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Live Auction Items For Jeff Seaton Benefit

1988 Commemorative Case Knife with Stag horn handles. Cotton Bowl winner Texas A&M Football. - From Antiques from My Father's House.
Quilt - From DeLeon Quilting Club
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Batch of Peanut Brittle - From La Joyce Johnson of DeLeon
1 set of knives - Alan Gibbs
Film of 1976 State Championship football game, between Gorman & Ben Bolt - From Alan Gibbs, Randy Seaton
Numbers to call before 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 31st - For Take Out or Home Delivery Orders:
734-5710 - Nelda Mauney
734-5749 - Gary Mauney
734-5465 - Sammie Mauney
After 5 p.m. Call Gorman School Cafeteria at 734-2521.
We will not start serving or filling orders until 5 p.m. on March 31st. The meal is by Donation Only.

United States Air Force Band of The West To Perform In Concert

The United States Air Force Band of the West will be in concert, Sunday, April 1st at 2:00 PM at the Birdsong Amphitheatre in Stephenville City Park. This is a FREE EVENT FOR THE PUBLIC! So... bring your lawn chairs, picnics, and patriotism and come support our men and women in uniform.
This event is sponsored by The Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council, The Stephenville Parks and Recreation Department and the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce.

Baseball / Softball Sign-Ups

ZJ's Steakhouse
Friday, March 30th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Last Time To Sign-Up

Keri Wright and Scott Luepke To Pledge Vows



Becki White and Quintin Wright of Gorman wish to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Keri Michelle Wright, to Scott Allen Luepke of Waco, Texas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Geardene Wright of Gorman and the late Alton Wright; and Jo Ann White of Stephenville and the late Albert White. The groom is the son of Carl and Jacque Cornett of Killeen, Texas.

The bride elect is a 2004 graduate of Tarleton State University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education and is currently teaching math and coaching in Waco. The prospective groom graduated from the Harker Heights Fire Academy in 1997 and is now an engineer in the Waco Fire Department.

The couple plans to marry at 5:30 p.m. June 30, 2007 at Barron's on 5th in Waco, Texas.

Dr. Dan and the Band-aids Perform At Chamber Banquet



DCP Enrollment Deadline Extended To August 3, 2007

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Teresa Lasseter today extended the sign-up deadline for the 2007 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) to Aug. 3, 2007.

Problems with the FSA's web-based computer system caused agency officials to extend the deadline in order to ensure adequate opportunity for all producers to participate in the sign-up. While the sign-up deadline is extended, the cut-off for participation remains Sept. 30, 2007. Those producers failing to sign up by Aug. 3, 2007, but before Sept. 30, will pay a late-file fee of \$100.

Enrollment in DCP for the 2007 contract period began Oct. 1, 2006, and was scheduled to end on June 1, 2007. The extension applies only to the enrollment period, and does not extend the DCP contract period.

DCP provides payments to eligible producers on farms enrolled for the 2002 through 2007 crop years. There are two types of DCP payments - direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are computed using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 authorizes DCP, which is administered by FSA.

Benefit Bar-b-Que and Silent Auction For Jeff Seaton

There will be a BBQ 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 in Gorman. Please direct funds to "Jeff Seaton Benefit Fund".
**** 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 FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 6 HERE IN GORMAN. MORE LATER.....Ina

Bahamian Flying Preacher to Speak at Desdemona

On Sunday April 1, the Desdemona Church of Christ will host David Caskey and his wife Dinah who are missionaries in the Bahama Islands. David's career began at the Desdemona church after his graduation from ACU and the Caskey's have worked in the Bahamas since 1981. He is better known there as the "Flying Preacher" because he flies his plane to the 700 islands to do his work. Read more about this mission in the March 2006 issue of the Christian Chronicle. Everyone is invited to Desdemona for this special event. Sunday school will begin at 10:00AM with worship services at 11:00AM. Lunch for all will follow in the Desdemona Activity Center.

