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De Leon Vol. Fire Dept. To Hold Annual BBQ and Benefit

De Leon Vol. Fire Department members will have their Annual BBQ on June 10th 2006, starting at 5pm at the De Leon City Hall. This year our department is hosting a Benefit for the Clyde Brinson family. Clyde served many years as our fire chief. We invite everyone to join us and the Brinson family June 10th.

Lions Club To Sponsor Community Blood Drive

The Lions Club will sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Monday, June 5. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. Blood donors will receive a T-shirt and a free total cholesterol test. Cholesterol results are available three days after the blood drive.

According to Meek Blood Center, many different types of patients benefit from blood transfusions. A cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy may use six to more pints of blood during treatment. An accident or trauma victim may use as many as forty pints of blood while as little as three teaspoons of blood can save the life of a premature baby. "There is no substitute for human blood," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "All of the money or insurance in the world has no value if the right type of blood is not available in an emergency or when needed for surgery. We must rely on volunteer donors in the communities we serve to supply blood to seventeen hospitals."

Blood donors must be a minimum of 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health. Those who have questions regarding donor eligibility may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Scholarships Given to 2006 Graduates of Gorman High School

We would like to thank all of scholarship donors for their generous support of the 2006 graduates.

- Eastland County Retired Teacher's Association - \$400.00
Hollyann Wright
- G. W. Maxfield Scholarship - \$200.00 - Zachary Bryan
- Masonic Lodge Scholarship - \$500.00 - Zachary Bryan
- Sam Walton Community Scholarship - \$1000.00 - Kent Long
- ATPE Scholarship - \$250.00 - Kendra Swanner
- Gorman Lion's Club - \$250.00 - Jessica Panter
- Leon Bosque RC&D Council Scholarship - \$500.00 - Jessica Panter
- R.C. Harrington Memorial Scholarship - \$250.00 - Cindy Lopez
- Chamber of Commerce Miss Gorman - \$500.00 - Sandra Lara
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- First National Bank of Abilene - \$100.00 - Nikki Keith
- Texas State Tuition Fee Valedictorian Scholarship
Full year paid tuition - Cindy Lopez
- Gorman Peanut Queen - \$250.00 - Hollyann Wright
- Cisco Jr. College Theater Scholarship - \$3000.00 - Hollyann Wright
- Cisco Jr. College Wrangler Bells Scholarship - \$1600.00 - Sharla Perez
- Hampton Racing Scholarship - \$250.00 - Amber Ervin
- Eastland County Farm Bureau - \$200.00 - Cindy Lopez

EXS GORMAN EX STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Make plans now to attend the Gorman Exs Homecoming! The event will be held Saturday September 9. This year the Exs will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the State Winning Football Team of 1976! Many have very special memories of that great event. Come and share in the fun as we meet with school friends and enjoy honoring this winning team! This years association president is Kenneth Welch, class of 1965. Contact Kenneth or any of his committee for more information.

7 on 7 Information For Interested Football Players

Recently a Gorman ISD surveyed interested football players about 7 on 7. After studying the situation closer there were other conflicts during league play that drastically reduced the number of possible participants. The coaching staff has decided to look into other options such as tournaments or pick up games with other schools that can be scheduled around conflicts. Please look for future articles on this matter for details on possible 7 on 7 games.

Uncle Sam Wants You For Eastland Co. Patriotic Choir

If you have always wanted to sing with a big choir and you love our country, then you will want to contact Jean Darnell at Don Bradshaw, C.P.A. Office at 254-629-2201 so we can add your name to our list of singers.

On July 1st Eastland County Theatre on the Square is planning a Patriotic Extravaganza at the south side of the Courthouse beginning at 6:00 p.m. We are planning a homemade ice cream freeze-off for adult contestants and a best lemonade stand contest for the children both to be judged by public officials from Cisco, Eastland, Gorman, Ranger, and Rising Star. A reward will be furnished to the winners by Eastland County Newspapers. We hope to have a concession stand to sell hamburgers and hot dogs. While this is going on we are tentatively planning an American historic fashion show provided by Somewhere In Time. At 7:00 p.m. Big Country Brass will perform patriotic songs and at 7:30 our County Choir will present songs from the musical "Liberty" and "Liberty and Justice For All".

