 and 30. Many of the students placed in their events, and two students have earned the opportunity to advance to Regional competition. The competition will be on April 21st and 22nd on the Hardin Simmons University campus in Abilene.

Those students participating at the District meet were: Amber Ervin, Brandon Greer, Brandy Carlton, Brittany Shirley, Carlos Gutierrez, Carrie Thetford, Cindy Lopez, Codi Church, Corey Brown, Daniel Shirley, Hollyann Wright, K'Ann Howard, Kendra Swanner, Kristy Carlton, Lindsey Laminack, Marcy Gonzalez, Matt Underwood, Matthew Cogburn, Matthew Smith, Megan Lewis, Nicole Cogburn, Reba Granado, Sharla Perez, Tecia Jones, Tim Patel, Ty Vaughn, Yhdira Garcia, and Zach Bryan.

The students who placed in their events were: Matthew Smith - 4th place Prose Interpretation, Hollyann Wright - 2nd place Prose Interpretation, Zach Bryan - 5th place Computer Science, Matt Underwood - 4th place Number Sense, Mary Powell - 5th place Ready Writing, Veronica Walton - 6th place Ready Writing, Kendra Swanner - 2nd place Persuasive Speaking, Yhdira Garcia - 4th place Persuasive Speaking, and Nicole Cogburn - 5th place Spelling and Vocabulary. Also, the Gorman speech team earned 2nd place.

Pictured below are the two students who have advanced to Regional competition.



Kendra Swanner placed 2nd in Persuasive Speaking, and Hollyann Wright placed 2nd in Prose Interpretation.

Important dates: 4/20 Voices Program @ 2:30pm, 4/21 Baseball @ Eula 5:00pm, 4/22 JH Volleyball @ Gustine 10:00am, 4/24 JH Volleyball @ Evant 6:00pm, 4/25 Baseball here 5:00pm.

I was at the Area Track Meet for a while last Thursday, but I have not officially received any notification from the coaches regarding who advanced. I hope they have submitted something to the paper themselves. Otherwise, if you need to know, give them a call in the field house. I'll try to do better communicating with them after the regional track meet at ACU. Now it's time to attend a baseball game so I had better wrap this up.

The deadline to purchase an annual is April 28th. If you need an order form please come by the office.

I always feel like I am forgetting something or someone each time I

GISD Honor Roll Fifth Six Weeks

First Grade

A

Sydney Casey, Kendle Coan, Carissa Cole, Kayce Dodd, Talee Jones, Samuel Rainey, Mayra Ramirez, Shawn Reyna, Kestan Pierce, Dayanna Palacios, Ricardo Olvera, Katalina Landa, Stephanie Janacek, Izael Herrera, Mayra Gutierrez and Brady Campbell.

A-B

Jasmine Fischer, Vanessa Hooper, Daniel Keeping, Audriana Segura, Ismael Herrera, Alex Rainey and Rebecca Mata.

Second Grade

A

Turner Whitten, Arlette Giles, Rylan Laminack and Kourtney Seaton.

A-B

Tomas Rodriguez, Rafael Mata, Kathryn Woodall, Cassidy Tolan, Jose Maldonado, Alexia Madera, Vanessa Longoria, Asahel Garcia, Kodie Sparger, Hunter Childers, Betty Cruz, Flavio Herrera, Yulissa Madera and Garet Vaughn.

Third Grade

A

Jacquelyn Rainey, Chloe Cole, Blake Self, Lauren Spivey and Madison Warren.

A-B

Austin Carter, Cheyenne Gibbs, Cosette Keeping, Russell Morrison, Lacey Wilson, Adrianna Blair, Britany Furns, Christopher Simmons, and Maty West.

Fourth Grade

A

Kinsey Johnston, Zachary Carlton and Melissa Ramirez.

A-B

Jessica Ledford, Connie Gonzalez, Mykisha Hampton, Jessica Williams, Haven Johnson and Yari Montelongo.

Fifth Grade

A

Austin Marlow and Rachel Tucker.

A-B

Margarita Oronia, Jenna Bullock, Sergio Garcia, Sklyer Henderson, Kacie Keith, Mario Silva and Tyson Underwood.

