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Eastland County Fiesta de Mayo May 6 – 11 am to 4 pm

Eastland County is pleased to announce its first annual Fiesta de Mayo celebration where the communities of Eastland County are "bridging our cultures for a stronger unified people." Amidst today's cultural events, area businesses, churches, and civic leaders have joined with KCER Radio in appreciation of our cultures that make our area unique. This celebration of cultures promises to delight everyone's taste from the young to the old. Eastland County proudly embraces the Latin representation and will celebrate with authentic Mexican food, games for children of all ages and live music. Music will be provided by Jimmy Edward of San Antonio, a Tejano music legend; Marcus Montes of Midland, a veteran singer/song writer; and United 4 One of San Antonio, a popular, contemporary band. To commemorate this special occasion, awards will be presented to area community leaders who have contributed to bridging the

All this will take place on May 6, Saturday, from 11 am to 4 pm at the Hilton Community Center located at 309 Conrad Hilton Avenue in Cisco, Texas. ADMISSION IS FREE! For more information, please feel free to call 254-442-2236. And, remember, Come and Celebrate our Cultures.

Public Hearing - Grant Performance And Closeout

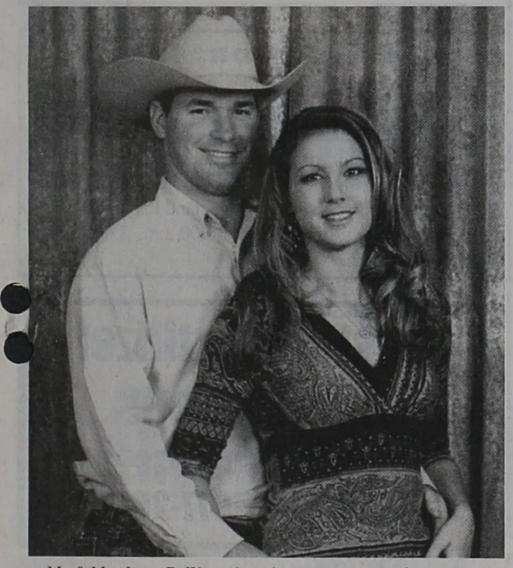
The City of Gorman will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., May 18, 2006 at City Hall for the purpose of reviewing its performance on a recently completed TCDP grant, Contract No. 724311. All citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Written comments will also be accepted at City Hall during regular office hours.

Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Meeting

The annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. Everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair, and a sack lunch to be eaten at the tabernacle following the meeting. There is no place to have a covered dish lunch as the Community Center was destroyed by the fire that swept through the community on January 1. Bottled water and cold drinks will

We look forward to seeing you there.

Womack and Rosborough To Exchange Vows



Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Womack are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Latonya Nicole Womack to Ryan Keith Rosborough of Calallen.

Latonya is the granddaughter of Nathan and Sandy Files and George and Linda Simmons of Gorman, and Larry J. and Lajoice Womack of De Leon. She is also the great granddaughter of George and Nell Mason of Gorman.

After graduating from DeLeon in 2001, Latonya attended Texas A & M University where she earned a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is currently teaching kindergarten in Bryan, Texas.

Ryan in the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rosborough of Calallen. Ryan graduated from Texas A & M University with a degree in Ag Systems Management. He currently works for Anderson Group Construction Management in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Latonya and Ryan plan to have their wedding on July 22nd. After their marriage, the couple plan to live in Calallen.

Local Scholarships To Be Awarded

The local scholarships for Gorman ISD seniors will be presented at the Awards Assembly, May 16th rather than graduation. Local scholarship presentaions will be the culminating event of the assembly. The assembly will be held at 10:00 in the high school auditorium with a reception to follow. If you are a scholarship donor, it would be an honor for you to personally present your award. Please contact Mrs. Hampton for more information. Thanks for supporting our students and we hope to have a great turn out for this notable occasion.

Easter Treasure Hunt Another Big Success

The 2006 Easter Treasure Hunt was another BIG success thanks to everyone who help make it possible.