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

Gorman Panther Baseball

Team Stats Thru March 23rd:

Player	Runs Scored	Hits	Stolen Bases	Walks
Fox	12	12	21	9
Underwood	12	13	13	7
Swanner	12	11	16	10
Clark	7	13	10	5
Iberra	11	14	14	6
Keith	9	7	7	9
Greer	5	7	10	6
Vaughn	7	6	7	4
Shirley	3		3	5
Johnson	3	2		
Totals	71	85	91	61

Team Batting Average - .282

Team Pitching:

Innings	Batters Faced	Runs	Hits	K's	ERA
77	358	59	72	95	5.36

Last Week's Results -- "7-6 Over De Leon" and 5-0 over Ranger
Season Record -- 8 - 5
District Record -- 3 - 3
Games This Week: Wednesday at Cross Plains - 5:00
Friday at Albany - 5:00

April is Clean-Up Month

Just a reminder that April is Community Clean-Up month!
Tues April 10 Curb Side pick up by BFI/Allied Waste
Sat April 14 Great State Trash-Off Highway cleanup
Sat 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 curbside 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 qedc@cctc.net.
Hope to see YOU there!!

YOUTH IN THE DARK

On Friday April 6th we will have our first Youth in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt.
This is for youth 5th grade and up. Yes, you will be hunting Easter Eggs in the Dark, with a limited amount of flashlights (you must furnish your own flashlights, no large flashlights will be allowed). Refreshments will be served. We are still in need of plastic eggs. (We will have a box to recycle for next year) I am still accepting donations of money, canned drinks, coupons for free pizza, ice cream, candy bars, movie rentals, etc. We will also need help to stuff the eggs and help get everything done. If you would like to help in any way, please let me know. 734-2720 or leave a message with Johnny. Time and place have not been set yet as the final plans are still in the making.... so I don't know what all will take place...but, I can guarantee you it will be a fun filled, enjoyable night.
All local churches have come together to help make this a great fellowship for everyone.
Remember to watch the Gorman Progress next week and for flyers around town as final plans are made. Get those flashlights ready.
See you in the dark,
Ina

Ladyhorns End Season With Silver Metals



Backrow: Coach Josh Longoria, Betty Montelongo, Kourtney Seaton, and Pulissa Madera. Front Row: Vanessa Longoria, Kaleena Burt and Alexia Madera.
The 3rd Grade Ladyhorns played in the May Tournament with a second place finish. There were nine teams and only one other 3rd grade team. The rest were 4th grade all-star teams. These girls had an outstanding season. They finish the year with 8 wins and 2 losses.

Good Job Girls!!!

Obituary

Jean Elizabeth Boswell

Jean Elizabeth Boswell, age 82, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2007 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Services were on Tuesday, March 27th at 2 p.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Music by Nelda Priddy. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born December 17, 1924 in De Leon, Texas to the late Lester Burton Urah Morton and Bertha Ann Clark Morton. She married John William Boswell on April 26, 1941 in Abilene, Texas.

She was a homemaker; had resided in De Leon all of her life; was a member of First United Methodist Church in De Leon.

Jean is survived by three sons, Bill Boswell and Kent Boswell, both of De Leon and Joey Boswell of Comanche; one daughter, Cheri Delane of McKinney; one brother Jack Morton of Alvarado; one sister Kathryn Smart-Yokum; Charley Boswell, Kendra Putnam, Robyn Walker, Rhonda Hopkins, Rory Delane, Angela Bailey, Jill Peterson, and Kevin Delane; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Boswell on May 14, 1955; two sisters, Doris Stockton and Ella Morton; two grandchildren, Monica Boswell and Dustin Delane; and her parents Lester B. Morton and Bertha Clark Morton.

Pallbearers were Lannes Callison, Tommy Butler, Jim Farley, Mike Riggs, Bob McGinnis and Ronnie Frost. Honorary: John Ray Johnson and John Mack Weaver.

CLASSIFIEDS

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TAKE A PEEK - THEN SETTLE IN! 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with living, dining, CHI/A, screened porch & 2 sheds. Act fast - it won't last! 011

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EDC Talk

First the Gorman EDC would like to say congratulations to Gorman Milling for receiving the Special Recognition Award at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last Monday. They truly are an asset to our community. They are the largest employer and truly stimulate our economy. Gorman Milling was one of the key players several years ago in getting the Fort Worth & Western railroad to come to Gorman, which has been and will continue to be of great benefit to our town and region. They continue to expand on the northwest side of town with more warehouses and storage areas each year. And we all know, they are always good to donate to our local organizations whether it's for buying a show animal or buying a dozen hamburger lunches. Thank you Gorman Milling, for being such a strong member of our community, and again, congratulations on your Award.