We will be distributing song books and practice tapes soon, so call and get your name on the list to get a song book and practice tape. We will be meeting together to practice on Wednesday nights in the month of June at First Baptist Church - Eastland at 7:30 p.m. We also have solos and drama parts to assign to interested individuals. Call Jean soon so you can be a part of this event.

Gorman Relay For Life Team To Hold Bake Sale

The Gorman Relay For Life Team will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, June 3rd at The Hair Shoppe.

Julie Clark at The Hair Shoppe To Donate To RFL

Julie Clark will be donating all the proceeds from all Haircuts and Styling to the Relay For Life on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 9 a.m. She will be taking appointments and walk-ins. Make plans to attend.

Look Who's New It's A Girl



Garrett Weston Gilder is proud to announce the birth of his sister, Abigail Mae. She was born May 1, 2006 at 8:48 p.m.,

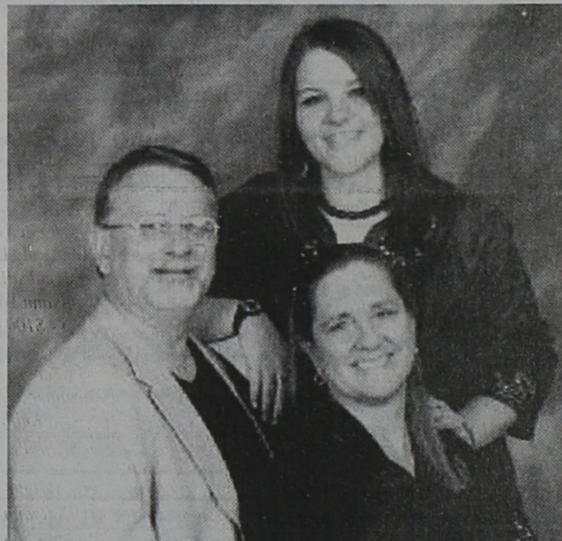
Smith's and Lewis's First Grade Class Highest in Accelerated Reading Point Average



Bottom row: Brady Campbell, Kestan Pierce, Shawn Reyna, Katalina Landa, Daniel Keeping, Alex Rainey, and Jasmine Fischer. Middle Row: Sam Rainey, Mayra Ramirez, Talee Jones, Kayce Dodd, Carrissa Cole, and Rebecca Mata. Back row: Ricardo Olvera, Sydney Casey, Isael Herrera, Audri Segura, Vanessa Hooper, Mayra Gutierrez, Ismael Herrera, Kendle Coan, Dayanna Palacios, Stephanie Janacek and Dalton Fraley.

Mrs. Cheryl Smith's and Mrs. Shanna Lewis's First Grade classes had the highest Accelerated Reading point average per student at Maxfield Elementary for the 2005-2006 school year. They averaged 60 points each, which is approximately 120 books read and computer tests taken by each student. Both classes together earned 1521 points for the year. Congratulations first grade and keep up the GREAT reading!!

Former Gorman Minister To Hold Gospel Meeting at Church of Christ



Pictured Above is (Seated L-R): Scott Sheppard, his wife Ruth and daughter Jessica (standing). The family will be in Gorman in June as Scott conducts a Gospel Meeting

Scott Sheppard of Midland will conduct a Gospel Meeting at the Gorman Church of Christ June 4-7. Services will be held Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and each evening at 7:00 p.m. Scott was minister of the Gorman Church of Christ from 1997-1999. He and his wife Ruth have 3 children, who attended Gorman schools. Their son John Paul is married and lives in Lubbock, son Bruce attends college in Lubbock and daughter Jessica, (shown above), graduated High School this month. Everyone is invited to attend the Gospel Meeting. Come and invite a friend!

Sermon Topics for Gospel Meeting

- Sunday Bible Class - "Christian Living Isn't for Sissies"
- Sunday - "Time to Burn the Boats"
- Sunday Evening - "A Call to Holy Living"
- Monday Evening - "A Two Edged Sword"
- Tuesday - "Turning Our Thorns Into Triumphs"
- Wednesday - "Legacy: What's Left....When I'm Not"

SUMMER WEIGHT ROOM/GYM HOURS

The Gorman Athletic Department will be opening the weight room and gym during the summer from 4:00 pm til 8:00 pm Monday thru Thursday. All student/athletes are encouraged to attend and follow the strength and conditioning program while any community members interested in using the facilities are certainly welcome. There are some rules to follow when using the facilities.

