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Gorman Schools - Back To School On Aug 27th at 8 a.m.

Lady Panthers Volleyball Team Win First Place In Albany



The Lady Panthers Volleyball Team won First Place in the Albany Tournament this past weekend. Audrey Johnston received an "All Tournament Award". The team consists of: back row left to right - Mary Powell - manager; Kimi Seaton, Audrey Johnston, Jaime Johnston, Tecia Jones, Coach Tory Talbert and Nicole Cogburn; front row left to right - Reba Granado, Megan Lewis, Lindsey Laminack and Brandy Carlton. Not pictured - Evangelina Sanchez. Congratulations to the Lady Panthers Volleyball Team.

Panthers to Scrimmage Miles Here Friday Night



The Panthers will be honored with a Soap and Towel Scrimmage on Friday night at 6 p.m., August 24th with Miles. Admission will be donations of a Bar of Soap or Towel. This is an annual event for the Panthers and all fans and parents are cordially invited to attend and back the Panthers.

Junior High Football Meeting At 10 A.M. Friday

All Junior High students who will participate in Football will be fitted for equipment and uniforms on Friday morning at 10 a.m. at the Field House. All 7th and 8th graders who wish to participate in Football should attend this meeting.

YOUR INVITED TO A BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY!!!!

WHERE: AT ABUNDANT LIFEIMPACT MINISTRIES ON THE CORNER OF HWY 6 & 218 N. BRISCO, GORMAN TX

WHEN: AUGUST 25TH, 2007
STARTING AT 3:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY A COOK OUT &
GAMES AT THE GORMAN CITY PARK.

Welcome
Back To School
Gorman Students!!

Maxfield Elementary Meet The Teacher Night

Maxfield Elementary Classrooms will be open Thursday, August 23 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for students and parents to bring their school supplies. This will be a good time to meet your child's teacher.

Nathan Files Helps With Cleanup At Animal Shelter

The City of Gorman along with the help of Nathan Files, has been cleaning up the animal shelter so we will be able to utilize it more effectively. They have mowed, cleaned up the grounds, pressure washed the pens. We will be repainting the pens in the next few days.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that at 8:00 a.m. on August 27th, 2007 in the Commissioner's Courtroom in Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas, a Public Hearing will be held by the Commissioner's Court to present the budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 for Eastland County as prepared by the County Judge and County Auditor's Office. Any taxpayer shall have the right to present and participate in said hearing. A copy of the proposed budget has been available for public inspection in the offices of the County Clerk, Eastland County Courthouse, Eastland, Texas during regular business hours, since August 8th, 2007. The public will be given an opportunity to make oral or written comments on the entire budget and ask questions concerning the County Budget.

Published by order of the Eastland County Commissioner's Court, August 16, 2007.

Look Who's New - It's a Girl



Our Blessing From Heaven -- Tod and Nikki Forbus are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Lue Izabella-Grace Forbus. She was born July 14th at Harris Methodist Hospital in Stephenville. Izabella weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces and was 18 inches long.

She was welcomed by proud grandparents, Wesley and Linda Warren of Gorman, Terry and Vicki of Carbon, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

3rd Annual Doodle Bug Train Cancelled Due To Flood

The 3rd annual October Doodle Bug Excursion Train ride between Dublin, DeLeon and Gorman has been canceled due to flood damage along the route.

Cliffa Vaughn of Gorman, who originated the idea of the reviving the Doodle Bug ride and spearheaded its successful runs in 2005 and 2006 said, "we are disappointed, but Fort Worth & Western Railroad considers the rails to be unsafe for passenger train travel and we concur that passenger safety has to be our number one priority."

She said the railroad plans to begin repairs on the section of track, which is known as the Peanut Line, in September. The project will not be completed for several months. FWWR will work with the three communities sponsoring the annual passenger train excursion to reschedule a new date, Vaughn said.

Members of the Doodle Bug planning committee have been calling the 200 ticket holders notifying them of the cancellation. "People love train rides so it is a disappointing message we are delivering, but we are telling them about the Austin Steam Train which runs in the Hill Country in case they just can't wait for us to shout 'All Aboard the Doodle Bug' again.

"The 2007 Doodle Bug had been fully booked almost from the moment we pulled into the station last year and we already had more than 100 passengers reserving spots for 2008," Vaughn said. The passengers names will be transferred to the next trip unless they asked to be removed from the list.

The Doodle Bug is the name given to the train that slowly doodled it way from Waco through West Texas making passenger and mail stops at every town. Vaughn came up with the idea of reviving the train ride between the three communities when Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation representatives from the three cities were looking for a joint project. For information contact Vaughn at 254-734-3619 or P.O. Box 686, Gorman, Texas 76454.

2007 Goober Gourmet Cook-Off Gorman Peanut Festival - Sept. 8th

The Goober Gourmet Cook-Off gives contestants of all ages an opportunity to create gourmet delights with the always versatile peanut. To enter cook-off, please bring entries to the Senior Citizens Building in Gorman (downtown next to City Hall) on Saturday, September 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Judging will begin after the parade at approximately 10:45 a.m. Results will be available by 1:00 p.m. All entries will be displayed with the name of the person entering the item, the recipe, and awards given until 2:30 p.m.

Categories to be judged include: Cakes, pies, cookies, candy, and snacks/appetizers.

There will be four age groups: Pre-K through 2nd grade, 3rd through 8th grade, High School and Adult.

All recipes must include peanuts or peanut products.

Each contestant must bring a copy of the recipe with their name, age, and category on the back of the recipe card (the recipe will not be returned).

Entries will be limited to one entry per category per person. Contestants may enter more than one category.

Entries should be presented on a disposable plate and covered with clear plastic (may be clear plastic wrap or clear plastic cake dome).

Entries must be made by the contestant entering the item.

Judges' decisions are final.

The Gorman Goober Cook-Off, Peanut Festival and volunteers in either group are not responsible for entires left after pickup time at 3:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Melinda Harrington or Marthan Harrington at (254) 734-2150. We look forward to having even more entries than last year. See you on September 8th.

Dane Gressett To Speak At Firstfruits

Firstfruits Christian Fellowship in Gorman has announced a series of meetings entitled "The Ministry Development Conference Series" to be held at the Church once a month through the end of the year. The topics will include prophecy, healing, evangelism, leadership, and missions. The meetings will start with the morning worship service which begins at 10:30 a.m. Following dinner, which will be served at the Church, there will be two more sessions in the afternoon. The meetings will be free, and the public is invited to attend. Dane Gressett will be the speaker for the first of these meetings. Dates and speakers for the other conferences will be announced at a later date.

The first of the series, "Prophecy - Utiling Prophetic Giftings" will be held on Sunday, August 19th. Dane Gressett, found a former pastor of Firstfruits-Christian Fellowship in Gorman will be the guest speaker for this conference. Dane, his wife Molly, and their children moved to Ruckersville, Virginia last year where became Senior Pastor of Blue Ridge Community Church. A spokesman for the church said "we are excited about hosting this conference and having Pastor Gressett back with us for these very special meetings."

