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Ladyhorns Win De Leon Pee Wee Basketball Tournament Other Team from Gorman Places Second



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS — The Ladyhorns, third grade girls took First Place in the De Leon Pee Wee Basketball Tournament held last week. The team consists of: (top row) Yulissa Madera, Kourtney Seaton, Betty Montelongo, and Alexia Madera; (bottom row) Kaleena Burt and Vanessa Longoria.



SECOND PLACE TEAM — The other team from Gorman who placed Second in the De Leon Pee Wee Tournament was: (back row) - Kathryn Woodall, Arlette Giles, Whitney Bryant, and Christina Shawver; (front row) - Bailey Underwood and Kodie Sparger. Not pictured was Cassidy Tolan.

Varsity Boys Basketball

It seems like just yesterday we were starting basketball. The Varsity Panthers fought hard all year. We did fall a little short of our ultimate goal of being in the playoffs. However we played really well all year and came along way in a years time. Not a day went by in practice where these young men didn't get better and learn something they didn't know the day before. Some of the items this years boys accomplished include first time in five years to win a district game, Double digit win total for the first time in five years. Took home a trophy from a tournament for the first time in five years. I am extremely proud of everything these young men accomplished. I am honored to get the opportunity to work with all of them. The team included: Aaron Keith, David Ibarra, Corey Clark, Tyson Swanner, Brandon Greer, Orlando Rodriguez, Zack Fox, Matt Underwood, Alex Giles, and Gabe Burt.

JV Basketball

The Junior Varsity boys basketball team did a great job this year and improved all year long. They lost some close games but, showed improvement in practice and most importantly from game to game. The team included, Colby Spivey, Alex Giles, Gabe Burt, Martin Ramirez, Justin Little, Matthew Cogburn, Ben Burgess, Paul Burt, Jon Flores, and Carlos Gutierrez.

JH Basketball

The Junior high boys basketball teams did a great job of learning and improving all year long they played hard every game and did a good job of representing Gorman with pride. I was proud of the effort they gave all year long. The Cubs were a young bunch with only five eighth grader anchoring the group. These included Keifer Wilson, Cameron Clark, Jacob Singleton, Matt Keith, and Randy Woodall. The 7th graders included Sergio Hippolito, Trevor Williams, Jon Fenley, A.J. Vaughn, Josh Ryon, J.C. Whitten, Daniel Sherman, James Thomas, David Velasquez, and Cade Cole.

Thank You

I just wanted to say thanks to all the players, parents and faculty that help to make this basketball season a great success. Thanks to Coach David Wiseman who worked with Junior High every morning. A special thanks to Coach Billy Fox who worked with the JV as well as keeping me grounded and helping me to come up with ideas for every game. Also to the Administration, Mr. Perry, Mr. Panter, and Coach Talbert for the Support and encouragement through this year. Also thanks to the faculty for working with us and supporting the kids all year long.

Thanks, Howard Cox

HOUSE PASSES HB 2 AND SJR 13

~This vote follows through on our promise to taxpayers and public schools~ Representative Keffer (R-Eastland) voted to pass Senate Joint Resolution 1 and House Bill 2. These bills extend last session's property tax relief to elderly and disabled homeowners, and provide the necessary funding to Texas public schools to replace local revenues.

"This is an historic moment," Rep. Keffer said. "My fellow lawmakers and I delivered on our promise to provide the largest property tax cut in state history while increasing the state's share of public education spending."

SJR 13 is a constitutional amendment that affords elderly and disabled homeowners the same property tax relief that other homeowners received during the 79th Legislative Session. Currently, the Texas Constitution has frozen senior citizens property taxes in order to protect them from future increases. This constitutional provision was passed not taking into account the possibility of future property tax relief.

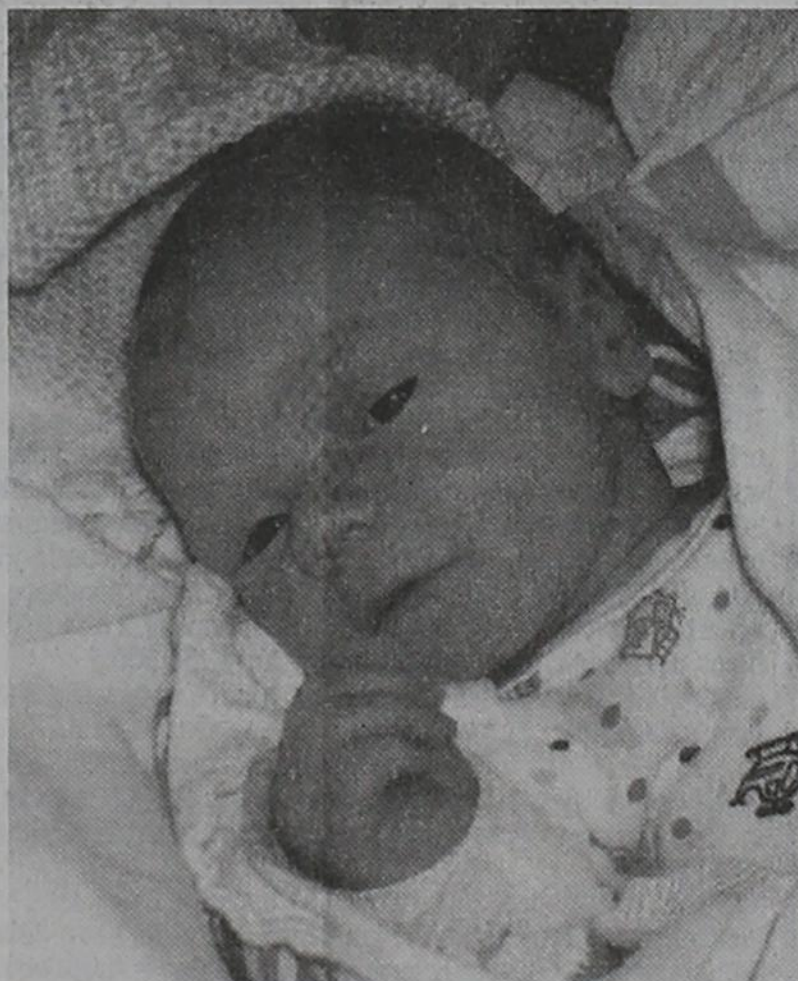
HB 2 appropriates \$14 billion in revenue to the Texas Education Agency for school funding. This amount will make up for the revenue that school districts lost from the property tax reduction.