1. Please make sure to always respect the property and equipment of Gorman ISD by throwing away any trash and properly caring for the equipment.
 2. Please rack all your weights when you are done lifting in the weight room.
 3. Please put away all basketballs and volleyballs when done playing in the gym.
 4. DO NOT TAKE DOWN THE VOLLEYBALL NET WHEN IT IS UP! The volleyball net will be up part of the time for our ladies to work on volleyball skills.
 5. Also full court basketball is fine unless others who are not playing would like to shoot at one end. Please play half-court in that case so everyone can make use of the facility.
 6. Community members please remember that Gorman ISD reserves the right to deny use of any facility and respect the fact that our athletes and students need use first.
- Please note that there are times during the day that the weight room can be opened by the Athletic Director. However those times and days are not set so there is no guarantee it can be open except for the set 4-8pm time slot.

Accelerated Reading Recognized

Maxfield Elementary students did a fabulous job this year on their Accelerated Reading. The First Grade Class had the highest overall point average of the entire elementary. They worked very hard to achieve this honor, and we appreciate their efforts.

At the end of the year awards assembly, the top readers from each class were recognized and presented with a coupon for a hamburger and drink from Lone Star. Lone Star, formerly Gem Dandy, generously donated these coupons to support the outstanding efforts of the top readers. The students receiving these coupons were: Mrs. Lewis's Class- Mayra Ramirez and Samuel Rainey; Mrs. Smith's Class- Bradi Campbell, Izael Herrera, and Ricardo Olvera; Mrs. Bays' Class- Hunter Childers and Flavio Herrera; Mrs. Forbus's Class- Rylan Laminack and Jose Maldonado; Mrs. Caraway's Class- Mariela Sanchez and Jarimma Silva; Mrs. Spivey's Class- Chloe Cole and Lauren Spivey; Mrs. Matteson's Class- Zachary Carlton and Melissa Ramirez; Mrs. Bussell's Class- Mykisha Hampton and Kinsey Johnson; Mrs. Barker's Class- Jasmine Ibarra and Margarita Oronia; Ms. Johnson's Class- Brandon Velasquez and Skyler Henderson; Ms. Keith's Class- Wyatt Church and Cody Self; and Mrs. Good's Class- Carlie Jackson and Jonathon Fenley.

The top reader from each grade, then received a second award. A "Summer Pool Pass" was generously donated by Traci Pierce, who will be running the city pool this summer. The students receiving these passes were: 1st Grade- Mayra Ramirez; 2nd Grade - Jose Maldonado; 3rd Grade- Lauren Spivey; 4th Grade- Melissa Ramirez; 5th Grade- Brandon Velasquez; and 6th Grade - Wyatt Church. These students should be commended for the hard work they put in reaching these goals.

As a final acknowledgment, we honor the student who goes above and beyond the rest and earns the highest Accelerated Reading Points of the entire elementary. This year, with 293.7 points, Melissa Ramirez received a plaque and will have her name added to the plaque that hangs in the elementary building honoring the top readers of each year. Congratulations!

We'd like to say thank you to Lone Star and Traci Pierce for their generosity and help in making our Accelerated Reading Program a success.

Stephanie Barker

Gorman Public Library To Host Summer Reading Program

The Gorman Public Library will host a summer reading program "Come Fly With Us" on Tuesdays beginning July 11 and ending Aug. 1, from 10:00 to 11:30. We will read books about things that fly each week and do a craft to go along with the story or stories that we read. We will also host a reading program to honor kids who read during the summer. "Soaring to Adventure Through Reading". Students can fill out reading logs that will be provided beginning the Monday after school gets out and the program will end on Aug 1 along with the "Come Fly With Us" program. Stop by and see what is happening at the Gorman Public Library.

First Baptist Church VBS 2006 Theme "Arctic Edge" Set For June 5th thru 9th



Kids age three thru sixth grade (just completed) please join us at First Baptist Church for an "Arctic Challenge" June 5 thru 9, 8:30 thru 11:30 a.m.

