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Gorman Scouts Perform Opening Ceremony and Salute To Survivors Monday, May 21



Gorman Scouts had a team at the Eastland Relay for Life this year. The Boy Scouts preformed the opening flag ceremony



Then all scouts saluted the survivors as they made their victory lap. Through the combined efforts of Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts we raised about \$300.00 for Relay for Life and \$300.00 to help send the Boy Scouts to Summer camp this year. Thank you for your support by buying the candy bars and beef jerky and the garage sales, we appreciate your help.

Gorman High School Graduation & Banquet schedule for 2007

Academic awards: Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00a.m. in auditorium-HS Tuesday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m. in auditorium-JH Athletic awards: Thursday, May 17 at 7:00p.m. at ZJ's

Baccalaureate exercise: Sunday, May 20th at 7:30p.m. in auditorium 8th grade graduation: Thursday, May 24th at 7:30p.m.in auditorium High School graduation: Friday, May 25th at 7:30p.m. at Brogdon Field

(If inclement weather arrives, we will move it to the auditorium) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AT 734-2614.

GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL 2007 SPRING SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 22 1ST 8:20-9:12 2ND 9:16-10:08 3RD 10:12-11:04 4TH 11:08-12:00 LUNCH 12:00-12:30 5TH 12:34-1:26 6TH 1:30-2:10

7TH EXAM 2:14-3:23 WEDNESDAY, MAY 23RD 1ST 8:00-9:15 3RD 9:20-10:35 5TH 10:40-11:55

LUNCH 12:00-12:30 DISMISSAL 12:30 **BUSSES RUN AT 12:45** THURSDAY, MAY 24TH

2ND 8:00-9:15 4TH 9:20-10:35 6TH 10:40-11:55 LUNCH 12:00-12:30 DISMISSAL 12:30 **BUSSES RUN AT 12:45**

Eastland Co. Special Amendment Election

This announcement of the Eastland County Special Constitutional Amendment Election Polling locations to be held on May 12, 2007. **EARLY VOTING --**

Eastland County Courthouse - April 30 thru May 8th - 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mail Ballots requests are being accepted now, please call 254-629-1583. tive to be at the next meeting. **ELECTION DAY --**

Precinct 2, 3, 4 & 9 - Olden, Ranger, Desdemona and Lake Leon - Ranger 7:15 p.m. Community Center, 718 Pine Street, Ranger

Precinct 5, 6 & 7 - Gorman, Carbon and Rising Star - Rising Star City Hall, 104 N. Miller, Rising Star

Precinct 8 - Cisco - American State Bank Community Room, 418 Conrad

2007 Gorman Panther Baseball Camp

June 4 thru 7 - Monday thru Thursday at Gorman High School Baseball Parks from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost of the camp is \$30.00 per student. Camp will cover all phases of baseball with individual instruction. We will also have skills and competitions in each age group. Awards given out 11:00 to 12:00 Thursday (parents be there).

Camp is for kids 6 years old to the this year's 8th Grade Boys.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.

Avenue, Cisco.

at Gorman High School Baseball Field on Monday, June 4th. Camp open to all area baseball players.

Art Show Scheduled For

The public is cordially invited to an Art Show at the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ on Monday, May 21 at 6:00PM. According to Monda Oldham, Instructor, the show will feature the works of the class which began in November of last year. Make plans now to attend the show!

The Cross Country Band To Perform At Gorman FBC

The Cross Country Band will be appearing at the Gorman First Baptist Church on May 20th at 11 a.m. The Cross Country Band is a 5 piece acoustical gospel group that performs traditional gospel music at various churches across the State. If you like traditional gospel music, you will not want to miss this performance.

Enchilada Lunch GSTC

Wednesday, May 16 at Laminack Construction 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Plates include 4 enchiladas, rice and corn -- \$5.00 To Place order call Marco and Sonya at 734-4350 before Wednesday and 734-5450 or 254-631-5890 after 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Delivery and Take Our Available!!

The Forgotten Mothers of Mother's Day

Every year, as a pastor, I try to pay a special tribute to some special mothers on Mother's Day. These special mothers actually can identify with Mary, the mother of Jesus. These are the mothers, like Mary, who have had a child precede them in death.

After my wife and I lost our first two children, a pastor asked all mothers to stand for recognition. My wife stood. The pastor scolded her for standing. I immediately stood and asked him to be more sensitive to those mothers who do not have a living child to honor them.