Sixth Grade

A

Cody Self.

A-B

Wyatt Church, Chelsea Griffin, Raven Kehl, Erica Ortiz, McKenzied Osborne, A. J. Vaughn, J. C. Whitten, Jonathan Fenley, Dolores Garcia, Carlie Jackson and Cortney Seaton

Seventh Grade

A

Brice Campbell and Jaime Johnston

A-B

Jordan Carter, Cameron Clark, Cecilia Olivares, Abigail Pacheco, Maria Raygoza, Amy Regian, Stephanie Risueno, Luisa Silva, Steven Singleton and Madison Wells.

Eighth Grade

A

Chance Bryant, Taylor Chew, Britany Henderson and Eric Ryon.

A-B

Jonathan Flores, Laura Herrera, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado, and Brenda Velesquez.

Ninth Grade

A

Codi Church, Emily Lewis, Jordan Perry and Matt Underwood.

A-B

Marsla Gonzales, Sonia Hipolito, Stormy Hurd, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Lindsey Laminack, Valerie Longoria, Martin Ramirez, Perla Velasquez, April Voyles, and Veronica Walton.

Tenth Grade

A

Brandy Carlton, Jimmy Murphy, Mary Powell and Nancy Velasquez.

A-B

Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Jessica Esquivel Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Tecia Jones, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis, Megan Lewis, Carlos Palacios, Tony Perez, Daniel Shirley and Trey Underwood.

Eleventh Grade

A

K'Ann Howard.

A-B

Kristy Carlton, Joshua Cox, Rosa Herrera, Brenda Olivares, Maria Oronia, Pete Ramirez, Amanda Regian, Brittany Shirley, Ty Vaughn, and Mindy Voyles.