The weather was just right, the hunt field was well prepared, the hunters were ready to hunt and thanks to all the generous donations, lots of treasures were ready to be found. It is hard to mention all those who did help as I am afraid I will leave someone out, we had those who left money at City Gro., Bob's Gro., and Smith's Service Station. I don't know who you are, but each donation was greatly appreciated. Thank You. The donations that I do know who gave were: American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro., Gorman Chamber of Commerce, City Gro., Clark Construction and Building Supply, Country Cuts, Foster Floral, G & H Feed, Hirst Nuts and Produce, Gilmore Auto, City of Gorman, Gold Metal Imports, Gorman Pharmacy and Video, Gorman Progress, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, Z.J.'s Steak House, Ricon Pharmacy, Simmon's Propane, Nathan's Barber Shop, Gorman Milling, Dr. Dan Brudnak,

James Kinser, Francis Warren, Boliver Bledsoe, and my West Texas Friend, Judy Garrett. If I have left anyone out I apologize, because each and everyone is very important to me, because without you, we would not have been able to have an Easter Treasure Hunt.

Thank you again for another wonderful year,

Mrs. Bunny and Ina Smith

All-Day Singing At Rock Bluff Baptist Church

There will be an All-Day Sing-

Sipe Springs Monthly **Musical Set**

The Sipe Springs Monthly Muing at the Rock Bluff Baptist Church sical is slated for Saturday, May 6th on Sunday, May 7th from 10:00 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Sipe a.m. til ?? Their will be a Covered Springs Community Center. Ev-Dish Luncheon. Make plans to at- eryone is invited to attend especially all musicians.

Thank You From American State Bank, Gorman

All of us at American State Bank, Thank You, our customers, for understanding our "soggy" issues on Friday, April 28th.

A water pipe had broken during the night; when we got to work on Friday morning, there was 3 inches of water throughout the bank.

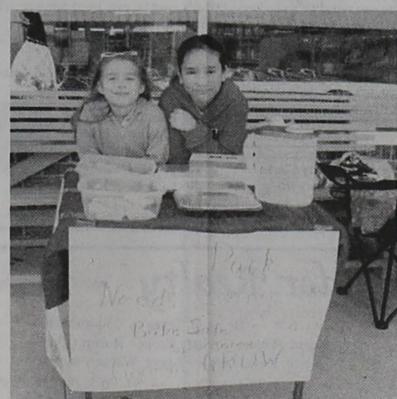
We weren't able to transact business the first portion of the day but by midafternoon, the drive-in was operable.

We certainly understand that when you have banking needs, we need to respond. That is our number one goal. Again thanks for your patience.

CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 23 & 26

THE CITY WIDE SPRING TIME CLEAN UP DAY (S) WILL BE MAY 23 & 26. IT WILL BE YOUR REGULAR TRASH PICK UP DAY. IT WILL BE CURB SIDE. NO TIRES, NO BATTERIES, NO PAINT, OR REFRIGERANTS, PLEASE. THIS WILL BE A GREAT TIME TO GET YOUR RESIDENCE IN TIP TOP SHAPE. GET RID OF ALL THAT UNSIGHTLY ACCUMULATION OF "EXTRAS" GET OUT THE MOWER AND WEED EATER AND POLISH UP!!

Our Park Needs Swings



Margarita Oronia and Sydney Casey kick-off a fundraising drive for swings in the City Park. Their first effort took place on April 8, in front of City Grocery, they sold homemade baked goods. They will hold another sale this Saturday (May 6), again in front of City Grocery. If anyone is interested in helping with this noble effort, please call Diane Casey at 734-2843.

The Progress Office Will Be Closed Thursday and Friday Due To Surgery Will Open As Usual On Monday

Oliver Springs Cemetery Work Day will be held Saturday, May 6th. Bring Basket Lunch and stay for fellowship on the ground.

Standing Proud and Strong!!!

