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Eastland County Clerk Pleads Guilty

Cathy Lee Jentho, Eastland County Clerk, entered a plea of guilty in the 91st District Courtroom before Visiting Judge Jerry Ray of Palo Pinto's 29th Judicial District Court. Along with court costs, Jentho was fined the maximum amount under law and ordered to pay restitution to Eastland County of \$3,300.00.

Upon acceptance of the plea by the Court, Jentho authorized the Criminal District Attorney's Office release and publish a "Press Release" signed by Jentho almost a year ago, wherein she admitted guilt to the offense of which an Eastland County Grand Jury indicted her. This admission of guilt was taken into consideration in her plea for a lesser offense of intentionally refusing to comply with the reasonable requests of Eastland County Auditors for reports, statements and other information.

The following are among the admissions by Jentho in her Press Release:

- Taxpayer money that was entrusted to Jentho never made it to the county coffers.
- Jentho and others under her direction did what she was accused of.
- Jentho was aware of the investigation into her wrongdoing before the Texas Ranger came to her office on December 15, 2005.
- Before the Texas Ranger showed up at the County Clerk's Office, Jentho had already stopped the "illegal practice."
- Jentho denied knowledge of the "illegal practice" to the Texas Ranger and stated that if her employees were doing it, it was without her knowledge.
- Jentho "misrepresented" to a County Auditor that she was accounting for all county funds.
- Jentho admitted that her public statements were incorrect when she and others accused the DA of putting an opponent up to run against her in 2006 and bring charges as a personal vendetta and political ambush.

Jentho is currently serving her third term of office. The Texas Local Government Code, which applies state-wide, determines whether Jentho can be removed from office because of this conviction. That law provides under Section 87.001 that when the voters re-elected Jentho during the contested March Primary Election in 2006, that effectively prevented her removal as county clerk during the new term because the illegal acts occurred in the prior term of office.

Russ Thomason said that "[i]t took courage for Cathy to admit not only her guilt, but that she and others made untruthful allegations against the Office of the District Attorney. Some within the community may have known such allegations were false while others who made such statements were merely supporting a friend. It is not unusual for a person who knows they are guilty to lash out and make allegations against law enforcement and the prosecuting attorney. Experienced prosecutors and law enforcement officers understand and do not take it personally.

Further, Thomason said that "Cathy agreed to accept consequences for her actions. In her press release she pledged and has taken significant steps to rebuild and repair relationships with my office and others. I am confident that she will continue to do so, and that the various departments and agencies will unite to better serve Eastland County. Justice is not always popular with or pleasant for the public, especially when the person is a friend, someone with whom you attend church, or a relative. My oath as an elected district attorney is to see that justice is done."

Attached is the signed and dated Press Release by the County Clerk. During the court proceedings Jentho acknowledged to Judge Ray that her statements in the Press Release were true.

Press Release

My name is Cathy Jentho, the County Clerk of Eastland County. Previously I made public statements that I was not guilty of theft of taxpayer money as your public servant and I vowed to fight those charges. I also made public statements that this was a political ambush and vendetta against me, and that a "clique" in the courthouse was out to embarrass and unseat me. Specially, I and others accused the District Attorney, Russ Thomason, of putting Carolyn Bolt to run against me and bringing these charges as a personal vendetta. I and others where incorrect. I do not believe that he brought these charges to sway the election nor did he encourage Ms. Bolt to run against me. I apologize to Russ for making these accusations and encourage those I have misled to do the same.

In addition, on at least two occasions I was given an opportunity to tell my story to the Texas Ranger investigating the case. I was aware of the investigation into my wrongdoing before the Texas Ranger came to my office at the courthouse on December 15, 2005. When the Texas Ranger asked me about a fund kept from undocumented photocopies produced on county equipment, I denied knowledge of such a fund. Further, I stated that if my employees were doing it, it was without my knowledge. I knew when I made this statement that it was not true. Knowing that there was an investigation, I had stopped the illegal practice prior to the arrival of the Texas Ranger. I admit that I and others under my direction did what I was accused of.

Prior to the investigation, I misrepresented to the former county auditor that I was accounting for all county funds and that money he had found was tip money provided to the employees by grateful customers.

The District Attorney's Office and the Grand Jury were correct. I am guilty — taxpayer money that was entrusted to me never made it to the county coffers. I unlawfully acquired or exercised control over funds that did not belong to me.

I am deeply saddened to inform the public of this violation of trust. I have agreed to enter a plea of guilt and accept consequences for my actions. I vow to re-educate myself with classes in ethics and promise to never let the public down again. I am committed to being the best public servant that I can be and promise to repair and rebuild the relationship that I once had with the District Attorney's Office and others. I am asking for the public's forgiveness and prayers.

Date: 7-26-06

(s) Cathy Lee Jentho

DRAWING FOR

The Gorman Lady Horns will be having a DRAWING for Three Different Prizes: a San Marcos Texas Longhorn Blanket, Micro Dermabrison from Dr. Karen Burroughs, and a massage from Diane Snider. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. We will have 3 winners. Tickets can be purchased from any Lady Horn, their parents, or at the Gorman Pharmacy. We will do the drawing on Saturday the 14th after the CARWASH. Thanks for your support. The Lady Horns would like to thank Alba Giles, Dr. Karen Burroughs and Diana Snider for donating these items. (s) Lady Horns

County Court Jury Trials Cancelled

Eastland County Court Jury trials for Monday, July 16, 2007 have been canceled due to the County wide Flooding.

