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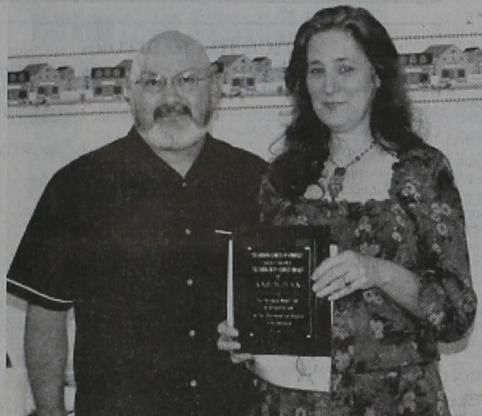
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MARCH 22, 2007

Red Chain Feeds and Karen Pena Honored At Banquet



Harold Fritz, along with his sons, Bob, John and Matt were honored with the Special Recognition Award at the Chamber Banquet held Monday night at ZJ's Steakhouse.



Karen Pena was honored with the Community Service Award at the Cham- in Gorman. Please direct funds to "Jeff Seaton Benefit ber Banquet held Monday night at ZJ's Steakhouse. Pictured with her is Fund". Rev. Victor Pena.



Academic Awards honored were Kay Ann Howard - Senior; Brandi Carlton Junior; Veronica Walton - Sophomore and (not shown) Brenda Velaquez - Freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Files together with Mr. and Mrs. Todd Graham and

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris Jr. request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their children Miss Andrea Michelle Files

Mr. James Morris III Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church Gorman, Texas

Reception following at ZJ's Steakhouse Downtown Gorman

REMINDER

ALLIED (BFI) WILL ONLY COLLECT TRASH THAT IS IN YOUR POLY CART. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ITEMS ON THE GROUND. THANK YOU

April is Clean-Up Month

Just a reminder that April is Community Clean-Up month! Curb Side pick up by BFI/Allied Waste April 10

April 14 Great State Trash-Off Highway cleanup April 21 Community Garage Sale Sat April 28 Bass Lake Clean up

Curbside pickup will get all those items that won't fit in the blue polycart. Please do not put paint, tires, or batteries in the curb-side pickup.

The Great State Trash-Off will be all those organizations that committed to a section of Highway. However, if you or someone you know needs to fulfill community service hours, this would qualify!! The same applies to the Bass Lake Cleanup we will be hosting on Saturday April 28. If you have community service hours you would like to get done, please contact Lori or Jessica at the Gorman EDC at 734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net.

Hope to see YOU there!!

Baseball Signups

It is time to get ready for baseball / softball. We are starting to signup this week. The sign-up will be for the month of March. The deadline for the forms and the money will be March 30, 2007. We are looking forward to getting started. The last sign up will be at ZJ's on March 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Anyone that is interested in being a coach or that was a coach last year, there will be a Coaches meeting on April 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. If you coached last year please bring the equipment with you to the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming an umpire, there is a class that is forming in Brownwood. You can contact Barbara Fenley and she can get you the information.

Forms to sign-up will be available at the City Hall. If you have forms to turn in you can leave them at the City Hall, also.

Benefit and Auction

There will be a BBO Dinner and Silent Auction for Jeff Seaton on Saturday, March 31st at the Gorman High School Gym.

BBQ dinners will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Takeouts and delivery will be available.

Silent Auction at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym.

Donation can be made directly to American State Bank

* * * * NEED AUCTION ITEMS * * * *

Please contact Jerry Skaggs at 254-734-4290 Drop off auction items at First Baptist Church Office

Hello To All My Friends In Gorman

This is to remind you that Easter is just around the corner and I have marked April 7 on my calendar to be at the annual Easter Treasure Hunt downtown Gorman. I look forward to seeing everyone again this year and see how much all of you have grown. Get those baskets ready because we will have a lot of treasures to find again this year.

My helper Ina will be around before long looking for donations. Donations can be left at Smith's Service Station, Bob's Gro., or City Grocery. Accepting donations of money, treasures, or candy(please no chocolate).

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunny SOMETHING NEW IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN ON FRI-

DAY NIGHT APRIL 6 HERE IN GORMAN. MORE LATER.....Ina

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association will sell breakfast burritos on Friday March 23, 2007 at the Gorman Community Center, starting @ approximately 6:30 a.m. Orders can called in @ 734-2966, Or come by and pick up

Thank you and we appreciate your support.