Through the years, I have been amazed at the number of mothers who have lost children to death. Some of these lost their children to still births, others through miscarriage. Some mothers lose their children in accidents at various ages To those mothers who have children that proceeded you in death, may God richly comfort you and keep you. Please receive our love to you, not as a replacement for the love you are missing from your child, but as a comfort.

> Tim White Pastor, First Baptist Church, Desdemona

May 3 Unnapproved Gorman City Commission Minutes

MAY 3, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, Charlie Torrez, and Don Underwood. Others present were Ray Adams, Barbara Fenley, and Billy Carson.

Joe led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Don made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Nathan made the motion to deed the portion of property located at the south end of the football field, located just behind the scoreboard and rock wall, to Gorman I S D. Don made a second. Motion carried 4-0. The City will contact Guardian Title Company and start the deed pro-

The 1st, of two readings, of Ordinance #2007-01 Prohibiting the use of engine brakes was conducted.

The 1st of two readings, of Ordinance #2007-02 adopting a budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year was conducted.

At 6:00 p.m. Charlie made the motion to go into Executive Session.

Nathan made a second. Motion carried 4-0. At 7:00 p.m. Don made the motion to adjourn from Executive and return to regular open session. Charlie made a second. Motion carried

Ray Adams was present to place an application with the city and have an interview. Mr. Adams and the Commission agreed that a position in Gorman wasn't what he wanted.

Billy Carson and David Stanley had both been a an employee 90 day probation period. The Commission felt as if everything was on a positive note and Nathan made the motion to raise Billy to \$14.00 / hour and

David to \$13.00 / hour. Don made a second. Motion carried 4-0. The Commission wanted Tacy to contact an Allied / BFI representa-

There being no further business for discussion, Joe made the motion Precinct One - Eastland - Eastland County Courthouse - 100 West Main to adjourn with a second from Charlie. Motion carried 4-0, time was

Notice Of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on May 10th at the Gorman High School Auditorium in Gorman, Texas, to consider the following agenda items.

Texas forestry Service training of precinct equipment in fire control safety.

Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioner's Court Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioner's Court.

Gorman ISD All Sports Banquet

The Gorman ISD All Sports Banquet will be held next Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. The banquet will be at ZJ's in downtown Gorman. The banquet will honor all sports for the 2006-2007 school year. The program will recognize high school athletes only. Awards and recognition will be given for participants in both boys and girls programs. The program will begin with the Fall Sports and continue thru the Springs Sports. We would like to invite all parents and fans to enjoy a great meal and honor these student athletes and coaches for their accomplishments this school year. We hope to see all our athletic supporters for this event. BUFFET ---

Southern Fried Catfish Chicken Tenders Cream Gravy French Fries coleslaw Rolls and Hushpuppies Tarter and Red Sauce Peach Cobblers for Dessert Tea and Water For the Drink Cost of Meal --Adult - \$10.00 Kids -under 10 and under - \$6.00 Athletes and Faculty - \$9

Gorman ISD Athletic Physicals Cost Is Free

Next Wednesday of 16th of May at the High School the athletic physical for both the boys and girls will be given free of charge. The physicals will be fore only the incoming 7th / 9th / 11th graders. (2007/2008) Or for anyone who did not participate this past school year in UIL Competition. The physicals will be given by Dr. Dan Brudnak and Staff. The physicals will begin after school at 3:30. Parents are welcome to attend and sign all papers pertaining to UIL competition. Hope to see you there.

Regional Track and Field

This past week in Abilene, the boys and girls regional qualifiers traveled to Abilene on the campus of Abilene Christian University. The Panthers carried 15 student athletes for the competition. Eight boys and seven girls. The boys Mile Relay Team finished fourth in the finals with a time of 3:32.06. Zack Fox, Matt Underwood, David Ibarra and Orlando Valenzuela ran in the finals. Tyson Swanner was the alternate at Regionals but was the third leg in both the District and Area competition. Four of the five qualifiers at Regional in the 1600 Relay will be back for next year. The top two teams in the Regional competition will travel to Austin to run the State Meet. Audrey Johnson for the girls qualified for the finals on Saturday in the 200 meter dash. Andrey finished 6th our of the 16 qualifiers. Congratulations to her, she qualified for Regionals in four events. (400 relay, 1600 relay, Triple Jump and 200 M dash.) Also junior Megan Lewis qualified for the finals on Saturday as well in both the 100 and 300 hurdles. Lewis hit the 6th hurdle hard on the 100h race but came back in the finals of the 300 and ran her best time of the year 49.86 for 6th Place, Megan is just a junior. Congratulations to all of these young men and women for a outstanding year.