Jurors summoned for this day do not have to show up!!!

Eastland County Safe Kids To Hold Child Safety Distribution Program

Tech*Star EMS Education and Eastland County Safe Kids will be conducting their child safety seat distribution program on Tuesday, July 17th @ 7pm in the teaching conference room at Eastland Memorial Hospital. This is a free program for those that are not able to purchase a new car seat for their child. If you are interested in taking this class, please call 254-734-5989 to sign up.

Wayne Dennis, EMTP
Director of Community Education
Child Safety Seat Technician
GETAC Injury Prevention
Committee Member
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Benefit Fund Started For Toni Underwood

Due to medical bills from her recent hospitalization, a fund has been set up for Toni Beth Underwood of Carbon. Money can be donated at American State Bank in Gorman

Church of Christ Ladies Night Out Set July 23

The Gorman Church of Christ is sponsoring a Ladies Night Out on Monday, July 23 at the Fellowship Hall. Dinner and entertainment will begin at 7:00PM. Invitations are being sent, but if we didn't have your address, please consider yourself invited and call Monda Oldham at 734-4508 by July 19.

Notice Of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioners' Court will meet in Special Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13th in the Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland, Texas to consider the following agenda items:

1. Discuss and consider declaring emergency appropriation of funds and creation of line item for debris removal.
2. Discuss and consider funding initial removal of household debris at Lake Leon area.
3. Discuss and consider granting permission to adjust values for flood affected homes in county — Appraisal Office.

Posted by Order of the Eastland County Commissioner's Court.

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action may be acted upon by the Commissioners' Court.

Quick THEA Test Rescheduled

The Quick THEA scheduled for July 16th will be postponed until Monday, July 23rd at 8:30 in the high school library. Please email Mrs. Hampton at Hampton@gorman.esc14.net if you plan to take the test.

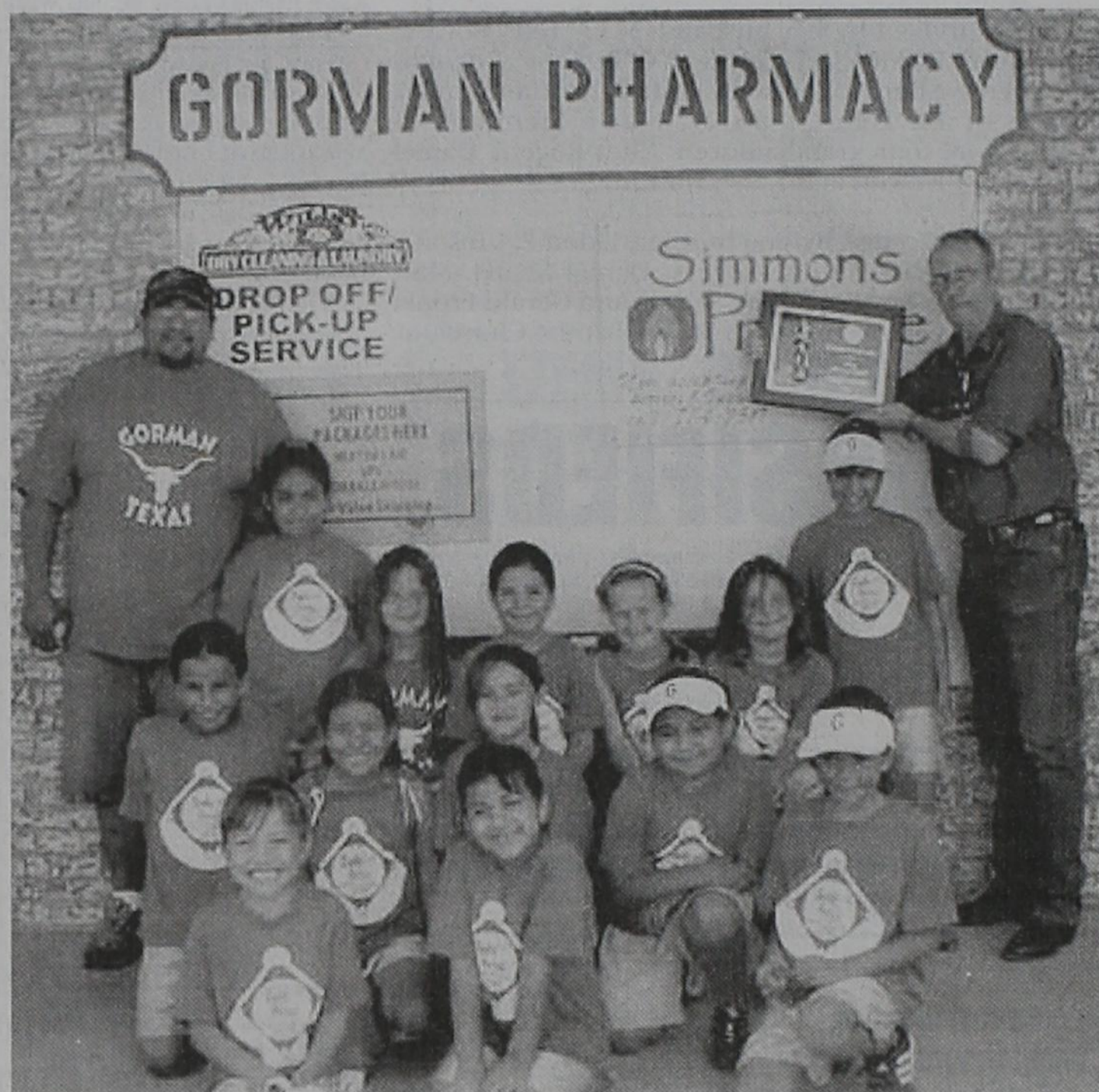
Notice Of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioners' Court will meet in Special Call Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 12th in the Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland, Texas to consider the following agenda items:

1. Budget workshop with department heads on the 2007-2008 FY Budgets

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Lady Horns District Champions



The Gorman Lady Horns participated in a Midget 8 and Under Girls Coach Pitch District Tournament, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in De Leon. They won their first game against the Cisco Pink Ladies, then they played later that afternoon against the Hico Mustangs and won. They played in the Championship Game on Sunday and won 6-5 against Hico Mustangs. Giving the Lady Horns a record of 13-0 and District Champs, advancing them to the State Tournament in Clifton on July 16 thru 20. Good Luck Lady Horns.

Pictured are bottom row - Jennifer Montelongo, Briana Landa, Jessica Ramirez; second row - Mayra Ramirez, Vanessa Longoria, Audri Segura, Mayra Gutierrez; top row - Coach Noah Landa, Danette Lara, Whitney Bryant, Katalina Landa, Kodie Sparger, Bailey Underwood, Becky Mata and George Simmons. The Lady Horns were sponsored by the Gorman Pharmacy. Not pictured are Coach Chela Longoria and Mila Landa.

English III and Honors English III Hold Field Trip To Dallas on May 14th



On May 14, the English III and Honors English III classes attended a field trip to Dallas. First, the students visited the Holocaust Museum where they were introduced to a Holocaust survivor. They then toured the museum and learned more about World War II and the Holocaust. After lunch in the historic West End, the students enjoyed a tour of the Sixth Floor Museum located in the Book Depository. The students viewed the exhibits and watched authentic videos from November 22, 1963 chronicling the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The field trip was a culmination of a study of World War II and Holocaust literature.

HAMBURGERS & CARWASH

The Gorman Lady Horns will be having a Hamburger Sale and Car Wash on Saturday, July 14th at Mears Car Wash. Hamburgers are \$5.00 for burger, chips and drink and Carwash is donations only \$5.00 minimum. Everything will start at 9:00 a.m. Come Support the Lady Horns. All proceeds will be used for traveling expenses to Clifton where they will be playing in the State Tournament. Thanks for your support. (s) Lady Horns

BAKE SALE

The Gorman Lady Horns will be having a BAKE SALE on Friday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m. in front of ZJ's. We will be selling Cakes, Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, and so much more. Come Support the Lady Horns for their trip to Clifton where they will be playing in the State Tournament. Thanks for your support. (s) Lady Horns

Thank God For Our Sunshine To Let Flood Victims Clean Up What Is left of their homes.

Obituary

Mozelle Elizabeth Nowlin

Mozelle Elizabeth Nowlin, age 79 of De Leon, Texas passed away Saturday, July 7, 2007 at Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene. Services were held Monday, July 9th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joe Baptist Church with Bro. Jackie Auvenshine and Bro. Donnie Auvenshine officiating. Music by LaRessie Wilkerson, Beth Riggs and Vicki Robinett. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

She was born on January 31, 1928 in Comanche County, Texas to the late James Arthur and Ida T. Gilder Vinson. She married M. E. "Ted" Nowlin on December 2, 1953 in Fort Worth.

She had lived in De Leon area her entire life. She was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joe Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, M.E. "Ted" Nowlin; 1 son, Terry Nowlin and wife, Leisa of De Leon; 1 daughter, Sherry Sharp of Brownwood; 1 brother, James Vinson of De Leon; 1 sister, Marie Simmons of Georgetown; four grandchildren, Clint Rogers, Daniel Sharp, Matt Nowlin and Kaleb Nowlin.

She was preceded by one brother, Eldon E. Vinson. Pallbearers were Clint Rogers, Daniel Sharp, Matt Nowlin, Kaleb Nowlin, Bobby Skaggs and Gerald Fronk. Memorials can be made to St. Joe Baptist Church or De Leon Public Library.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday night July 14th at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. James Roberson, The Fiddler and The Unknown Band will provide music for this dance. Admission is \$4.00, 7:00 and ends at 9:30 p.m.. No Alcohol and No Smoking permitted. Bring your dance partner for an enjoyable evening of good music and fun.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Sixteen ladies attended this social hosted by Jo Holdman, Ima Brown and Dorothy Greenhaw. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Visitors are always welcome.

Roy and Angela Powledge, Colin, Kaley and Lane hosted a "Family Cookout" on July 4th. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Karen Fair and Lorin, Belinda Webb, Holly Guthery and Karsan Jade.

Sonja Hornback and her mother, Belinda Webb enjoyed a trip to Coleman last Friday.

Betty Duke spent the past weekend near Granbury at a "Bed and Breakfast Home" with her daughter, Ronda James of Whitney and Risa Ashley of Waxachaxie. Betty reported a wonderful visit with her daughter and they enjoyed the good food served at this place.

Rodney Duke of Pantego, Russell Duke and daughters, Elise and Katie of Stephenville spent the past weekend visiting with their father, Ruduolp Duke.

John Fair spent the past week in Temple where he received daily Chemo treatments at the VA Hospital. His wife, Karen was with him during this time.

Colin and Kaley Garcia spent the past week in Cleburne with George and Crystal Garcia and Gavin.

Remember the shut-ins of our community with your cards and prayers.