"I am elated that House members voted to protect taxpayers and our public schools," House Speaker Tom Craddick (R - Midland) said. "We worked hard during the last special session to pass significant property tax relief and school finance legislation for Texans. The passage of these bills, today, carries our promise one step further by providing property tax relief to our elderly and making sure Texas children receive the money they deserve in their schools."

Three Positions Available On GISD School Board

THREE positions will come open for the May 12, 2007 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Bobby Rich, Melinda Harrington, and Beth Underwood. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 12, 2007. Deadline for filing will be March 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Incumbents, Beth Underwood and Melinda Harrington have filed for a place on the ballot.

Look Who's New It's A Boy



Anthony Scott Gregg born to Chad and Leigh Ann Gregg on Monday, February 5th at 1:47 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs and 12 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are John and Carrie Miears of Bowie. Great grandparents are Connie Hall of Bowie and James and Eula Miears of Gorman.

Notice to the Public:

This is to notify you that we have been having several vehicles broken into. Please do not leave your keys or any personal items in your vehicle. These things have been taken.

This is also a reminder to Parents of non-licensed drivers: we have been getting a lot of complaints. This means that the Parent and the non-licensed driver will receive a ticket, if the non-licensed driver is stopped.

The Gorman Police Dept.

New Hope Baptist Church To Celebrate 100 Years

The New Hope Baptist Church of Gorman, Texas will be holding a 100th Anniversary Gathering on Sunday, June 24, 2007. We are hoping you will be able to come for this special event. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

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Gorman ISD Goes Into Lockdown

Gorman ISD went into lockdown security mode Thursday, February 15, 2007 about 10:45am after receiving a call from the Gorman Police that there had been a domestic disturbance in Gorman where a man took a shot at his girl friend. The girl friend reported it to the police and said she felt the man might go to the school and harm her children. They came out of lockdown mode about 1:00pm after receiving a call from Chief Fenley that the suspect was in custody. Superintendent Perry reported, "I am extremely proud of my principals and teachers for executing the lockdown so well. The high school just had a lockdown drill this week. You never know when a situation is going to occur when you have to actually implement the things for which you practice. The students did very well and they deserve to be congratulated for their good behavior. I must commend the cafeteria staff for handling the delayed lunch situation so well. I know that they were put under a lot of stress and they handled it very well. Last, but not least, I want to thank the Gorman Police for handling the situation as quickly and as professionally as possible and all of the officers from the surrounding area that help, especially those from the Comanche County Sheriff's office that were here at the school. Thankfully, nothing ever happened on campus, but it's nice to know we were prepared. Thanks again to everyone for a job well done!"

Newcomers Welcome to Join Oil Painting Class at Church of Christ

Have you always wanted to try your hand at oil painting? Have you had experience in art and want to paint with a group? Why not join the active, enthusiastic group of painters at the Gorman Church of Christ each week! Monda Oldham is continuing the Oil Painting class at the Gorman Church of Christ. Newcomers are welcome to join the existing group which meets on Monday evenings at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Monda Oldham, Class Instructor has an MSE in Art from Harding University in Arkansas. Before her retirement she served as Chairman of the Art Department and was also an instructor at Harding Academy in Searcy, Arkansas. She served as adjunct Art Instructor throughout her career as well as giving private lessons in painting, glass and sculpture. All ladies of the community and surrounding area are invited to attend. Newcomers will need to furnish their own canvas and brushes. Other materials and instruction are furnished free of charge. In order to enroll, contact Monda at 734-4508 to register.