Twelfth Grade

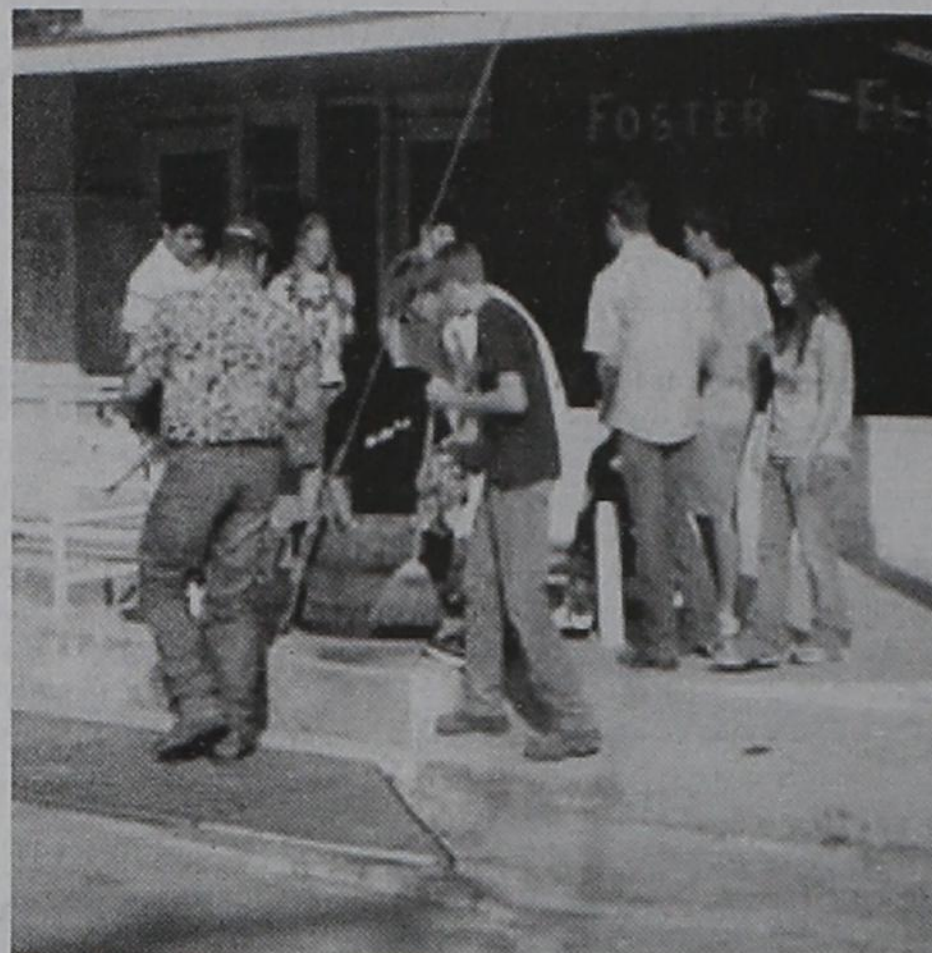
A

Zach Bryan, Amber Ervin, Brandon Hale, Nikki Keith, Kent Long, Cindy Lopez, Jessica Panter, Tim Patel, Kendra Swanner and Hollyann Wright.

A-B

Andy Abbe, Armando Giles, Sandra Lara, Esteban Leal, Kevin Lewis, Sharla Perez and Justin Wiley.

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Registration Deadline Is May 5 For Next Nationwide ACT Test

The next nationwide ACT test date for college-bound high school students is Saturday, June 10, 2006. Students must register online or have their paper registrations postmarked by the end of the day May 5. Late registration postmark deadline is May 19 (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration after May 5).

The June test date is a popular one for juniors. Around two-thirds of test-takers in June have just completed the eleventh grade. Many of them take the ACT, check their scores and then decide whether to re-test in the fall or winter of their senior year. By looking at their scores during the summer, students can study to boost academic weaknesses before taking the test again as seniors. ACT allows students to report only the scores that they want to colleges. Students can choose not to automatically report their scores when they register for the test.

The ACT includes an optional Writing Test. Most colleges do not require a writing score, so students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register online at www.actstudent.org. The website also features test tips, practice tests, an online test prep program, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The ACT is an academic achievement exam that includes four tests: English, reading, math, and science. Students who opt to take the Writing Test will add 30 minutes to the normal 3-hour testing time.

First Action Heroes Coming This Summer



The First Action Heroes are coming to the Methodist Church this summer! They are coming to teach you all of their super powers! Mark your calendars for June 26th thru June 30th.

Disaster Assistance Available For

Small, non-farm businesses in the following counties may now apply for low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These disaster loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues to farmers and ranchers caused by adverse weather conditions throughout the state, announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West. Small businesses in the following primary and neighboring counties may apply for working capital loans to offset economic losses that are attribute to the impact of the following weather conditions and incident dates in each county.

EIDL - 10376 - Primary Counties - Austin, Cass, Eastland and Palo Pinto; Contiguous Counties - Bowie, Brown, Callahan, Colorado, Comanche, Erath, Fayette, Fort Bend, Hood, Jack, Marion, Morris, Parker, Shackelford, Stephens, Waller, Washington, Wharton and Young - Drought from 4/1/05 to deadline 9/25/06.
EIDL - 10415 - Primary Counties - Palo Pinto; Contiguous Counties - Eastland, Erath, Hood, Jack, Parker, Stephens and Young - High Winds and Wildfire - from 01/01/06 to deadline 10/13/06.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) up to \$1.5 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred. "Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4%, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Mike Johanns declared these disasters at the request of Governor Rick Perry.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

For information and application forms call toll-free (800) 659-2955 or visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339. Mail completed applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration at 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Bob Bailey

Proposed Premises Registration Regulations "On Hold" Until 2007

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) will not address proposed regulations for premises registration at the upcoming May 4th TAHC commission meeting in Austin. Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and TAHC executive director, said the proposed premises registration regulations have been placed on "hold", and will not be considered by commissioners until the winter or spring of 2007.

Dr. Hillman said the TAHC will continue to promote voluntary, free registration of sites (premises) where livestock and fowl are held, handled, or managed. As of April 4th, more than 10,000 premises have been registered in Texas; more than 213,000 have been registered nationally. System registration is the foundation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), which, when fully implemented, would enable animal health officials to trace the movement of diseased or exposed livestock or poultry within 48 hours.