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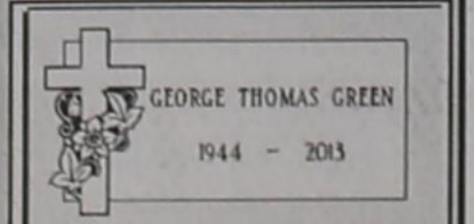
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- 613A, w/3-2, 2.144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4,620sf bam, 3 wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [W02] \$2,025,000
- 328A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [R001] \$1,526,000
- 184 A, 2-1 frame home, 6 waterwells, 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. [J001] \$524,920
- 105 A, 7-waterwells, 3-stock tanks, septic system, corrals, woods, costal, hunting and minerals [A01] \$310,750
- 100 A, water wells, pecan trees, cultivation, native pasture and hunting [S02] \$215,700
- 25.6 A, w/4-2 1/2, 2.243sf(CAD) Brick Home, attached garage, carport, storage buildings, water well, 2-stock tanks, costal, large oak trees [B03] \$250,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- **UNDER CONTRACT**-70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, [B01] \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [P01] \$250,000
- 51 A, highway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [R001] \$193,000
- 45 A, approx. 33 A costal, native pasture, minerals [K02] \$135,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [C01] \$70,000
- 8.5 A, 1,800sf, 3-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & net wire fences, 2-waterwells, underground sprinklers. [J02] \$265,000
- 5A, 3-2 1600sf Frame Home, above ground pool w/ deck, horse bam, additional acreage available [K01] \$159,000
- **UNDER CONTRACT**-3+ A, 1,780sf, 3-2 Mfg Home, rural water, 2-water wells, pecan trees, 660sf commercial bldg., highway frontage [H01] \$89,500
- 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [S02] \$2,195 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 [C01] \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Copperas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [L01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [A01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells [R001] \$326,000
- 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting, [D01] \$270,000
- **UNDER CONTRACT**-3-2 Brick home, 1,638(CAD), 2-car attached garage, 2+ Acres, fireplace, CH/A, 2 storage buildings, storm cellar [B02] \$105,000
- 3-2, 2,086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [W001] \$105,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [A02] \$135,000
- **UNDER CONTRACT**-3-2 frame home, 1,252sf(CAD) living area, Central heat & air, enclosed front porch, carport, fenced yard, gas fireplace [M01] \$27,500
- Service Station, 150 on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Doesn't the sunshine look good after all the rain?

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies to about 400 people on Saturday at the Lake Leon Baptist Church parking lot. Those coming for lunch were victims of the flood at Lake Leon, and the volunteers who were helping with the clean up of the flooded homes and area. Our thanks to the Lake Leon Baptist Church for the use of their parking lot, and to all the people who helped with the meal in anyway.

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" was so beautifully rendered by the choir at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. In the choir, under the direction of Woodrow Browning with Helen Browning at the piano, were Bobbi Haggard, Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Karen Patterson, Ruth Rodgers, Thomas Seay, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little, and Joe Bond. Bro. Jim Haggard's message was from 1 Samuel 18 and 19 and 2nd. Samuel 9 on the life of David entitled "Blood Brothers - Blood Covenant about the life of David and Jonathan, and the blood covenant they shared. They loved and trusted one another, shared possessions and protection. Luke 22:20 tells of Jesus, who shed his blood and shared a blood covenant with us. We are joint heirs with Jesus and will be called the sons of God through the blood covenant.

The message on Sunday evening was from James 2, Romans 3:28 and 4:1-5 on "The Autopsy of a dead faith". Dead faith has no compassion, no communion and no conversion. We are justified before God by faith, and justified before man by works. We are saved by Grace, and our faith is proven by the works we do for God. We invite everyone to come and hear the wonderful messages from God's word by Bro. Haggard. They are very inspirational and challenging. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Cassie Brasher at the close of the service.

Members of the Kokomo Baptist Church went to the Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church services on Sunday afternoon. Woodrow Browning directed the music with Helen Browning at the piano. Ed Rodgers brought the message from God's word.

Rick and Pat Fuller, formerly of Pittsfield, Ill. visited several friends in the area last week. They are in the process of relocating in Texas. Rick grew up in the Kokomo Community.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little have returned from a two-week vacation at the Colorado Heights Camp Grounds at Monument, CO.

Gary, Lance and Emily Browning of Wichita Falls spent Friday night with Woodrow and Helen Browning. Gary and Rebecca and children have recently moved to Wichita Falls from Graham.

Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey Bond of Copperas Cove visited during the weekend with Joe Bond.

James Webb of Glen Rose and Stacy Webb of Comanche visited with their parents, Oren and Norma Webb. They all enjoyed a 4th of July cookout at the home of Stacy and Renee Webb in Comanche.

We extend sincere sympathy to the family of Stella (Mrs. Denny) Reynolds, of Eastland. Her funeral and burial was held at the Simpson Cemetery at Kokomo on Thursday, July 5th.

Sylvia Buchanan accompanied Jesse and Lenora Speer and Mrs. Dorothy Speer of Ranger to Comanche on Saturday night to have supper with J., Mandy and Brooklyn Speer and to watch the Comanche Fireworks display.

Sylvia Buchanan visited with her mother, Nancy Hendricks. Zelda Jordan and Cassie Brasher were in Abilene on Friday for a medical check-up for Zelda and visited with Glenda Black and they all met Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell for lunch and a visit at the Golden Corral. Congratulations to Kody and the Wylie All-Stars little league baseball team who came in second in the 9 - 10 year old division of the little league tournament. They were eliminated by the Dixie team that Wylie had beaten in the first game of the double header on Sunday evening.

