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## Easter Treasure Hunt

The Annual Gorman Easter Treasure Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 2:00 in the City Park. There will be 5 age groups again this year. Infant: 1 year old and under. Child MUST be able to sit alone to participate. 2-3 year olds, 4 years old thru kindergarten, 1 & 2 grades and 3 & 4th grades.

In case of rain, the hunt will be held the following Saturday. Mrs. Bunny is sorry she missed all the children last year and has ask to be able to come even if it rains and set up in the Sr. Citizen building to visit with them.

**NOTICE!!!DONATIONS NEEDED. ACCEPTING CASH, EGGS, TREASURES, CANDY,(NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE) CHIPS, CRACKERS, ETC. DONATIONS MAY BE LEFT AT BOB'S GRO., CITY GRO., OR SMITH'S SERVICE STATION.**

For more information call 254-734-270 and leave a message.

## GMA Easter Sunrise Service Set Sunday Morning

The Gorman Ministerial Alliance Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Gorman United Methodist Church on Easter Sunday morning, April 16, at 7:00 A.M.

The meeting will convene outside at 7 o'clock for a short portion of the service, and then will move into the church auditorium for the remainder of the service.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall.

Whatever your church affiliation, or if you have no church affiliation, this service is for you as our community joins to celebrate the historical event of the ages, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## OPENING DAY

Opening Day for Baseball at Peanut Park will be on Saturday April 8, 2006. The activities will kick-off at 8:00 am. Come out and see the kids in their new uniforms. The Baseball Commission would like to Thank Gary Burgess for coming out and leveling the field. They would like to Thank all the others that have been out helping with the field. We hope to see you there.

## Pajama Mama Relay For Life Team - Bake Sale

The Pajama Mama Relay For Life Team will be having an Easter Bake Sale and Easter Basket Sale on Saturday, April 15, at Bob and Cindy's Nursery from 9 a.m. till noon. We are also having a drawing for \$50 Worth of Groceries and Majestic Palm Plant donated by Bob and Cindy's Nursery. Chances for these drawings can be purchased at The Hair Shoppe from Julie Clark. Please come by and support our Relay For Life Team.

## I've Got A Baby Sister



Nolan Laminack is happy to tell you on April 5, 2006 at 12:33 a.m. his baby sister, Reagan Renee arrived. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Noble and Heather Laminack, Artesia, New Mexico. Grandparents are Don and Marcell Laminack of Gorman, Texas and Bob and Verna Harrison of Artesia, New Mexico.

She was born on her cousin, Lindsey Laminack's 15th birthday. Lindsey had ask her Aunt Heather to have the baby on her birthday and have a girl, Please.

## FBC Summer Camp

The First Baptist Church would like to invite all children between the first and sixth grades to join us at camp this summer. Camp is always an enjoyable and uplifting experience for every child.

Camp dates as follows:

**Lad and Lassie Camp - June 16-17**

(Grades 1 - 3)

**Pre-Teen Camp - July 24-27**

(Grades 4 - 6)

**Youth Camp - July 17-21**

(Grades 7 - 12)

Registration forms can be picked up at the church office, your Sunday school or CIA teacher. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 must be paid before May 1, 2006.

For more information please contact: **First Baptist Church, 734-2420.**

## BUZZ ON BY FOR A CLOSER LOOK

Gorman GROW will be meeting on Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30, in the Community Center. If you have wanted to become involved in the community somehow, and you just haven't had the opportunity, here's your chance. Come to the meeting and see what you might help us accomplish. We welcome all visitors and would enjoy your input.

Gorman GROW's April Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30.

**COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006 STARTS AT 8 AM**

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

## Lady Panthers Clobber Baird Then Fall To Eula

The Gorman Lady Panther softball team dominated the Baird Lady Bears by a score of 21-3 in 3 innings on Friday April 7th. Brandy Carlton was 3 for 4 with a double, 3 RBI, and 3 runs scored. Megan Lewis was 2 for 3 with a walk, 2 RBI, and 2 runs scored. Nikki Keith was 3 for 4 with a double, 3 stolen bases, 3 RBI, and one run scored. Kendra Swanner was 2 for 4 with a double, a stolen base, 3 RBI, and 2 runs scored. Audrey Johnston was 2 for 2 with 2 walks, 3 stolen bases, and 3 runs scored. Kristy Carlton was 2 for 3 with a walk, 3 RBI, and 2 runs scored. Valerie Longoria was 3 for 4 with 2 triples, 4 RBI, and 3 runs scored. Reba Granado was 3 for 3 with a double, 3 RBI, and 3 runs scored. Tecia Jones was 1 for 1 with 2 walks, 1 stolen base, and 2 runs scored. Kendra Swanner pitched 3 innings giving up 6 hits, 0 walks, 3 earned runs, and 2 strikeouts. The team improved to 9-6 on the season and 3-3 in district 6-A.

	1	2	3	R	H	E
Gorman	0	5	16	21	21	1
Baird	3	0	0	3	6	2

The Lady Panthers took on the state ranked Eula Lady Pirates on April 10th and dropped to 9-7 on the season and 3-4 in district 6-A with the 0-6 loss. The bright side though was that in two seasons since dropping from class 2A where they were in the state tournament, Eula had not been played to a full 7 inning game in district play. The Lady Panthers took them the full 7 and held them to the lowest run total in district play in two seasons. The Lady Panthers played quality defense behind some quality pitching from Kendra Swanner against one of the most impressive offenses in the state. Gorman managed only one hit (Tecia Jones) on the offensive side however and was unable to score a run for only the 3rd time this season.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Eula	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	6	11	0
Gorman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	

The Lady Panthers will take on the Lady Bulldogs this Friday at Ranger. The game will start at 10:00 am since there is no school on Friday. This will be the final game of the season for the Lady Panthers and the final high school game ever for our 3 seniors Kendra Swanner, Holly Wright, and Nikki Keith. If you have the chance please come watch our Ladies close out the 2006 season.