MCL Coliform Violation (TCR 22)

The City of Gorman, PWS #0670003 water system collected (2) water samples during July, 2007 that contained coliform bacteria. This water system is required to submit a minimum of two (2) routine water samples each month for bacteriological analysis. Two (2) routine samples were coliform-found and five (5) repeat samples were coliform-found for the month and year indicated above.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

For water systems analyzing at least 49 samples per month, no more than five (5) percent of the monthly samples may be positive for total coliform. For systems analyzing fewer than 40 samples per month, no more than one (1) sample per month may be positive for total coliform.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Glenn Scitem, @ (254) 734-2317.

Obituary

Ruby Anderson Gilbreath

Ruby Anderson Gilbreath, age 87 of Gorman, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at the Comanche County Medical Center.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery.

Ruby was born February 9, 1920 in Eastland County to the late Joseph Hayden Barbee and Euna Estell (Pulley) Barbee. She married J. B. "Buck" Anderson on November 10, 1934 in Gorman. He preceded her in death on January 2, 1968. She later married Orville Gilbreath on August 17, 1974 in Gorman. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a retired seamstress.

Survivors include: three sons, Jerry Anderson of Garden City, KS, Larry Anderson of Clifton and Bradley Scott Marble of Canton; two daughters, Patricia Rojas and Neoma Nash both of Fort Worth; one brother, Leroy Barbee of Tacoma, WA; four step children, Kay Stephen of Dublin, Lorraine Qualls of Weatherford, Gail Brinson of De Leon and Garland Gilbreath of Stephenville; six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, eight step grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister and a grandson, Ricky Marble.

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50th Reunion - Class of 1957

On Saturday, September 8th, the Class of 1957 is getting together for the 50th School Year Reunion. Everyone who went to School with the graduating Class of 1957 is invited to meet at the High School Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. for the Business Meeting of the Annual School Reunion.

After the Meeting we will gather in the High School Library for visiting and refreshments.

Please come, we look forward to seeing everyone. We invite those who attended any of our School years from 1st grade thru 12th grade.

For more information call Glenda Sue Seaton at 254-734-2147 or 734-6300 or call Nelda Mauney at 734-2821. See You There!!!

THEA Quick Test Set At GHS Aug. 23

The THEA Quick Test will be given at Gorman High School August 23rd at 8:00 am. The cost of the test is \$29.00. Please contact Mrs. Hampton at 734-2614 or Hampton@gorman.esc14.net, if you plan to test. You may bring a four function calculator for the math portion. Remember that you must be THEA exempt or have passed the appropriate sections of the THEA or other approved assessment to take dual credit classes. Dual credit classes begin August 27th.

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- 455 A, over 150' of elevation change, 4-irrigation wells, approx. 200 A of costal, seasonal creek, 6 stock tanks, tree covered hills, medium to heavy wildlife cover, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Hwy. 6 frontage [RS01] \$1,912,000
- 505 A, w/3-2 1/2, 2, 400sf(CAD) Brick home, 9,000sf metal barn w/ apartment and shed, pipe & cable corals, 4-water wells, irrigation, 150 A. cultivation, rolling terrain, spring creek, 5-stock tanks and hunting, [CAC01] \$1,950,000
- 613 A, w/3-2, 2, 144 sf(CAD) Brick Home, 4, 620sfbam, 3wells, 6 tanks, seasonal creek, hunting, good fences, 31 A costal, 86 A crop, native pasture, 50% minerals & royalties available [W02] \$2,025,000
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, 5th wheel RV, 3 wells, 6 tanks, Lots of wildlife [RR01] \$1,526,000
- 231 A, on the Leon River, 12 water wells, pecan trees, costal, cultivation, good fences and crossfences, hunting, 77 A of wildlife cover [DK01] \$751,530
- 184 A, 2-1 frame home, 6 water wells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll irrigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in costal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. [K01] \$524,920
- 90 A, 4-3, 2, 773sf(CAD) Brick home, large oak trees fireplace, game room, 24x50' carport/RV shed, 20'x20' shed, water well, 50% wooded, seasonal creek, cultivation, native pasture, stock tank, minerals negotiable [BE01] \$397,500
- SOLD - 105 A, 7-water wells, 3-stock tanks, septic system, corals, woods, costal, hunting and minerals [TA01] \$310,750
- 100 A, water wells, pecan trees, cultivation, native pasture and hunting [SS02] \$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 [UB03] \$250,000
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway [MP01] \$98,000
- 52 A, w/2, 854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corals, bams [LP01] \$250,000
- 51 A, hightway frontage, spring creeks and hunting [RP01] \$193,000
- 45 A, approx. 33 A costal, native pasture, minerals [KU02] \$135,000
- 11 A, w/ 16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- 8.5 A, 1,800sf, 3-2 Metal Frame home, close to Proctor Lake, work shop, pipe & netwire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers. [T02] \$265,000
- 5 A, 3-2 1600sf Frame Home, above ground pool w/ deck, horse bam, additional acreage available [K01] \$159,000 REDUCED \$129,500
- 236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [PS02] \$2,195 Per Acre
- 380 ± A, 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & biton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available [CW01] \$950,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 costal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [LO01] \$442,500
- 81 A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells [REMO1] \$326,000
- 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, costal and hunting, [UD01] \$270,000
- 3-3, 2, 160sf(CAD) brick home, approx. 1 acre, carport, water well, underground sprinkler for yard, CH/A, 2 storage bldgs. & garden area [BC01] \$130,000
- 3-2 1/2, 2, 770sf(CAD) custom brick home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water supply, paved drive, garden area, storage building [DV01] \$297,500
- 3-2, 2, 086sf(CAD) living area brick home with carport, large shaded lot, fireplace, metal roof, storage building [WC01] \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000
- 3-2 approx. 1,500sf doublewide, screened porch, workshop, 2 wells, 2 large lots and older frame home [UA02] \$135,000
- 3-2 frame home, 1,252sf(CAD) living area, Central heat & air, enclosed front porch, carport, fenced yard, gas fireplace [VM01] \$27,500
- Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000
- 3, 925sf(CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [BW02] \$75,000 REDUCED \$65,000

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County Not To Be Responsible For New Construction Debris

Judge Rex Fields office is receiving calls concerning debris that will be created when homes are demolished to make way for new construction or clearing of lots. I was in a meeting last week in Austin with FEMA and state personnel and asked them about debris from demolition work. These officials stated that FEMA will not reimburse Eastland County for expenses related to the removal of this type of demo or any new construction debris. As the homeowner, you need to make sure that your private contractor is going to be responsible for completely removing debris from their demolition and construction work. My advice to homeowners is to obtain a written and signed contract with your contractor that specifically addresses debris removal. As Eastland County will not be reimbursed by FEMA for this type of removal, the County will not be responsible for demolition and new construction debris removal.

The County through its contractor, Eagle Construction will continue to remove the flood-related debris that has been placed in front of homes on county roads in the Lake Leon area, but will be unable to remove new debris from demolition. The first week of debris removal has gone well with the majority of the north side of Lake Leon being cleaned and the effort has started on the south side near the dam. I drove around the Lake Saturday afternoon and the situation already looks vastly improved. I sincerely hope that life at Lake Leon is beginning to return to normal. Eastland County and Eagle Construction will continue to remove the flood-related debris.

I want to state again my appreciation to everyone affected for your patience in this process. We are on moving forward.

Thank you (s) Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge
Respectfully submitted

Happenings At FBC

Lots of Kids and young people filled several front rows. We had several visitors and several families back in time for school to start next week. We have boxes in the halls for Teacher Appreciation day. They can use snack bars and bottled water and power drinks. We are proud to have the nursery all reburnished -- looks great.