The City and the EDC continue to work on developing a plan to build a new community center. Right now we are working diligently to make sure all details of land ownership are in place in the city park. In the next couple of months, these issues should all be resolved. In addition, we will have a couple of open meetings for anyone who might want to contribute suggestions on the community center building itself and possible uses. Keep watching the paper for more information. And...Please be sure to consider the \$1 donation on your water bill to help defer the costs of grant/loan.

Another grant we are working on involves the elementary school. Texas Dept. of Transportation offers a Safe Routes to School grant. We will be applying for funds to build a sidewalk on the corner of Lexington and Kent (in front of the elementary) north on Kent three blocks to the city park. This would certainly make it considerably safer for children to walk to and from the City Park.

And last, the picnic tables should be painted within the month and the new trash cans and spring banners should be here as well. Look for these improvements to show up soon. And pat yourself on the back and those around you for our lovely park. It's our local citizens and organizations that helped make it so nice. It is looking beautiful with the green of Spring!

HELP WANTED: Peanut Processing facility is seeking Raw Material and Finish Product Handlers. Drug Screening required, Excellent benefit package. Apple at office located 4.5 miles west of Dublin on Hwy 6: Cty Rd 343 (Mt. Airy exit); Dublin, Tx; Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or call 254-445-4021. 2-3-29C

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Wonderful news!! God has answered our prayers. Good rains fell in the community on Sunday night and Monday. My gauge had 1.7 inches. I think it was pretty general throughout the community.

There will be a Community Meeting Friday night, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kokomo Community Center. Prices on the material to finish the inside of the building and purchase of table and chairs will be discussed. We need the people who live in and around the Kokomo Community Center to be a place we will be proud of, a place where family reunions, birthday parties, homecoming dinners, etc. can be held. Please bring lawn chairs. The old Kokomo Community Center (formerly the Kokomo School house) that was destroyed in the January 1, 2006 wildfire had served the Kokomo Community for many years. We want this new building to serve the community for many years to come.

Wesley Payntor, a ministerial student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, was the speaker at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His message was from Matthew 6:25-34 on having faith. We are not to worry. Have faith in God and He will take care of you. He also played a tape recording of "Walk By Faith" during the service. Wesley's hometown is Wichita Falls, TX. His parents and brother, Mike, Sarah and Zack Payntor of Wichita Falls were visitors in the service. Helen and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano rendered the special music.

Bro. Jim Haggard's message on Sunday night was from Acts 2:40-47 about the people gladly receiving the word and being baptized. And scriptures showing that all members of the church are a vital part of the New Testament church and all have a job to do in the function of the church. Church members must minister to each other and to others who have needs. The special music was rendered by Bobbi Haggard, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning and Daryl Hirst with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Congratulations to Bro. Jim and Bobbi Haggard who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on March 27th.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little went to Fort Worth on Wednesday for the funeral of Margie (Quarles) Brown, then went on to Arlington to spend the night with their daughter, Nelda Fails and also visited with Jarad, Cody and Courtney.

Jimmy and Verna Lee also attended the funeral of Darwin West in Eastland on Saturday afternoon.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Melissa Little went to Abilene on Saturday to attend a fundraiser at the Abilene High School Cafeteria for Kourtney Peacock's Day Care Center and really enjoyed the Mexican food. Kourtney is Melissa's granddaughter and Jimmy and Verna's great-granddaughter.

Tina Buchanan of West Columbia, Sylvia Buchanan, Bro. Jim Haggard and Woodrow Browning visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Gary and Randy Hall and Lenora Preston of Cleburne visited during the weekend with their sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Bobby Little.

Oren and Norma Webb met James and Jantzen Webb in Granbury on Monday for lunch and a visit. They ran into some very hard rain and flooded highways between Granbury and Dublin on their way home.