## Child Safety Seat Class

Just a reminder that we will be holding our child safety seat class on April 19th starting at 7pm at Eastland Memorial Hospital.

THANK YOU

## GORMAN MILLING

We would like to say thank you to Gorman Milling. The Gorman Livestock Raisers had a truck to deliver our cookie dough orders, and we needed a fork lift to unload the pallet. They dropped everything and headed down to help us. We really appreciate your time.

Thanks again, G L R A

## Senior Citizens Met Wednesday

The Senior Citizens meets every Wednesday in the center at 11:30 a.m. There were 31 in attendance on April 5. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Barbara Bush called to order and gave reports. Martha Rainey offered the blessing.

It was so very good to have Anna Rush with us after breaking her elbow. She was missed in her long absence.

Betty Frasier is much improved after she fell. Good to see her again. Beth Shirley is looking good and holding her own during treatment. Joy Rodgers announced her sister, Nell Alldredge has returned to live in Gorman. Know it will be good to have her nearby. Opal Burton is taking her chemo in Brownwood. She is coming along just fine.

So good to have the kitchen ceiling repaired!! Hopefully no more pots sitting around to catch leaks. Also may keep the mice from running rampant through all the holes.

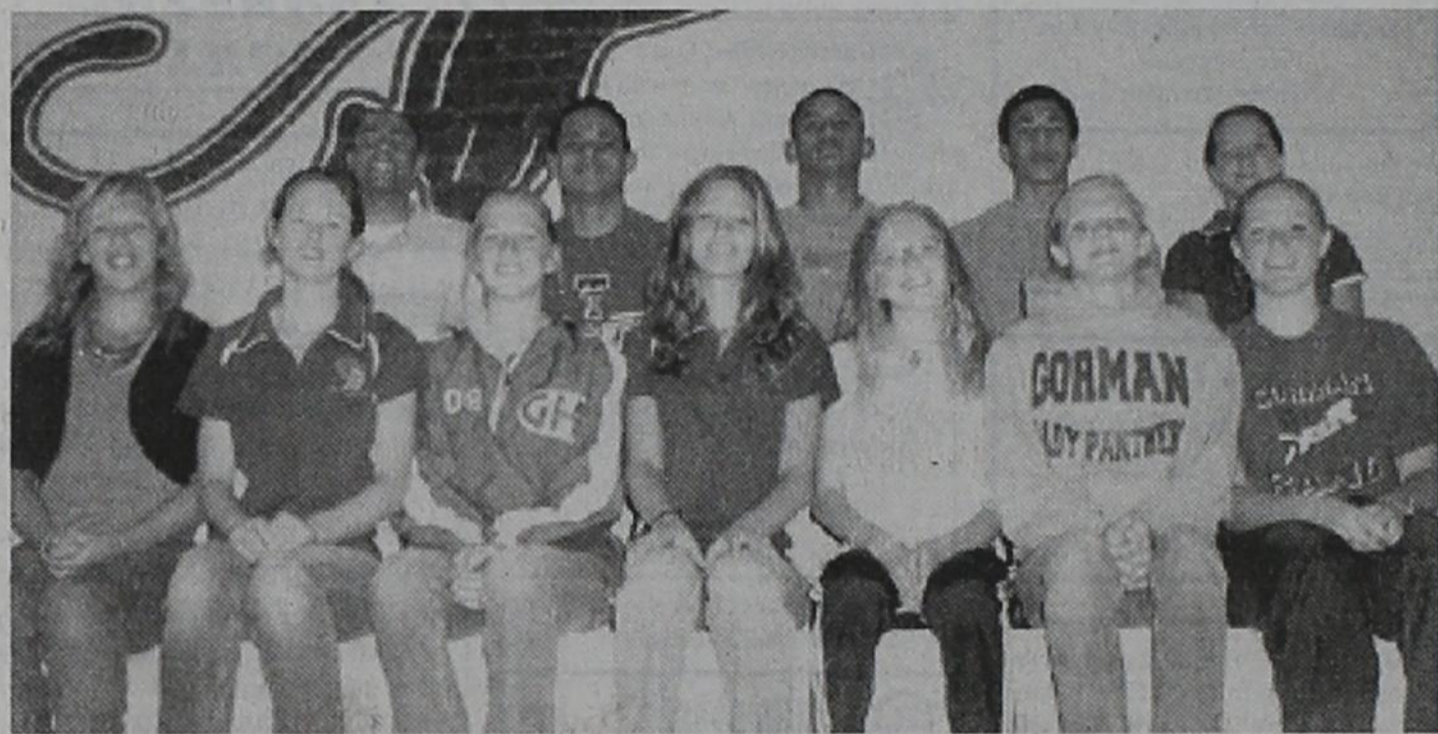
We had our playday on April 7 with 7 in attendance. Will start at 6 p.m. from now on. Please come and enjoy the fun. We need more people.

## Lady Panthers on Fire!!

The girls track team is heated up and ready to go! Earning 2nd place at the Breckenridge track meet last Saturday was more than impressive! Led by a strong foundation of training and confidence the girls worked through a very difficult field and competed at levels the town of Gorman should be very proud of. "My expectations at district, even though there are some really challenging times and distances out there, could not be any higher!"