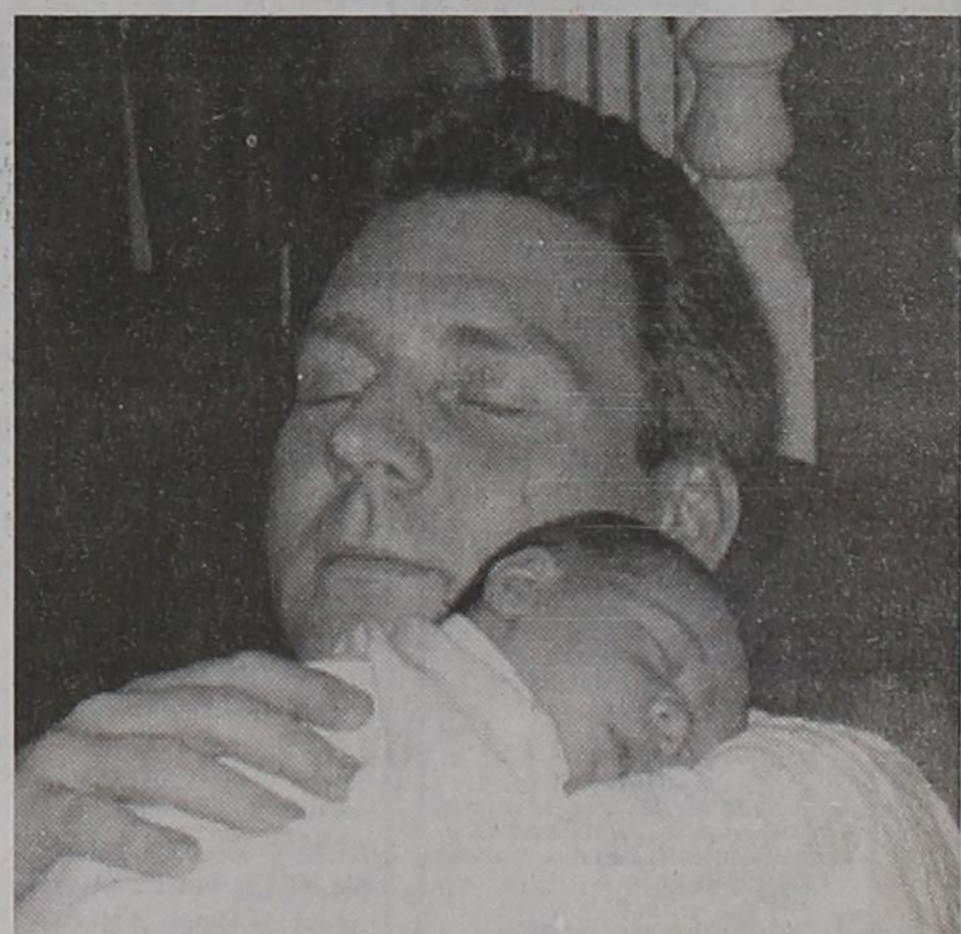


(Standing: Susan Lipson; Seated: Mary Kirk) Susan Lipson admires the work of class member Mary Kirk. Mary is an accomplished artist and recently displayed a number of her paintings for classmates during the Monday night class.



(Standing L-R: Rose Hamilton, Susan Lipson, Kay Johnson, Suzanne Rankin, Edna Powell, Sheryl Weatherford, Gail Clayton, Joy Rogers; Standing Center: Instructor Monda Oldham) Instructor Monda Oldham demonstrated a technique to class members during the Monday night Oil Painting class at the Fellowship Hall. Other class members are Eula Miears, Linda Dixon, Sheryl Westbrook, Kelly Lister, Nada Lewis, Carolyn Gilbert, Mike Powell, Cheryl Westbrook and Floydene Gilbert.

Look Who's New It's A Girl



Maya Carmel Ziehe was born February 16th in Zurich, Switzerland to Katja Ziehe and Sammy Ibrahim. Katja was an exchange student here in 1985 from Germany. Her host family was James and Eula Lee Miears.

Obituaries

Clarence Ray (Ray) Hooker

Clarence Ray (Ray) Hooker, age 58 of De Leon, Texas passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 near Mertzon, Texas. His services were held Friday, February 16th at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon First Baptist Church with Tom Satterwhite officiating. Music by Rocky and Martha Bunting. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

He was born November 2, 1948 in San Angelo, Texas to the late Edwin and Anita McCarty Hooker. He married Lyn Waggoner on August 1, 1939 in Comanche, Texas.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather; began his career at Comanche Co. Telephone Company 34 years ago; served in many areas of the company until his retirement as general manager in November 2006; resided in De Leon 34 years; member of De Leon First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and choir member; served as Fire Chief for De Leon Volunteer Fire Department; love drag racing.

He is survived by his wife, Lyn Hooker of De Leon; two sons, Brent Hooker and his wife Donnice of Tyler and Barry Hooker and his wife Mandy of De Leon; brother Glen Hooker and wife Nona of Springtown; sister, Judy Irwin of Comanche; and 5 grandchildren, Tyler, Blake, Kaylyn, Dillon and Molly Kate.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of De Leon, 125 S. Houston, De Leon, Texas 76444.

Serving as pallbearers were Shane Thetford, Toney Prather, Fred Bookout, Jerry Owens, Steve Baker and Wendell Lively.

Jim Webb Akers, Jr.

Jim Webb Akers, Jr. age 73 of Wichita Falls passed away on Friday, February 16, 2007 in Wichita Falls. Graveside services were Sunday, February 18th at De Leon Cemetery with Bro. Kenneth Wilson officiating, under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

Jim was born on January 31, 1934 to the late J. W., Sr. and Lena Nowlin Akers in Ranger, Texas. He never married. He lived in Wichita Falls over 50 years, and was a Baptist.

He is survived by one brother, Jack Akers and wife, Peggy of Hurst, Tx; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by two brothers, Gerald Pat Akers and Emmett Akers; four sisters, Christine Thomas, Mildred Akers, Jeanette Standridge and Lomita Scanlan.

Eastland VFW Holds Flag Removal & Receives Certificate



Ronnie Jones and Larry Monroe of VFW Post 4136, Eastland, Texas, shown receiving a Gift Certificate from Wal-Mart, Eastland, presented by Jackie Whitson and Gary Norris. The support of Wal-Mart is greatly appreciated.