Bro. Barry's sermon this week was "Time Out". Eph. 5:15-16 Make the Most of your Time.

- Live with Purpose.
 - Be careful how you live.
 - Find out what the Lord wants You to Do - Vs 17.
- Limit your commitments (Sometimes we try to cram too much in our schedule, and really don't do justice to any of them).
 - Redeeming the Time.
 - To Redeem something involves Exchange.
- Let God Help.
 - Do not get drunk with wine, which will only ruin you, Instead be filled with the Spirit - Vs 18.
 - We dare not waste Time because we dare not waste our Lives!

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Ina Smith Honored With Community Builders Award



Ina Margaret Lasater Scitem Smith was born September 21, 1945 in Levelland, Texas to Merle and Alvin Lasater. Ina lived in Sundown, Texas until January 1962. When he dad retired from the oil field, they moved to Kokomo in Eastland County and Ina went to school in Carbon, Texas.

On February 8, 1964, Ina married Gerald Scitem and they had 4 wonderful children, 3 girls and 1 boy. She is proud "MeMo" to 8 wonderful grandchildren.

In September, 1992, Gerald passed away and Ina married Johnny Smith on January 3, 1998. Together they have 21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Ina is a member of the First Baptist Church and a past member of the Gorman Lion's Club.

Ina was one of the original members of the Gorman Business Alliance, now the Gorman Peanut Festival Committee who helped rejuvenate the Gorman Peanut Festival in 1985. With the exception of a few years when her husband, Gerald, was ill. Ina has been a faithful member of the committee serving as President, Vice-President and currently serving as Treasurer.

Up until 2004, Ina helped organize the rest stop for the De Leon Peach and Melon Bike ride and became know for her "White Stuff" candy.

In 1985, Ina who always enjoyed dressing up decided to make a bunny suit and greet customers at Movies Galore and More, the store she and Gerald owned in Downtown Gorman. She also visited the local nursing home and the De Leon Hospital. The following year, Ina decided to organize a city wide Easter Egg Hunt, receiving support and donations from local businesses. The first year there were only a small number of kids however the Easter Egg Hunt has grown significantly over the years, with about 200 kids now enjoying the hunt. Ina has traveled, at her own expense to numerous towns (some as far away as Abilene and Cleburne) to visit Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Doctor offices, Sick Children and Shut-ins delivering flowers donated by Foster Floral. She sometimes stand along Hi-way 6 greeting travelers as they pass through Gorman. Many would stop wanting a picture with "Mrs. Bunny" and surprising it is more often the adult who want the picture. Ina says she loves to see the look on people's faces when they see her driving around. When asked how much longer she would be Mrs. Bunny, she said she would do it until her suit (which she made by hand) wore out.

In 1986, Ina organized a Free Spook House in Movie Galore and More. In 1987 she organized the first Halloween Parade. Like the Easter Egg Hunt, the first year only a hand full of kids participated in the Halloween Parade, but Ina did not give up. In 1988 she enlisted the help of local businesses and through donations, she made "Goodie Bags" to pass out. And again like the Easter Egg Hunt, the number of partipants has grown with adults as well as kids dressing up. This last year was the first year Ina was unable to attend the Halloween Parade, she was told about 250 kid received "goodie bags".

In 1996, Ina received the Community Service Award from the Gorman Chamber of Commerce.

In May, 1991, Ina began working at the Heritage Manor and received her certifications at TSTC to be Activity Director, a position she holds today. Heritage Manor is now one of 12 homes owned by Pyramid Health Care. In 2002 Pyramid named Ina as Activity Director of the Year. In 2003 she ws named Pyramid Employee of the Year.

Ina states she "enjoys making people smile and giving hugs". Her goal is to make at least one person's day a little brighter..she says what she enjoys most about the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Parade is seeing the people visiting with each other. She says that's what really touches her is so see that the first kids to partipate in these events are now bringing their kids to Gorman to partipate.

In closing, Ina says that without the support of her family and the whole community she would not be able to do these things. The Masonic Lodge of Gorman gave Ina the Community Builders Award on the second Tuesday of June, 2007. Congratulations Ina.

Beautiful Baby Contest

Time is getting closer and this year for the Gorman Peanut Festival there will be a Beautiful Baby Contest held. Categories consist of:
Newborn to 12 Months / 13 to 24 Months.
25 to 36 Months.

The baby's will be judged according to their beauty, personality, and Sunday outfit. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee. For more information call Mila at 734-5637 or Debra 734-6425 or Amber Scitem - 734-5431. Deadline Friday, August 31st.

- New Addition -

This year there will be a New Addition to the Miss Peanut Queen. We will be having a Little Miss, Pre-Teen and Junior Miss Peanut Queen. To participate in the Little Miss, you must be between the ages of 5 and 7 - pre-teen between 8 and 10; and the Junior Miss between the ages of 11 and 13. Deadline to enter is August 24th. For more information call Mila at 734-5637 or Amber Scitem at 734-5431.

2007 Peanut Queens Contest Set August 30th

Entries for the High School Girls for Miss Gorman Peanut Queen will be held on August 30th Deadline for the contest is August 24th. More info contact Veronica at 734-5052 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637.

Don't Forget About Your Summer Reading Assignment!

All students who enrolled in any honors english class grades 7-12 are responsible for a summer reading assignment. Each student was given a copy of the assignment before summer break, and the assignments have been posted on Ms. Gutierrez's and Mrs. Segura's websites, which can be accessed from the Gorman ISD website www.gorman.esc14.net. Several grades will be generated from this assignment including the first test grades of the school year, so it is very important to complete the assignment.

Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We had a good gathering of 37 people on Wednesday, the 15th at 11:30 a.m. It was great to have so many, hope some of you continue to come and visit with us. Remember it only costs \$3.00 a plate or bring a dish to participate. I announced we would hve a Sandwich Lunch on the 22nd. You can also bring dessert or chips, or maybe some relishes on the side. Jud Maxfield gave our blessing and then we were ready to eat.

I decided to treat all with fried chicken, then didn't have enough. I'm glad a couple people brought meat dishes, sure helped. It will probably be the last time for chickens, as the price has gone way up. When the weather cools I want mind turning on the oven.

We had several children to visit with their mothers or grandparents. Martha Rainey brought her granddaughter, Katie. She has certainly grown up. Betty Regian's granddaughter, Melanie came to eat with us. Hadn't seen her in awhile. So nice to see her. Also Annie Fay Fosters' granddaughter Jennifer was here with her son Eli. She visited with her Grandfather Wilburn Overstreet. We always enoy having the young ones with us.

Daisy Slaton brought her friends from Stephenville to fellowship with us. They are Larry and Helen Collins. She actually went to College with Daisy daughter, Bennie Gail, who lives in Alabama. I'd heard a lot about her, so great to finally meet.

Al Hunter, ex High School Principal from Gorman was here to visit and dine with us. He now lives in Baird. It ws good to meet him. Many here knew him from past school days.

It always nice to see Opal Burton. Glad she can still get out and come visit with us. Also Anna Rush's son Russell, who hadn't been her in awhile. Good to see you.