CITY OFFICE NEWS AND REMINDERS

ALLIED / BFI would like for this office to remind our residents that the poly carts need to be at the edge of the street, and open back towards your house, please.

Only items in the poly carts will be picked up. If you have more than one poly cart, please place them about 5 feet apart on pick up day. We really appreciate your cooperation during the transition to the one day pick up. If you have experienced any problems with trash pick up. Please notify this office @ 734-2317. Please report your problems as soon as you are aware of them.

Beginning in April

The Commission in efforts to upgrade, maintain, and hopefully build a new Community Center, has passed a motion to put an optional \$1.00 donation charge on the water bill. This amount will be added in but you do have the option to not pay it. Lori Dodd, EDC director, is in the process of applying for grants to build a new facility.

Clean Up Week Has Been Set

Curb Side clean up is scheduled for the week of April 9 - 12. BFI ALLIED will pick up curb side on Tuesday April 10, and if all cannot be picked up, they will return on Thursday to finish. Also please note that Large Item Pick Up will not be on April 5, it will fall under the curb side clean up. Large item pick up will resume on the first Thursday of July

Donations Needed To Help Rebuild After Fire

On March the 8th, also two weeks ago, Lupe and Cathy Torres had a house fire that started in the kitchen. They were at work at the time. Cathy came home later and discovered the house was full of heavy smoke. She called 911 and Lupe at work at Dublin Sale Barn. Firemen arrived on the scene to find the fire burned all the oxygen inside and the fire went out, but not without lots of damage. They fire destroyed the kitchen and did lots of heavy smoke damage all through out the house. The living room furniture was also destroyed.

Lupe is going to rebuild and repair. Lupe did not have Fire insurance. Lupe has been a Volunteer Fireman in Gorman for over thirty years. He has help almost everybody sometime or another with a fire or First Responder. He along with all our firemen spend untold numbers of hours in school at our expense in order to be better firemen. Not to mention the time he has spent fighting fires. That was his own time he gave to helping others to save lives and property. I say all of this to say, we need to help Lupe and Cathy.

If you can help, give your donation to any fireman or drop donations off at Gorman Pharmacy or Panda's Flowers. They are in need of funds to buy materials and furniture for kitchen and living room. The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department are trying to help one of our fireman's fam-

> Gene Foster Fire Chief

Redeemed to Perform in Eastland At The Country Cowboy Church



The "Redeemed" will be performing this Sunday in their home town of Eastland. They will be singing at The Country Cowboy Church located on North Seaman Street in Eastland, Texas service starts at 11:00 a.m. Please plan on attending to hear the Redeemed as they sing. The Redeemed are up-beat Christian singers who sing with zesto, back up by solid strings and piano backing. The Redeemed sing Country Gospel songs. They made their home in Eastland and Gorman, Texas. God has called them to prepare hearts through music and songs. The Redeemed are members of STGMA, SGMA, Bykot and also members of Heaven Sound.

YOUTH IN THE DARK!!!

We will be having "Youth in the Dark" on Friday April

Youth(5th grade and up) will be hunting eggs in the dark. We have lots of things planned and refreshment will be served. More information next week. We will need some donations of plastic eggs, small prizes for the eggs, coupons for freebies(cokes, ice cream, pizza, etc) these may be left at Smith's Service Station. Be sure and watch next weeks paper for more information. Think FUN!!!! Ina

ITEMS OF INTEREST

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open eveyr Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 starting September 2nd.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH FROM 9 - NOON

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 in the Gorman Senior Center, Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per

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

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m. Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. **Methodist Church**

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.

Obituaries

Geraldine Thelma Counts

Geraldine Thelma Counts, age 92, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2007 at her residence in De Leon.

Services were Tuesday, March 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Nelda Priddy provided music. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Geraldine was born April 30, 1914 to the late Charles Zingaro and Cora Matie Leslie Zingaro in New Castle, PA. She married Charles W. Counts on November 24, 1945 in San Antonio, Tx.

She was a homemaker; served as a Waves in the U. S. Navy during WWII; had resided in De Leon since 1961, having previously lived in New Castle, PA and Corpus Christi, TX. She was a member of De Leon First United Methodist Church; De Leon Senior Citizens and American Legion Post 471

She is survived by a sister, Eleanor Atwell of New Castle, PA. Preceded in death by her step-father and mother, Charles and Dora Zingaro; brother Robert Zingaro and sister Ruth Elizabeth Shaw.