Ronnie Langlitz is presenting Ronnie Jones of VFW Post 4136 with the frayed flag he removed from the Wal-Mart in Eastland. Grandpaw's Tool Shed Rental donated the lift used to reach the flag. The VFW and the American Legion will hold a proper flag - burning ceremony at a later date.



(left to right) - Gary Norris, Jackie Whitson, and Linda Garcia of Eastland Wal-Mart are shown with VFW Post 4136 members Larry Monroe, Bill Brister, Maynard Clayton, Ronnie Jones, Thomas Liles, Kenny Welch and Edgar Reynolds as the Old Flag is removed and handed over for proper disposal and a new flag is put up.

CJC Theatre Department To Present Play on March 1-3

The Cisco Junior College Theatre Department will present LOVE RIDES THE RAILS OR WILL THE MAIL TRAIN RUN TONIGHT?, a melodrama by Moss Hart, on March 1-3 at the Hilton Theatre, 309 Conrad Hilton Avenue in Cisco.

The March 2 & 3 performances will be dinner theatre performances with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. and show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and reservations can be made by calling 254-442-5000 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The March 1 performance is Student/Senior \$1 night where students with a school ID and seniors (60 years and older) can attend the play for \$1.

LOVE RIDES THE RAILS OR WILL THE MAIL TRAIN RUN TONIGHT? is an old fashioned American melodrama complete with hero, villain, heroine and all of the other stock characters that accompany this American theatrical form.

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Cast members include: Dillon Addison-Hico, Amanda Branham-Cisco, Dustin Collins-San Antonio, Laura Ann Cox-West, Bianca Dean-Santa Anna, Mayra Dean-Santa Anna, Anthony Espinosa-Aquilla, Kayla Griffith-Lawn, Margaret Hightower-Bangs, Casi McCord-Bonham, Heath Norris-Hillsboro, Kira Peck-Payson, Utah, Colby Sexton-Aquilla, Joshua Sexton-Aquilla, Ashley Thretham-Nacona, Ryan Wilkins-El Paso, and Holly Ann Wright-Gorman.

Billy Smith, Director of Theatre at Cisco Junior College, invites everyone to come out for an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

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- 11A, w/16x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 10A, horse facility w/16x76 Mobile home, approx. 2,600sf of barns and sheds, cross fenced into four pastures, highway frontage [KW01] \$125,000 REDUCED TO \$112,500
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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn was the speaker for both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18th. Other visitors were Jim and Donnie Rodgers of Gorman and Wayne and Loren Eaves of Gorman. Mary Jane Little was wished a "Happy Birthday, and Danny and Dianne Snider were wished a "Happy Anniversary."

The special music was beautifully rendered by Woodrow and Helen Browning as they sang "Unworthy" with Glynda Bond at the piano. Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday morning was on "The Rapture" using scriptures from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 5:1-3 and several other scriptures. The Sunday evening message was "The Second Coming of Christ" using scriptures from Revelation 19:1, 17-19 and other scriptures. Both were very enlightening sermons.

Bro. Jim Haggard will be the speaker for the services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, February 25th. Visitors are always welcome at the Kokomo Baptist Church.

The Wednesday evening prayer service and pot luck supper for February 21st will not be held. Members of the church will meet at ZJ's in Gorman on Thursday evening at 6:30 for a belated Valentine dinner.

Those from Kokomo attending the service at the First Baptist Church in Eastland recently to hear Dr. Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Ruth Rodgers.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited in Arlington on Friday night and Saturday with Nelda, Cody and Jarad Falls.

Visitors with Betty Little during the weekend were Doug and Carole Little of Midland, and Joe Little and Ashley Mayes of Lake Worth. Charles and Carolyn Little also visited with them.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little met LaDawn, Stacy and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville in Fort Worth for a visit on Sunday afternoon.

Ben Burgess visited with his grandparents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess.

Oren and Norma Webb visited with a son, James Webb in Granbury on Monday.

Cassie Brasher and Zelda Jordan were in Abilene on Thursday for some medical tests for Cassie. Glenda Black of Abilene met them for lunch.

I sure have enjoyed the warmer weather, but I am ready for the high wind to quit blowing. It is getting real dry again and we really need to pray for rain to keep the fire danger down. Could use a good tank filling rain too.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

FORAGE SEMINAR

A special 5-Hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 8th, 2007 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals. These strategies will include management techniques on existing bermudagrass pastures as well as native pasture management.

Speakers for the seminar will include: Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist - San Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo, Dr. Larry Unruh, American Plant Food and Dr. Bob Lyons, Extension Range Specialist - Uvalde. Dr. Warrick will discuss the basics of Bermudagrass Management; Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage Insects and Dr. Unruh will be discussing forage fertility. Dr. Lyons will discuss native pasture management. Jan Hatler with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators. The others will be 1 in IPM and 3 in General.

The cost of the seminar and accompanying meal is \$5.00 to those that pre-register by February 2nd. Registration at the door will be \$10.00 per person. This program is presented by the Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835 or Eastland County Extension Office at (254) 629-1093/629-2222.