Results:  
Mary Powell: 3200- 1st (13:23) 1600- 1st (5:42) PR  
Crystal Thackerson: 3200- 2nd (13:38) PR 1600-2nd (6:17)  
Tecia Jones: 3200- 5th (14:49) 1600-6th (6:41) PR 300M Hurdles-7th (57.66) PR  
April Keaton: 800-6th (2:58) PR 1600- (6:49) PR  
Brandy Carlton: Triple Jump (28.5') High Jump-3rd (4.6')  
800-2nd (2:45) 400-3rd (1:08)  
Nicole Cogburn: 400 Relay- 5th (56.10) 100- 2nd (13:93) Long Jump- (13.9') Discus 8th (60'8") PR  
Audrey Johnston- 400 Relay-5th (56.10) 200-3rd (28.08) PR Triple Jump- 7th (29.3) Long Jump (13'3")  
Megan Lewis- 400 Relay- 5th (56.10) 100 Hurdles- 1st (17.23) 300 Hurdles-4th (51.03) PR  
Sharla Perez- 400 Relay- 5th (56.10) 100-7th (14:40) Triple Jump- 5th (29'5") PR Long Jump-(13'11") PR  
Rosa Herrera- Discus (58'0") Shot Put (25'3") PR  
District-Thursdays April 6th @ Goldthwaite. 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



Area Qualifiers- Back Row- Corey Brown, David Ibarra, Reggie Sanchez, Orlando Rodriguez, Megan Lewis. Front Row- Sharla Perez, Brandy Carlton, Audrey Johnston, Tecia Jones, Mary Powell, Crystal Thackerson, And Nicole Cogburn.



8th Girls District 1st place team Back Row- Abby Pacheco, Kimmy Seaton, Madison Wells, Katie Fritts, Evanjelina Sanchez. Front Row- Amy Regian, Laura Herrera, Jamie Johnston, and Brittany Herderson.



8th Grade Boys 2nd place team Back Row- Tyler Johnson, Alex Giles, Taylor Chew, Carmeron Clark, Poncho Raygoza. Front Row Eric Ryon, Ben Burgess, Justin Little, and John Flores.

## District Track Meet Held

District 12-A Track and Field Meet Results - High School Boys Field Events: Long Jump- Orlando Rodriguez 8th place with a jump of 18'-11/2"; High Jump- Orlando Rodriguez 4th place with a jump of 5'-8". Running Events: 100 Meter Dash-Corey Brown 3rd place with a time of 11.36 sec.; 200 Meter Dash- Corey Brown 2nd place with a time of 23.48 sec.; 400 Meter Dash- David Ibarra with a time 55.22; 400 Meter Relay- David Ibarra, Reggie Sanchez, Orlando Rodriguez, and Corey Brown 3rd place with a time of 46.05 sec.

Members of the varsity track team placing 4th or higher will advance to the Area meet at Jim Ned on Thursday, April 13th. Other members of the team were Zach Bryan, Aaron Keith, Daniel Shirley, Matt Underwood, and Gabe Burt.

More Track News Inside This Issue Of The Progress

**REMINDER** that if anyone wants on the Garage Sale map to call Lori Dodd at 734-3933 and please leave a name, address and phone number. Last day to get on the map is 5 p.m. Friday April 21.

# Obituaries

## Charles Howard Crawford

Charles Howard Crawford, age 83 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Saturday, April 8th at the Comanche Co. Medical Center. Services were held Monday, April 10, 2006 at 5 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating and music by Vicki Robinett and LaResse Wilkerson. Interment at Pearsall Cemetery in Pearsall, TX, at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

He was a farmer; had resided in De Leon since 1952 and was a Baptist.

He was born February 17, 1923 in Pearsall, Texas to the late Charles W. Crawford and Ruth King Crawford.

He is survived by one son Charles Crawford, Jr. of De Leon; one daughter, Darlene McGlothlin of Midland; one brother, Warren Crawford of San Antonio, one sister, Leona Mae Rankin of Houston; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded by two brothers, Harold Crawford and an infant brother Ira Crawford.

## Malinda Dee Williams

Malinda Dee Williams, age 37 of Brownwood, TX passed away Thursday, April 6th at Kindred Hospital in Fort Worth. Services were held Monday, April 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joe Baptist Church with A. D. Kyle, Jr. officiating assisted by Jackie Auvenshine. Burial was at Oliver Springs Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Malinda was a Lab Tech at Brownwood Regional Medical Center; she had resided in Brownwood since 1990, having previously lived in Odessa. She was a member of West Odessa First Baptist Church.

She was born May 23, 1968 in Odessa, Tx to Billy Ross Williams and Melba Tawana Hudgens Williams.

She is survived by her parents, Billy Ross and Tawana Williams of Palestine, Tx; one sister Esther Jeanene Rice and husband Christ of Fort Worth; grandfather, D. S. Williams of De Leon; several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded by her grandparents, Dora Williams and Jack and Ruth Hudgens.

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**NEW:** 1 A m/1, 2-1 frame, app. 900' metal roof, shop bldg., numerous windows, 1/2 acre and much more. \$12,000.00.  
**NEW:** 3.1 A. near Sidney, 4 - 2 - 2 brick, 1772' C A/H, lg. rooms & kitchen, beautiful spring fed creek, rock waterfall, Live Oak, Pecans, nice property. \$110,000.  
**NEW:** 10.43 A. near Duster, Pecan trees, pond, coop water included, elec. available, paved road. Owner/agent, possible finance. \$33,900.  
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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 post-marked 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](http://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!

## Jr. High Boys District Track Meet Results - Cross Plains

The 8th grade boys team took 2nd place overall with 122 points. Field Events: Long Jump- Tyler Johnson 1st place with a jump of 16'-2", Justin Little 3rd place with a jump of 15'-2 1/2"; Shot Put- Taylor Chew 1st place with a throw of 34'-0 1/4", Alex Giles 2nd place with a throw of 33"-4 1/4"; Discus- Tyler Johnson 2nd place with a throw of 107"-3 1/2", John Flores 6th place with a throw of 77'-9 1/2"; Triple Jump- Taylor Chew 3rd place with a jump of 31'-4 1/4".