Bertha Allsup Richardson

Bertha Allsup Richardson, age 92 of De Leon passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2007 at Golden Age Manor Nursing Home in Dublin,

Graveside services were held Monday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon Cemetery with Brother Jackie Auvenshine officiating.

She was born November 12, 1914 in Rucker, Texas to the late Daniel W. and Millie James Allsup. She married Ollie Curtis Richardson in 1946 in Fort Worth, Tx.

She was a homemaker; member of Liberty Baptist Church and a Beauty Operator for many years; had resided in De Leon several years. She is survived by one brother, Lee Allsuup of De Leon.

Preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, Robert Allsup and one sister, Edna Ross.

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GARAGE SALE: Friday, March 23, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 24 from8:00 a.m. to ?? -- South of Gorman on Hwy. 6 East. Kitchen items, baby items, office supplies, scuba gear and 1-3-22 C.

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erals, nice. \$489,000 160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral, indications show lots deer, turkey and

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Thanks to all who came to the community meeting at the new Kokomo The Keys" from the scriptures in Matthew 16:18-19 and several other Community Center on Friday night. Jake Donaldson was the acting chairman in the place of Delmon Eaves who is ill and was not able to be with us. Jimmy Nelson gave the opening prayer. Plans were made to complete Webb, and Kaci, Kaelee and Norma enjoyed lunch and shopping in the finishing work on the inside walls and a heating and cooling system was discussed. There is still quite a bit of work to be done in order to have the building ready for use for the annual Homecoming and Cemetery Association meeting on May 5. We are in need of folding tables and chairs. If anyone knows of some good used ones for sale, please contact Jake Donaldson at 254-629-1883, Bryan Johnson at 254-629-1576, Oren or Norma Webb at 254-639-2284 or Jimmy Nelson at 254-639-2371. There was some discussion about having some type of fundraiser sometime soon to help with the expenses of finishing the building. There will be more about this later. The next meeting will be on Friday, March 30 at 7:00p.m. at the Community Center.

Following the Community Meeting, the Kokomo Simpson Cemetery Association committee met to make plans for the annual meeting and Homecoming to be held on Saturday, May 5. The meeting will be held at the new Community Center with the business meeting beginning at 11:00 A.M. followed by a covered dish lunch and time for visiting. We are sorry that Delmon Eaves is not able to be the chairman of the committee at this at the Hwy 6 Café in De Leon on Wednesday. Dan Snider and Ted Snider time due to his illness. Delmon has served us very faithfully for many years. We pray that he will soon be feeling better. Jake Donaldson was elected as the chairman, and Wayne Eaves was elected as a member of the committee.

Committee members present were Jake Donaldson, Bryan Lee Johnson, Zelda Jordan, Norma Webb, Martha Wood, Patsy Collins, and Wayne Eaves. Others present were Jolene Johnson, Pat Collins, Jimmy Nelson, Sylvia Buchanan and Verda Eaves.

Bro.Jim Haggard's message at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church was entitled "There is a Reason for Church" using scriptures from Matthew 16: 13-18 and Matthew 12:22-34. The choir beautifully rendered "Won't It Be Wonderful There" by acappella. Those in the choir were: Bobbi Haggard, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Crystal Snider, Sylvia Buchanan, Ruth Rodgers, Helen Browning, Glynda Bond, Thomas Seay, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning. Glenn and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Burgess of Gorman, Shirley Christie of Eastland and Anna and Madiline, Dianna Dorris of Gorman and Katilin and Breanna Poe of Eastland

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday evening was titled "May I Have

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acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 bams, pipe corrals, equipment, hunting, [BC01] \$396,500 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks,

corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000 **UNDER CONTRACT**— 10 A, horse facility w/16x76 Mobile home, approx.