POOR REPRODUCTIVE PERFORMANCE

Many times poor reproductive performance is caused by nutritional deficiencies and not the infertility of the cow or bull. By meeting nutritional requirements, those long calving intervals can be shortened. Increased supplemental feeding is often necessary for those cows on native range that are currently calving to rebreed within 90 days since an adequate supply of green grass is months away. A cow's protein and energy requirement can increase 20%-40% after calving depending on the amount of milk the cow is producing. Cows with low energy levels may not cycle for 4 to 5 months after calving and may also fail to conceive at a satisfactory rate. An adequate energy in take of the cow is best reflected by an increase in body weight. Any cows that are gaining weight will rebreed much faster than cows that continue to lose weight after calving. Special attention should be paid to extremely thin cows and first calf heifers. Producers that are still feeding 38% cube after calving should probably switch to a 20% or 29% cube to boost energy levels in cows. Instead of feeding 2 pounds of 38% cube, producers should feed 4-6 pounds of 20% cube per day after calving for quicker rebreeding. This rate of 20% cube will allow the producer to hold the cow while doubling the energy intake over that of the 38% cube being fed at 2 pounds per day.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Country and Western Musical will be held on Saturday, February 24 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open a 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy all this good music.

A large group attended the Senior Citizens Dance last Saturday night at the Community Center School Gym. "Buck" Sutton and The City Limits of the Brownwood area furnish the music for this dance each month. The next dance will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the same time and location. When this dance began it was scheduled for the third Saturday of each month -- but that date has been changed to the Second Saturday of each month. Remember to mark your calendar for this change.

Bro. Dale Cartwright of Stephenville was the guest speaker last Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. His wife, Christal attended both services. As a retired preacher, he stays busy helping to fill a pulpit when needed in this area.

Visitors with "Humpty" and Betty Duke over the past weekend were Rodney Duke of Pantego; Emily James of Whitney; Katie Duke of Stephenville and Rusty and Samantha Duke of Desdemona.

The old Magnolia Plant in Desdemona is operated by Square One Energy and this company recently drilled a dozen or more new wells in this "Hogtown Field" and they have plans to drill more new wells. Magnolia (Mobil) Plant has been in operation since it was built in 1919 during the Desdemona Oil Boom.

Remember the sick and shut-ins with your cards and prayers. There has been a lot of sickness in our community so far during all the cold weather. Maybe when Spring arrives with warm weather -- then everyone will get to feeling better.

This reporter enjoyed a phone visit on Monday with a former classmate, Tommy Beaty and wife, Jimmie of Lake Kiowa. Tommy and Vonnice graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1951. There was nine to graduate that year -- others are Bates Duke; Joe Ben Koonce; P. D. Ash; Royce Griffith; James Buckley; Jeanette Owens and June Jacobs. Royce passed away first week of December 2006.

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

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

We would like to thank everyone who brought Valentine's up and put in our holders. The residents really enjoy reading them. We greatly appreciate the Dorcas Class from the Church of Christ and the lovely gifts they brought everyone. They are always doing so many nice things for us.

We had a sweetheart of a Valentine Party on Valentines Day. Jewel Snider was crowned King, Imogene Norris was crowned Queen, Charles Dyess was crowned Prince and Troy Scitern was crowned Princess. We were honored to have Joy Campbell read us some of the beautiful poetry her Mom, Eunice Love, wrote. Eunice did a great job writing these poems and Joy did a great job telling us a little of the background of the poem. I think my favorite was the one about "Granny Day" when the grandsons accidentally roped a cow. Thank you Joy.

On Tuesday afternoon we were honored to have the Brownie Troop come and pass out the handmade Valentines they had made. Good job Girls. Those coming were Allie, Katalina, Kayce, Brianan, Kaleena, Jessica, Kaylee, Cheri and Tiffany Troutman.

Everyone always enjoys seeing the young people. Thank you and come again soon.

Monthly birthday party will be Monday Feb. 26, following the Singing. So come and sing and help us celebrate those who had a birthday in Feb. Amy Wood has volunteered to bake the cake. Thanks Amy.

I got an e-mail from my cousin in New Mexico on Monday and he knew that I have 4 relatives now here at Heritage Manor and he ask me if you had to be kin to me to be a resident. NO YOU DON'T, but it sure is nice to have family around me all day.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Freddie and Kay Rodgers, Louise Smart.

Visiting with Jewel Snider were Maudie and Bill Moll of Cisco, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Putman, Larry and Delinda Snider.

Visiting Jelma Smith were Julie and Barry Hazel, Aleigha Lindsey, and Donald Smith of Granbury, Jeff Smith of Eastland, Weldon and Amber Scitern, and Johnny and Ina Smith.

Freddie and Kay Rodgers visited with Don Estes. Jewel Dean Morris and Annie Faye Foster visited their niece, Joann Murdoch.

Visiting Troy Scitern were Pat Brown, Gene and Carolyn Foster, LaVerne Carr, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern.

Visiting with Eunice Love were; Francis Simpson, Gail Clayton, Carolyn Gilbert, Floydene Gilbert, Joy Rogers, Talee and Skyler Jones, Blakney, Hadlee, Chad, and Jomy Campbell, Ronnie and Barbara Love and Joy and Larry Campbell.

James Norris and Jeanna Pack visited their mother, Imogene Norris. Imogene visited in the home of Vicki and Johnny Majors to help celebrate her Gracie Majors birthday. Gracie is Imogene's great granddaughter. Several of Imogene's other grand and great grand children were also in attendance.

Until next time....Ina

NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK MAY 14-20

Annual Pearl Community Center Flea Market

Annual Pearl Community Center Flea Market is set for March 9 and 10 from 8:00 to 5:00, in Pearl, TX off FM 183 in Coryell County.

Join us for two fun days in Pearl. Flowers, Dishes, Tools, Antiques, Jewelry, Furniture ... also great homemade food items.