Glenda Black of Abilene visited with her mother, Zelda Jordan on Saturday and mowed her yard for her.

David and Cassie Brasher, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and Zelda Jordan celebrated Cassie's birthday with dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night.

Daisy Slaton and Zelda Jordan attended the "The Great Santa Claus Bank Robbery" a Gospel/Bluegrass Musical at the Hilton in Cisco on Sunday afternoon. This was the true story of the bank robbery in Cisco in December 1927 by a man dressed in a Santa Claus suit. A very enjoyable play and the dessert, Strawberry short cake, was very good. We met some very nice people with whom we shared a table.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, and Terry, Arleen, Jonathan Michael and Lauren of Tyler visited during the weekend with their parents, Bobby and Mary Jane Little and helped Mary Jane honor Bobby with a luncheon and party in the afternoon in celebration of his 75th birthday. Mary Jane's sister, Judy Hall of Cleburne was also honored at the birthday lunch celebration. Others present for the lunch were Judy's husband, Randy Hall, Lenora Preston, Dwight and Beverley Maxwell, Dee, Billy and Breanna Maxwell all of Cleburne and Rudy and Pat Rendall of Midland.

Ima Boles of Gorman, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Nelda Fails of Arlington, Charles and Carolyn Little, Betty Little and Karen Patterson and many friends from the community and area came in the afternoon to enjoy the celebration. Birthday cake, watermelon and cantaloupe was served.

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By David K. Perry - dperry@gorman.esc14.net - 734-3171

School will be starting before we know it and the campuses will be alive with students everywhere. I can't wait! You may think we have summers off, but we have a lot of work to do every summer to get ready for the next school year. This rain has not helped our schedule out either. I know we needed the rain and I'm glad we got it, I just wish we didn't have to get it all at once. But in spite of all the difficulties it has caused many people, in the long run I think it will turn out to be a blessing. Who knows what lies ahead? Who knows when the next drought will be?

Congratulations to Beth Underwood, Melinda Harrington, and Bob Powell! They were sworn in at our June board meeting. While Mrs. Underwood and Ms. Harrington continue their service to the district, Mr. Powell will be serving his first full three year term with us. The board elected Melinda Harrington as the new board President, Jeff Seaton as Vice-President, and Mark Simmons as Secretary. Your other board members are Daryl Hirst and Larry Thompson. I look forward to working with this board this year, especially on the building project. It is going to be an exciting time for everyone.

We will have a few personnel changes in the fall. Unfortunately, Coach Cox will not be returning. We will miss him. Fortunately, we have some great new people joining us! Tori Talbert, who substituted all of the sixth grading period for us last year, will be joining us as a teacher of junior high and high school social studies and the head girl's basketball coach, head girl's volleyball coach, and assistant girl's track coach. Conon and Melissa Emmons are coming from the San Angelo area and Mrs. Emmons will be teaching fourth grade language Arts. Mr. Emmons will be at the high school as assistant football coach, head boys basketball coach, head boys track coach and teaching junior high science. Bill Bates comes to us from the Kerrville area and will be teaching English and TAKS remediation at the high school and as assistant football coach and head girl's softball coach. I may not have all of these teaching and coaching assignments correct. They are all subject to change depending what the principals and athletic director. If there are any other changes, I will let you know as soon as I can.

Everything is moving forward regarding the sale of our bonds for the building project. We will begin working with the architects again very soon to begin the detail portion of our planning with regards to the floor plan. I will keep you post on our progress.

I have recently had an inquiry from a family that would like to move into our district. The only problem is that they have five children and need to find a home to rent that would accommodate them. I have put out the word in several places to contact me at the school if you know of a good size home in our district that is available to rent. I am now asking those that read this article to e-mail or call me if you know of any homes in our district that would accommodate this family. We have a great little school here in Gorman with lots of good things happening and I am always willing to try and help people find housing that want to move their families into our district. We have great teachers and principals and a support staff that is the best I've ever seen. If you want your children to be a part of a great school, give me a call and I'll see if we can find a home for you in our district.

Four Sixth graders received the Presidential Award and were sent a letter of congratulations as well as a certificate signed by President George W. Bush. They also received a pin. To be eligible for this award, a sixth grade student had to maintain a 90 average the entire sixth grade year. Those students receiving this award were Rachel Tucker, Austin Marlow, Louis Limon and Sergio Garcia. Congratulations! This is quite an achievement for any student, but especially a sixth grader. I remember the sixth grade and believe me, this is a great accomplishment. It is also a challenge to the class mates of these high achievers to do their best in the future and give these students some competition.

I can't submit this article without thanking the wonderful group of folks at First Baptist Church of Gorman and Pastor Schahn for pitching in and packing and moving out things while we were gone to Nebraska when Vicki's grandmother passed away. Have you ever been stuck between a rock and a hard place? Well, these wonderful people crushed the rock and turned the hard place into a home. When we had to leave right in the middle of moving from the house we were renting to the home we purchased here in Gorman, they jumped in and took over so that we could leave town without worry. They are definitely a God sent blessing. Some blessings God sends us we fail to recognize until long after we've been blessed, but not this one. They are all Angels as far as Vicki and I am concerned! I would name them individually, but I don't want to embarrass anyone, just thank them. Vicki and I are humbled and in your debt. There are others that helped us as well and those that offered to help and we appreciate you all! Steve Panter and Seth Johnson were life savers in our moving experience. Thanks to everyone!