Kickoff rally and pre-registration Saturday, June 3rd at 10 a.m. on the lawn of the church. Come register early and join us for snow cones.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Gorman City Commission Meeting Minutes

MAY 18, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin and Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez and Tony Carter. Also present were John Longoria, and Cliffla Vaughn.

Tony led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:45.

Item #11 was moved to the first business to conduct. Tacy read Oath of Office to Mayor Ervin and Commissioners Joe Casey, and Charlie Torrez. Each ran unopposed for the City May General Election. Upon completion of repeating their oaths, their signatures were submitted and process complete.

Joe made the motion to approve the minutes of the prior meeting with one correction added: On the motion to retain Traci Pierce, the motion carried 3-0.

Tony made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

Nathan made the motion to approve all of the bills for payment except for GT Distributors. Hold this bill pending further notice. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

John Longoria was present to discuss some issues with the Commission concerning animal control. Charlie made the motion to raise impound fees according to number of citations issued. For the 1st Offense the fee shall be \$25, 2nd Offense \$50 and 3rd Offense \$100, after the 3rd offense animal will be the property of the City of Gorman Animal Control. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Commission decided not to charter the boy scouts, but agreed to let them meet in the Community Center one day a week.

At 7:00 p.m. Charlie made the motion to go into Executive session with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:25 p.m. Charlie made the motion to adjourn from Executive session and return to regular open session. Nathan made a second and the motion carried 4-0.

The Commission decided that there will be no Cost-of-Living raises this year. If any raises are given, it will be through a merit based recognition.

The 2nd reading of Ordinance #2006-02 was read at this time. Nathan made the motion to adopt this resolution. Tony made the second. Motion carried 4-0. Actual budget figures will be presented at the June 1st meeting.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 7:35 p.m.

Obituaries

Elaine Lewis Battenfield

Elaine Battenfield, born on August 22, 1931, beloved wife, mother and granny has ridden the glory train on May 25th, 2006 to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus. Her services were held at First Baptist Church of Gorman, Tx on Sunday, May 28th at 3:00 p.m.

She joyfully joined her parents, Robert Leo and Grace Lane Lewis and her father and mother-in-law Orville and Zetta Battenfield there. Her greatest love is her surviving husband Gerald Gaylord Battenfield and their seven children: Dwayne and wife Sharon, Dennis and wife Susie, Sheila Jones and husband Nathan, Trina Moss and husband Jay, Jannette Miller and husband David, Annette Hyde and husband Kevin, and Kent and wife Julie. She was blessed with 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren with 2 on the way, and 1 great-great-grandchild. Also surviving is her brothers Manford and Ruth Lewis, Joe Carroll and Dodie Lewis and sisters Zoe and Joe Shoemaker, June Lewis and Linda and Ray McLearn. Brothers Wesley and Gary Lewis and son-in-law Gary Wilkens precede her in death. She leaves behind scores of friends and extended family members.

Proverbs 31 embodied Elaine as a wife of noble character and was worth far more than rubies. Gaylord loved and had full confidence in her. She cared and provided for her family with eager hands. Elaine always had a needle in her hand, a quilt in her lap and a prayer in her heart as a covering for her family. Gaylord as proud of her accomplishments and her outreach to friends and strangers alike. She instructed her daughters and daughter-in-laws in womanly wisdom and along with her sons and son-in-laws rise up to call her blessed. Charm is deceitful and beauty is fleeting but Elaine loved the Lord and is to be praised.

Annie Belle Farrow

Annie Belle Farrow, age 92 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Monday, May 22, 2006 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab. Graveside services were held on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon Cemetery with Mark Roath officiating and music by Justin Farrow. Services were under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Annie was born to the late Bryant Sears and Annie Stark Sears on October 31, 1913 in Proctor, Tx. She married Dale Farrow on May 13, 1944 in San Angelo, Texas.

She was a homemaker; member of First Baptist Church; attended Tarleton State University and was a graduate of North Texas State University; taught school for eight years.

Survivors include: two sons, Jimmy Farrow and wife Linda of Austin and Steve Farrow and wife Diane of Bryan; three grandchildren, Justin Farrow, Tammy Wilder and Chris Williams; 2 great-grandchildren, Chloe and Bryant Farrow. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews and wonderful friends and neighbors.