Members of the Purlmela Methodist Church will have several booths and all proceeds will go to the Church for upcoming projects.

For booth space call Joy Bates at 254-865-8980. Rain or Shine. Inside booths - Great place to bring your garage sale items or treasures to sell. Dealers welcome!! Space also available outside under covered canopy for larger items. We hope to see you in Pearl. A lot of items for sale and great prices!!!

Local Resident From Carbon Named To Dean's List At SFA

Rebecca A. Brewer of Carbon has been named to the Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin State University for the fall semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of no less than 3.5.

Winds, Low Humidity Raise Wildfire Concerns

Brisk winds, low relative humidity and generally warmer than normal temperatures forecasted for the next 10 days have heightened firefighter concerns about the possibility of wildfires. Coming after an extended cold spell, fire officials fear that the drier conditions and warmer temperatures are likely to prompt an increase in outdoor activities, which will increase the likelihood of accidental fire starts. With weather conditions moderating considerably from those experienced the past week or two, we expect more people will take the opportunity to do some early spring clean-up, begin outdoor construction projects or simply get out and enjoy the outdoors, says Les Rogers, assistant chief fire coordinator with the Texas Forest Service.

Rogers warns that since vegetation is dormant, fine-textured fuels like grasses and weeds can quickly become flammable during dry, windy conditions, as are now occurring across the area. He notes that it doesn't take much of a spark to ignite a grass fire, which can spread very quickly during windy conditions.

"Wildfires are not uncommon in the winter in Texas," says Rogers. "One of the most devastating wildfires in the state occurred in February 1996, when 141 structures and 16,000 acres were burned in the Poolville Fire just northwest of Fort Worth. That fire started from unsafe debris burning."

The Texas Forest Service offers these tips for fire safety during dry, windy conditions:

- * Report fires immediately through 911. Wildfires spread rapidly during windy conditions and are very dangerous to extinguish.

- * When using welding or grinding equipment outdoors, keep a spotter on duty to watch for possible spot fires. Where possible, remove vegetation from the work area; otherwise, wet down the work area before and periodically during work operations.

- * Remember that hot catalytic converters on vehicles can ignite wildfires, so only park and drive in areas free of dry vegetation.

- * Extinguish and dispose of all smoking materials in your vehicle ashtray, rather than flicking ashes out the window.

- * Keep spark arresters and mufflers on agricultural and recreational equipment, including chain saws and all-terrain vehicles, in working order.

- * Protect your home from wildfire by keeping the yard mowed and removing all trash brush and combustible materials from within a 30-foot radius of the house and outbuildings. For more information, contact the Texas Forest Service or log on to www.firewise.org.

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VFW Post #4136 Attends AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT TET Reunion In Abilene

By: Dale Dunlap

TEXAS BEEF QUALITY PRODUCER PROGRAM

Many beef producers have already heard about this but if you have not, mark it down. Beef producers can get free training to help them become more competitive by attending the Texas Beef Quality Producer Program in Comanche, Texas on Thursday, February 22, 2007.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program teaches the principles of Beef Quality Assurance, a proven system of sensible management practices that help improve the quality and safety of beef plus the program updates ranchers on changes occurring in the industry and what we must do to increase demand for our cattle. This program will demonstrate how a producer's actions on the ranch can have an impact on the final beef product something we all need to know more about.

There are two sessions for a total of eight (8) hours of training, divided into two levels. Level I covers BQA principles, industry update, record keeping, environmental stewardship and proper management practices associated with genetic selection, cattle handling, culling, vaccine and drug use. Level II provides a detailed explanation of the requirements needed to receive and maintain full certification as a Texas Beef Quality Producer. Ideally this certification should put you at a higher level as a beef producer and signify you as a cattleman who can and does produce a higher quality product.

It is not a mystery that consumers who buy our product are saying loud and clear that they want their food, not only great tasting but safe, wholesome and raised responsibly. We must respond if we want a place for our beef to go.

The speakers for this training are the best in the state. Dr. Ron Gill is Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist, Stephenville, and is well known in this area for his great livestock programs. Next is Dr. Ted McCollum, Professor and Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Amarillo. Ted works a lot with the feedlot and stocker cattle industry and has first hand knowledge of how important quality is. Also on the program is Dr. Rick Machen, Associate Professor, and Extension Livestock Specialist, Uvalde. Rich has been on programs in this area before and with his experience he is a real asset.

The program is free, but we do ask you to call and reserve a spot by February 15th so we can know a lunch count and to have notebooks ready. Call the Comanche Extension Office at 325/356-2539 or e-mail at rwhitney@ag.tamu.edu

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program will be held at the Comanche Community Center in Comanche. The center is located on the west side of Comanche on Highway 377 at Indian Creek Drive. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The Level I program begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be served. The Level II program begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m.

The Texas Beef Quality Producer Program is a collaborative effort of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Beef Council and Texas Cooperative Extension. Funding is provided by TSCRA, checkoff dollars from TBC and generous sponsorships from Cargill Cattle Feeders and Pfizer Animal Health.