Running Events: 100 Meter Dash- Tyler Johnson 1st place with a time of 13.06sec., Taylor Chew 3rd place with a time of 13.37 sec., 200 Meter Dash- Tyler Johnson 2nd place with a time of 26.87sec., Taylor Chew 4th place with a time of 28.21 sec., 400 Meter Dash- Justin Little 4th place with a time of 1:08.64 sec., Cameron Clark 6th place with a time of 1:08.72 sec., 800 Meter Run- Justin Little 2nd place with a time of 2:41.00 sec., Ben Burgess 6th place with a time of 3:03.34 sec., 400 Meter Relay- Justin Little, Taylor Chew, Cameron Clark, Tyler Johnson 2nd place with a time of 51.97 sec., 800 Meter Relay- Eric Ryon, John Flores, Alex Giles, Ben Burgess 4th place with a time of 2:12.50 sec., 110 Meter Hurdles- Cameron Clark 2nd place with a time of 21.09 sec.,

**7th Grade Boys**  
Field Events: Discus- Kiefer Wilson 2nd with a throw of 72'-6 1/2", Running Events: 200 Meter Dash- Kiefer Wilson 5th place with a time of 33.09 sec., 400 Meter Dash- Kiefer Wilson 6th place with a time of 1:16.41 sec.

## "Flying Preacher"



On Wednesday night, April 12 at 7:00PM, the Desdemona Church of Christ will host David Caskey and his wife Dinah who are missionaries in the Bahama Islands. Caskey started his career at the Desemona church after his graduation from Abilene Christian University and the Caskey's have worked in the Bahamas since 1981. He is better known there as the "Flying Preacher" because he flies his plane to the 700 islands to do his work. Read more about this mission in the March issue of the Christian Chronicle. Everyone is invited to Desdemona on this Wednesday night for this special event.

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No. CV-06-40,333  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

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  
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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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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:

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  
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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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## KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

I wish everyone a very "Happy Easter". Let us remember the true meaning of the Easter season: the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and that through Him we can have eternal life if we ask Him to come into our heart. May we all have a wonderful time of worshipping the Lord at the church services, and then a wonderful visit with family and friends.

The Kokomo Baptist Church will have only one service on Easter Sunday, and that will be a Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. at the Little Family Cabin at Lake Leon on county road 579 off the Staff Road. Be sure to bring your lawn chair. Coffee, orange juice and donuts will be served. Bro. Jim Haggard will direct the service. There will be an egg hunt for the children following the service. Visitors are welcome.

Bro. Jerry Speer of Ranger preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, April 9. His wife, Dorothy also attended the service. Other visitors were Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth, TX. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Mr. and Mrs. Scarth who had just celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. The choir rendered the special music, singing "Blessed Assurance". They were Helen Browning, Ruth Rodgers, Karen Patterson, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Speer's message on Sunday morning was "Someone Is Always Doing Something For You". God the father, Jesus the Son, and The Holy Spirit surrounds us at all times. The Sunday night message was "Draw Me and we will run after thee". God draws us to him with his love and grace.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Ruth Rodgers, Ann Warren and Zelda Jordan. Woodrow, Helen, Ruth and Jimmy presented the special music.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited in Copperas Cove on Sunday night and Monday with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydney and Joey Bond.

Betty and Larry Strube visited in Brownwood with Sheron Graham. Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth, TX visited during the weekend with Betty Little. Karen Patterson of Eastland and Jimmy and Verna Lee Little had lunch with them on Sunday.

Judy Porter of Austin visited several days last week with her parents, Oren and Norma Webb.

Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville and Ted Snider visited with LaVon Snider. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider on Sunday and with Gene and Kay Snider on Monday.

Sylvia Buchanan was in Stephenville recently to see Lindsey Lazona play in the Handicap Children's T-ball game. Lindsey is a member of the "Angel's Team". Others attending the ball game were: Cynthia and Toby Lazona, Don and Linda Brumbelow, Sherry, Randy and Madison Wylie. They all enjoyed supper in the home of Cynthia Lazona following the ballgame.

Sylvia Buchanan visited several days last week with Kelly and Tina Buchanan in West Columbia and with Rebecca Black and grandson, Brandon in Brazoria. She also attended the funeral of a friend, Lavan Thompson in Brazoria.

Doris Bradshaw, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Zelda Jordan and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Sylvia Buchanan visited with Jesse and Lenora Speer in Ranger. Zelda Jordan visited in Abilene on Friday and Saturday with Glenda Black and Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell and attended Ryan and Kody's little league ballgame on Saturday afternoon. Their team didn't win the game, but they made some good plays. Ryan played in center field and Kody played on third base, and then was the pitcher for two innings. Keep up the good work boys. Grandma is proud of you. I hope to see you play again soon.

Happy Easter!

## County and State 4-H and FFA Steer Validation

Any 4-H and FFA member who planning on showing a steer at any of the major stock shows or the county stock show this coming year, needs to order their validation tags by April 17th.

You need to call the Eastland County Extension Office at 629-1093 or 629-2222 or your Vo Ag Teacher to order. Cost is \$10.00 per steer tagged or \$6.00 for unused tags.

County and State Steer Validation will be held June 27th at 8:30 a.m. at the Moylan Farm in Eastland. Steers not validated are ineligible to show. This is the only day we will validate steers in Eastland County.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, call the Extension Office or your Vo Ag Teacher.

## State Fair of Texas Validation For Barrows, Lambs & Goats

Any 4-H and FFA member who plans on showing a barrow, lamb or meat goat at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas in September-October 2006 must have them validated.

4-H and FFA members need to order and pay for tags by April 15th. Cost is \$8.00 per tag. 4-Hers can order and pay at the Eastland County Extension Office and FFA members need to order with their Ag Teacher by April 15th.

State Fair Validation will be held June 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the Eastland County Show Barn in Eastland.

Check with the Eastland County Extension Office or your local Ag Teacher if you have questions.

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Cemetery Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 15 at the Desdemona First Baptist Church Annex. Business meeting at 11:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish-luncheon at 12:00 noon. Association members are invited to attend.

Ladies Monthly Social was held last Monday morning at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. The social was attended by fifteen ladies. Hostesses Ruth Rodgers of Gorman and Betty Duke of Desdemona served plenty of good food for all the guests. The entire room tables were decorated for Easter. Ladies Monthly Socials are held on the second Monday of each month. Next social will be on May 8. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to Carol Sue (Hall) Willis in Arlington. Her husband, Wayman Willis passed away and was buried on Thursday, April 5 in the Howard Cemetery (north of Desdemona).