David and Cassie Brasher, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and Zelda Jordan were in Abilene on Thursday for Cassie to have a medical test. They enjoyed lunch at the Cotton Patch and also visited with Glenda Black.

Have a good week, and thank the good Lord for all your blessings.

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- 184 A, 2-1 frame home, 6 water wells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll irrigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. [JK01] \$524,920
- 100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft. (CAD) 5-4 1/2 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corals, pecan & oak trees. [FS01] \$850,000
- 70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, metal roof, carport, fireplace, approx. 14 acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 bams, pipe corals, equipment, hunting. [BC01] \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, 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 bams 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. 26A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, 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 irrigation wells, irrigation 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 [CS01] \$395,000
- 155 ± A, 3 water wells, 3 stock tanks, approx. 90 A cover, rest in native pasture [MC02] \$427,075
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [LO01] \$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 owner financing. [CSK01] \$350,000
- 100 A, on Hwy 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 irrigation on, 9 wells, tractors, shaker, other equipment. [REM01] \$326,000
- 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting. [JD01] \$165,000
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
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Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We had our Wednesday get together on the 21st of March at 11:30. Our gathering was quite a large crowd of 40. We are always glad to have this many. It would be nice to have this amount every week. We have a good time dining and visiting together. Barbara Bush got our attention and Bro. Barry Schahn gave the blessing of the food. Also those that are sick or having surgery to help them through their ordeals.

Lavelle Crawley had surgery and I do hope she is improving. She had not felt good for awhile. So maybe she can come back and be with us again as she continues to improve. We have missed having her with us.

Martha Rainey had her daughter and grandson Ethan here to visit. He has certainly grown since last we saw him. He is such a cute, chubby boy.

We sang Happy Birthday to Annie Fay and Frank Shirley. Also Eula and James Mears celebrated their anniversary.

It was so nice to have Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn with us. It had been a long time since they visited with us. Don't wait so long next time. Sharlene looked so beautiful, a picture of health.

Enjoyed meeting Jackie Burns new bride Reba. He used to come, but had been awhile since we had seen him. Hope you both continue to visit.

We had a very nice surprise from Harold Zink. He brought us a large amount of green onions. They were so good. I only had one, so might come a begging. Thanks Harold for being so generous.

Bob Gibson is so faithful in bringing us ice every week. Thanks, Bob. Also for making some very interesting dishes to try.

I finally made it on game night the 22nd of March. We had 11 to play, wish more would come. We always have a good time, also snacks that you don't make. I know sometimes its hard to leave the house at night. I'm that way, but always enjoy myself.

Tarleton State University Releases Fall 2006 Graduates

Tarleton State University's Fall Commencement was held December 15-16, 2006. The following undergraduate students have satisfactorily met the University's requirements for their individual programs and have received their diplomas.

The students from Gorman are: Sheryl Everton - NURS; and Rebecca White - CIS; and from De Leon are Boniface Anakwu - MTEC; Gary Satterwhite - IO; and Shelly Stone - EXSS.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Thanks to all of the musicians, singers and visitors that came last Saturday night to the Desdemona Community Center School Building. We appreciate each one that attends our monthly musicals. Also we appreciate all of the ladies that donate food, drinks, etc. each month for the Concession Stand. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community Center going strong.

Several residents of Desdemona was in Lingleville last Saturday night to attend the Annual Fireman's Benefit and Bar-B-Que Supper.

Virgil Holdman, Jr. and son, Trey of Fredricksburg spent the past weekend visiting with his parents, Virgil and Jo Holdman.

Jeff Roberts and Henry Rivas of Dallas spent the past weekend visiting with Dorothy Roberts (Jeff's mother).

Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp Set At Cisco Junior College

The Randy Elmore Fiddle Camp 2007 will be held July 9-15 at Cisco Junior College in Cisco. Registration for the camp is currently underway, and availability is on a first come basis. The camp includes five full days of instruction.

Camp instructors for 2007 are Randy Elmore, Johnny Gimble, Wes Westmoreland, Valerie O'Brien, Sherry McKenzie, Dale Morris, Paul Anastasio, Rich Schroeder, Marty Elmore, Jules Graylion, Michelle Kuhlman, Lydia Stuart, Joey McKenzie, Rich O'Brien, Dick Gimble, and Julie Tibbs.