I'm sorry Eula Miers forgot to acknowledge you. Good to have you back and feeling better. Your squash casserole was delicious. I find it easier to just call you Eula, as I can't get your middle name right.

Also must Thank Ann Maxfield for writing in my place when gone. I really appreciate all your help.

I finally returned on game night, had a good time. We had 12 present. We meet at 5 p.m. every Thursday night. Would love to have more come on out. See you all next time - Carol.

KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

I'm sorry there was no Kokomo News last week, but my computer was down. It is still not working properly.

It was another wonderful day at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, August 18. We ws blessed by the Special Music "Come Morning" rendered by Jimmy Little with Helen Browning at the piano. Visitors blessing us with their presence were the Direction of Missions of the Cisco Baptist Association, Dr. Genoa Good and his wife Martha of Breckenridge, Rev. Doug Rivia of South Carolina and Garrett Gatlin of Graham.

Bro. Jim Haggard continued the wonderful messages from 2nd Samuel 6: 1:11 on David's Recapture. His Joy after doing things that displeased God.

A bountiful pot luck dinner was enjoyed in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday evening was from James 3:13-18 on "Wisdom - Wise or Otherwise." Wisdom is one of the greatest asset that a Christian can have. Knowledge without wisdom is a dangerous thing. Wisdom comes from God, but we need to ask him for wisdom. Visitors on Sunday night were Rev. Doug Rivia and Bill and Pat Little of Eastland.

Rev. Doug Revia of South Carolina is visiting with Bro. and Mrs. Jim Haggard. The Special Music at Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday evening, August 12th was rendered by Bro. Jim Haggard singing "It took a Miracle" with Daryl Hirst at the piano.

Joe Bond ws in Bangs on Monday to help his son, Shannon Bond and family as they were getting moved into their home. Shannon, Stephanie, Reagan, Sydnie and Joey Bond have recently moved to Bangs where Shannon is the Youth Minister at the Bangs Baptist Church. Reagan will be entering kindergarten in the Bangs School.

Bryan Bond of Dallas visited several days last week with his dad, Joe Bond. They spent Wednesday night with Shannon and family.

Stacy and Renee Webb of Comanche had supper with Oren and Norma Webb on Wednesday night. James and Chelsea Webb of Granbury visited with Oren and Norma on Saturday.

LaVon Snider visited recently with Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum at Huckabay. Glenda Black and Sheri, Ryan and Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene recently visited with Zelda Jordan and they all enjoyed a shopping trip to Weatherford and the Fort Worth / Arlington area.

Glenda Black, Roy White, Ryan and Kody Daniell of Abilene visited with Zelda Jordan on Monday. Emily Browning of Wichita Falls and Garrett Gatlin of Graham spent last week with their grandparents, Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Woodrow Browning Honored with Birthday Dinner

When Woodrow and Helen Browning arrived home from Church on Sunday, August 19 at noon he was surprised to see his family gathered to honor him with a Birthday dinner prepared by Donna, Gary, Leslie, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham and Rebecca, Gary, Emily and Lance Browning of Wichita Falls. Others enjoying the celebration were Eddia nd Ann Lou Browning and Kelly and conley of Granbury, Gene and Kay Snider and Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay.

There will be a homemade ice cream supper and fellowship at the Kokomo Baptist Church following the evening service on Sunday, August 26. Visitors are welcome.

Zelda Jordan visited with Daisy Slaton and her little granddaughter, Kathy in Gorman.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1947

Our 60th Anniversary is here and Homecoming is September 8th. I would like to hear from each of you about getting together that Saturday. My address is Ennis Joiner, Box 524, Gorman, TX 76454 - Phone 254-734-2498.



Do You Remember These Students - Who Are They???

Gorman Cub Scouts Host Rest Stop At Carbon

Gorman Scouts set up a rest stop at Carbon for the bike riders of the Deleon Bike-a-thon ride. They served refreshments to approximately 70 bikers over four hours. They did a great job. Thanks to all who volunteered.



Pictured are front row L-R: Garett Vaughn, Ryland Laminack, Ryse Vaughn, T.J. Trevino, middle row; Rasha Rainey, & Shawn Rainey, back row; Hank Rainey, Teresa Lewis, Lori Lewis, Becky Laminack, and Nana Vaughn.

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Information School Meal Programs

Child Nutrition Program Payment Collection Procedure

The Gorman ISD cafeteria provides nutritious meals for students each day. Students who do not have an approved application on file for the free meal program are required to pay for their meals. Parents or students may pay for meals in advance during the school day in the elementary office or in the cafeteria. Students in PK through 3rd grade will give their lunch money to their teacher at the beginning of the school day. Students in 4th through 12th grades will pay for or charge meals as they receive them. Charging meals is allowed only to the amount of \$25.00 per student. Students will not be allowed to charge meals after they reach the \$25.00 limit unless arrangements have been made in the office or their bill is paid in full. If you do not want your child to be allowed to charge meals please contact Debbie Burleson at 734-2617 or Gena Rone at 734-2521. Lunch bills will be mailed twice a month. Students or households owing a bill from the last school year will not be allowed to charge until their bill is cleared. If your children received child nutrition program benefits at the end of school last year they will receive the same benefits at the beginning of school for a "grace period" of time until your new application has been approved in the office.

Please note:

The amount on your check for meal payment will be applied to your child's account in the lunchroom. We do not cash checks or give back change from checks for other programs or reasons. One check may be written for all children in the same household.

Breakfast is served to all students free of charge due to participation in the "Breakfast in the Classroom" Program.

Reduced price lunch is \$.40
Elementary lunches \$1.25
Junior High and High School lunches \$1.50
Salad bar is \$1.50.

School employees pay \$2.25 for tray meals.
Adult visitors pay \$3.00 for tray meals.

Instructions for Applying – 2007-08

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a FOSTER CHILD, follow these instructions:
Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.
Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

If your household receives FOOD STAMPS OR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF), follow these instructions:
Part 1: List each child's name, school, grade and EDG# (Eligibility Group Number) for Food Stamp or TANF.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form. A Social Security Number is not necessary.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:
Part 1: List each child's name, school and grade. Optional (Social Security Number, Student ID, or Date of Birth)
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report last month's household income.
Column 1 – Name: List the last, first and middle initial of each person living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives or friends). You must include yourself and all children. Attach another sheet of paper if needed.
Column 2 – Income and how often it is received: For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received – weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M). Employment Income: List the gross income for each person. It is not the same as take-home pay. Gross income is the amount earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you. Next to the amount, write how often you receive it – weekly (W), every 2 weeks (E), twice a month (T) or monthly (M).
Other Income: List the amount each person receives from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who do not live in your household and ANY OTHER INCOME. Report net income for self-owned business, farm or rental income. Next to the amount, write how often the person receives it.
Column 3 – Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.
Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

Privacy Act Statement: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your children for free or reduced-price meals. The Social Security Number of the adult household member who signs the application is required unless you list an eligibility group number for Food Stamp or TANF OR if you are applying for a foster child. You must check the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box if the adult household member signing the application does not have a Social Security Number. We will use your information to see if your children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, to operate the program, and to enforce the rules of the program. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition officials to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into misuse of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Instrucciones para llenar la solicitud – 2007-08

Use a solicitud por separado para cada NIÑO BAJO ADOPCIÓN TEMPORAL. Haga una lista con todos sus otros hijos juntos.