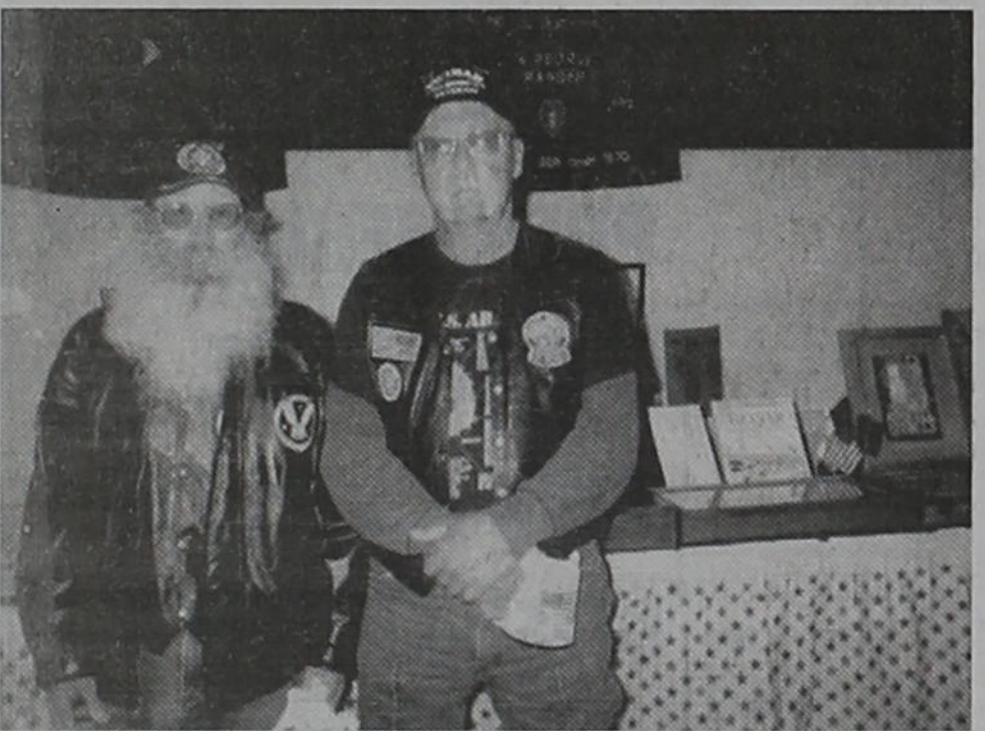
(left to right) - Mary Harrison, Vonda and Joe Fry, Larry Monroe, Thomas Liles; front row l to r - James Wood, Francis Wood, Walter Harrison at the TET Reunion.



Ladies Auxiliary Members - Mary Harrison, Frances Wood, Carolyn Monroe and Jo Hogan at the TET Reunion.



Larry Monroe and "Momma" at the Reunion



Maynard Clayton also attended the reunion.

Neugebauer Speaks in Support of Troops and Their Mission

During debate on the House floor Thursday, Congressman Randy Neugebauer voiced his opposition to a Democratic-authored resolution that undermines the mission of American troops. The following are Neugebauer's remarks, as prepared for delivery:

I rise today in strong opposition to this resolution and in strong support of our troops and their mission to fight and win the Global War on Terror.

I am disappointed that this hollow resolution does not match the seriousness of the issue we are debating. It appears politics - not the safety of our nation - is leading the way. Not long ago, several of my Democratic colleagues were arguing we needed additional troops in Iraq. But now, when the President and the Iraq Study Group support sending in reinforcements, the Democrats are against it. Although they have the ability and the responsibility to govern, the Majority has no plan for success.

In fact, their only plan is to cut funding for our troops on the ground in Iraq. Statement after statement from members on the other side of the aisle paint a clear picture: this week's debate is merely paving the way to cut funding down the road. The realities of our current global conflict demand a more responsible approach.

We know that our terrorist enemies are patient, calculating, and intent on attacking us. They have stated that Iraq is the central front in their global jihad. Yet, expelling Americans from Iraq is merely the first step in their strategy. We also know that leaders of terrorist organizations have ordered their followers to extend their jihad throughout the region and the world. So it is clear that the attacks on our country and our citizens will not stop if our troops pack up their bags and return home from Iraq. The terrorists will follow us, as they have done before. A long list of terrorist attacks took place before our troops entered Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

I, like everyone else, want our troops to come home as soon as possible. However, if short-sighted, political calculations made in this body cause us to lose this war, terrorist groups will only be encouraged to expand their efforts. In addition to the terrorist groups who are watching this debate and our actions in Iraq, we also know that Iran is seeing how America and its political leaders react. Not only does Iran stand to benefit from increased instability in the region, but seeing America retreat in the face of military obstacles will only embolden this rogue regime to question America's resolve.

While we can disagree on whether to send in reinforcements, we must all agree that the consequences of losing this important battle of the Global War on Terror would be catastrophic and far-reaching. America must not become a nation where our school buses, our malls, and our neighborhoods become battlefields in the War on Terror.

Therefore, we should be saying that we will not retreat from this fight. And, we should stand 100 percent behind our troops and give them the tools and support necessary to get the job done. Our security depends on it. Unfortunately, this resolution fails on each front. This resolution does not put forth a successful strategy for victory. And this resolution does not show our troops that they have our full support. To the contrary, this resolution only serves to score political points and embarrass our Commander-in-Chief during a time of war. It does all of this, while at the same time weakening the morale of our troops.

"Fighting and winning a war is serious business. It requires our President, our military leaders, and elected officials to make difficult decisions. Yet, making tough decisions is what the American people expect their representatives to do. Therefore, I call on all of my colleagues to reject this resolution, end the political stunts, and take seriously our responsibility to govern and to ensure the security of the United States of America."