2,600sf of barns and sheds [KW01] \$125,000 REDUCED TO \$112,500 8.5 A. 1.800sf, 2-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & net wire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers. [JT02] \$265,000 3+ A, 1,780sf, 3-2 Mfg Home, rural water, 2-water wells, pecan trees, 660sf

commercial bldg., highway frontage [HH01] \$89,500 600 ± A. 2 wells, 7 tanks, approx, 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals availabyle, hunting [DS02] \$1,795 Per Acre 380 ± A., 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda

& tilton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available [CW01] \$950,000 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000

243 A. Comanche Co. one reservoir, 14 imigation wells, imigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre 158 A. rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals. approx. 4 miles from Dublin [cso1] \$395,000

155 ± A, 3 water wells, 3 stock tanks, approx. 90 A cover, rest in native pasture IMC021 \$427.075 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock

tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500 140 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, waterwells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some farm eq. available, minerals negotiable, possible

ownerfinancing, [CSK01] \$350,000 100 A. on Hwv 36, new parameter fences, solar powered waterwell, cross fences, wood, coastal, hunting [WH01] \$250,000

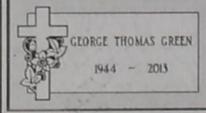
81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip imigation on, 9 wells, tractors, shaker, other equipment. [REM01] \$326,000 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting. [JD01] \$165,000

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scriptures. Daryl Hirst directed the music with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Kaci and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche visited with Oren and Norma Stephenville.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited with Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca, Emily and Lance Browning in Graham on Sunday evening and attended church services at the First Baptist Church. Garrett was a participant in a program during the

Glenn and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton and Ben Burgess spent the weekend with Durwood and Aletha Burgess. Others visiting with them on Saturday were Billy and Sheryl Burgess of Granbury, Dan and Charla Burgess, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley of De Leon, Grant Burgess, and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

Daisy Slaton and Betty Regian of Gorman, Zelda Jordan, LaVon Snider and Sylvia Buchanan visited with Nancy Hendricks in the De Leon Nursing Home. LaVon also visited with Fern McGinnis while at the nursing LaVon Snider met Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville for lunch

visited with LaVon. Hello to Ricky and Pat Fuller in Pittsfield, Illinois. I had a real nice

telephone visit with Ricky and he says hello to all his friends in this area. He still thinks of Kokomo and the Gorman area as home as he gr

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Lula S. Schneider, Representative Estate of Herbert Schneider, Deceased % James H. Dudley, Attorney Woodley & Dudley Law Office P.O. Box 99 Comanche, Texas 76442

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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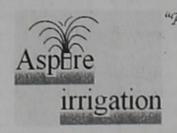
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We enjoyed our weekly dinner on March 14 with 27 present. Hershel Cordell, Anna Rush's son, gave the blessing of our food. It was certainly good to have him with us. We even put him to work, carrying out the trash. Ha!

Ann Maxfield was our moderator as only she can do. Her granddaughter Kylie Rae turned 12, and made her own chocolate cake. It was very delicious, and we all enjoyed sharing it. Wynogene Smith, Ruthie Porter, and Ora Lee Lawrence also celebrated birthdays in March, so we sang Happy Birthday to all.

We gathered at the Center on the 15th for the Rapid Cable meeting. We had hoped to solve some problems, but looks like it will remain as is until they go digital in two years. So we must be patient. There were more elderly people at the meeting. What happened to all the 40 or 50 year olds? Guess they have all gone Dish.

Good to hear Willo Rice is home from Hospital. We miss her and John at the dinner. Hope she continues to improve. Opal Burton had a procedure in the Hospital last week and is now home. I do wish she can improve and feel better. We also miss her and visiting together. She always brings such good dishes.

We missed having Max and Barbara Bush with us. They had family in for spring break, know it was a busy week and fun. The cooks and I prepared a St. Patrick's dinner. We had Corned Beef Brisket with all the trimmings. Emma Jane Larch made a green and chocolate bundt cake. So

Betty Regian, Daisy Slaton, and I attended the fish fry at Desdemona. The DAC really put out a wonderful spread. So good to see a lot of people from Gorman there. We had a good time visiting with all. We enjoyed the music, but were sorry Dr. Dan couldn't be there. Sarah Lewis sang beautifully, I enjoyed seeing her and we had a few words together. I didn't even realize it was her till later. She has changed her looks since high school days. She has always been such an attractive girl. It was nice to see Toady and Harold Zink out, she is doing well and looks so good. Also good to see Frank and Beth Shirley, he had been feeling poorly last week. It's wonderful so many people attended their fish fry, it does help the community and their center.

Our Gorman group had game night on Friday the 16th due to the cable meeting on Thursday. I believe they had 10 attend as I was out of town and couldn't be there. Some day I hope to make it back. I'll have to learn some of the games all over again.

See you all next week.

Veterans Benefit Seminar Set March 31

VA Representatives On Hand To Answer Questions, Give Assistance

Every family in this area has some ties to a veteran. Their parent or grandparent, son, sister, daughter, aunt, uncle, cousin, or a neighbor has served or is serving.