The Gorman Lady Panthers spent their weekend in Abilene at ACU for Regionals. The weather was anything but good; with high winds and cold, massive amounts of rain the Gorman Lady Panthers gave everything they had one more time! It is a case where their efforts came up a little short of state but to even make it to the regional level is an achievement most never acquire. I do expect state for these girls and I believe with a little more time that Gorman will proudly celebrate several state appearances from the fire they set on the track. Even though Mary Powell (1600M & 3200M), Crystal Thackerson (3200M), Megan Lewis (100M hurdles & 300M hurdles), and Brandy Carlton (800M run) did not advance to state they have now set their sites on what they can achieve as the future unfolds. "People are constantly spoiling a project when it lacks only a step to completion", said Lao-Tzu (6th cent. BC) and I encourage these girls to never give up, and give it all that they can! George Bernard Shaw wrote," When I was young I observed that nine out of every ten things I did were failures, so I did ten times more work." He did not always succeed but he strived on as I have reiterated to our girls over the past three years. They are getting better every year, and they are becoming more and more successful, but my hope unto them is that they reach just as high as they can with their dreams and watch them come true!

Remember - Be Victorious!

Results:

Place/ Name:

11 Mary Powell

8 Brandy Carlton

13 Megan Lewis

15 Megan Lewis

9 Mary Powell

12 Crystal Thackerson

Peace and grace be with you: Coach Tooley Time: 6:00.05 1600 2:35.64 800 100M H 21:87 (two falls-wet track) 300M H 52.92 3200 13:27.16 13:04.79 3200

Special thanks to all came and endured the weather with us: Mrs. Majors Mr. Lewis Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Ms. Thackerson Coach Tyson Coach Cox Gabe Burt Armando Giles Mr. and Mrs. Powell -Thanks for being voluntary chaperons!



Mary Powell, running the 1600m with the state champion, and the runner up from last year.



Brandy Carlton running with the State Champion in the 800m. Brandy ran a personal best 2:35; besting her last time by 2 seconds.



The rain made for extremely poor conditions on friday, as the Panthers and Lady Panthers competed in the regional championship.

Oakland Cemetery Meeting

The Oakland Cemetery Yearly Report. We will be having our meeting at the Cemetery on Saturday, May sixth at ten o'clock.

The Cemetery is in very good shape and is being kept well at all times. We need everyone to come to the meeting that has Loved Ones at this

We need your presence and input. Also your Financial support is very

important to the Keeping of The Cemetery. There is a few things we need to discuss and we need all to do so. Come One - Come All. We hope to see you there. Opal Burton, Sec.

Winner Of Knife At Nathan's

Marvin Rich was the winner of the knife at Nathan's Barber Shop for the month of April. Thanks for your support.

Ovie Winkler Kennedy

Ovie Winkler Kennedy, age 94 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Friday, April 28, 2006 at Clifton Luthern Sunset Home in Clifton, Texas. Graveside services were held Monday, May 1st at Downing Cemetery in Comanche County, Texas with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating,

under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home. She was born on September 29, 1911 to the late Francis (Frank) M. Winkler and Zora Winifred Smith Winkler in Big Sandy, Texas. She mar-

ried Travis G. Kennedy on September 23, 1933 in Rising Star, Texas.

Mr. Kennedy preceded her in death on December 8, 2004. She was a homemaker, she moved to De Leon in 1992, having previously lived in Lampasas and Odessa. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in De Leon.

Survivors include a son, Jerry M. Kennedy and wife Joyce of Monroeville, PA; a daughter, Carolyn Sue Miller and husband, Terry of Clifton; five brothers, Raymond Winkler of Midland, Billy Winkler of Odessa, Joe Winkler and wife Su-An of San Angelo, Adon Winkler and wife Bobbie of Temple and Gaylon Winkler and wife Dora of Monahans; two sisters, Lonna Wise of Midland and Zella Glover of North Little Rock, Ark., 7 grandchildren: Joe Kennedy and wife Juliet of San Jose, CA.; Lynn Fetsko and husband Bob of Albuquerque, NM; Kelly Cetin and husband Kerim of Livonia, MI; and Angela Eagle and husband Steve of Pittsburgh, PA; Roscoe Miller and wife Jenny of Granbury; Justin Miller and wife Morgana of El Plaso; and Jake Miller and finance' Dina Konyshev of Honolulu, Hawaii; and 9 great-grandchildren with another great-grandchild to be born soon.