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS --

BOYS Tony Perez - 800 Relay

Ty Vaughn - 800 Relay Reji Sanchez - 800 Relay Tyson Swanner - Triple Jump/1600 Zack Fox - 800 R/1600R/Triple Jump Orlando Valenzuela - 800R / 1600R

Matt Underwood - 800R / 1600R David Ibarra - 1600 Relay

GIRLS

Audrey Johnson - 400R -1600 - Triple Jump/200 Dash Megan Lewis - 400 R/100H

300H Nicole Cogburn - 100M/400R Brandy Carlton - High Jump 800 M / 1600 Relay

Tecia Jones - 400R / 1600 R Mary Powell - 3200 M Crystal Thackerson - 1600 R

Stephanie Michael Accepted To United States Air Force Academy



Brig. Gen Snodgrass and Sr. Airman Stephanie Michael Stephanie Michael, a 2003 graduate of Lubbock Monterey High and

Senior Airman at Ramstein AFB, in Germany, has been accepted into the United States Air Force Academy. Stephanie is the daughter of Krista Michael of Lubbock and Mark Michael of Eastland. Her proud grandparent's are Betty Henderson of Abilene, Melba Aaron and E.G. Henderson of Eastland.

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Obituary

Glynda Marie Bond

Glynda Marie Bond, age 61, of Gorman, Texas, died Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

She was born June 15, 1945 in Ranger, Texas to Glynn Alford Wilson and Mildred Melvina (Harrell) Wilson. She married Joe Bond on June 11, 1966 in Ranger, Texas.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother. Glynda spent many nights in the stands at Mark 3:1-4. a gym or football field to show support for her coach - husband and her boys. For thirty years, she was faithful servant in the Kokomo Baptist Church serving as a pianist, organist and Sunday School Teacher. For twenty-one years, she taught Kindergarten through the Sixth Grade in Borden County, Texas, Ranger and Carbon.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Bond of Gorman; two sons, Shannon Bond of Copperas cove and Brian Bond of Dallas; three brothers, Jerry Wilson and Jimmy Don Wilson both of Ranger and Glynn Wilson of Houston; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glynn and Mildred Wilson and by a sister-in-law, Leann Wilson.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 4th at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jim Haggard and Rev. James Bond officiating. Burial was in the Flatwood Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

In Lieu of flowers, family request donations to "Children At Heart" in Round Rock, Texas.

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Desdemona, nice 3-2 mfg. home, 1549' LA (CAD), open floor plan, fireplace, beautiful fenced 1 acre, water well, stg. bldg., numerous fruit and pecan trees. \$82,500.

NEW: 40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$3,150 acre.

NEW: 49.83 A. west Gorman, large oaks, paved road, building spots, county water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 Acre

100 a west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/ 2 - 2 brick. 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights \$295,000.00

160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921; 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral, indications show lots deer, turkey and hogs, mineral rights. \$2,900.00 \$2,800.00 A.

NEW: 179 A, south Gorman, part wooded, part overgrown fields, lots of deer & hog sign, leased last season, small pond, sandy soil, elec.,

several wells. \$2,250 acre. 240 a south Gorman, 120a fields, 80a wooded, 40a coastal, 2 small ponds, water well, in an great hunting area, lots of deer sign, great place! Min-

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Happenings At FBC

ties. The graduating seniors dinner was on Monday night, all decorated in Mexican theme, with all kinds of colorful decorations. The church is presenting each senior with a Bible, name inscribed. Tuesday bright and early the Senior Adults will head for Leuders for a day of good times, and good eats. Wednesday night is the end of the program for all the Team Kids. All parents and friends are invited to the program, plus seeing all the things the kids have been doing, plus refreshments. Big day for the smaller kids! Also Food Pantry on Thursday. Remember Mother's Day on Sunday.

Bro. Barry's sermon was "Bending The World Into a Pretzel"

First, Unwrap the Pretzel. If you can't change facts, Change attitudes. There are a lot of narrow minded people. Three ways to attach the problem, first, with intelligence, grace, and courage. Or of course, there is resentment and bitterness, or you could run away altogether.

not one big party! No one lives on the top of the mountain all the time. but you can apply the visions you glimpsed from the peaks.