Delilah Washburn, Joel Jimenez, DAV Commander, Wichita Falls, Larry Monroe, VFW Commander, Eastland, cordially invites everyone to learn about the benefits the veterans in the their life is entitled to at the third annual Veterans Benefit Seminar, scheduled for Saturday, March 31 from legislation that weakens national security and hinders the ability of troops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at VFW Post 4136, Eastland, 918 Hwy. 570.

Speakers from the following agencies will be present: VA Regional Office, Waco; Texas Veterans Commission Regional Office; Dallas Consumer Affairs Office, Cemetery Staff, and many other helpful representa-

It is recommended that all veterans bring a copy of their DD214 (Discharge Papers) and all documents pertaining to their claims.

A strong message need to be sent to VA Directors that all veterans in these small communities want what they have earned and what they de-sistance since last summer. However, members of Congress have an over-

It needs to be made clear that they do not want to be forgotten. Hundreds of veterans (our brothers and sisters) are still on waiting lists

to be seen by VA Hospitals and their clinics.

have a wonderful and prosperous life.

VFW Post 4136 is looking forward to seeing you at the event, and to

help you, fellow comrades, and their families.

It's our time to step up and help each other, one Veteran at a time. For information contact: VFW Post 4136 after 5 p.m. 254-629-1918 or Larry Monroe, Commander, 254-647-1097.

ORDER OF CANCELLATION EJEMPLO DE ORDEN DE CANCELACION

The City of Gorman hereby cancels the elctions scheduled to be held on May 12, 2007 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 fol-

Nathan Files

Commissioner Place #1

(Candidato) Don Underwood Commissioner Place #3

(Candidato) El City of Gorman por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el 12 de 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 quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a

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

(s) Robert Ervin, Mayor (s) Tacy Warren, Secretary March 20, 2007 Date of adoption

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona "Country and Western" Musical will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Admission is "FREE".

Rudolph "Humpy" Duke celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday, March 17. A "Family Cook Out" was hosted by his wife, Betty Duke at their home in Desdemona. Those attending were his brother, Bates Duke of Midland; Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and son, Brandon of Midlothian; Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville; and Rusty and Samantha Duke of Desdemona.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards

Karen Fair and Lorin; Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane; Holly Guthery and daughter, Jade spent the last weekend of Spring Break in Fort Worth to visit the ZOO, go sightseeing and have a fun time with all the kids.

Donal and Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan spent last Sunday in Abilene to visit the ZOO and have a fun day with their son.

Trevor Waltson spent the past weekend visiting in Desdemona with his grandparents, Gary and Jody Walston.

How many remember? Penny Postcards; Big Chief Tablets; Evening in Paris and Blue Waltz Perfume; Saturday night bath in a #3 tub in the Kitchen; A homemade quilt on your bed; Fun on the Fourth of July; Sports with Babe Ruth and Joe Lewis; Model A Ford as the family car. If you do remember any of these - they you are old as this reporter or older.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks - have a nice day, Vonnie.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer March 19, 2007

Drought Relief Update

Last week the House Appropriations Committee approved supplemental funding legislation for the War on Terror that also included an agriculture drought relief package. Under this legislation, producers would be able to choose to be compensated from either the 2005 or 2006 crop year (but not both) as long as they purchased crop insurance for that year. Eligible farmers must have suffered a 35 percent loss to apply for assistance, and the payment would be 50 percent of the price. Finally, the combination of income from crop receipts, crop insurance, and disaster assistance could not exceed 95 percent of what the value of the crop would have been without a loss.

However, I am concerned that this same legislation that provides muchneeded relief for our producers hit hard by drought is being jeopardized by ill-advised micromanagement of the War on Terror. In addition to drought relief, this bill - as it is written now - also ties the hands of the President and our military leaders and sets a timetable for withdrawal of U.S. troops in Iraq. Finally, President Bush has said he will veto any to fight and win the War on Terror.

Setting a timeline for withdrawal sends the wrong message to our troops and telegraphs our war strategy to the enemy. Our Constitution is clear in that it places the responsibility for running the war in the hands of a single Commander-in-Chief, not Congress. Our Founding Fathers wisely understood that having 535 politicians in Washington attempt to micromanage the war is a recipe for disaster.