Jeff Roberts of Dallas spent the past weekend visiting with his mother, Dorothy Roberts. They enjoyed lunch together on Saturday in Stephenville.

*Thought for today - "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty"*

By Sir Winston Churchill

"Happy Easter" to all of our friends and neighbors from the Guthery Family.

## Order Of Cancellation

### EJEMPLO DE ORDEN DE CANCELACION

The City of Gorman hereby cancels the elections scheduled to be held on May 13, 2006 in Accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Robert Ervin - Position of Mayor  
(Candidato)

Charlie Torrez - Commissioner Place #2  
(Candidato)

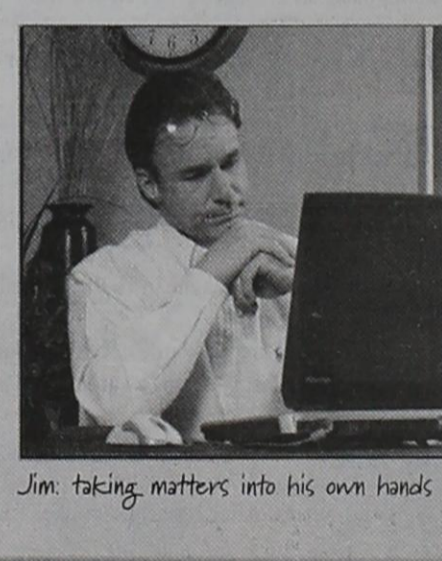
Joe Casey - Commissioner Place #4  
(Candidato)

El City of Gorman por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 13 Mayo de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) del Codigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente elegidos como se haya indicado a continuacion:

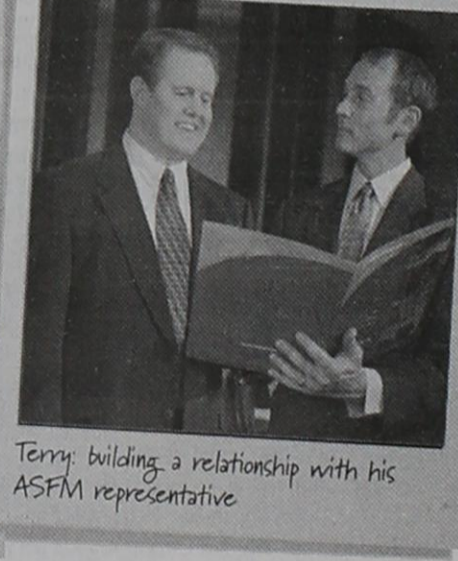
A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

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## EDC TALK

Recently, four community leaders from Gorman attended a TMCN Network Luncheon in Eastland. Mary Reeves, Maxfield Elementary principal; Judy Warren, Gorman EDC president; Cliffa Vaughn, Gorman EDC Board member, and Lori Dodd, EDC director were among the 60 attendees from nine communities of the surrounding area. The luncheon, hosted by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and catered by Valentino's, is an annual event sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network to bring community leaders, elected officials from state, county and city together to discuss legislative issues that are of great importance to rural Texas. Among the topics discussed were underground water districting, unfunded mandates for environmental issues, health care, school funding and legislative re-districting. It was an excellent meeting with lots of information and opinions brought to the surface in an open forum.

This was the second of five Network Luncheon sponsored by TMCN that will be held throughout the month of April. There will be one in Early on April 12, Stamford April 27, and Anson April 28. If you would like more information about attending one, you can call Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or www.texasmidwest.org and click on Programs and Activities, and then register for Network Luncheon.

I would also like to thank Birdsong Peanuts Employees for being the first to do their community highway clean-up!! Great job! I will report each organization and their collected trash amounts here each week as they are reported. I want to thank each and every organization for their support of our community!!

## Gorman City Commission Minutes

APRIL 6, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Tony Carter and Charlie Torrez. Please note Charlie was called out to a fire call and Nathan arrived late. Others present were Lori Dodd and Chuck Abbey.

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

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

Tony made the motion to approve the minutes with two corrections: "Abbey property doesn't join the city street" and "Absent was Charlie Torrez." With these corrections noted, Joe made a second. Motion carried 2-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Tony made a second motion carried 2-0.

Lori presented an activity report as the EDC Director. Lori also gave a future plans report. She also asked the Commission if they wanted to

## Ethanol Doesn't Add Cost To Fuel

According to the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas' largest organization of farmers and ranchers, reports concerning the cost of ethanol have resulted in misinformation about the growing industry. Ethanol is less expensive than petroleum fuels and other additives and a renewable energy source.

"Texas Farm Bureau looks to the future of cost efficient energy production in the United States," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "The production and switch to ethanol based fuels instead of remaining dependant on expensive petroleum based fuels will impact everyone in a positive way."

"Ethanol market prices are significantly lower than the cost of unleaded gasoline to consumers," Dierschke said. "Petroleum companies using ethanol at a ten percent ratio with gasoline could afford to reduce gasoline prices at the pump by as much as eight cents per gallon in many areas."

At this time the U.S. ethanol industry has 97 refineries located in 19 states with the ability to process more than 1.7 billion bushels of grain into 4.5 billion gallons of environmentally safe energy.

Ethanol is currently blended in more than thirty percent of the nation's fuel. An additional thirty-three ethanol production facilities are under construction, the new facilities will add another 2 billion gallons of consumable fuel within the next twelve to eighteen months.

**Reminder:**  
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**Tuesday Noon**

Keep moving with the VISION project. Leaders who have aided in organizing this feel that Gorman has a lot out there to offer and a lot of potential if we are willing to work and pursue.

Also reports were submitted from the department heads.

Chuck Abbey was present to gain more information on the possible purchase or acquisition of 1/2 of Potter St. that runs just west of his property. Chuck is going to talk to Birdsong Peanuts before proceeding. Also Potter St. will have to be surveyed.

New business: Nathan made the motion to purchase a laser printer while it was found at a good sale price. Joe made a second, motion carried 3-0.