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer House to Debate Iraq Resolution

President Bush's new strategy for attaining victory in Iraq takes center stage this week in the House as we will devote three days to debating this important issue. At the end of the debate, the members of the House will vote on a non-binding resolution which states that "Congress disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush...to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq." Unfortunately, this hollow resolution does not match the seriousness of the issue we are debating. But it does send a demoralizing message to our troops.

Fighting and winning a war is serious business. It requires our President, our military leaders, and elected officials to make difficult decisions. However, making tough decisions is what the American people expect their representatives to do. The resolution we will vote on this week has no impact on policy and does not lay out a strategy for victory. Because it is non-binding, this resolution only serves to score political points and embarrass our Commander-in-Chief during a time of war. The realities of our current global conflict demand a more responsible approach.

We know that Iraq is not the beginning of this conflict, nor will it be the end. Our enemy is patient, calculating, and intent on attacking America. Therefore, the consequences of losing this important battle of the Global War on Terror could be catastrophic and far-reaching. If we leave Iraq without victory, terrorist groups will only be encouraged to expand their efforts. We must now stand 100 percent behind our troops and give them the tools and support necessary to get the job done.

USDA Secretary to Appear Before House Ag Committee

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns will appear before the House Agriculture Committee this week to discuss USDA's 2007 Farm Bill recommendations. Secretary Johanns also recently presented USDA's 2008 budget proposal. Both of these issues are of significant interest to our region. I have some real concerns about several of his proposals, and I look forward to discussing with him the impact they could have on the 19th District.

Mobile Office Hits the Road Again

Throughout the next two weeks, my staff is once again setting up mobile offices in communities across the district. Mobile offices provide constituents with the opportunity to meet with my staff face-to-face. I want to encourage constituents to stop by a mobile office near them if they need help with a federal agency or just want to let me know what is on their mind. A complete listing of the times and locations of the mobile office tour can be found on my website, www.randy.house.gov.

--Randy

Arbor Day Foundation Is Giving Free Trees To Everyone Who Joins

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person from Texas who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2007.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will add lasting beauty to homes across Texas," said John Rosenow, Arbor Day Foundation president. "They offer clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall, and a spreading, graceful form throughout the year. They'll also add to the proud heritage of Texas's 56 Tree City USA communities. For three decades Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Texas, and planting these lovely redbuds will add to this important tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, *Arbor Day* and the *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE REDBUD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2007. Or join online at www.arborday.org.

CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Farming For Our Future

Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds."

More than 200 years later, farmers and ranchers in Texas continue to be tied to their country and wedded to its liberty. The agriculture industry contributes \$73 billion to the Texas economy annually, and the work ethic and love of the land exhibited by Texas farm and ranch families embody many of our best values.

Texas is home to 230,000 farms covering almost 130 million acres, and we consistently rank as the nation's leader in agriculture production of cotton, corn, wheat and livestock. Texas deserves a sound national farm policy, and I remain committed to doing all I can in the United States Senate to protect the needs of Texas farmers and ranchers.

For the past five years our state has benefited from the farm bill of 2002. This legislation provided a carefully crafted balance of support for commodities, conservation and nutrition. It also provided a necessary and adequate safety net for farmers and ranchers who not only produce our domestic food supply but feed much of the world as well.

The farm bill that I supported and Congress passed in 2002 was critical at the time because commodity prices were low, exports had declined for five consecutive years, and the average debt-to-asset ratio was nearly 15 percent. Since then, commodity prices have appreciated with exports increasing every year - reaching a record level of \$68.7 billion in 2006 and projected to climb even higher in 2007 to \$77 billion. In addition, the debt-to-asset ratio fell last year to 11 percent, the lowest ratio in recorded history, and renewable energy continues to boost rural economies. These achievements are the result of sound farm policy. However, the fundamentally sound policy has not fully protected our state's farmers and ranchers from natural disasters that have hurt our producers. Drought and wildfires have negatively impacted many rural areas in Texas.

Since most farm bill programs are set to expire this year, I am working with my Senate colleagues on a proposal that extends the success of the current farm bill. The 2002 act worked for producers, and I believe we must continue to invest in farmers, ranchers and rural communities. One of my top priorities during the 110th Congress is ensuring the same predictable level of support for commodities, conservation and nutrition as provided by the successful 2002 farm bill, as well as addressing needs of rural areas.

The administration recently released a set of farm and rural support proposals for consideration. Texas would benefit significantly from \$1.6 billion in proposed loans to complete the rehabilitation of the 1,283 nationwide certified Rural Critical Access Hospitals, of which 76 are in Texas. These hospitals provide vital services to communities for whom larger hospitals are inaccessible. Modernizing these hospitals will provide better health care to Texans across the state. Also proposed is an additional \$500 million over 10 years in loans and grants to support the completion of rural infrastructure projects involving water supplies, waste disposal, distance learning and telemedicine.

I remain committed to developing and harvesting all available energy sources, including biofuels. While conventional ethanol is derived mainly from corn, there is vast potential in cellulosic ethanol, which can be made from switchgrass and sugarcane, both of which are economically feasible in Texas. The administration's proposal provides \$2.1 billion in loan guarantees to support cellulosic ethanol projects in rural areas and \$150 million for biomass research competitive grants, focusing on cellulosic ethanol.

Agriculture is the first industry of America - the industry that feeds us, clothes us, and increasingly satisfies our energy needs. When farmers and ranchers thrive, our future grows brighter.

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.

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Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST 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 - 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.