I strongly support drought relief and have been calling for federal asriding obligation to support policies that enhance national security and oppose those that weaken it. At the end of the day, I want to get a drought relief package passed and also make the right decision for our troops. As this legislation moves forward, I will be looking for ways to correct this Help them by your attendance so that the veteran and his family can bill so it does not harm our troops and our national security.

Reminder About 2007 Academy Forums

I will be hosting academy forums in Abilene and Lubbock on Saturday, March 31. All students, including those currently in middle school, who want to learn more about attending one of America's four military service academies will have the opportunity to speak with liaison officers from the Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Information will also be available for university-level Reserved Officer Training Corps programs. For more details on this event, visit my website at www.randy.house.gov or contact Mary Whistler in my office at 888-763-1611.

--Randy

Neugebauer Backs American Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Washington, DC - Congresspublican Study Committee (RSC), Wednesday.

taxpayers and families across Texas will embrace these four fundamental rights that every taxpayer Neugebauer. "Americans are frustrated with the spending habits of it. the federal government and are looking for solutions. By leading the charge to provide these rights, we hope to ensure that government will become more efficient and accountable to the taxpayers that pay

The RSC's American Taxpayer man Randy Neugebauer, a mem- Bill of Rights establishes four basic ber of the fiscally conservative Re- rights to ensure that the taxpayers across America receive a more effivoiced his support for an Ameri- cient and accountable government. can Taxpayer Bill of Rights These four rights will serve as the foundation for future legislation "We in the RSC believe that aimed at restoring fiscal sanity to the federal budget:

- · Taxpayers have a right to have should have," said Congressman a federal government that does not grow beyond their ability to pay for
 - · Taxpayers have a right to receive back each dollar that they entrust to the government for their re-
 - · Taxpayers have a right to expect the government to balance the budget without having their taxes raised.
 - · Taxpayers have a right to a simple, fair tax code that they can understand.

"When we consider that the federal government runs a deficit while operating with a \$2.9 trillion budget, it becomes clear that Washington has a spending problem, not an income problem," said Neugebauer. "The American Taxpayer Bill of Rights is our pledge to work to balance the budget, cut wasteful Washington spending and provide further, permanent tax relief. If successful, it will lead to policies that help protect taxpayers from over-spending, overtaxation, and budget deficits."

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Miss Gorman Reba Granado and Little Miss Gorman Briana Landa placed third in the St. Patricks Day Parade in Dublin. Good Job Girls.



This fish was caught at Lake Leon by the Dam off of the point by Bradley Lipson. He was using a white spinner bait on Friday, March 16th in the evening about 7:45 p.m. We were going camping and my tent poles were not in the tent bag. I left Bradley there to fish and I went back to Gorman to get my tent poles so we could set up the tent. When I got back he had this great big 23 1/2 inch Black Bass weighing in at about 8 to 8 1/2 pounds. Nice fish Bradley. By David Lipson

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Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for the Ten Star All Star summer Basketball Camp and the Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2006 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, Tx; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL.; Atlanta, GA.; Champaign, IL.; Ypsilanti MI.; Glassboro, NJ.; Hickory, NC.; Mitchell, SD.; Lebanon, TN.; and Blacksburg, VA.

Registration is also open for the 29th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and Girls ages 6 -- 18 are eligible. All skill levels are welcome. Locations include: Commerce, Tx; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL.; Atlanta, GA.; Champaign, IL.; Ypsilanti, MI.; Glassboro, NJ.; Hickory, NC.; Mitchell, SD.; Lebanon, TN.; and Blacksburg, VA. For free brochures on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT CONSTITUTIONAL **AMENDMENT** SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

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Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

Everyone here was really glad to see the rain and now everything is starting to green up. Not long ago in this article I ask if anyone had any extra flowers/bulbs etc. we would be happy to have them, well, not only did one person have some things to donate, she also has donated her time and talent to fixing up our patio area. Thank you Shirley Daniels!!! You have transformed a plain patio into a peaceful, beautiful area. Everyone is invited up to see our new area. Thank you again Shirley.

Sorry I missed last week's news. I had to be in Abilene and I forgot to get it to the progress.

Coming for Gospel Singing on Monday were Ruby Kinser, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Helen and Woodrow Browning, Billy and Betty Dennis, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slaton, and Ann Warren.

Betty Duke comes every Tues, morning. We are always so glad to see her. On Wed. morning Bro. Larry Stogsdill from the Church of Christ comes and holds Bible Study.