Tony made the motion to have Guthery Welding / Const. to put the top on the restroom building on the basket ball court. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ervin brought up some concerns about the improvements made at the wastewater treatment plant. We need to get with the engineer before grant is finalized.

Joe made the motion to continue the employment of Curtis Gilder. He will be given a wage increase of .50 / hour and put on full city insurance. As Curtis will pursue further licensing. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commission decided to grant Doug Caffey the regular employment, with insurance, working on a full time basis twenty-four (24) hours per week, any emergency calls where the Chief would be required and expected. He will also work for vacation time-off, sick leave and education time off of officers when necessary. He will perform all duties as and of Chief. His salary will be \$12,000 per year. This will become effective January 1, 2007. This will make the existing contract of Doug Caffey and the City of Gorman, Evergreen Contract, null and void. (The contract of automatic renewal each year for four years, which was not renewed the last time it was up for renewal, but the years already in place were to be fulfilled). Nathan made the motion to accept this proposal and Charlie made a second.

There being no further business for discussion Charlie made the motion to adjourn. Nathan made a second. Motion carried. Time was 7:15 p.m.

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Cleburne Lion Fred Bennett, left, presents a Wild Game Cook Book to Robert Damron, Superintendent of CISD for five years, after his presentation of Education Expenditures and School Finance to the Cleburne Lions Club. Damron pointed out that 65% of CISD funds are spent on instruction, consisting largely of teacher salaries, slightly above state average. In most financial categories, CISD is about average state-wide. He emphasized that bi-language classes are used to transition the almost 13% of students who are limited English speaking to being able to function fully in English. He also stressed that CISD is the largest employer, food service and transportation entity in Cleburne. Fred is the brother of Joe Bennett of Gorman.

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### Texas Baseball All-Stars

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

At high schools all across Texas, baseballs are flying, and have been for weeks. Professional baseball officially got under way a few days ago. It's a good time to remember just how much Texas has contributed to this national pastime.

There are 12 native Texans enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. I've seen various lists of the all-time best team in baseball history, but I've never seen a group from any state as skilled as the 12 from Texas. The Texas Hall of Fame team might not be a perfect nine, but they would be as perfect as it gets in baseball.

Nolan Ryan once said, "One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something."

These 12 Texans did exactly that. They overcame serious challenges and performed with honor - both on and off the field.

Few may remember that early in his career, Ryan was actually sent back to the minor leagues. But Ryan - born in Refugio and raised in Alvin - rode his 100-mph fastball into the Hall of Fame in 1999, his first year of eligibility, with just six dissenting votes.

(You have to wonder about those six voters. Were seven no-hitters and 12 one-hitters in one lifetime not enough?)

Rube Foster, born in 1879 in Calvert, Texas founded the Negro National League in 1920. He pitched for 24 years and was a manager for 19, primarily for the Chicago American Giants.

Frank Robinson, from Beaumont, twice won the Most Valuable Player award, in both major leagues. Robinson later became baseball's first African American manager, and last year was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W. Bush.

Another baseball legend, Tris Speaker, was born in Hubbard, Texas. An early football injury was so serious that a surgeon recommended his left arm be amputated. Speaker said no. He used that left arm mostly with the Cleveland Indians, playing in the 1912, 1915 and 1920 World Series. After retiring, Speaker founded the Cleveland Society for Crippled Children.

Willie Wells suffered a concussion when he was hit by a pitch in 1942. He responded by modifying a construction hard hat and inventing the batting helmet. Helmets are mandatory everywhere today. Wells returned to his hometown of Austin after his career with the Negro National League to take care of his mother. He is buried among state heroes at the Texas State Cemetery.

Kidney disease cut short the life of another Texan, Hall of Fame honoree Ross Youngs, of Shiner. Youngs died at 30, but not before he helped the New York Giants win World Series in 1921 and 1922. Giants manager John McGraw called the versatile Youngs "the greatest outfielder I ever saw."

Shortstop Ernie Banks, "Mr. Chicago Cub," overcame a serious eye injury to become a 15-time All Star. The Dallas native said that playing at Wrigley Field was a life spent with his friends: the fans, and his brothers: the players.

Slugging infielder Eddie Mathews of Texarkana played for the Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves. A nine-time All Star, his 47 homers in 1953 set a single-season record for third baseman that lasted 27 years. Why was he so good at the plate? Mathews credited his mother. "My mother used to pitch to me and my father would shag balls. If I hit one up the middle close to my mother, I'd have some extra chores to do. My mother was instrumental in making me a pull hitter."

Rogers Hornsby of Winters was one of the best ever to play the game. Hornsby achieved so much as a St. Louis Cardinal - including seven batting titles and a 20th century National League record for the highest batting average in a single season.

A rookie pitcher once complained to the home plate umpire that he was calling too many balls. The umpire replied: "Son, when you pitch a strike, Mr. Hornsby will let you know it."

Smokey Joe Williams of Seguin was another Hall of Famer who was never allowed to play major league baseball. In a 1952 poll taken by the Pittsburgh Courier, Williams was named the greatest pitcher in the Negro League's history.

The career of Joe Morgan, of Bonham, was topped by one of the most exciting moments in baseball history. While with the San Francisco Giants, Morgan's memorable late-inning home run eliminated the archrival Los Angeles Dodgers from the 1982 pennant race.

Hilton Smith, born in Giddings, played primarily for the Negro League's Kansas City Monarchs, sometimes in the shadow of teammate Satchel Paige. The son of a teacher, Smith started his career at Prairie View A&M University, where he developed a fastball and curveball still remembered today. After retirement, Smith also became a school teacher.

That's Texas' Hall of Fame team. I doubt any other state could beat it.

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By David K. Perry  
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Living in Gorman is a good thing that I believe many people take for granted. We are in a great location geographically in relation to several job markets, housing is available, there are several good churches, reputable businesses, and we have a progressive (recognized) school. If I didn't already live here, I'd be interested in moving here myself.