Si usted está llenando una solicitud para un NIÑO BAJO ADOPCIÓN TEMPORAL, siga estas instrucciones:
Parte 1: Escriba el nombre del niño, de la escuela y el grado escolar.
Parte 2: Escriba el ingreso mensual para uso personal del niño, si lo tiene.
Parte 3: Salte esta parte.
Parte 4: Firme la solicitud. No es necesario el número de seguro social.

Si su familia recibe ESTAMPILLAS DE COMIDA O AYUDA FINANCIERA DEL GOBIERNO PARA FAMILIAS NECESITADAS (TANF), siga estas instrucciones:
Parte 1: Escriba el nombre del niño, de la escuela, grado escolar, y EDG# (número del grupo de elegibilidad) para estampillas de comida o TANF.
Parte 2: Salte esta parte.
Parte 3: Salte esta parte.
Parte 4: Firme la solicitud. No es necesario el número de seguro social.

PARA TODOS LOS DEMÁS MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA, siga estas instrucciones:
Parte 1: Haga una lista con el nombre de cada niño, de la escuela, y grado escolar. Opcional (número de seguro social, identificación del estudiante o fecha de nacimiento).
Parte 2: Salte esta parte.
Parte 3: Siga estas instrucciones para reportar los ingresos del mes pasado de la familia.
Columna 1 – Nombre: Escriba el apellido, primer nombre e inicial de segundo nombre de cada persona que vive en su casa, (padres o no) como abuelos, otros parientes o amigos). Usado escriba también su nombre, y si de todos los niños. Use una hoja de papel en blanco, si es necesario.
Columna 2 – Ingresos y cada cuánto los recibe: Por cada persona que recibe un sueldo o ingresos, escriba la cantidad y cada cuánto la recibe – semanales (W), cada 2 semanas (E), dos veces al mes (T) o mensuales (M). Ingresos por anticipo: Escriba los ingresos brutos de cada persona. No es la misma cantidad de dinero que lleva a casa. El ingreso bruto es la cantidad de dinero que gana antes de las deducciones de impuestos. Debe estar descrita en su recibo de sueldo o su jefe puede decirle. Junto a la cantidad, escriba cada cuánto los recibe – semanales (W), cada 2 semanas (E), dos veces al mes (T) o mensuales (M). Otro ingreso: Escriba la cantidad que recibe cada persona de cualquier otra fuente. Incluya la ayuda financiera del gobierno, manutención de los hijos, de la esposa(o), pensiones, jubilación, seguro social, compensación de trabajadores, desempleo, beneficios de huelga, ingresos suplementarios del seguro (SSI), beneficios a veteranos (beneficios VA), beneficios por discapacidad, contribuciones regulares de la gente que no viven en su casa o CUALQUIER OTRO INGRESO. Reporte su ingreso neto o lemo su negocio propio, granja o ingresos de renta. Después de la cantidad escriba cada cuánto la recibe esa persona.
Columna 3 – Marque no tiene ingresos: Si la persona no tiene ningún ingreso, marque el cuadro si no tiene este número.

Declaración del Acta de Privacidad: Esta explica cómo usaremos la información que usted nos proporciona. El Acta nacional de comidas escolares exige la información en esta solicitud. Usted no tiene que darnos la información, pero si no lo hace, no podremos aprobar sus comidas gratis o a precio bajo para sus hijos. El número de seguro social del miembro adulto de la familia que firma la solicitud es necesario, a menos que escriba el número de elegibilidad del grupo para Estampillas de comida o TANF o si está llenando la solicitud para un niño bajo adopción temporal. Usado debe marcar el cuadro "no tengo número de seguro social" si el adulto de la familia que firma la solicitud no tiene número de seguro social. Necesitamos USAREMOS su información para saber si sus hijos son elegibles para las comidas gratuitas o a precio bajo, para operar el programa y ejecutar las reglas del programa. Necesitamos PODEREMOS compartir su información de elegibilidad con programas de educación, salud y nutrición para ayudar a otros programas a evaluar, financiar o determinar beneficios, con auditores que revisan programas, y con personal de justicia para ayudar a investigar violaciones a las reglas de estos programas.

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Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2007-08

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

If you listed an Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp/TANF, skip to Part 4.

Part 2. Foster Child
This application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box Q and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income. \$ _____ Skip to Part 4.

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received)

1. Name (Last, first, middle initial)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)	3. Check if NO INCOME
Example: Smith, Jane B.	Earnings from work before deductions: \$200E Welfare, child support, alimony: \$50M Pensions, retirement, Social Security: \$0M	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8.		<input type="checkbox"/>
9.		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign)

I, _____ (the Foster Child Sponsor) on this _____ day of _____, 2007, certify that the information I provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of the information I provided. I understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of the information I provided. I understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of the information I provided.

Sign here: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number: _____ (I do not have a Social Security Number)

Printed Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2007-08 – continuation sheet

Part 1. Children in School – continuation sheet	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for Food Stamp or TANF (if any)
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.				

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received)

1. Name (Last everyone in household)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M)	3. Check if NO INCOME		
Earnings from work before deductions	Welfare, child support, alimony	Pensions, retirement, Social Security	Other	
10.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
11.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
12.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
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14.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Solicitud de Niños Múltiples para comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio bajo para 2007-08

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Solicitud de Niños Múltiples para comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio bajo para 2007-08 – hoja de continuación

Part 1. Niños en la escuela – hoja de continuación	Nombre de la escuela	Número de seguro social, ID del estudiante o fecha de nacimiento (OPCIONAL)	Grado	Grupo de elegibilidad # de Estampillas de comida o TANF (si lo tiene)
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Part 3. Miembros de la familia e ingresos brutos del mes anterior (Escriba una lista de las personas que viven en la casa y reciben ingresos. Escriba la cantidad recibida y cada cuánto la recibe)

1. Nombre (Lista de todos los miembros de la familia que viven en la casa)	2. Ingresos y cada cuánto los recibe. Semanales (W), Cada 2 semanas (E), Dos veces al mes (T), Mensuales (M)	3. Marque si NO recibe ingresos
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David K. Perry, Superintendent
Office (254) 734-3171
FAX (254) 734-3393

Dear Parent/Guardian:
Children need healthy meals to learn. (Gorman ISD) offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$0.00, lunch costs \$1.25 for elementary and \$1.50 for Jr High and High School. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0.40 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: (Debbie Burleson, P.O. Box 8 or 114 W. Lexington, Gorman, TX 76454, phone 254-734-2617).

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households getting Food Stamps or TANF and most foster children can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.

3. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call (Gorman ISD, Susie Hampton or Deborah Sanchez) to see if your child(ren) qualify.

4. Who can get reduced-price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

5. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at (254-734-2617) if you have questions.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please call the school at (254-734-2617) if you have questions.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: David Perry, Superintendent, P.O. Box 8, Gorman, TX 76454 or 254-734-3171.

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

13. We are in the military, do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call (254-734-2617). Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: (254-734-2617). Si vous voudriez l'aide, contactez nous au numéro: (254-734-2617).