Also preceded by her husband Dale Farrow; grandson Derek Glenn Farrow; 3 brothers George, Bill and Dave and 4 sisters, Gatsy, Johnnie, Linda and Laverne.

The family would like to express their deep thanks and appreciation to the entire staff of De Leon Nursing and Rehab, for the wonderful care of Annie Belle during her stay there. She received wonderful care and her family are very grateful.

State Fair Of Texas Validation

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans on showing a barrow 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. 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.

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

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Ima Brown flew to Phoenix, AZ to visit her granddaughter, Lindsey Poole. Ima's daughter, Fran Senger of Kingman, AZ joined the group and they had a wonderful mother, daughter and granddaughter visit for several days.

P. E. "Shorty" Fox, Larry and Gay Moore attended the High School graduation of Chelsea White on Friday night, May 26 at the Tarleton Memorial Stadium in Stephenville. Chelsea is the daughter

of Bruce and Renee White of Stephenville.

Memorial Day visitors with Dorothy Roberts were her granddaughter, Shelly Horan and son of Granbury; Jr. and Luella Trice of Lingleville.

"POT LUCK SUPPER" will be held on Saturday, June 10 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Bring your favorite dish of food and dessert, enjoy fellowship with friends and

neighbors. Everyone is invited to attend. Meal will start at 6:00 p.m.

Deliah (Chisum) Morrison, 87, of School Hill was buried on Monday, May 20 in the Lowell Cemetery near Lingleville. Survivors include her husband, Blake Morrison; daughter, Dana Ruth Bays and husband, Larry all of School Hill; two grandsons, Rob Proctor and Jay Proctor both of Lingleville. Preceded in death by her parents, Will and Lula Chisum; six brothers, Brown Chisum, Sam Chisum, Jeff Chisum, John Chisum, Horace Chisum and Melvin Chisum; three sisters, Ola Christian and husband, Warren, Nona Huffman and husband, Fred and Hilma Hare and husband, Loy.

Berl Scott, 77 of Big Springs was buried on Wednesday, May 24 in the De Leon Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Cristell (Joiner) Scott and two sons, Marc Scott and wife, Kay of Gustine and Jeff Scott and wife, Vicki of Andrews.

Elaine (Lewis) Battenfield of Gorman was buried on Sunday, May 27. Survivors include her husband, Gaylord Battenfield of Gorman and their children; two brothers, Manford Lewis and wife Ruth; Joe Lewis and wife, Dodie both of Desdemona; three sisters, Zoe Shoemaker and husband of De Leon, Junie Plaunty of De Leon and Linda McClearn and husband, Ray of Desdemona. Preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Gracie (Lane) Lewis, two brothers, Wesley Lewis and Gary Lewis. Lewis family children attended school in Desdemona. Elaine with Class of 1949.

Dennis Varner was buried in Houston this past week. Survivors include his wife and family, three brothers, Delmar Varner of Fort Worth; Tobe Varner of Fort Stockton and Dwayne Varner of Fort Worth; one sister, Debra Smallwood of Aledo. Varner family children attended school in Desdemona. Preceded in death by his parents, Chess and Jessie Varner.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families who have lost loved ones. Remember them with your cards and prayers.

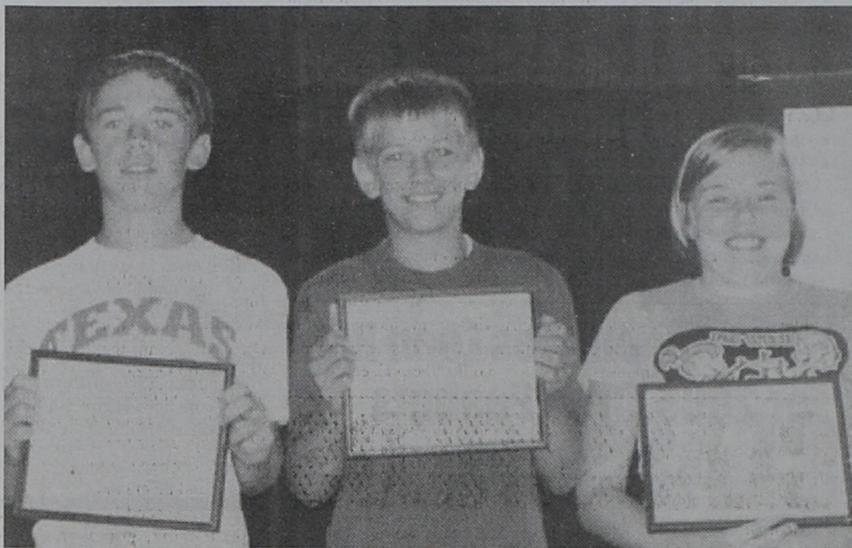
Faye (Anderson) Walls of Stephenville received head injuries when she fell several days ago. She is slowly improving. Remember her with your prayers. She attended school in Desdemona.