It has been a while since my last article and I know I must be forgetting something that I wanted to tell you about, but it will have to wait until next time because I've run out of time. Remember to e-mail me with information you would like to see in my article and I will do my best to get it in.

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Editor Margaret Hetrick at WordLaunch Sun.: Articles that Inform and Inspire

The Cisco Writers Club continues its WordLaunch workshops Sunday, July 15, with "Articles that Inform and Inspire," by Margaret Hetrick, editor of the Ranger Times and The Texas Messenger magazine.

This two-hour workshop on the backbone of magazine and newspaper features begins at 2 p.m. Sunday in the American State Bank Community Room, 418 Conrad Hilton Avenue in Cisco. Questions and individual help will follow.

Margaret Payne Hetrick was born into a family of writers. Her mother, Viola Payne, has a number of books published and was a member and president of the National Amateur Press Association during Margaret's childhood and teenage years. In addition, an aunt was an avid writer and poet, and another worked at a large newspaper in El Paso, Texas.

Margaret discovered the joy of reading in her early childhood, and later never missed a day without reading a newspaper. She took elective journalism courses during her studies at the University of Texas--El Paso, but her interests inclined more toward literature and creative writing. She lived and worked in Germany many years, did public relations work for an art group, and studied computer graphics.

Returning to Texas, Margaret wrote feature stories for the Eastland County Newspapers, soon learning newspaper business from the bottom up. She has been editor of the Baird Star, Cisco Press, and now Ranger Times.

"At community newspapers, we know the meaning of multitasking," Margaret laughs. "I've learned it all, from news photography to lay out, from headline writing to interviews, even covering sports events."

"Really, every day is a new challenge."

Those challenges multiply as she also edits The Texas Messenger, a slick quarterly magazine centered on Eastland County and its unique people, places, history and events.

This is the sixth in a series of eight WordLaunch workshops continuing through July. Abilene's Nancy Robinson Masters returns with Writing FOR Children on July 22; and the grand finale, "Make Your Words Sing: Poetry!," will feature award-winning poet Wesley Valek of Cisco on July 29.

WordLaunch is sponsored by the Cisco Writers Club as a companion to its annual summer writing contest, now in its thirty-first year. The contest is open to the public and ends July 31. Contact Karen or Ruth (below) for contest rules.

Cost for the workshop is just \$15 per session, or, better yet, \$10 for students, teachers and seniors (60 and up). And, with each workshop receive a certificate to enter one manuscript free in a corresponding category of CWC's 31st Annual Writing Contest. Register at the door.

Spend a couple of hours Sunday with a writing pro, and launch your words to the world.

WordLaunch is underwritten through the generous support of FracTech Services of Cisco.

Call Karen Donoho (254-442-3100) or Ruth York (254-442-3530) for more information, or E-mail ciscowritersclub@cs.com.

FAN FLIPS ARE HERE

The flip flops that were sold by the Gorman High School Cheerleaders are here! If you ordered a pair and have not yet received them, please contact the cheerleader you bought them from and set up a delivery time. There are a few extras, so if you did not get a pair contact Becky Swanner at 734-2480. Also, if demand is great enough we will be able to place another order. Contact Becky Swanner or any cheerleader to order your fan flips. Remember, junior high and high school will be able to wear Gorman flip flops on Thursdays this year, no other flip flops may be worn!!

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The Eastland County HOME Program Fund provides help to eligible homeowners with in the county for home reconstruction (replacement) for homes affected by the January 1-3, 2006 disaster. A program information sheet is available from Eastland County Courthouse Auditors Office. Applications will be taken at Eastland County Courthouse, 100 West Main Street, Eastland, Tx in the County Court Room, on July 18, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Applications will only be taken one day unless there is further notice. If you cannot attend the intake, please call Sandy Livingston at (210) 834-3100 to make other arrangements. Please bring following:

- 1) **Proof of income:**

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
\$24,150	\$27,600	\$31,050	\$34,500	\$37,250	\$40,000	\$42,800	\$45,550
- 2) **Homeownership:** warranty deed or other proof; NO CONTRACT FOR DEED. Trailers cannot be assisted.
- 3) **Tax receipts:** verifying ALL property taxes paid
- 4) **Proof of Occupancy:** driver's licence or photo I.D.
- 5) **Verification of disability,** if applicable
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- 7) **Acceptance or Rejection proof from FEMA, SBA or private insurance.**
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Registration Extended For CJC Summer Basketball Camps

CISCO, Texas -Registration for the Little Wrangler Basketball Camp at Cisco Junior College has been extended until July 16. The camps are for girls 1st - 12th grades and boys 1st - 9th grades. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt, camp ball, snacks, and awards. Cost is \$55 per camper.

"The camps will focus on fundamental drills, shooting, passing, skills games and contests," said Cayla Petree, CJC's women's basketball coach.

Camps will be held at the Cisco Campus, July 16 - 19. Session 1 (Grades 1st - 4th) will be from 10 a.m. until noon; Session 2 (Grades 5th - 7th) will be from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.; and Session 3 (Grades 8th - 12th) will be from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

For registration forms, visit CJC's home page at www.cjc.edu then follow the link to basketball camps. Forms may be turned in on the first day of camp. For more information, please call (325) 864-7230 or email cayla.petree@cjc.edu.