"We feel by having classroom teaching, specialty music and workshops for all levels that we can accommodate everyone and fit the needs of the level of each student.

We are constantly striving towards making classes better, challenging and more rewarding for all levels. With this staff of teachers, I think we can more than reach our goal," Elmore said.

The annual fiddle camp has been held at the CJC Cisco campus for the past four summers, and this year's classes will include a variety of styles of fiddling including Texas Swing, Texas Contest, Celtic, Bluegrass and Jazz.

Elmore, who has taught at music camps in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, New Mexico, California, and Oregon, has won numerous awards including "Texas State Fiddle Champion" six times, "World Champion" twice, and has won first place and grand champion in over 500 contests.

For instructor biographies and complete camp information, visit Elmore's website at www.randyelmore.com.

Community Leaders Meet For Lunch

Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) announces its annual network luncheon series set for April. Community leaders throughout the region meet for lunch and discuss topics that affect quality of life and local economies.

Civic leaders in every small city in the region are invited to participate and meet with neighboring community leaders. Luncheons are scheduled in Cisco - April 12th, Bronte - April 13th, Brownwood - April 19th, Munday - April 20th, Sweetwater - April 26th and Dublin - April 27th. All luncheons are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

According to TMCN President Lori Dodd of Gorman, "The luncheons are for community leaders who are working to insure a brighter future for their respective city. This year's series of luncheons will focus on services that are provided by the TMCN organization and how they might be improved or expanded." City and county officials, economic development boards, chamber of commerce representatives, health professionals and ISD leaders are invited to participate.

Reservations are needed no later than 48 hours before the luncheon and can be made online at www.texasmidwest.org (Members Information page) or by calling the host city: Cisco at 254-442-2537, Bronte at 325-473-3501, Brownwood at 325-646-9535, Munday at 940-422-4331, Sweetwater at 325-235-5488 and Dublin at 254-445-1919. For more information about the luncheons, call the TMCN Office at 325-676-0329 or 800-845-3563.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Munday, Ranger, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, & Winters.

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Veterans Benefit Seminar Set March 31

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Delilah Washburn, Joel Jimenez, DAV Commander, Wichita Falls, Larry Monroe, VFW Commander, Eastland, cordially invites everyone to learn about the benefits the veterans in their life is entitled to at the third annual Veterans Benefit Seminar, scheduled for Saturday, March 31 from 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 representatives.

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 deserve.

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.

Help them by your attendance so that the veteran and his family can 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.

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Spring break has got to be one of the best incentives to work in education. Just walking the halls and listening to the students and the teachers, I can tell that there is a lot less stress now than prior to the break. I think everyone received some much needed rest and relaxation. Just in case you don't know, teachers and most other school employees don't get paid holidays. Yes, they don't have to work during spring break and they get a lot of time off during the summer and on holidays, but they don't get paid for it. They are on contract for a certain number of days per year, usually 187. They have their pay for their 187 days divided into 12 monthly pay checks so that they have an income through the summer, but they do not have paid time off in the summer like many people think. I also want you to know that your staff and faculty here at Gorman ISD are doing a wonderful job and want the very best for your children. These are people that truly care about your children. Please help them help your child/children succeed by communicating with them on a regular basis!

My first day after spring break was in Austin at the capital visiting our legislators. I accompanied school board secretary Melinda Harrington to the TASB Legislative Seminar. We heard several legislators speak, discussed many issues facing education in the legislature, and got to visit the offices of our legislators. We actually got to meet with Representative Keffer and thanked him for the good job he has been doing and shared our concerns regarding pending legislation. We visited with Sarah Wilkinson while at Senator Fraser's office. She was very hospitable and wrote down a list of our concerns to share with Senator Fraser.