President's Education Awards Presented

The President's Education Award program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, in partnership with the National Association of Elementary School Principals, was developed to help principals recognize and honor those students who have achieved high academic goals by their hard work and dedication to learning.

In order to qualify for this honor, the students had to meet several educational challenges. First of all, the students had to pass all TAKS tests for grades 4th, 5th, and 6th. They also had to maintain an A average for the year in all core subjects for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. These students must also show good citizenship and be an all around good person in and out of the classroom.

We are proud of the three 6th Grade students who received this award. Along with a certificate, which is signed by President Bush, they received a pin that is inscribed with the name of the award. The students presented with the President's Award for Educational Excellence are:



(From left to right) AJ Vaughn, Cody Self, and McKenzie Osborne.

Congratulations! Stephanie Barker

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who visited, made a phone call, sent a card or flowers, and those who brought food to the family of Henry (Ray) Legg. Your kindness was appreciated so much. We also wish to thank the residence and staff of the Gorman Hotel Apartments for always looking out for our Dad when he lived there.

We appreciate all the staff and nurses of Heritage Manor for the care given to him during his stay. Thank you to the doctors and nurses in the ER and the hospital at Comanche County Medical Center for their tender care during his recent illness. We also wish to thank Carolyn and Gene Foster, Ray Daniels and Victor Pena.

86th Annual Area and Pioneer Schools Set

The 86th Annual Reunion of the Pioneer and area school will be held in the Cross Plains Community Center on June 3, 2006. Registration and coffee will begin at 8:30 a.m. A catered lunch will be at 12:30 following a Memorial Service and Business Meeting. All ex-students and friends are urged to attend. A Memorial Day Service will be on May 29 at 9 a.m. at Pioneer Cemetery.

Comanche County Sand Hill Cemetery Association

The Annual Business Meeting will be held at the Cemetery on Saturday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m. In case of rain we will meet at Nowlin Funeral Home, 340 S. Austin St., De Leon.

Interest and financial support are crucial to the upkeep of the cemetery. Thank you to all who have donated either time or monetary contributions.

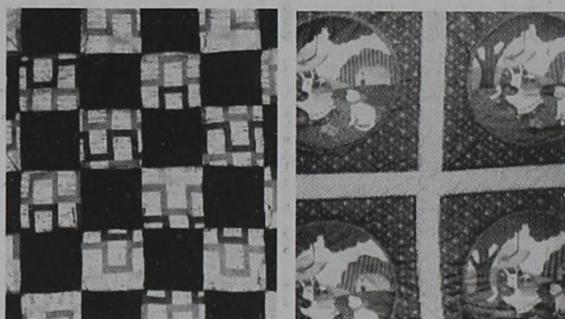
Everyone is asked to be present and give input concerning Sand Hill Cemetery.

Nita Wilson Gonzales
254-842-4520

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.

Local Scouts Selling Tickets For Two Handmade Quilts



Local Scouts are selling tickets to win two quilts. One was donated by the Third Wednesday Quilting Club in De Leon, Lajoyses Shop. The other quilt was donated by Glenda Shawver, which was quilted by her mother, Inez Shawver. Both quilts are very beautifully hand crafted and will be a great treasure to anyone's family. Booths will be set up every weekend, selling popcorn, cookbooks, and quilt tickets from Eastland to De Leon. Thank you for your continued support. Lora Lewis 254-734-4480.

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.