Secretary
Debbie Burleson

Your children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Household size	FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2007-08		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	18,889	1,575	364
2	25,327	2,111	488
3	31,765	2,648	611
4	38,203	3,184	735
5	44,641	3,721	859
6	51,079	4,257	983
7	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	63,955	5,330	1,230
Each additional person:	6,438	537	124

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Estimado padre de familia/Encargado:
Los niños necesitan comidas saludables para poder aprender. (Gorman ISD) ofrece comidas saludables todos los días escolares. El desayuno cuesta \$0.00, y el almuerzo (comida) el almuerzo cuesta \$1.25 para elemental y \$1.50 para Jr High y Escuela secundaria. Sus hijos pueden calificar para recibir comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido. El precio bajo es \$0.40 para el desayuno y \$0.40 para el almuerzo (comida).

1. ¿Necesito llenar una solicitud por cada niño? No. Llene la solicitud para comidas gratuitas o a precio bajo para todos sus hijos. Use una sola solicitud para todos sus hijos que viven en su hogar. No podemos aprobar una solicitud que esté incompleta, así que asegúrese de llenar toda la información que se le pide. Devuelva la solicitud llena a: (Debbie Burleson, P.O. Box 8 or 114 W. Lexington, Gorman, TX 76454, phone 254-734-2617).

2. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas gratuitas? Los niños que reciben estampillas de comida o TANF en sus casas y la mayoría de los niños bajo adopción temporal pueden recibir desayuno y almuerzo (comida) gratuito sin importar sus ingresos. También, sus hijos pueden recibir comidas gratis si los ingresos de su casa están dentro de los límites de gratuidad de la Tabla Federal de Ingresos.

3. ¿Los niños sin hogar, niños que han abandonado su hogar y niños emigrantes pueden recibir comidas gratuitas? Si. Usado no tiene que darnos la información de su hogar, pero si no lo hace, no podremos aprobar sus comidas gratuitas o a precio bajo para sus hijos. El número de seguro social del miembro adulto de la familia que firma la solicitud es necesario, a menos que escriba el número de elegibilidad del grupo para Estampillas de comida o TANF o si está llenando la solicitud para un niño bajo adopción temporal. Usado debe marcar el cuadro "no tengo número de seguro social" si el adulto de la familia que firma la solicitud no tiene número de seguro social. Necesitamos USAREMOS su información para saber si sus hijos son elegibles para las comidas gratuitas o a precio bajo, para operar el programa y ejecutar las reglas del programa. Necesitamos PODEREMOS compartir su información de elegibilidad con programas de educación, salud y nutrición para ayudar a otros programas a evaluar, financiar o determinar beneficios, con auditores que revisan programas, y con personal de justicia para ayudar a investigar violaciones a las reglas de estos programas.

4. ¿Quién puede recibir comidas a precio bajo? Sus hijos pueden recibir comidas a precio bajo si los ingresos de su familia están dentro de los límites de la Tabla Federal de ingresos, incluida en esta solicitud.

5. ¿Debo llenar una solicitud si recibo una carta de la escuela este año diciendo que mis hijos están aprobados para recibir comidas a precio bajo? En la mayoría de los casos no, no importa cómo sea la carta que recibió, siga las instrucciones cuidadosamente. Llame a la escuela al (254-734-2617) si tiene alguna pregunta.

6. Yo recibo WIC. ¿Pueden mis hijos recibir comidas gratis?

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

- Country and Western Musical -

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday night, August 25 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musical groups, singers, and visitors are invited to attend. Admission is "Free". Bring a friend or neighbor for good music, etc.

Ima Brown spent a few days this past week in St. Louis, Missouri to visit with her daughter, Fran Senger and her grand-daughter, Lindsey. Im a reported a good plane trip and a wonderful visit with her family.

Pug and Vonnice Guthery; Angela Powledge; Holly Guthery and daughter, Jade; Belinda Webb and grandson, Dylan was in Brownwood last Sunday to enjoy a family meal to celebrate birthdays for Belinda and Vonnice. The group enjoyed their noon meal at Underwood's Restaurant.

- - Birthday Party - -

Bernard and Ann Keith, Pug and Vonnice (Keith) Guthery all of Desdemona was in De Leon on Saturday afternoon, August 11 to attend the 90th Birthday party for their sister, Avie (Keith) Taylor at the Church of Christ Annex Building. A large group of friends and relatives attended. The reception was hosted by her children, Jean (Taylor) Cearly and husband, Lennis of Fort Worth and Darrell Taylor of Iowa Park and her grandchildren. The entire room was decorated very pretty in pink, using some of Avie's handmade quilts, etc. A large birthday cake decorated with pink roses and hearts was served with punch to all of the group. Each table was decorated with all shades of pink roses, trays of pink mints and nuts. It was a "great" day for Avie.

John Fair in the Stephenville Hospital at this time. He had surgery on Monday morning to repair a broken hip. Visitors with John over the past weekend was his sister, Cathy Dameron and husband, Cary of Lake Whitney; his cousins, Terry Fair of Houston and La Juan Fair of Dublin. Our thoughts and prayers are with John during his time.

Nellie (Lohman) Worden of Kermit, Texas contacted this reporter - saying she was unable to attend the annual Homecoming and School Reunion. Her husband, Charlie Worden passed away in March with burial in the Kermit Cemetery. Nellie and Charlie had recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary. They have a daughter, Gwen and a son, Mark. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family in the loss of their loved one. Nellie attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1938. She would like to say "Hello" to all former classmates and friends in this area.

Also this reporter received a Note from other ex-students - saying they were unable to attend the Homecoming. They are Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley of Sealy; Helen Craig of Denver, CO.; Vivian (Powell) Woolridge of Tyler. It is always good to hear from ex-students, teachers and friends. This reporter likes to stay "in-touch" with as many as possible. Please contact this reporter if you have a change of address to: P. O. Box 187, Desdemona, Tx 76445.

THANKS

Desdemona Homecoming Committee would like to say "Thanks" to those who was on the morning program, to those who worked hours cleaning, painting, mowing the yard, decorating and everything that it takes to get ready for this annual event. Also thanks to the ladies of our Community that donated Cobblers and food to help make the noon meal very special. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community Center going strong. Not only did we have a large crowd to attend for the Homecoming - but that Saturday night we had a large group to attend the Senior Citizen Dance which is held on the second Saturday night of each month. Saturday, August 11th was a very busy day in "Hogtown" at the Desdemona Community Center School Building.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Take time out to send a Cheer Card, or Get Well Card - it will brighten up their day.

Visitors with "Humpy" and Betty Duke over the past weekend were Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and son, Brandon of Midlothian; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Russell Duke of Memphis, TN; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona; Elise and Katie Duke of Stephenville. All of the family enjoyed their visit and to help Katie celebrate her 13th Birthday.

Tom and Melissa Million of Desdemona and Hallie Million of De Leon enjoyed a vacation in Arkansas. They visited the diamond mines.

School will start on Monday, August 27. Most of the children from Desdemona attend school in De Leon. Some go to Gorman and others to Lingleville. Be careful when you approach any School Bus. Help protect our children -- they are our future.

Desdemona First Baptist Church is making plans to Celebrate their 135th Year Anniversary of church services in the month of October. More details later on. A complete history of the Church with photos will be printed in this newspaper for others to read and enjoy.

Thought for today -- "Keep Love in Your Heart - the Act of Love and being Loved brings warmth and richness to Life that nothing else can bring."

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

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Happenings At FBC

Lots of Kids and young people filled several front rows. We had several visitors and several families back in time for school to start next week. We have boxes in the halls for Teacher Appreciation day. They can use snack bars and bottled water and power drinks. We are proud to have the nursery all reburnished -- looks great.