Coming for Sunday School on Sunday morning were Ellen, James, and Rachel Tucker, Nelda Mauney, Pat and Howard Hagood, and James Miears. Billie Marble and Pat Graham come and help with bingo. Thanks everyone for a job well done.

Visiting with Jewel Snider were his children, Peggy and Bobby Ingram from Putman, and Maudie and Bill Moll of Cisco.

Becky Moore of DeLeon visited with her mother, Mildred Addy. Jerry Majors of DeLeon visited her mother, Lavona Sharp.

Visiting Jelma Smith were Loraine and Kylie Smith of San Diego Ca., Stacy, Ashley, Tyler, and Joshua Wyatt of Gordon, Donald Smith of Granbury.

Brian, Barbara, Dalton, Matthew, and Aubrey Schuman of Joshua and Jeff Smith of Eastland. David and Connie Smith of Joshua met Jelma, Johnny and Ina Smith at Z.J.'s for lunch on Sunday.

Woodrow and Helen Browning and Nelda Mauney visited Lottie Mor-

Imogene Norris went out to the farm for lunch with her children, Lisa Lewis of Stephenville, Paula Morrow of Plains, Jeanna Pack of Carbon and James Norris of Eastland.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were, Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern, Pat Brown, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern and Nick, Keri, Kelsey, and Nash Guthery and Gene and Carolyn Foster.

Betty Little came and visited with Ima Boles and helped play Crazy Bingo on Wed. Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Charles and Carolyn Little took Ima to Z.J.'s for lunch.

Visiting with Eunice Love were Mary, Neal, Kyra, Kayla and Mitchell Campbell of Panhandle, Skyler and Talee Jones, Ronnie Love and Joy Campbell.

Freddie and Kay Rodgers visited with Don Estes.

We will be participating in the City Wide Garage Sale on April 21. We have some extra wheel chairs, and non-electric hospital beds plus a lot more....

Until next time....Ina

TEXAS HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION TO RESCIND HPV MANDATE

The Texas House of Representatives today passed legislation to rescind the governor's mandate that all sixth-grade girls in Texas be required to be vaccinated for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). Parents may still voluntarily allow their children to be vaccinated for HPV.

"Governor Perry's heart is in the right place, and we all share his desire to reduce cervical cancer in Texas," said Republican Caucus Chairman, Rep. Frank Corte (R-San Antonio). "But mandating this vaccine without input from the legislature is not good public policy."

There are many unresolved issues about the vaccine that concern Texans. The drug was approved by the FDA for only eight months before it was mandated, and many experts have questioned whether its testing was sufficient to determine whether it is safe and effective. Several groups such in the medical community, such as the Texas Medical Association have opposed the mandate. The bill's author, Rep. Dennis Bonnen (R-Angleton) said these issues and the unknown long-term results make mandating the HPV vaccine too risky at this time.

"I am not opposed to the HPV vaccine but I am strongly opposed to the state telling parents that we know better than they do," Bonnen said. "Until we know how the vaccine could affect the future health of these young girls, it would be extremely irresponsible for us to mandate it. We'd be sending a false message to families saying that we know it is safe when, in reality, there are so many questions left unanswered about its effectiveness and long-term implications."





Wildflowers: Timeless **Texas Beauty**

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote that the "earth laughs in flowers." If that is true, springtime in Texas must be the happiest place on earth.

Texas is home to more than 5,000 species of native wildflowers and plants. Much of Texas got significant rain over the winter, so we should start seeing an exmid-March.

The Texas Department of Transportation tends about 800,000 acres of roadside, and wildflowers will cover much of be in coming weeks. it in March, April and May. Texas Escapes magazine has excellent ideas for driving tours of prime wildflower areas.

You can visit various Texas hamlets named in honor of our wildflower glory, such as Primrose, Flora, Bloomfield, Flowery Mountain and Shooting Star.

Desert marigolds and cacti will bloom in the Big Bend, and both Indian paintbrush and winecups will peak out from native grasses in Central Texas. Lantana will thrive in the heat of our Texas summer, and children will tickle their noses with pink buttercups.

Golden yellow coreopsisonce stuffed into mattresses by early settlers to ward off ticks and fleas-will carpet fields and roadsides. Lemonmint, once used to brew cough medicine, will flourish through much of the state, attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

Later this month, the Dogwood festivals in East Texas will be attracting visitors. In April, thousands of tourists will tramp down bluebonnet trails in Central Texas. By mid-May, the annual Cherokee Rose Festival near Gilmer will provide the rural countryside with spectacular vistas of wild roses.