Information and agendas for Commission meetings will be posted on the TAHC website, filed in the Texas Register and announced through news releases. All TAHC commission meetings are open to the public. The TAHC's Austin headquarters may be reached at 1-800-550-8242, and the agency's website can be accessed at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>.

Information sheets about premises registration, NAIS booklets or presentations about premises registration may be requested by contacting the nearest TAHC area office or by calling the TAHC's headquarters and asking for Kenny Edgar, identification coordinator or Carla Everett, public information officer.



Marla McKinney and Deanna Krause hold the "Happy Trails" quilt donated by Mary Harris for the 2006 Dublin Round-Up for Rehab Auction. WTRC HOLDS 2006 ROUND-UP FOR REHAB

The Dublin Livestock Auction Barn hosted the first 2006 Round-Up for Rehab event on Friday, April 7th to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Supporters of the Rehab came out to take part in the lively bidding on auction items from quilts, baked goods, artwork, local merchandise, livestock, agricultural items and much more, even including a "flying donkey". The 2006 event was a record breaking year for Dublin by raising \$12,317. Dale and Marla McKinney of the Dublin Auction Barn have hosted the sale for several years and take part in the fun along with the rest of their staff. A special thanks to all who donated and participated in such a great success to help the West Texas Rehab Center in its mission of providing outstanding patient care each year to more than 21,000 children and adults, regardless of their financial circumstances.

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Comanche Co. Historical Commission To Hold Meeting

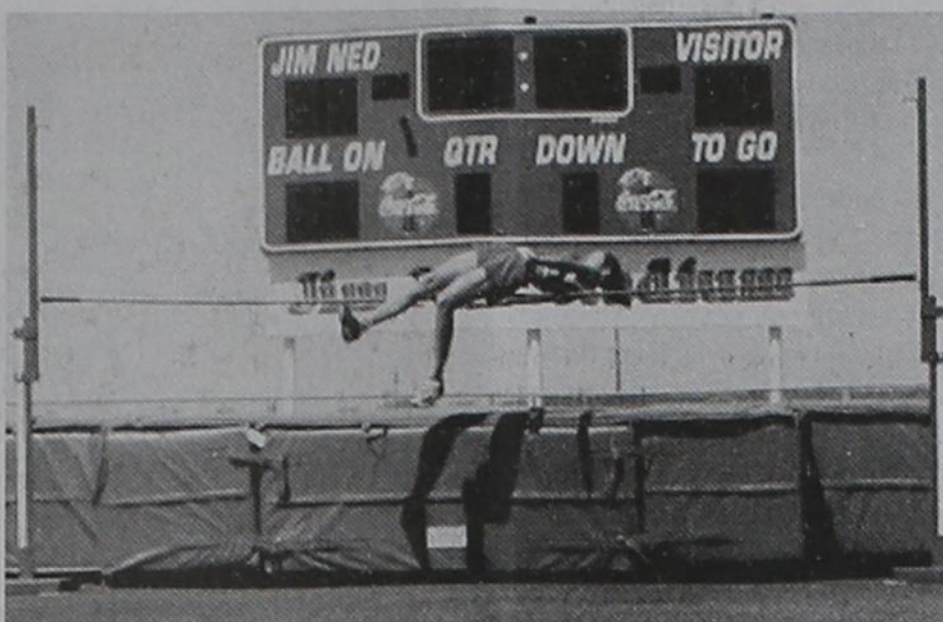
The Comanche County Historical Commission's County History Committee meeting will be meeting, April 22, Saturday in the F & M Bank's Hospitality Room at 1 p.m. De Leon.

If you missed the first meeting, you welcome to join the group who is collecting the County History for the book. Volunteers are needed to interview some of the senior citizens, to do the history of agriculture, ranching, and dairy histories of Comanche County, early family histories, and typists to transcribe handwritten notes.

Residents of Eastland County who have Comanche County roots are especially invited. Individuals who have knowledge of the county line school districts and churches are especially needed.