She was also preceded by brothers, Leonard, Duward "Peanut" and Troy Winkler.

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quite, pond, fenced. Will divide into

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GORMAN TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Gorman will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on May 18, 2006, at the City Hall (116 S. Kent) in the City of Gorman in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture / Office of Rural Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grants. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the City Secretary, Tacy Warren, at the City Hall 254-734-2317. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Secretary to arrange for assistance.

Local Scouts To Sell Trail's End Popcorn



Local Scouts have formed two Relay for Life Teams. They are selling the famous Trails End Popcorn for this month of May and part of June, until the Relay for Life event is over. The proceeds of the sales will go to the local Scouting program and Relay for Life. So if you choose to purchase popcorn you will be benefitting two great causes plus getting an awesome product! Ask a scout if they are selling, look for booths to be set up on the weekends, or call Lora Lewis at 254-734-4480 or 734-6701 to make your purchases. Thanks for your support!

Buzz On By For A **Closer Look**

Gorman GROW will meet on Wednesday, May 10, at 6:00 pm, in the Community Center. We will be discussing both ongoing and future projects, if you would like to get involved please feel free to come by and check us out.

The Progress Office Will **Be Closed** Thursday and Friday Due To Illness Will Open As Usual Un Monday

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Had our weekly playday on April 21. There were about 16 to enjoy the games. We start play about 6 p.m. Also different ones bring snacks. Come on out people and enjoy the fellowship.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPT-ING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2006 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2007, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DE-PARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the budget for the City of Gorman, Texas for the year June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007 has heretofore been published in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held at the time and place as provided for in the notice of such public hearing and all interested persons were given opportunities to be heard on said budget; and,

SION OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1: That the budget presented by the City Secretary and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMIS-

reviewed during the public hearing is hereby approved and adopted for the fiscal year 2006 - 2007. SECTION2: That the City Secretary can be authorized to make intra and inter department fund transfers during the fiscal year as becomes necessary in order to avoid over expenditure of a particular

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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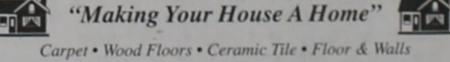
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I would like to congratulate the Panther and Lady Panther Track Team for an exciting and successful year. You are all truly champions in my eyes. A big thank you goes to Coach Gerick, Coach Tooley, and Coach Scott for preparing our athletes for all they achieved this year. We are very fortunate to have a coaching staff of this supreme quality.

Due to the rain on friday, I was not able to take many pictures of the regional meet, and for that I am sorry. Lane one looked much like a river during the running events. Conditions were less than perfect, to say the least!

The coaches and athletes are both inspirational to be around. Our athletes have learned much through this season; and to quote Coach Bill Bowerman, (and repeated by Coach Tooley) "if you can find meaning in an absurd pastime like running, then maybe you can find meaning in another absurd pastime.....called life." I ask that each of you continue to work hard, and live your life with the same intensity that you compete, and god will smile on you!

Sincerely, (s) Bob Powell



Gorman ISD Reduces Employee Injuries

Gorman ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Diamond Award for significant savings to the district. Gorman ISD, represented by David Perry, Superintendent, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 17,778 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$213 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Mr. Wesley Slade, CEO of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Fifteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum.

Laminack and Childers Place First and Second At Camp-Out

Ryland Laminack was the winner of the obstacle course at the Comanche Crime Scene camp-out last weekend. He ran the course in 22 seconds. Hunter Childers came in second with a time of 23 seconds. Ryland received a multi-

Local Scouts To Hold Drawing



The Local Scouts are selling tickets on this bronzed, ceramic statue. It measures 12" x 12" - retails for \$40.00. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held May 18th. Donation and drawing sponsored by Becky Laminack. Proceeds to benefit the local Scouting program and Relay for Life. Contact Lora Lewis or most any scout to purchase tickets at 254-734-4480 or 734-6701. Thanks for your support!!