Cisco Junior College is an affordable two-year institution with locations in Cisco and Abilene. The college offers a variety of academic transfer and technical programs. For more information about CJC, visit www.cjc.edu.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

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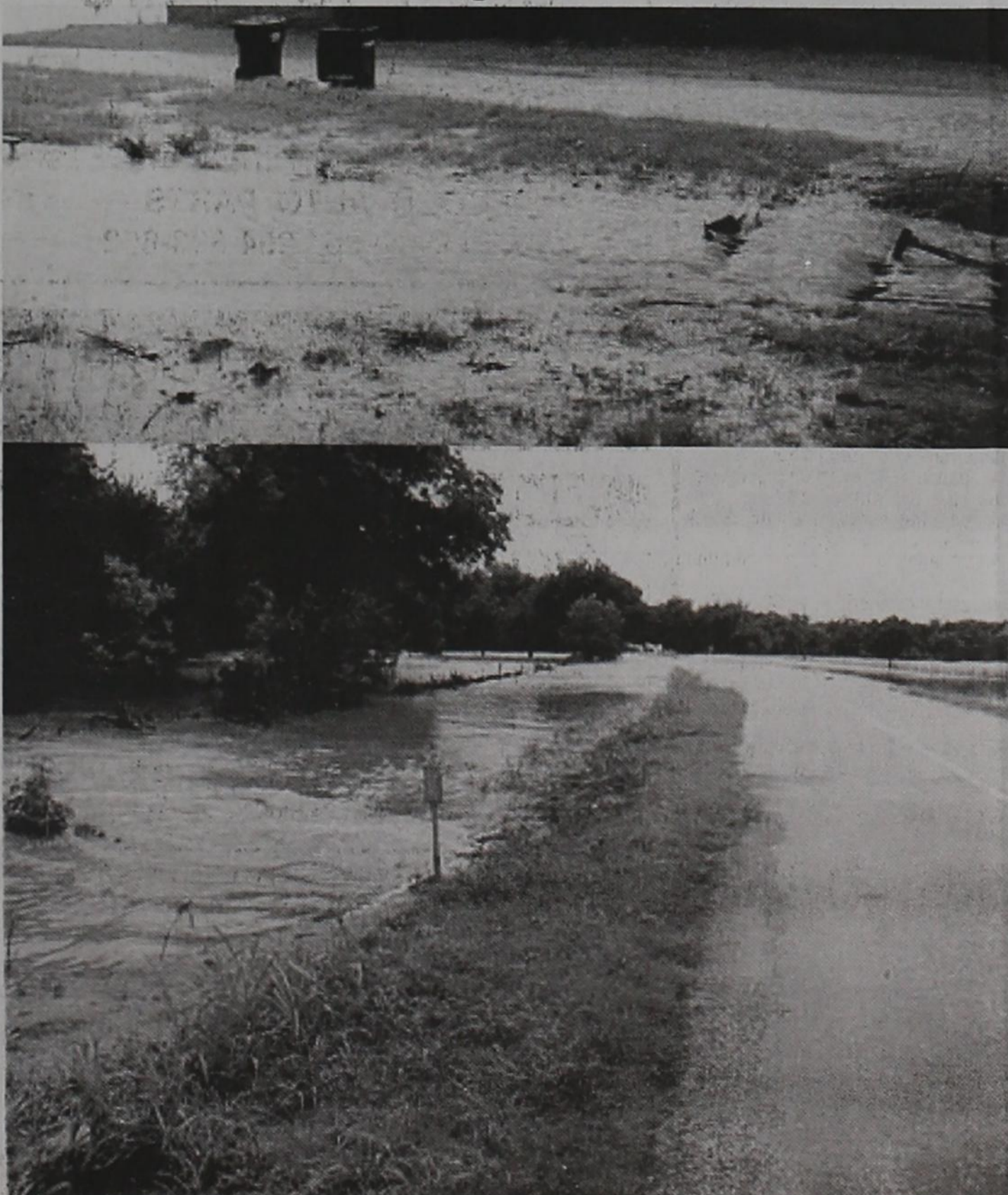
Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

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

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

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


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Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation News

By Ina Smith

HOMESTEAD NURSING AND REHABILITATION OF GORMAN

We now have new name and a new owner. We are now Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Gorman. Nothing else has change. More on this at a later date.

We had a great 4th of July. Imogene Norris, who is our Resident Council President, led our parade and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lula Schneider led us the National Anthem, and Ima Boles said the prayer. Later in the day we had "fire works" and Red, white and blue bingo. Kathy and Kelly made us some red, white, and blue cup cakes.

The Hinkle Family will be here on July 27 at 1:30 to sing for us again. We really enjoyed them last time and would like to invite you to come and join us.

Bob and Flo Burleson of Stephenville and Jerrel Burleson of Desdemona visited with Imogene Norris. The "Norris Kids" held their family reunion at Lake Proctor over the weekend. Imogene joined them on Friday. She really enjoyed seeing all her kids, grandkids and greatgrandkids.

Ima Boles went to her brother Bobby's birthday party and reported a good time.

Visiting Troy Scitem were Laverne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, Johnny and Suzanne Magin of Lingleville, Pat Brown, and Johnny Scitem.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Patrick and Megan Liswen of Athens, and Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Until next time.....Ina

Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward / Ann Maxfield

We had a great gathering of 28 people on Wednesday the 27th of June. It was nice to see so many out in rainy weather that will not quit. I've never seen anything like this before in Texas. It seems like we are in Monsoon. Looks like we are ready now for a break of Sun, so we can dry out. Please sun come out and stay awhile!!!

I called us to order, and it seemed like everyone just wanted to keep on talking. HA! Jud Maxfield gave the blessing of the food. He and Ann just had their 51 wedding anniversary - what a milestone.