I suggest that your stay in contact with Representative Keffer and Senator Fraser regarding all pending legislation that concerns you. As for education, there are several issues that I wish you would address when you contact them:

- Continue to support as much funding as possible for facilities.
- Oppose all bills that propose vouchers or any sort of funding that would take money or children out of public education and fund any part of private education with public tax dollars. If there is a need that is legally required that public schools do not fulfill then improve the programs offered by public education, don't privatize the program. (Senate Bill 1000 - Shapiro)
- Oppose any bill that takes even more authority away from the "Independent" school districts of Texas.
- Oppose any unfunded mandates.
- Support increased funding for education.



(Pictured above are Melinda Harrington and Superintendent Perry at the Capitol to visit our legislators.)

I am happy to share with you that our softball and baseball teams were each victorious over DeLeon last Tuesday. The girl's won 2-1 and the boys won 7-6. Unfortunately, on Friday the girl's lost a tight one to Ranger in the last inning, but the boys beat Ranger in a three hit shut out 5-0. Tyson Swanner pitched a heck of a game.

Last Thursday our One Act Play competed in Zone competition in Ranger. They did an excellent job. Unfortunately, they did not advance. I personally saw the play and feel they should have at least been alternate, but I wasn't the judge. And no, I'm not prejudiced! I'm a pretty good judge of plays. Our kids really did well! The schools that advanced were Ranger and DeLeon. Congratulations to them and good luck or break a leg, which ever you prefer, at District. Thanks to Ranger for hosting the event! It is a lot of work. K'Ann Howard did receive an all-star cast award and Megan Lewis received an honorable mention. Megan was hilarious and played her part well. Also, David Ibarra received a technical crew award. If you are unfamiliar with One Act Play, it is judged by one person. Unfortunately, you are subjected to that person's likes and dislikes and often whether you advance or not has nothing to do with which performances were actually the best, but on the judge's personal preferences. I don't know who the judge was or anything about her background or experience, so I can't really say what the case was in this contest. Rest assured that our kids did a great job, they were competitive, and will be performing the play for the community in the near future if we can work it in around baseball, softball, track, tennis, and golf. Watch the new sign and the paper for notification of the date and time. Congratulations to Mrs. Gutierrez on a job well done.

We also had a junior high track meet on Thursday. Mr. Panter and Coach Talbert were very proficient in running off the meet. It was completed by 7:30pm. Great job! Our kids did a great job too! The girl's took first place and the boys took second.

We hosted another high school practice meet last Saturday. It was over by 1:00pm. Hosting these practice meets this year is going to give our students a great advantage this year when they compete for District. We are going to host the Maverick Relays for Eastland this Thursday due to some unfinished work on their track.

Our diagnostician from the East End Special Education Cooperative celebrated a special birthday last Thursday. I want to take this opportunity to wish her a happy 50th. She certainly has aged well to have reached the half century mark. Oop! Someone just told me that Robin is only 40. Too bad, I guess that well preserved remark was premature. Gotcha!

Important dates to remember:

- 3/28 Dance Tryouts
- 3/29 Tennis @ Stephenville
 - HS Track Here
 - Band Clinic
- 3/30 BB & SB @ Albany 5:00
 - JH District Track @ Santo
- 3/31 Jeff Seaton Benefit
- 4/3 BB Here 5:00
- 4/4 Judging Contest
 - HS District Track Comanche
 - District Tennis

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

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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 women, 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."

Neugebauer Opposes Legislation that Micromanages War and Sets Withdrawal Date for U.S. Troops in Iraq

Washington, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) stood against unwise legislation Friday that allows Congress to micromanage the Iraq War, ties the hands of military commanders on the battlefield, and tells the enemy when American troops will be leaving.

"Today, Congress should be working to provide our military with the tools and resources needed to attain victory," said Neugebauer, who returned from his third trip to Iraq eleven days ago. "Instead, this ill-advised legislation does just the opposite. By putting restrictions on our military commanders and the President and setting a firm timeline and final date for withdrawal, this bill undermines the war effort, sends the wrong message to our troops, and telegraphs our war strategy to the enemy."

H.R. 1591 would micromanage the war effort by putting restrictions on which troops the Commander-in-Chief could deploy. Furthermore, regardless if those requirements were met, the bill would require that the troop withdrawal from Iraq must begin by March 1, 2008, and be completed within 180 days.