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purpose knife tool. Hunter received a knift for his prize. Good job representating Gorman - boys! They competed with children from several counties.

LRCC To Host Ranch Heritage Weekend

Leon River Cowboy Church will host a Ranch Heritage Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. The event will be held at the LRCC Arena at the corner of CR 427 and 1-20 Service Road, one mile east of the Texas Cattle Exchange, Olden.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, several events will kick off the weekend, including a Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic and a Meat and Bean Cook-off. Churches, civic groups, and businesses are invited to participate in the Cook-off. A variety of foods, arts and crafts vendors will be on hand, as well.

The Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic will be instructed by Bozo Rogers, clinician and approved American Quarter Horse Association Versatility Ranch Horse Judge. The clinic is free. It will cover several areas, including halter, trail, reining and working cowhorse. Although space for riders will be limited in the clinic, there is unlimited space for spectators. To follow-up, a Versatility Ranch Horse competition will be held on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

On Sunday, LRCC's worship service will be held under the pavilion a the arena. The day's activities begin at 9:45 a.m. with a Bible study, followed by fellowship and coffee at 10:45. Pastor Paul Howie will lead fellowship at 11:00 a.m. Bring your chairs.

A BBQ brisket lunch will follow at noon, hosted by Leon River Cowboy Church.

The Ranch Horse competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Two age groups, 18 and under, 19 and over, will vie for buckles and other prizes. The entry fee of \$20 will be jackpotted, with a 100% payback.

For more information, or to reserve your place in the clinic, contact Kate Caballero at 254-734-4404. For information about the cookoff, or to inquire about free vendor space, contact Francie Robinette at 254-647-0483.

Dalton Murphy Sold Most Tickets

Dalton Murphy is the Cub Scout Winner who sold the most tickets in the Eye Catcher Drawing last Month. He sold 81 tickets and received a knife as a prize. Good job, Dalton. The winner of this drawing was Braylon Laminack, congratulations!



EDC Talk

Good News!! The Gorman Community Technology Center has reopened. There has been a security camera installed and we will initiate a public access policy release. It is a very simple document that will need to be read and signed in order to use the computers from now on. If anyone is under 18, they will need to have a parent sign and approve their use of the computers and Internet access. The Release forms are available in City Hall Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. This applies for any of the public access computers, whether they are at the CTC or Library or Heritage Manor. Thanks to each of you for your patience and cooperation. It is a great opportunity for a town our size to have nice computers and free public access, and each of you have shown a genuine appreciation. Thank you.

Progress continues for the Downtown Revitalization project. There will be a meeting this coming Thursday after the City Commissioners meeting to determine the benches and waste receptacles. You may have already noticed some of the improvements. The Ag Class from school has done a nice job planning flowers in the planters. They look great. All these additions should enhance the downtown appearance. Be watching for more improvements.

A small team of local leaders will be attending a Community Development class in Abilene next month. June 1 and 2, Gorman has been selected as one of twelve communities in the West Central Texas area to participate in this work session offered by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. The team will work on developing a project for our community and come back and implement that project. If picked as the best of the 12 communities, there is funding available from the Workforce Dev. Board to go toward the project. Wish us luck!

Reminder that Community Curb-side Clean up is this month. Tuesday May 23 and Friday May 26, 2006. And...ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY groups need to please finish up and report to Keep Gorman Beautiful (734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net) with your amount of trash bags filled. THANK YOU—FOR HELPING KEEP GORMAN BEAUTIFUL!

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, May 8 in the home of Estelle Lindley in the Jakehamon Community. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Robert and Ima Brown were in New Braunfels for a visit this past week. During their stay there, Ima got sick with the stomach virus. She spent three days in the New Braunfels Hospital. She is reported to be doing much better and back at home in "Hogtown".