The County History Book committee needs a team of volunteers who can operate the GPS instrument and who is willing to obtain the latitudes and longitudes of the county cemeteries, old school house sites, early railroad depot locations and community locations.

The mailing address for the Comanche History Book project is CCHB, Box 669, Comanche, TX 76442.



Tecia Jones doing the "slinky" move over the bar.

Rep. Keffer, Luna and Otto File Bill To Lower School Property Taxes

(Austin, Texas) - Today, Rep. Jim Keffer (R-Eastland), Rep. Vilma Luna (D-Corpus Christi), and Rep. John Otto (R-Dayton) released a joint statement regarding their bi-partisan effort to file House Bill 3, which lowers school property taxes and reforms the state business tax.

"It has been our goal to provide long-term property tax relief, and we believe the Texas Tax Reform Commission has put forth an idea in keeping with that goal. Today, the Commission's proposal was divided into separate bills so that each component may be given every necessary consideration. We will be working together on the portion concerning the reformation of the Franchise Tax. This reformed tax is an important component to the education funding issue. House Bill 3 is a fair proposal to broaden the base of the business tax in Texas, and provide a stable revenue source which will grow with the State's economy."

Desdemona, Texas "Wall of Memories"

Desdemona Community Center and Foundation will construct a "Memory Wall" in the hall of the present school building. Individual memory bricks will be sold for \$25.00 each. These bricks are 4" x 8" in size which includes three lines with twelve spaces to each line to engrave names, dates, etc.

This project will be of great interest to remember those ex-students, teachers and friends who have passed on. Also to honor others and those who have worked endless hours to keep the Desdemona Community Center active.

We are excited about this "Memory Wall" and we encourage everyone to buy a brick to let those memories continue for years to come.

To purchase a memory brick contact Vonnie Guthery - P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445 or Call 254-758-2665 and leave a message or call Gay Moore at 254-758-2240.

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, April 22 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel Music played by the musical groups. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Dorothy Roberts is the chairman of the Concession Stand with several helpers, Gay Moore, Vonnie Guthery and Ima Brown.

Desdemona Cemetery Association members met last Saturday at the First Baptist Church Annex. A business meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon at noon. Approximately fifty members attended. Several members of the Walls Family attended from New Mexico. This annual meeting is always held on the third Saturday in April.

Robert and Ima Brown was in Fort Worth to visit with their son and family, Robert Alton and Jana Brown and children, Preston and Julie. The occasion was to celebrate Julie's fifteenth birthday.

Visitors on Easter Sunday with Dorothy Roberts were her daughter, Ulenda Cofsky; grand-daughter, Ashley Weaver and sons, Tanner and Noah and a friend, Levester Cooper all of Fort Worth.

Karen Eaves hosted Easter Sunday dinner for all the family. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery; Belinda Webb; Sonja Hornback; Kandice Martin; Holly Guthery; John Fair; Gary and Jody Walston; Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane. All the children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt after lunch.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Ardan Parker. He passed away early Sunday morning. Burial was in the Victor Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Phil Parker, Ronnie Parker and Mike Parker.

Easter weekend visitors with "Humpty" and Betty Duke were Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and children, Brandon and Lauren of Midlothian; Russell and Kayla Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; and Rusty and Samantha Duke of Desdemona.

Efforts and Courage are not enough without purpose and directions. J.F.K.

Have a Nice Day.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Gorman Progress, No. 13, April 6, 2006 "Objection to Pack 8 Cub Scouts Platoon War Game"

I do not believe this was a thoughtful and responsible choice

for Cub Scouts to play.

The subject matter was Violence, Terriost, Murder, Killing the President. This is not a "fun" game for Cub Scouts because they do not understand the consequences of such a game.

When they play act out the charcters in the plot with such Violence they intend in their mind to play the part well.

Threatening the President must less Killing Him in the U.S.A. is a criminal offence, punishable to life in prison or death.

Four Cub Scouts "Shot the President" and their picture was put on the front page of the paper. Their reward was a "medium size pizza." What they learn in real life they will remember. What would be their reward then?

The Pack 8 Cub Scouts are expected to enjoy another "fun game" in their next camp out. "Crime Scene Investigation."