Bro. Barry's sermon this week was "Time Out". Eph. 5:15-16 Make the Most of your Time.

1. Live with Purpose.
 - A. Be careful how you live.
 - B. Find out what the Lord wants You to Do - Vs 17.
2. Limit your commitments (Sometimes we try to cram too much in our schedule, and really don't do justice to any of them).
 - A. Redeeming the Time.
 - B. To Redeem something involves Exchange.
3. Let God Help.
 - A. Do not get drunk with wine, which will only ruin you, Instead be filled with the Spirit - Vs 18.
 - B. We dare not waste Time because we dare not waste our Lives! Only 60 seconds -- in it. Didn't seek it -- didn't choose it. But it's up to me -- to use it. I must suffer -- if I lose it. Give account -- if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute. But eternity is in it!

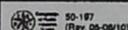
Thank You

Vernon Crain and his family would like to express their extreme gratitude to each and everyone that aided Vernon in his miraculous recovery after his sudden illness on August 8th. We were very fortunate to have received the prompt and excellent care given by each of the first responders, the Chief of Police, the Comanche County Medical Center Ambulance drivers and the Emergency Room Staff with Special Thanks given to Dr. Fagan of the Comanche County Medical Center Emergency Room. Gorman is well covered with the great people who give their time and help to all.

A Big Thank You To Everyone, The Crain Family

Reminder:

Deadline For Getting News and Ads In The Gorman Progress Is **Tuesday Noon**



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The County of Eastland will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.2217 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 6, 2007 8:00 a.m. at Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom The second public hearing Sept. 10, 2007 8:00 a.m. Eastland County Commissioners' Courtroom The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Commissioners Wayne Honea, Norman Christians, Bill Underwood, and Reggie Pittman.
 AGAINST: None
 PRESENT and not voting: Judge Rex Fields
 ABSENT: None

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	14.29	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	1.08	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.61	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 1,388,352,190.00	\$ 1,499,004,561.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 26,948,250.00	\$ 14,697,600.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 712,049,160.00	\$ 764,872,511.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 26,948,250.00	\$ 14,697,600.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 306,000.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.54951 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$.51980 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ -.02971 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	-5.4 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(B), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.01(2)(7), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

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Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 29,064.00	\$ 28,763.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 29,064.00	\$ 28,763.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 159.70

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 149.51. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 10.19 or a decrease of \$ 10.19 in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):
 The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):
 The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

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My partner has a talent for helping people make money in network marketing. Here are her credentials:

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Please visit my website: www.thumperenergy.igniteinc.biz and click on Powerful Opportunity for a 10 minute multimedia presentation!

You are welcome email me at jake@txol.net

The road to prosperity is just one decision away! I would love to talk with you about joining our team!

Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation News

By Ina Smith

August is nearly over. School is fixing to start. Peanut Festival is just around the corner. Hope everyone is ready for everything.

Sorry I missed getting the news in last week. Time just got away from me.

I will be gone from Aug. 29 until Sept. 10th. Johnny and I are going to Crested Butte, Colorado for his nephews wedding. If anyone has any spare time on their hands, please come up and visit and help out while I am gone. We are still making pens on Thursdays. We have been busy getting some ready to sell at the Peanut Festival and we will also be taking orders.

Members of the First Fruits church came on Sunday and help our 3rd Sunday worship service.

We would like to wish Mildred Addy and Mildred Roberts a Happy Birthday. Mrs. Addy's birthday was the 20th and Mrs. Roberts birthday was the 21st. We will host our monthly birthday party on Aug. 27th following Singing at 2:30. Please come and join us.

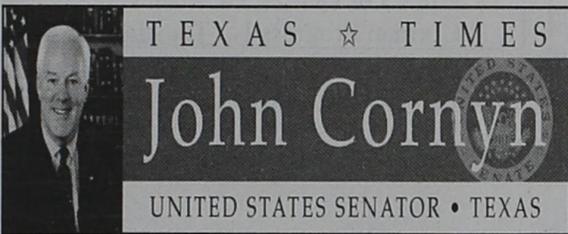
Visiting with Troy Scitern were LaVerne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, Mickey Carr of Dallas, Keri, Nick, Kelsey, and Nash.

Visiting with Ima Boles were Bill Boles of Granbury, Betty Little and Bobby Little.

Lynden Shipman visited with his sister, Lavona Sharp. Visiting Lottie Morris were Joe Bob and Ruth Browning of Brownwood, James and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Kay and Gene Snider.

Paula Morrow and 2 of her grandchildren of Plains came and took Imogene Norris out for lunch and a visit on Monday. Sylvia Buchanan visited her mother, Nancy Hendricks. Visiting with Jelma Smith were Donal and Pam Smith of Granbury and Jeff Smith of Eastland. Johnny and Ina Smith took her to Z.J.'s for lunch then to their house for a visit.

Until next time.....Ina



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A Humanitarian Without Peer

A ceremony was held in Washington on July 17 to honor a humble man who arguably saved more lives than anyone in history. Norman E. Borlaug, 93, was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal for his life's work in developing and spreading modern agriculture practices around the world.

A columnist recently called Norman Borlaug "the greatest living American." At a time of rapid population growth worldwide, Borlaug pioneered genetic advances and farming techniques that have kept the world's food supply growing faster than the population.

Norman Borlaug, the father of the Green Revolution, is credited with preventing more than one billion souls from starvation in underdeveloped countries. His achievement is unparalleled, and he has received almost every humanitarian honor, from the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the Nobel Prize. I was proud to co-sponsor the bill to provide him the Congressional Gold Medal.

Borlaug was born on a farm in Saude, Iowa in 1914. His service to the world was shaped by his Depression-era experiences. "You'd see young people asking for a nickel to buy bread, and older people sleeping in the park," he recently told the Dallas Morning News.

"We were a pretty sick nation at that time. It made me tough. I was angry that this kind of condition could exist and persist in our own society."

After doing wartime duty at a DuPont laboratory, Dr. Borlaug was sent by the Rockefeller Foundation to Mexico in 1944 to do agricultural research. Mexico then was a net importer of grain, with most production from subsistence farmers.

Borlaug spent ten years breeding wheat cultivars resistant to disease, especially rust. He was able to speed up his work by taking advantage of Mexico's two growing seasons.

A major breakthrough occurred when Borlaug switched from tall, thin varieties of wheat—stalks that collapsed under the weight of heavy wheat grain—to a Japanese semi-dwarf variety with shorter, stronger stalks. By 1963, Mexico's wheat harvest was six times its 1944 total, and the country had become a grain exporter.

The Rockefeller Foundation then urged Borlaug to take his program to Pakistan and India. By this time, in the late 1960s, he was able to make even faster progress, and aid workers called the results a "green revolution."

Ironically, as this work was under way, the popular scientific community was predicting the exact opposite—namely global famine and mass starvation in Asia. The low point was in 1968, when biologist Paul R. Ehrlich published a wildly-popular bestseller, "The Population Bomb."

Predicted Ehrlich: "In the 1970s and 1980s, hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now."

He was wrong. Under Borlaug's tutelage, Pakistan's wheat production went from 4.6 million tons in 1965 to 20 million tons in 2000. India also became self-sufficient quickly, going from 12 million to 76 million tons of wheat in the same period. Other Asian countries, especially China, have had similar success.