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Legislature Approves Historic Property Tax Cut & Education Funding

The Texas Legislature 3rd Called Special Session came to an end Monday afternoon after the passage of new laws enabling property tax relief of historic proportions, higher pay for teachers, and additional funding for public education. In just 30-days, the Texas Legislature defied critics to pass bipartisan legislation benefiting Texas teachers, taxpayers and schools. Among the key victories are:

- The creation of a modern constitutional school finance system addressing the State Supreme Court's mandate and allowing schools to open this fall
- Record \$15 billion (over three years) of property tax relief for home and business property owners
- A net overall tax cut
- A fairer business tax with lower rates and choice of exemptions for business taxpayers
- A doubling of the small business tax exemption
- A \$2,000 teacher pay raise and additional performance-based teacher pay
- Stronger caps and taxpayer protections
- Higher academic standards and more school accountability

The Legislature fixed the State's unfair and unstable business tax system. Currently, only one in sixteen Texas businesses pay the franchise tax. As a result, the school funding burden falls disproportionately on homeowners and a small number of employers while many companies avoid paying the taxes. Legislators eliminated corporate tax loopholes so

that all Texas corporations and business partnerships that receive liability protection, and earn more than \$300,000 per year (less cost of goods sold or labor costs) will pay 1% or less. This lowers the overall tax rate while ensuring a broader number of businesses pay the required amount.

For the first time, businesses will have a choice between deducting labor or the cost of goods sold as part of their tax calculations. Business tax rates are cut from the current 4.5% franchise tax rate, to 1% for the manufacturing and service sector and .5% in the retail and wholesale sector. The new business tax rates will be lower, flatter and fairer for all businesses.

Small businesses are exempt from the business taxes if receipts are less than \$300,000. This is a doubling of the current \$150,000 exemption. Also exempt from filing are those businesses who make over \$300,000 but owe less than \$1,000.

Included in the legislation, the Legislature voted to penalize those who hire illegal immigrants by prohibiting Texas businesses from deducting the costs of salaries and benefits for undocumented workers.

Home and business owners will see property taxes lowered on the maintenance and operation portion of their school taxes. Lawmakers cut the \$1.50 property tax rate, by 17 cents, to \$1.33 per \$100 valuation in 2007 and \$1 per \$100 valuation in 2008. For example, a school property tax liability for a home with a taxable value of \$150,000 will drop from \$2,250 to \$1,500 - a \$750.00 annual savings.

The new legislation will make it harder for school districts to raise tax rates without voter approval. Presently, districts may raise rates 6 cents without a vote. Under the tax cut plan, school districts are limited to raising tax rates 4 cents this year with school board approval, and an additional 2 cents in two years only if voters approve. There is also an effective revenue cap triggering lower school tax rates on rollback elections if appraisal or value increases generate more than the equivalent of a 4-cent tax increase.

By cutting property taxes and increasing the amount of school district property wealth needed to trigger Robin Hood recapture, the bill reduces the number of school districts in the Robin Hood system. The new 4-cent local enrichment tier is not subject to Robin Hood recapture. Any further tax increases will require voter approval and would be subject to recapture.

The legislation also included nearly \$1.7 billion in new state public education funding. Incorporated in this amount is a \$2,000 state funded pay increase for teachers, counselors, librarians and nurses. The plan encourages and rewards teaching excellence. In addition, local school districts will have the ability to create incentive plans so as to increase teacher performance and promote teachers who go to work in hard-to-staff schools, or teach understaffed subjects.

The new school reforms call for stronger accountability and higher academic standards in the following manner:

- Increases financial transparency by requiring districts to post detailed budget statements online
- Establishes a new dropout prevention program with allotting \$275 per high school student
- Requires high school students to take four years of science and math starting in 2007
- Strengthens the public school curriculum in order to improve student performance in college
- Increases efficiency and improves dropout tracking with an electronic student records system that expedites the transfer of student records

The Texas Legislature also passed the following new measures:

- * Legislation banning protests or other disruptive behavior at funeral and burial services for Texas military men and women
- * Legislation that provides for the issuance of revenue bonds, or other obligations, to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education
- * Legislation relating to appropriations to pay for damages and disruptions suffered by Lamar University and its related institutions caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
- * Legislation relating to the recovery and securitization of reasonable and necessary hurricane reconstruction costs incurred by certain electric utilities outside of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas area
- * Legislation that would permit the Texas Railroad Commission to acquire title to carbon dioxide captured by a clean coal project that meets the FutureGen project profile.
- District 60 covers Brown, Eastland, Hood, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, and Stephens Counties. For more information, contact District60.Keffer@house.state.tx.us or 1-800-586-4515.