Important dates: 4/13 Area Track @ Jim Ned, 4/14 Good Friday Holiday, Girl's Softball @ Ranger 10:30am - Boy's Baseball here @ 11am, 4/17 Boy's Baseball here @ 4:00pm, 4/18 TAKS, and 4/19 TAKS.

Last Tuesday I went to Breckinridge to listen to Carol Keaton Strayhorn speak at Breckinridge High School on my way to the Junior High track meeting in Cross Plains. I highly recommend that you listen to what she has to say regarding the education of our children. She has some good ideas and impressed me as a friend of public education. She certainly understands finances better than any other candidate to whom I've listened. I was glad I went. We need someone in Austin that knows and understands finance!

I was also glad I went to the Junior High Track Meet, even though I was only there for a little while, I appreciate the effort being put forth by our young athletes. They work so hard and they did a great job, with our girls coming in first and the boys coming in second. Congratulations to the Junior High for a job well done!

Our District High School Track Meet was in Goldthwaite on Thursday. I had the honor of being a timer. You really do have the best seat in the house. We had several of our athletes advance. The young ladies that advanced to Area competition are Mary Powell, Crystal Thackerson, Brandy Carlton, Audrey Johnston, Sharla Perez, Nicole Cogburn, Tecia Jones, and Megan Lewis. The young men advancing are Corey Brown, Olando Valenzuela, David Ibarra, and Reggie Sanchez. The Area competition will be this Thursday at Jim Ned ISD in Tuscola, Texas! Congratulations and good luck at Area!

Fifth grade students took their math TAKS test last week. The Eighth grade is taking their TAKS test online this week. All other classes will be taking their TAKS test next week. Please help your child succeed by insisting they get plenty of rest the night before their test. We have to work as a team for the success of your child.

Course selection sheets are going out with the 6th through 11th grade report cards. Please look them over and discuss them with your child. If you have any questions, please call our counselor, Mrs. Hampton.

Interest surveys for summer dual credit classes will be sent out this week too. If you have a child that has completed their sophomore year, they may be eligible to take dual credit college courses this summer. Local residents may also take these courses for college credit alone. If you have any questions, please contact our counselor.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Voices Unmasked program will present a program to the Junior High and High School students next Thursday at 2:30pm.

The high school and district site based committee meetings will be held Wednesday at 4:30 and 5:30, respectively. If you are a member of one of these committees and cannot attend, please inform the chairperson. Thanks!

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

The Fifth Grade will have a field trip on Friday, April 21st. They are going to the Comanche Jail as part of the drug prevention program that is being presented by the Gorman Masonic Lodge. The Mason's sponsor this program annually and we certainly appreciate it!

Six Weeks Grades were sent out Wednesday. If you have any concerns regarding your child's grades, please call their teacher and schedule a conference.

Field Day Shirts are on going sale through April 21st. Order Forms were sent home with your child. Money must be turned in with order and no late orders will be accepted. If you want a shirt and the order form did not make it home, please call the office at the Elementary.

Remember, we will not have school on Friday, April 14th to celebrate Good Friday. Have a great weekend!

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Rock Bluff Cemetery Annual Cleaning  
Saturday April 15, 2006

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FBC Youth Attend  
Student Life Tour



The First Baptist Church Youth Group went to the Student Life Tour in Arlington on April 7th and 8th. They enjoyed the drama team AT2AP - All Things To All People, speaker Erwin McManus and the band Charlie Hall. Those attending the event were: Justin Little, Alex Giles, Gabe Burt, Jaime Johnston, Kimberly Seaton, Kiefer Wilson, Mindy Keaton and Maressa Gillen.

Comanche Co. Historical  
Commission To Hold Meeting

The Comanche County Historical Commission' 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.

CJC Online  
Registration  
Begins April 10

Cisco Junior College's online registration for Summer I and Summer II begins on April 10. Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. Classes begin May 30 and end July 6. Summer II will begin July 10 and end August 10.  
Visit the CJC website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us; click on the Student Information link; then Campus Connect for instructions on using Campus Connect's online registration process.  
For more information, call the Cisco campus at (254) 442-5000 or the Abilene Educational Center at (325) 794-4400.

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**The Oceans of Texas**

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Spring in Texas offers a wonderful opportunity to take in the natural beauty of the Lone Star State. An afternoon drive down a highway or a backcountry road is made more enjoyable by the sight of flowers blooming along the roadside. And each year, around this time, we are graced by the return of our state flower – the bluebonnet.

There are over 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas, but there is something special about bluebonnets. Texas Monthly recently listed “75 Things We Love About Texas,” and bluebonnets topped the magazine’s rankings at number one. Texas offers so much to appreciate, and I commend the magazine’s editors for their choice.

As spring arrives, small patches of bluebonnets form. Soon these patches grow into plentiful fields of blue that rival any body of water. The vivid color of bluebonnets makes a wonderful backdrop for a photo. Fields of bluebonnets in bloom are picturesque settings that entice countless families each year to pull off on the side of the road and photograph children, loved ones, and even pets among these wonderful flowers.

This time-honored tradition is an experience that is almost obligatory to be considered a true Texan. Most people who have lived in Texas for any period of time have their own story about taking photos in a field of bluebonnets. When I lived in Austin during my time as State Treasurer, my house had a small patch of bluebonnets in the yard, where I often found parents taking pictures of their children – a welcome sight.

The original bluebonnet, *Lupinus Subcarneus* (or buffalo clover), was adopted in 1901 by the Texas Legislature as the official state flower. However, *Lupinus Texensis*, the bold, blue flower most popular today, was such a favorite of Texans that the Legislature in 1971 formally recognized *Lupinus Texensis* and any other varieties of bluebonnet as equally the official state flower.

The Texas Department of Transportation does its part to support Texas wildflowers. Each year, the department spreads more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along the 79,000 miles of the Texas highway system and Texas roadways. Each pound has 170,000 seeds from over 30 varieties of wildflowers. The department also provides information on the best spots to find wildflowers through a wildflower hotline at (800) 452-9292 that is updated each week as well as an online database (<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/wflwr/main.htm>) featuring current information from district offices.