Borlaug is also an ardent conservationist. Because of increased productivity, millions of acres of trees and rain forest have been saved from destruction for cultivation around the world, to the benefit of us all.

Two decades ago, Norman and Margaret Borlaug became Texans, moving to Dallas to be closer to their family. Margaret died this year after 69 years of marriage. Dr. Borlaug still teaches one class each year at Texas A&M University in College Station, where students learn firsthand from one of mankind's greatest and most humble benefactors.

His work goes on. The Borlaug Institute at A&M concentrates on agricultural and economic advancement in more than 100 countries all over the world.

A man of faith, Norman Borlaug views the future through the words of Isaiah: "And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. ... And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water."

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



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Are you having trouble paying for prescription drugs? If you are and you have Medicare, there is extra help available and you may be eligible. And, if you think you won't qualify for it, think again.

One woman with Medicare was struggling to pay for her prescriptions even with a drug plan and her \$800 Social Security benefit. She talked to Monica, a counselor at the local State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) in Louisiana. Once she heard that the value of her house, as long as she lived in it, would not be used when determining her qualification for the extra help, she applied and qualified. She was very grateful for the extra help.

This extra help — available by applying and qualifying through Social Security — can pay for part of your drug costs, for example monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth more than \$3,300 per year. Many people with limited income and resources qualify for these big savings and they don't even know it. So, be a smart consumer, and don't walk away from this extra help.

You must apply to find out if you qualify for the extra help. Apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or go to the nearest Social Security office for assistance.

To qualify for extra help in 2007, your income should be no more than \$15,315 for an individual or \$20,535 for a married couple. Your income limit may be higher if you or your spouse support other family members who live with you or if you live in Alaska or Hawaii. Your resources (like bank accounts, stocks and bonds) can't be more than \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple. Remember, your house and car don't count toward resources.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and when you can join, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048) or visit www.medicare.gov. Get the most out of your Medicare benefits!

This information prepared by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Randy's Roundup

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer August 20, 2007

Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness

As Hurricane Dean makes its way across the Gulf of Mexico, it is possible that Texas could be impacted by this storm. It is important that you and your family have an emergency plan in place. Be sure to have fresh batteries, a radio, flashlights and plenty of water in addition to non-perishable food. Also, make sure that your family has a system in place to contact each other and set arrangements such as picking children up from school, tending to other relatives that may need assistance, as well as your pets.

Have a communication plan set up so you know where to go if you must evacuate, and most of all do not panic. Prepare an emergency supply kit and keep your radio on to listen for any instructions that the local and county government may issue. It is important to remember that FEMA is not the first responders; it is the local government that responds first to any disaster.

Below are some websites that you will find useful in preparing for any emergency:

- http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/disaster_prevention.shtml
- http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_587_00.html
- <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/index.shtm>
- <http://www.epa.gov/>

All Eyes on Lubbock's Western All-Stars

For their first time in the Little League World Series, the Western All-Stars are showing the world that they have what it takes to be champions. I spent some time with the team prior to their departure for Williamsport, P.A. and must say how impressed I was with their dedication, discipline and enthusiasm.

The Western All-Stars have shown that although they may be newcomers, they can certainly handle the pressure. In their debut game, the Western All-Stars took on Coon Rapids, Minn., and secured their first victory shutting out Coon Rapids 6-0. Sunday, the Western All-Stars took on Chandler, Ariz., and walked away with a 5-1 victory. With their fantastic performance on the field, the Western All-Stars can now say they are one of the top four teams

in the nation and among the top eight teams in the world!

I know that the Western All-Stars have made all of West Texas proud and I look forward to watching their continued success.

Ag Meetings Update

As I noted in my previous roundup, I have been meeting with agriculture producers across the 19th District to discuss the 2007 Farm bill Congress is in the midst of drafting this important legislation and I am working diligently for a clean and fair bill that supports 19th District agriculture and does not raise taxes. In next week's roundup, I will provide a detailed report of the meetings and the feedback I received from the constituents who attended these meetings.

--Randy

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Protecting Our Children From Predators

Nearly every day, we read a newspaper story or see a TV report about child predators who go online in search of young prey. The social networking site, MySpace, recently took down the profiles of more than 29,000 sex offenders who had registered on their site. According to a new study, 1 in 5 children receive a sexual solicitation within the first year they use the Internet.

The increased interaction of young people in cyberspace is a new problem that MySpace and similar Web sites can't solve on their own. A real solution to this challenge requires parental common sense along with new legislation to provide law enforcement with the tools they need to bust these criminals. I am working to advance that legislation.

Before adjourning for August recess, the U.S. Senate held a hearing on protecting our sons and daughters when they're surfing the web. One of the witnesses was the reigning Miss America, Lauren Nelson, who's made Internet safety her platform issue. She told the committee, "When I was 13, my friends and I made the bad decision to share personal information on the Internet with someone we later learned was a sexual predator ... We told our parents about what we had done, and the situation was defused without incident. Unfortunately ... not all stories dealing with the potential dangers of the Internet end without serious incident."

Miss America stated that education is one of the best weapons we can use against the predators. She is right. The days of locking our doors to keep predators away from our children are gone. At a time when kids can access the Internet at any time and from a variety of places, including cell phones, parents need to be active in informing their children about online dangers.

Our local schools can also play a positive role. Last year, Virginia became the first state in the country to require Internet safety to be integrated into the public school curriculum. This is an excellent idea that should be adopted in Texas, and elsewhere.

While education is essential, we also need to give our law enforcement officials the resources they need to catch online criminals, and to prevent the crime from even happening, wherever possible.

I've seen first-hand how parents, law enforcement officials, and elected leaders can work together in a positive way to protect our kids. In 2003, I introduced a bill to create the National AMBER Alert Network to find abducted children. This legislation built on the success of the original AMBER Alert program, which was founded in North Texas to help local police find missing boys and girls. In the four years since the nationwide network was created, we have returned 336 children to their loving parents.

Earlier this year, I traveled to Austin to join First Lady Laura Bush and other leaders in announcing the creation of the Texas Regional Office for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. During our visit, we learned how sexual predators are using loopholes in our current legal system to evade law enforcement, and put our children at risk.

To prevent future sexual crimes from happening, I have cosponsored a landmark bill called Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators Act of 2007. This legislation will require convicted sex offenders to provide their email address, instant message screen names, and other forms of online identity to the National Sex Offender Registry.

In the past, advocacy groups like the ACLU have opposed efforts to register sexual offenders because of privacy concerns. I respect the right to privacy; however, criminals in general, and sex offenders, in particular, forfeit their privileges, including privacy protections, when they molest the most vulnerable, and innocent, members of our society. I believe that a parent's right to protect his or her children supersedes a sexual predator's right to privacy.

In the months ahead, I will work hard to pass this measure through the U.S. Senate, and have it signed into law. But no law — no matter how rigorously enforced — is a guarantee of safety.

As parents, we must remain vigilant in our children's defense. In the battles ahead, knowledge is power. I strongly encourage you to visit the Web site of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at www.missingkids.com. This outstanding organization has excellent tips for moms and dads to keep their kids safe. Through both education and tougher laws, we can make Texas the wholesome place we love to call home.

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