USDA Announces Loan Rate For 2006-Crop Peanuts

WASHINGTON, May 30, 2006 -- USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced 2006-crop loan rates for four types of peanuts. The announcement is a requirement of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

CCC calculated the price support levels for each peanut type using the same method as last year. CCC uses the national average loan rate of \$355.00 per ton and five-year average quality factors along with a three-year simple average weighted production. The rates take effect Aug. 1, 2006, the beginning of the peanut crop year.

CCC computes the 2006-crop peanut loan levels and grades based on the type, quality and location of this year's peanut crops. For an average-grade ton of 2006-crop peanuts, loan levels by type are:

Runner-type peanuts	\$355.43 per ton
Spanish-type peanuts	\$343.61 per ton
Valencia-type peanuts	\$354.86 per ton
Virginia-type peanuts	\$354.86 per ton

CCC applies premiums and discounts for quality factors to compute the loan value for an individual ton of peanuts. The actual loan level depends on the percent of various sizes of kernels in each ton. CCC uses the percentage of sound mature kernels (SMK) and sound splits (SS) to compute the basic loan value of the load. SMKs are whole kernels that pass over the testing screen officially designated for each type of peanut. Sound splits are whole kernels split into two pieces. Excess sound splits receive discounts. There are discounts for "other kernels: (OK), damaged kernels (DK), and foreign materials (FM). An additional discount occurs for loose shell kernels (LSK). Other quality discounts may also apply.

For each percent of SMK kernels, plus each percent of SS kernels in a ton of peanuts, the loan levels are:

Runner-type peanuts	\$4.815 per percent
Spanish-type peanuts	\$4.791 per percent
Valencia-type peanuts	\$5.196 per percent
Virginia-type peanuts	\$4.911 per percent

CCC uses these base levels to calculate discounts. Additional peanut program information is available from Tonye Gross, (202) 720-4319 or via email at tonye.gross@wdc.usda.gov

Texas Wildfires Disaster Assistance & Loans Top \$5.4 M

AUSTIN, Texas - Families and individuals who suffered damage from Texas Wildfires have been approved to receive more than \$5.4 million in disaster assistance, including grants from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Disaster assistance may include grants to help pay for temporary housing, minor home repair and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources. Disaster assistance covers basic needs and does not normally compensate applicants for their entire loss. SBA also offers low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and business owners.

The federal disaster declaration covers 22 counties in Texas: Anderson, Bastrop, Caldwell, Callahan, Cooke, Deaf Smith, Eastland, Erath, Gray, Guadalupe, Hood, Hutchinson, Johnson, Kerr, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Potter, Roberts, Tarrant, Wheeler and Wise.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 at the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS - Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

LIBRARY - Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Open Tuesday 9 to 12 a.m.

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Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master - Pat Moseley, Secretary.

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'05 Chevy Cavalier	Auto, 4-cyl., 4K, Warranty	\$12,500
'05 Chevy Malibu	Classic, cloth, 23K, Warranty	\$12,750
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'05 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 19K, Warranty	\$34,950
'05 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, Dually, 21K, Warranty	\$35,950
'05 GMC Envoy	Leather, sunroof, 18K, Warranty	\$22,500
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'05 GMC Canyon Crew Cab	Crew Cab, only 7K, Warranty	\$20,900
'05 Jeep Liberty	Cloth, V6, 31K, Warranty	\$16,995
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'05 Pontiac Grand Prix	Cloth, auto, 16K, Warranty	\$16,500

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'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	LS, 4X4, 46K, Warranty	\$23,995
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 24K, Warranty	\$32,500
'04 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab	Duramax, 4X4, 23K, Warranty	\$32,950
'04 Ford Escape	XLT, V6, 18K, Warranty	\$16,900
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'00 Ford Mustang	Auto, V6, 66K, Warranty	\$ 8,995
'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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