Third, Shine up you neighbor's Halo. Stop worrying about your own Halo; try not to become what everyone wants us to be.

around comes around. Honesty or Dishonesty; Kindness or Cruelty. Man does reap what he sows.

The man who walks through the countryside sees much more than the man who runs. Unwrap your Pretzel!!

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> GARAGE SALE: Saturday, May 12th from 9 to 1 p.m. at 203 E. Lexington, the home of Karen Guthery. Lots of stuff, light fixtures, home decor, clothes, dishes, treadmill, set of 15 inch wheels, queen head board, and miscellaneous. No Early Sales.

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excellent hunting and recreational place. [TR01] \$2,750 per acre 184A, 2-1 frame home, 6 waterwells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll imgation systems 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. [JK01] \$524,920

100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft.(CAD) 5-4½ 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corrals, pecan & oak trees. [FS01] \$850,000

70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, metal roof, carport, fireplace, approx. 14 acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 barns, pipe corrals, equipment, hunting, [BC01] \$396,500 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks,

corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000 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 &

net wire fences, 2-water wells, underground sprinklers. [1702] \$265,000 3+ A, 1,780sf, 3-2 Mfg Home, rural water, 2-water wells, pecan trees, 660sf commercial bldg., highway frontage [HH01] \$89,500

236 ± A, 2 wells, 3 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, costal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals availabvle, hunting [DS02] \$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 [CW01] \$950,000 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre

158 A, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals. approx. 4 miles from Dublin [CS01] \$395,000 155 ± A, 3 water wells, 3 stock tanks, approx. 90 A cover, rest in native pasture [MC02] \$427,075

150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 waterwells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500 UNDER CONTRACT- 40 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, water wells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some farm eq. available,

minerals negotiable, possible owner financing, [CSK01] \$350,000 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells [REM01] \$326,000

60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting, [JD01] \$165,000 Service Station, 150' on Hwy 377, 2 bays, 4 tanks, 7 pumps [WPH01] \$60,000 3,925sf(CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [8w02] \$75,000

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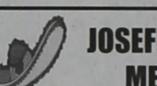
Abilene, Texas--The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, April brought showers -- and May more showers -- and lots of activi- in partnership with the Development Corporation of Abilene, the Workforce Center, and Texas State Technical College, are pleased to announce that applications are currently being taken for the next MSSC certification course, which is a newly-developed training program in basic manufacturing. The seven-week curriculum will culminate in the awarding of a certification as a "Manufacturing Production Technician." The nationally-recognized credential is awarded by the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC), and having this credential demonstrates competency in basic skills required to enter any type of manufacturing environment in any geographical location. Each trainee must complete a 140-hour course, which will consist of five to six weeks of manufacturing skills training at TSTC and one week of basic employment skills training at the Workforce Center.

Ten local manufacturers, including Bandag, Abtex Beverages, Coca-Cola, Tige Boats, Martin Sprocket & Gear, Fehr Foods, Peerless Manufacturing, Rentech Boiler Services, PWP Industries, and Zoltek, participated in a series of meetings and a survey process during the months of October and November 2006 to determine their interest in hiring workers with the MSSC certification. A significant shortage of entry-level workers and an immediate hiring need of 90-105 additional workers was identified. Targeted manu-Second, When the "Bill" is over, take off your dancing shoes. Life is facturers have voiced their overwhelming support for the MSSC training, and have agreed to participate in a job fair and provide interviews to any job-seeking student who completes the training and certification process.

Funding for the training and the certification assessment fee for each participant will be covered by the Development Corporation of Abilene and the Workforce Development Board. The application and screening process Four. Keep one eye on the law of the echo. We know what goes is currently in progress for the second MSSC class, which is scheduled to begin on June 4, 2007. Interested individuals may pick up an application packet at the Workforce Center, 400 Oak Street, in Abilene, or download a application at www.workforcesystem.org. The deadline to submit completed application forms is May 11th. For additional information, contact the Business Services Unit at the Workforce Center at (325) 795-4200.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GORMAN, TEXAS ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GORMAN TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2007 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2008, PROVIDING FOR THE INTRA AND INTER DEPARTMENT AND FUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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BY ZELDA JORDAN

Our community is so saddened because of the death of Glynda Bond on Wednesday May 2. She was a lovely lady, dear friend and good neighbor and a wonderful asset to the Kokomo Baptist Church and the community. She and her husband, Joe, moved to the Kokomo Community when their sons, Shannon and Brian were small boys, and became very active in the church. She taught Sunday School and worked in VBS. She was the church organist and played the piano when needed for many years, while also being a school teacher. She will be missed. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are extended to Joe and Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydnie and Joey and Brian, and all other members of their family.