We had such a good lunch with numerous vegetables and a good salad, also been treated to fried chicken from Lawrence Bros. with our funds. They do have good chicken. We had many tasty desserts of cake, pie and Ann Maxfield's very wonderful brownines.

Daryl Hirst also gave us some cantelopes. They were so delicious! Thank you for your generosity.

We enjoyed having Brenda Boyd here to eat lunch with us. She has been good to us in the past many times. We used her dining room at Hotel, plus she let us have ice from their machine. Many Thanks.

Little Lacy Wilson was here again to eat with us. I believe she has become Ora Lee Lawrence's little friend and helper.

Daisy Slaton was back with us after missing a couple lunches. She had a lot of company. He daughter Bennie Gail had been here for two weeks. She had helped Daisy quite a bit going through boxes, etc. I had hoped she would come eat with us, but never worked out.

Faye Huff had knee replacement today in Granbury. She has since had a few problems. So they sent her to a rehab hospital in Ft. Worth to recover. Third surgery is no fun, I've been there twice. Soon she will be better and ready to have the other done next year.

It was good to see Sue Pettigrew here with the other Desdemona girls. Estelle Lindley and Dara Holland are regulars now.

Jud and Ann Maxfield had returned from a visit to Sequin. They were there for a College Football Reunion. I did not know he was such a Jock!! I'm sure they had a memorable good time.

I'm late with this report and we noted not to meet on the 4th of July. We did play games on the 5th with our usual 10 people. Seems like we just can't get any more to come out. We do have a good time with our little group.

I want to end with this message, Abraham Lincoln wrote: *And in the End its not the years in your like that count, It's the life in your years.*

Flood Insurance Expert Available for Interviews

The recent flooding has created consumer confusion about flood insurance. There are many myths and facts about flood insurance which would be helpful to clarify for your readers/viewers.

David VanDelinder, executive director of the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas (IIAT), is available for interviews to provide information on flood insurance for residential as well as business consumers.

Independent agents represent multiple insurance companies; they are not employees of any single insurance company and so represent a neutral yet crucial voice on this issue.

Please contact me to arrange an interview with David VanDelinder.

Thanks,
Shannon Stewart

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Eastland Co. Awarded Federal Reimbursement from FY2006 SCAAP Program

The U. S. Department of Justice announced the award of \$1,317.00 to Eastland County, Texas to reimburse some of the costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have committed serious crimes in the United States. The goal of this program is to enhance public safety in communities throughout the nation.

This opportunity originates from federally mandated programs that the County is providing at local cost. As many local entities are aware, the Federal Government drives local political entities to assume more responsibility for the administration and delivery of government services. Many times these services are funded with local dollars.

However, in some cases there are Federal funding opportunities available, if the proper request is made. Identifying federal funding stream opportunities and then properly applying for them are not simple or easy tasks. The interaction between federal, state and local political entities is complex, and often unwieldy for most local political entities.

An aggressive program of researching and applying for little known federal programs to supplement the local tax burden was implemented by engaging Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI) for assistance.

JBI is a public sector consulting firm located in Dallas, Texas, that specializes in locating and accessing hard-to-find federal reimbursements for local and state entities. JBI does the research, gathers and analyzes the data, and completes all necessary information to be included in the application. As a result of JBI's expertise and experience, Eastland County was able to maximize its dollar amount on this application. Eastland County was one of only 801 (out of 3,140) eligible local entities across the U. S. that successfully applied for these dollars.

Happenings From FBC

Yes! Another sensational day in the House of our Lord! The House was packed with cheerful and friendly faces. The Spirit of God is moving.

We have the SBTC Disaster Relief Team in Gorman ministering through our Church by providing assistance to those that suffered losses during the recent flooding.

We have such a marvelous Church Family! The ladies are busy backing goodies for the SBTC Disaster Relief workers and one of our special families is providing housing so our Fellowship Hall can stay available for other uses. GOD is GREAT!

The GA and RA Mission Camp at Lueders was a truly Awesome Experience! Our very own Liz Caraway directed the GA Camp. Kimi Seaton assisted her in Crafts. Liz and Kimi did an Amazing job!! There were eleven campers in our group and two were saved - Glory to God! We Praise God for our Sponsors - Brittany Shirley, Nicole Vaughn, and James Tucker - Thank you and God Bless You!

Bro. Barry's sermon was "What the Frog's Eye Tells the Frog's Brain" - Exodus 3:1-5. The Frog's eye only sees "little or big" and "coming or going". It only sees food or danger. The frog's eye does not see color, and the frog's brain does not know joy.

Moses was on Holy Ground at the Burning Bush.
1. Holiness does not depend on the condition of the person or the place.
2. Holiness depends on the Presence of God.
3. Holiness is accepting God's Plan for your life.

May your life be filled with Burning Bushes - May you feel God's Presence in your life. Unlike the Frog, please see with your Heart, and feel the joy that knowing Jesus can bring!

Hope to see you at FBC.

Desdemona Monthly Dance Set For Saturday, July 14th

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday night July 14th at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. James Roberson, The Fiddler and The Unknown Band will provide music for this dance. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving good food, homemade pie and drinks. Admission is \$4.00. No Alcohol and No Smoking permitted. Bring your dance partner for an enjoyable evening of good music and fun. Dance begins at 7:00 and ends at 9:30 p.m.

Cross Cut Reunion Set For July 15th

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 15, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a Silent Auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery Association annual business meeting.

Lunch is a noon but the doors will open at 9:00 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

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