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Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

What a glorious day Easter Sunday was for the members of the Kokomo Baptist Church and their visitors as they gathered at the Little Family Cabin on Lake Leon for the Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music singing "The Cross Said It All", and the congregation sang "This Is The Day The Lord Has Made" just as the sun began to rise, and then Bro. Jim Haggard brought a powerful message. The sun rising over the lake was a beautiful sight to behold. The spirit of God was truly felt at the service.

Visitors were Janie Riley and Johnnie B. Griffith of Midland, Lara Jane Cooper of San Angelo, Chad Griffith of Dallas, Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Terry, Arleen, Jonathan and Lauren Barfield of Tyler, Glenn, Donna and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay, Michael and Susie Hampton and children, and Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon. If I have omitted someone's name, please know that you were welcome, and do come and visit again. I didn't get to be there and have depended on others for the information, and I sincerely hope that we haven't overlooked anyone. Visitors are always welcome at the Kokomo Baptist Church services.

Following the service, breakfast was served and there was an egg hunt for the children. Many lingered for a time of visiting. It was truly a "Day The Lord Hath Made".

Johnnie B. Griffith, Ken and Janie Riley of Midland, Chad Griffith of Dallas and Lara Jane Cooper of San Angelo spent the weekend at the Griffith home on Lake Leon.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little attended the Latch Family Reunion at the Thatch House at the Lady Bird Johnson State Park in Fredericksburg on Saturday.

Judy and Sarah Porter and Tino and Scarlett Torres of Austin visited with Oren and Norma Webb and they all visited in Comanche on Saturday with Randall and Kaci Suniga and children and other family members and enjoyed the children's Easter Egg hunt and a fish fry that evening.

Judy and Sarah Porter and Scarlett and Tino Torres also visited in Gorman with Roma Hood.

Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham visited during the Easter Weekend with their parents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider of Gorman visited with their parents, Gene and Kay Snider. Woodrow and Helen Browning, Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham had dinner with them on Sunday.

Terry, Arleen, Jonathan and Lauren Barfield of Tyler and Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville visited during the Easter weekend with their parents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little.

Laverne and Tommy Carr of Lake Whitney spent Saturday night and Sunday with John and Troy Scitem. Others joining them for Sunday dinner and the children's Easter Egg hunt were Johnny and JoAnn Scitem, Kris, Kristen and Karsyn Scitem and Keri, Nicholas, Kelsey and Nashton Guthery of Gorman.

Those visiting with Durwood and Aletha Burgess during the Easter weekend were Glenn, Donna and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Danny and Charla Burgess of Gorman, Billy Burgess of Granbury, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of Desdemona, and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

La Von Snider and Gene and Kay Snider visited with Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay on Friday and helped Matt celebrate his birthday.

LaVon Snider visited with Danny, Dianne and Sandra Snider on Saturday. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider on Sunday and with Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, Craig, Matthew, Anna and Andrew of Hollis, OK and Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger who were visiting in the Snider home.

Scotty, Caye, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, Charla Burgess, Alan, Shellie, Justin, Ally and Emma Little visited with Charles and Carolyn Little on Easter Sunday.

Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis visited on Friday night and Saturday with Delmon Eaves.

Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene from Thursday until Monday with Glenda Black and Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and enjoyed watching Ryan and Kody and their little league team play baseball on Friday evening. Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin came for a weekend visit on Saturday and they all enjoyed going to the stock car races at the Abilene Speedway on Saturday night to see Wade run his races. He won third in his heat and eighth in the feature race. It brought back many memories of when Joe and Robert Miles were stock car racers in the mid to late 1980s and early 1990s. Tanner Daniell visited with them on Saturday afternoon and Shelby Boles had dinner with them on Saturday evening at Harlow's. Joe, Viki and Justin, Glenda and Zelda attended Easter Sunday church services with Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily at the Lytle South Baptist Church, and all had lunch in the Black home. The children enjoyed an egg hunt in the afternoon.

LET'S ALL PRAY FOR RAIN AND COOLER WEATHER. 100 degree weather in April is a little too much.