Shannon and family of Copperas Cove and Brian of Dallas were here with their dad for a few days.

A large crowd attended the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Annual Meeting and Homecoming on Saturday, May 5, 2007. Jake Donaldson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., and Jimmy Nelson gave the opening prayer. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and approved as read.

Delmon Eaves, chairman for many years was not able to be with us, but he was given a round of applause and thanks for a job well done. Jimmy Nelson was also given a round of applause and thanks for building the frame for the map of the cemetery and all the work he has done and will continue to do toward the finish of the building.

Patsy Collins and Martha Wood were re-elected as members of the Association Committee for another three year term.

Covis Crawley of Arlington and Edgar Reynolds, both 88, were the oldest men attending. Pauline Crawley of Arlington and Verna Laminack of Joshua, both 86, were the oldest women attending. Wyatt Collins, 16 months, son of Bradley Collins of Eastland was the youngest one there. Glenn and Joye Donaldson of Artesia, NM and Laverne Winn of Muleshoe, TX came the fartherest

Edgar Reynolds and Alvis Scitern, both of Gorman, were honored as War World II veterans.

Appreciation was extended to Glenda Black for getting the American Flags in Abilene and bringing them to Kokomo, and to Sylvia Buchanan for placing a flag at each veterans grave in the Simpson cemetery. Confederate flags were also placed at each confederate veteran's grave. There on ten years probation in February, 1999 after an Eastland County Jury are 9 Confederate graves and 60 other veterans' graves in the Simpson Cemetery, and 1 Confederate grave in the Mangum Cemetery.

Jimmy Nelson gave the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the food awaiting for us to partake.

Then it was time for all to enjoy a bountiful meal at the pretty new tables and chairs, with a lot of visiting and reminiscing.

We express our thanks and gratitude to all gave donations for the tables \$1,000 fine. and chairs, and for the upkeep of the cemeteries and the building fund. Many gave in memory of their loved ones.

Most all went for a visit to the Simpson Cemetery, either before or after the meeting.

Those who registered were: Larry and Betty Strube of Kokomo, Norma regulations of the sex offender treatment program. Webb of Kokomo, Judy Porter of Austin, Danny Donaldson of Houston, Jake Donaldson of Eastland, Glenda (Jordan) Black of Abilene), Zelda Jordan of Kokomo, Laverne (Lewallen) Winn of Muleshoe, Alvis and Bonnie Scitern of Gorman, Jimmy and Maggie Nelson of Carbon, Ken dict. and Mary Rogers of Eastland, Bryan and Jolene Johnson of Eastland, Brighlon Kilpatrick of Abilene, Marjorie Treadway of Gorman, Windell Treadway of Gorman, Mary Eaves Webb of Cisco, Bobby Gene and LaDell Jumper of Midland, Kenny Welch of Gorman, Edgar Reynolds of Gorman, Martha Wood of Carbon, Darrell and Pat Graham of Gorman, Pat fellowship hall following the service. and Patsy Collins of Eastland, Wyatt and Warren Collins of Glen Rose, Gloria Thompson Pettit of Fort Worth, Robert Pettit of Fort Worth, Bill Collins of Keller, Glenn and Joye Donaldson of Artesia, NM, Covis and Pauline Crawley of Arlington, Wayne and Lorin Eaves of Gorman, Sylvia (Hendricks) Buchanan of Gorman, Nolan Lee Treadway of Snyder, Ima Brown of Gorman, Verda Eaves of Carbon, Tim and Sherry Elmore of Eastland, Wayne and Charlotte (Gibbs) Hicks of Stephenville, Donald Eaves of Carbon, Louise Gibbs of Venus, Verna Laminack of Joshua, Glendal Laminack of Poolville, Pat, Amanda and Ella Crawley of Arlington, Rhea Crawley of Arlington, and Betty Little of Kokomo.