Texans also owe a debt of gratitude to Lady Bird Johnson for her contribution to wildflowers in our state. As First Lady in the 1960s, Lady Bird worked to beautify our nation’s roadways. She planted bulbs and trees on roadsides and parkways, and was instrumental in the passage of the 1965 Highway Beautification Act, known as “Lady Bird’s Bill.” In 1982, Lady Bird founded the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, and it was renamed in her honor in 1998. The center is full of wonderful programs and exhibits on Texas’ natural assets.

Across the state, festivals celebrate bluebonnet season. One of the biggest is in Ennis, “The Bluebonnet City of Texas,” where preparations are underway for the 55th Annual Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival. An estimated 100,000 visitors come to Ennis each April to explore over 40 miles of Bluebonnet Trails sponsored by the Ennis Garden Club. In 1997, the state legislature designated these trails as the official Bluebonnet Trails of Texas.

Of course, there are factors beyond our control that dictate to what extent the bluebonnets bloom. Texas has not received much rain over the past few months, which has led to projections of a low bloom this season. There will always be bluebonnets in Texas; there just may not be as many as in years past, or their color may not be as bold.

For this reason, it is especially important this year not to pick the bluebonnets. In fact, it is “against the law” to do so. While this offense does not carry any criminal charges, Texans have a particularly strong sense of right and wrong. This has been proven by generations of Texans over the years, which is why this state treasure is abundant year after year

**-- Randy's Roundup --**

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
 April 10, 2006

**Medicare Drug Benefit Saving Seniors \$\$\$**

Readers of the Roundup know that in recent weeks I have been sending reminders regarding the new Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. The reason behind the string of reminders is that this benefit is working. Upon signing up, seniors are discovering that the benefit is providing significant savings. An April 10 article that ran in the Abilene Reporter News detailed how one senior in Wyoming saw her monthly prescription drug costs reduced from more than \$100 a month to \$15 a month.

This level of savings is common throughout the country. As of April 6, more than 27.6 million seniors had signed up for the benefit at a pace of 416,000 each week. For those millions that have enrolled, the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) estimates that the average senior will save \$1,100 on prescription drugs this year.

Seniors who sign up by May 15, 2006 will be able receive the lowest premiums under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. Seniors can sign up online, over the phone, by fax, or directly with health plans. Seniors or family members with questions about the Medicare prescription drug benefit can call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit <http://www.medicare.gov>.

In addition, there will be several events in the 19th District in the next few weeks that seniors can take advantage of in order to sign up. The West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging will be holding workshops in Sweetwater, Breckenridge, and Abilene through the end of April. Anyone interested in setting up an appointment with them should call 1-800-928-2262. Additionally, the CMS Medicare Bus will be helping seniors sign up on April 27 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the South Plains Association of Governments located at 1323 58th Street in Lubbock.

I want to encourage seniors, their families, and their caregivers to take a good, hard look at this new benefit before May 15. A little bit of patience and time taken now to see if any of the plans are a good fit could mean thousands of dollars in savings in the future.

-Randy

**VOTEXAS.org Is Ready To Answer Questions**

**Voter Education Site Sees Steady Increase In Traffic**

Many Texans surfing the Web are logging on to VOTEXAS.org to get valuable information about electronic voting. With runoff elections scheduled around the state this week, voters still have time to log on if they have questions before going to the polls.

“I think we should use all the tools at our disposal to educate Texans about voting in this state,” Secretary of State Roger Williams said. “Valuable voting information is only a mouse click away, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at VOTEXAS.org.”

VOTEXAS.org saw its highest number of visits during the statewide primary last month. The site went online in January and since then has seen a steady increase in traffic. The Web site has important information and directions on the various electronic voting systems used in each of the 254 counties across Texas. Plus, there are links to electronic voting machine manufacturers where one can cast a virtual ballot.

“The State of Texas and its 254 counties have worked hard to make sure our citizens have total access to our voting system and when they cast a ballot they can be confident their vote will count,” added Secretary Williams.

For more questions on the VOTEXAS program or other questions about voting, visit [www.VOTEXAS.org](http://www.VOTEXAS.org) or call 1-800-252-VOTE.

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 FRIDAY - Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

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 WEDNESDAY - Corndogs or Hotdogs, Pork-n-Beans, Pears, Relish, Chopped Onions, Chips, Mustard, Mayo, Catsup and Milk.  
 THURSDAY - Stew or Chicken Dumplings, Salad, Crackers, Pineapples and Milk.  
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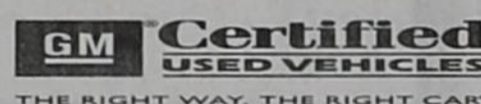
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'05 Chevy Uplander	LS, DVD, 16K, Warranty	\$19,500
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'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	5 Spd., V8, 2K, Warranty	\$20,900
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 23K, Warranty	\$32,950
'04 Ford Escape	XLT, V6, 18K, Warranty	\$16,900
'04 Ford F150 Reg. Cab	STX, Auto, V6, 9K, Warranty	\$14,900
'04 Ford F150 Crew Cab	XLT, 4X4, 17K, Warranty	\$26,500
'04 Pontiac Vibe	Auto, 4-Cyl., 21K, Warranty	\$14,250

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'03 Chevy 3500 X-Cab	Duramax, dually, 117K	\$18,900
'03 Chevy Tahoe	LS, 3 Row Seat, 54K, Warranty	\$21,000
'03 Chevy Trailblazer	LS, cloth, 39K, Warranty	\$16,250
'03 Chevy Suburban	LS, cloth, 48K, Warranty	\$19,900
'03 Ford Mustang	V6, auto, 21K, Warranty	\$13,500
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'99 Lexus G5 300	Leather, sunroof, 71K, Warranty	\$16,900
'98 Chevy 1500 X-Cab	V8, auto, 91K, Warranty	\$ 7,995
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