Dora Holland enjoyed a short vacation with her son, Danny Holland of Dallas. They spent several days visiting with kinfolks and sight-seeing. But always glad to get back "Home"

Dorothy Roberts visited last Thursday with her friends, Jr. and Luella Trice near Lingleville. They enjoyed an outing and lunch together in

This reporter received a short note last week from a former resident, Jimmy Nabers and wife, Pat. Nabers children attended school in Desdemona and their mother, Doris worked in the School Lunchroom. Jim and wife have plans to attend the Annual Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 12 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym.

Adelle (Maltby) Lemaster, 87, of Dallas passed away and was buried on Saturday, April 29 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include her children and their families: sister, Varda (Maltby) Barker and husband, L. G. of De Leon. Preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Pearl Maltby; her husband, Scotty Lemaster; three brothers, Joey Maltby, Glen Maltby and Neil Maltby. The Lemaster and Maltby families are former residents of Desdemona where all of their children attended school. Adelle graduated with the Class of 1937. Friends of Desdemona sends their sincere sympathy to this family.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit last Saturday night with a classmate and friend, P. D. Ash and wife, Margaret of Stephenville. They have plans to attend the next monthly musical on Saturday, May 27 at the Desdemona Community Center School Building.

Dorothy Roberts has been on the sick list for several weeks. She spent the past Monday and Tuesday in Fort Worth for her Dr. appointments and to have more tests for her heart condition. Get Well wishes to Dorothy from her Friends in Desdemona.

Can you name ten parts of the human body (no slang words) that have only three letters? Few people get more than seven. Answer - later

Have a nice day, Vonnie.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Mondays are always busy around here, but especially today. There are so many things going on, not just at school, but personally. By that I mean that I have found a house in Gorman in which to live and have utilities to turn on and my travel trailer (my home of ten months) to move. I am looking forward to my wife making the move later this month. I also have movers to hire and coordinate.

Before reviewing last week or getting into up coming events, I want to mention that we have a new person in our office beginning this week. Terrye (Jeffs) Nichols has been hired as executive secretary/peims coordinator. She will be taking over the duties of Francis Rivers who is retiring at the end of the month. We hate to see Francis go, but we feel very fortunate to have Mrs. Nichols. She comes to us from Glen Rose ISD where she has worked for the school district for eleven years. If the name sounds familiar, it is because Terrye is a hometown girl. Welcome her back the first chance you get!

The Regional Track Meet was at ACU in Abilene Friday and Saturday. Unfortunately, we did not have anyone advance. Participating was: Cory Brown, Reggie Sanchez, Orlando Rodriguez, David Ibarra, Zach Bryan, Mary Powell, Crystal Thackerson, Megan Lewis, and Brandy Carlton. Cory Brown was the only one to qualify for the finals and he finished in 7th place. Although Brandy Carlton did not make the finals, she beat her best time of the year by three seconds. Congratulations to all of these athletes for representing their school and community well this year!

Saturday night was a night of enchantment for many Gorman youth. It was Prom night! One of the best parts of my job is getting to see the transitions our young people make as they grow up and turn into adults. You all would have been proud Saturday night. All of the young ladies were absolutely beautiful and they young men were handsome and behaved as gentlemen. The Prom was held on the third floor of the Blue Moon Café in DeLeon and the food and service was great. The Junior Class and sponsors did a wonderful job of decorating and the D.J. they hired did an excellent job. He was a riot! Mrs. Perry and I stayed until it was over at midnight so that should tell you that we really enjoyed it. We rarely stay out that late. We sat with Mr. and Mrs. Panter, Mrs. Gutierrez, and Mr. Howard. Also in attendance was Mrs. Swanner, Mrs. Segura along with the sponsors, Mrs. Gore and Mrs. Majors and their husbands. The DJ. had some great Karaoke equipment and although some of the students performed and did a wonderful job, the most memorable performance, I'm sure, was the trio of Mr. Panter, Mr. Howard, and me singing "We've That Loving Feeling" by the Righteous Brothers. All I have to say is you should have been there because it probably won't ever be repeated, not for free anyway!