We should never take these glorious natural and native wonders for granted. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas at Austin is helping make sure we don't.

Last November, the Houston Endowment foundation provided a \$200,000 grant to the Wildflower Center to support its part in the "Millennium Seed Bank Project," a \$120 million global plant conservation effort developed by the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, Great Britain.

The Wildflower Center is one of five American non-profit organizations participating in a global seed conservation effort. Its role is to collect 10,000 to 20,000 seeds from most of the state's native wildflowers and plants.

Any number of factors-a hurricane, soil contamination, overdevelopment and "over-collection" by plant enthusiasts or nurseries-can wipe out a plant species. This project will ensure the plants can be restored.

With the Houston Endowment grant, the Wildflower Center will gather and conserve seeds of native plants from an 8,000-squaremile region in the Houston area and East Texas, which contain nearly 70 percent of all native Texas plants.

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Preserving all plants is the goal but native Texan seeds with a "restoration value" are first among equals in their importance to the conservation effort. For instance, the native persimmon tree is a food source. The purple coneflower, from which Echinacea is produced, has a medicinal value.

We are all grateful to the replosion of blooms as early as searchers and volunteers from the Wildflower Center for their work. They're ensuring that Texas wildflowers will be as resplendent and plentiful in the future as they will

> I hope you enjoy our Texas wildflowers this spring. If you stop on highway access lanes to enjoy the colorful landscapes, please be careful. And treat the plants with care and respect. They're part of what makes Texas a great place to live.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommit tee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thought we were going to have to push out the walls of the DAC last Saturday evening! Many, many folks came to enjoy the fish dinner, the music and the silent auction. The silent auction featured desserts - aren't there a lot of good cooks in Desdemona? And, as usual, our fish chef, Monty Williams, produced an outstanding meal. There was talk of it being the best fish ever tasted! Thanks, Monty.

'Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids' provided the music. Dr. Dan was out of town so, I guess we just had his 'Band-Aids'. They were terrific just the same. A young lady named Sarah Lewis joined them in a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace. She has a lovely voice and we hope she will join us again. Thank you, Sarah.

Thanks, also, to all who attended. Now that you know where we are located, we hope you will watch this column for coming events and join in them all. And we will push out the walls if necessary!

The next 'Breakfast at the DAC' will be Saturday, April 7 from 7:00 A.M. until10:00 A.M. See you there!

Our Craft Show booth spaces are filling up. Please reserve yours soon by calling 758-2610, 758-2420, 758-2548 or 758-2522. The show is to be April 20 and 21st. The only fee is the booth rental, which is \$30.00.

We are very excited about a Bluegrass Jamfest that we have planned for June 23rd. It will be an all day and evening affair. We would like anyone who plays an instrument to come to the free jamfest during the day. You can bring a group or join with others at the building. We would like to have groups playing different music at the same time in different areas of the building and porch. If you play or even think you can play, come and jam. In the evening, there will be a concert with professional musicians for which there will be a small fee. More details later,

Carol Pell

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 in 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.

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m. Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. Methodist Church

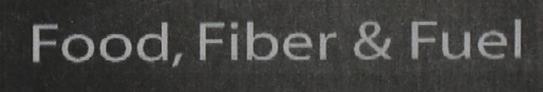
SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY FICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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.

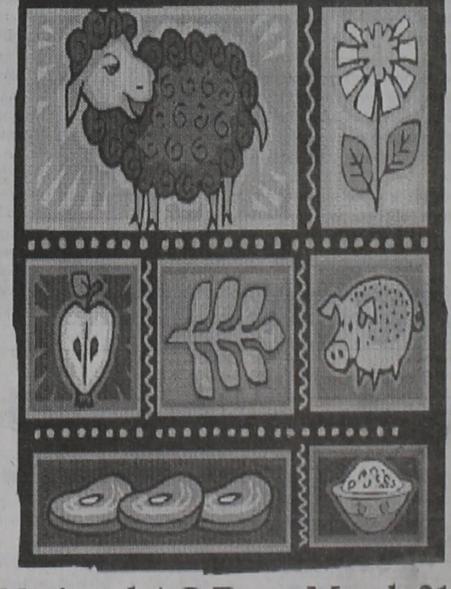
4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood

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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