Apply For Assistance Even If You Have Insurance

AUSTIN, Texas - Individuals with insurance who were affected by the Texas Wildfires are urged by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management to apply for assistance. Insured individuals may be eligible for several types of disaster assistance.

"We want everyone affected and eligible for assistance to receive help as quickly as possible," said Deputy Federal Coordinating Officer, Dick Harmon, FEMA's top official for Texas Wildfires recovery operations. "By law, we cannot duplicate what insurance already covers. However, in some cases, we may be able to help, up to our program limits."

Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing; uninsurable items and other serious disaster-related needs; and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners and renters as well as business owners.

"Call to register with FEMA now," said State Coordinating Officer Duke Mazurek of the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management. "Then call after receiving your insurance settlement and update your information."

The Jan. 11 presidential declaration made individual assistance available to affected individuals and businesses in the counties of Anderson, Bastrop, Caldwell, Callahan, Cooke, Deaf Smith, Eastland, Erath, Gray, Guadalupe, Hood, Hutchinson, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Roberts, Tarrant, Wheeler and Wise.

To register, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY at 1-800-462-7585 for the speech- or hearing-impaired. FEMA cannot duplicate what insurance already covers nor pay deductibles.

Examples of what FEMA may cover for insured victims include: expenses for renting a hotel room while a home is inaccessible or uninhabitable, if insurance does not cover that cost, and items that are uninsurable, such as wells or septic tanks, or the costs of obtaining access to one's home.

People who have insurance and have registered for assistance may receive a letter from FEMA telling them they are not eligible at this time because they are insured. People who get a letter denying assistance because of insurance should consider calling FEMA again at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) after their insurance claim is settled. If you are not satisfied with FEMA's decision on your application, an appeal can be filed in writing to FEMA Appeals Officer, National Processing Service Center, P.O. Box 10055, Hyattsville, Md., 20782.

Retrospect

I often pause to think upon
The passing time, things long gone by,
For time may be a fickle friend, and
As things begin, then they must end.

I ponder over those early years,
The gleeful chatter and sound of tiny feet
Scampering across the floor.
Those happy years took early flight and
Then those sounds were heard no more.

And all God's gifts along the way,
Sometimes dismissed in lieu of less important deeds.
The Sabbath morn, the sound of song, and
The march of Nature's Grand Parade
Are prime among man's special needs.

From earth's clay we all are born
And soon we shall return.
We must take the time for life's Gifts
Born of God, no way to earn.

Leo Williams

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
April 17, 2006
Tax Day Recap

With tax season coming to a close, I thought it would be a good opportunity to take a look back at recent tax relief measures and the effect they are having on the U.S. economy. What I found from studies done by the U.S. Department of the Treasury paints an interesting picture.

In May of 2003, President Bush signed the Jobs and Growth Act into law, which reduced the tax burden on American taxpayers. Lower taxes have meant real savings for millions of workers. This year alone, 5 million individuals and families will see their income tax liability completely eliminated; 44 million families with children will receive an average tax cut of \$2,495; 14 million elderly individuals will save an average of \$2,043. Small businesses will benefit as well: 25 million small business owners will see their tax burden decline by an average of \$3,641.

These tax savings are translating into positive news for the job market. In the three years since the tax relief went into effect, business investment has increased, the number of jobs have grown, and the unemployment rate has dropped. The U.S. economy is experiencing 31 consecutive months of job growth, which has resulted in the creation of more than 5.1 million new jobs (including 2.1 million in the past 12 months alone). Reports show that this growth is occurring in multiple sectors of the economy, including health, educational, business, and financial services. At the same time, the country's unemployment rate is historically-low at 4.7 percent.

Federal tax revenues have also gone up. Despite the misleading rhetoric that tax relief is adding to the deficit, quite the opposite is true. Since 2003, when the latest round of tax relief was passed, tax revenues have increased each year. This includes revenues increasing by 14% in 2005. More needs to be done to reduce the deficit - such as reining in spending - but raising taxes isn't the answer. To keep the economy humming along, we need to continue smart tax policies that allow small businesses and working families to keep more of their hard-earned money.

--Randy

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