Last week I wrote about the seriousness of what our legislators are working on in Austin and published contact information for Representative Keffer. This week I am also including Senator Fraser. I am also including a web address of an organization to which we belong that will keep you informed of the activities in Austin and the importance they hold for our school and all the children in Texas. It is the Equity Center: http://www.equitycenter.org/. This organization is one of the chief advocates in our state for equity in the funding of all Texas schools.

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I have written several letters and e-mails to our legislators and others last week regarding proposed legislation that would not be good for our district and I expect this week to be no different. I have received no communication back from Senator Fraser, but Representative Keffer has had his office contact me about my concerns and he even responded by offering an amendment to a bill that made it much better for us. Remember, Representative Keffer and Senator Fraser represents you! Let them know what you want them to do for you. If you don't, then they have no reason not to do exactly what their political party is telling them to do!

Ms. Sowell's class is going to cook breakfast for the entire faculty on May 9th starting at 7:30 am and running thru 8:45 am. This is their way of thanking the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Do you appreciate you child's teacher? This would be a good week to tell them so, don't you think?

Depending on activities, this article may only be published once a month during the summer. If something important happens, I will do my best to submit an article. Please let me know if you know of anything that should be published.

It takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. Remember, this is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Come help us shape the future.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

KOKOMO HOMECOMING AND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6 at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. The Community Center, all the tables, chairs and benches were destroyed in the fire that swept through the community on January 1, so you will need to bring a lawn chair. We have no place to have a covered dish lunch, so please bring a sack lunch to be eaten at the tabernacle following the meeting as we visit with old friends and meet new friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bro. Andy Hansen of Morgan Mill was the speaker for the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church . His wife Gidget and his parents, Milton and Generva Hansen of St. Petersburg, Florida accompanied him to Kokomo. Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth were also visitors. The special music, "Take Time To Be Holy" was beautifully rendered by Woodrow and Helen Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Hansen's sermon subject was "The Judgment Seat of Christ". Using several scripture references, He reminded us that we will have to give account of what we do for Christ and how we treat others.

The evening service was dismissed so the members could attend the Fifth Sunday Singing at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

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Our hearts were blessed as we raised our voices together in songs of praise to the Lord. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed as we visited and had refreshments in the fellowship hall following the service. Our thanks to all those who furnished the refreshments.

Jack and Ruth Scarth of Farnsworth have been visiting with Betty Little and Karen Patterson. The Farnsworths have their travel trailer set up at Betty's place while he is doing some electrical wiring at the new church building.

Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond visited from Thursday night until Saturday with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond. Others visiting with the Bonds were Doug, Linn, Matt and Beth Ann Cobb of Celina.

Visitors with Oren and Norma Webb were J. D. May of Eastland, Dickey Eaves of Gorman, Durwood and Aletha Burgess and Mary Jane Little.

Glenda Black of Abilene spent Thursday night with her mother, Zelda Jordan. Daisy Slaton of Gorman joined them for dinner at Z.J.'s, and they all enjoyed attending the Stained Glass Art Show at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall to see all the beautiful displays. Glenda went on to Austin on Friday to be with a grandson, Justin Miles, while his parents, Joe and Viki Miles celebrated their wedding anniversary with a trip to New York

Several Baptist Men of Texas were in the community during the weekend to help some of the farmers with fence building. Their help was really appreciated.

Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan received a wonderful blessing at the Community Women's Fellowship Spring Event "New Beginnings" at the Community/Senior Center in Gorman on Saturday morning, April 29th, and I'm sure the many ladies attending did also.

A very large crowd enjoyed the birthday party honoring Wilburn Overstreet who was celebrating his 90th birthday at the Community/ Senior Center in Gorman on Saturday afternoon.

A thunderstorm with a lot of hail came through the Kokomo Community on Tuesday afternoon, April 25. The hail at my place was from large marble size down to pea size and it covered the ground, and knocked a lot, of leaves off the trees. I haven't heard of any major damage from the storm. I also got about one and a half inches of rain. Another two inches of rain came on Friday. We are thankful for the rain, but I hope we will be spared from more storms.

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