"Our Constitution is clear in that it places the responsibility for conducting the war in the hands of a single Commander-in-Chief, not Congress," said Neugebauer. "Having 535 politicians in Washington attempt to micromanage a war is a recipe for disaster."

Neugebauer also expressed his disappointment that the successful passage of a drought relief package has been jeopardized by its inclusion in such a flawed national security bill that has drawn the threat of a presidential veto.

"I strongly support drought relief and have been calling for federal assistance for many months," said Neugebauer. "However, I cannot compromise my overriding obligation to keep America safe and ensure that our generals and troops have the freedom of action to win this war."

H.R. 1591 passed by a vote of 218-212. No amendments to the bill were allowed during the debate on the House floor.

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Army Pvt. Asha Ribby Graduates From Basic

Army Pvt. Asha R. Bibby has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Chris May of E. Highland Ave., Comanche, Texas, and Danny Bibby of County Road 439, DeLeon, Texas.

Bibby is a 2005 graduate of Paradigm Charter High School, Dublin, Texas.

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

Everyone has really enjoyed the rain. Everything is really getting pretty and green. Spring is here.

April is National Woodworking Month and Dannis Lozano of Dublin will be here at 9:00 on April 6 to get us started on a woodworking project of making pens. I am very excited about this and we look forward to Dannis' first lesson. If you like to work with wood and would like to help us come on up.

Visiting with JoAnn Murdoch were her aunts, Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon and Annie Faye Foster. Becky Moore of DeLeon came one day and brought her mother, Mildred Addy a hot fudge sundae and a movie to watch. Visiting Ima Boles were her son, Bill Boles of Granbury and her sister-in-law, Betty Little from Kokomo.

Visiting Lottie Morris Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kay Snider and Nelda Mauney. Visiting Imogene Norris were Lisa Lewis of Stephenville, Lorene McCulley, Elizabeth Bingham, Jeanna Pack, Lacy and Gracie Majors.

Visiting Troy Scitern were LaVerne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, Johnny Scitern, Amber Scitern, Carolyn Foster, Nicholas, Keri, Kelsie and Nashon Guthery and Pat Brown. Troy went out to the "farm" for a while on Saturday. Jeff Smith of Eastland visited his Grandmother Jelma Smith. Visiting Jewel Snider were Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Putnam, Bill and Maudie Moll of Cisco, and Delinda Snider.

Continue to pray for rain.

Until next time. Ina

Easter Treasue Hunt April 7, City Park at 2:00 P.M. We still need donations of treasures, candy, chips, or money. Thanks. Mrs. Bunny.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
March 26, 2007

Flawed National Security Bill Jeopardizes Drought Relief

When it comes to my job requirements, there are none that I take more seriously than my constitutional responsibility to keep America safe. I don't want our country to become a place where families worry about bombs going off in shopping malls or football stadiums. These scenarios may seem far-fetched today. But six years ago, most Americans would have thought that the idea of hijackers flying commercial jets into the Twin Towers and the Pentagon was far-fetched. Yet, the events of September 11, 2001 were all too real, and ever since the United States has been actively engaged in fighting back against terrorist threats and taking other steps to enhance national security.

Six years later, Iraq has become a key battlefield in this War on Terror, and key to our national security. Not because we say so, but because the terrorists themselves have declared Iraq to be the central front in their global jihad. Therefore, it is vital that we win this war and achieve success in Iraq.

It is against this backdrop that the House considered a bill last week that compromises America's security. This bill covers a broad range of topics, but its central focus is on Iraq. This flawed bill would put restrictions on which troops our Commander-in-Chief could deploy. In addition, this legislation would arbitrarily establish March 1, 2008, as the date troops must begin coming home from Iraq. This policy is unwise and a recipe for disaster. Therefore, I had no choice but to vote against the bill.

In order to garner enough support for this bill, the Democratic leadership loaded up the bill with domestic spending unrelated to the War on Terror. One of these items included drought relief for our farmers and ranchers. I have worked hard to get drought relief approved by Congress so I was disappointed to see this package included in a flawed bill that President Bush has promised to veto. I continue to support drought relief and will continue to work to get it approved by Congress; however, I will never compromise our national security in exchange for projects that might benefit the 19th District.

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.

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