Many who were there had attended the Kokomo School before it was consolidated with the Carbon School system, so enjoyed a reunion with former school mates.

blessed our hearts with a beautiful musical presentation about the "Amazing God" at the morning service on Sunday, May 6 at the Kokomo Baptist Church. The service was under the direction of Sally Fleming, assisted by and betty Strube. Donna Gatlin. Those in the choir were: Melanie Gatlin, Jordan Fleming, Jacob Fleming, Chelsea Jeffreys, Kalee Brock, Robin Marsh, Mercedes Martina, Sage Carruthers, Christopher Stroup, Taylor Atkinson, Mollie Saturday and they all attended the Homecoming and cemetery meeting Springer, and Kari Campbell. Others accompanying them to Kokomo were on Saturday. Valerie Springer, Phil Jeffreys and a friend, and Lesley and Garrett Gatlin.

are the grandchildren, of Woodrow and Helen Browning.

The group enjoyed a pizza and ice cream lunch in the fellowship hall resident of Kokomo. We extend sincere sympathy to the family. following the service.

Using many scriptures, Bro. Jim Haggard brought a wonderful message on Sunday night on "Hope".

There is sure hope, purifying hope and blessed hope for the Christians who look forward to the rapture, when we will be changed and have new bodies, have a reunion with our loved ones in heaven and have a future of rejoicing. Do you have that hope? You can if you ask Jesus Christ to for

EDC Talk

The month of April saw some wonderful efforts by local residents, businesses, and community organizations to help KEEP GORMAN BEAUTIFUL. Many thanks to those who participated and gave of their free time and energy to volunteer. You are truly appreciated! And please remember...You DO Make a Difference!

The Downtown Park continues to receive improvements. Our local Masonic Lodge donated funds to help purchase one of the nice new trash receptacles in the park. Thanks to them for that donation. Gorman GROW is donating funds along with other local families to help get the six picnic unavailable: tables painted. This has turned into a much bigger job than the Park Committee ever expected!! Thanks to Jimmy Woodall who has volunteered his labor to sandblast the tables. Its generous citizens like this that have created such a great place to have birthday parties, receptions or just sit and relax. There are still a couple more things that should be taking place in the park this summer. Diane Casey and Tommy Clark are working on a couple of new playground equipment pieces.

In addition to the above mentioned items, the EDC filed for and received a grant from the Texas Downtown Association's Anice Read Grant. We received \$1000 toward a Park Improvement project, semi-permanent in nature. We will possible do more on the mural or use it to buy more benches, or playground equipment.

Be looking for these improvements as you enjoy our City Park. I would also like to thank the businesses that are doing such a good job with their barrel planters that we bought with the Downtown Beautification Program grant money we received last year. The plants look so nice and are such a nice attraction to the downtown area. THANK YOU!

Former Local Youth Minister's Probation Revoked

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st Judicial District Court revoked the probation of JONATHAN MARK HART, 29, Monday morning after having heard a day and a half of testimony in the 91st District Courtroom at the Eastland County Courthouse.

Hart, now a Henderson County resident, had previously been placed convicted him of three counts of sexual assault on three youths he had pastored at the United Pentecostal Church of Eastland. In July, 1998, an Eastland County Grand Jury had returned 19 indictments, some with multiple counts, for sexual assault against Hart. A jury heard the cases in February, 1999 and returned only three guilty verdicts, assessing punishment at ten years confinement probated for a period of ten years and a

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason, who prosecuted the case, filed a Motion to Revoke Community Supervision on December 19, 2006 alleging among other things, that Hart had failed to abide by all rules and

Judge Herod set punishment at ten years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the maximum sentence allowed by law in these cases due to the 1999 jury's ver-

give your sins and to come into your heart.

We enjoyed a time of fellowship as we ate pizza and ice cream in the

Judy Porter of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Oren and Norma Webb and attended the Homecoming and Cemetery Meeting on Saturday. Judy's daughters, Sarah Porter and Scarlett Torres of Austin and Amanda Porter of Elgin arrived on Saturday for a visit and they took Norma to Stephenville for shopping and dinner as an early Mother's Day

Gene and LaDell Jumper of Midland spent Saturday night with LaVon Snider. Others joining them for supper and a visit were Gene and Kay Snider, Danny, Dianne and Sandra Snider, and Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin and Kyann Wheat of Ranger.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little visited in Arlington from Monday until Thursday with their daughter, Nelda Fails. Nelda has recently undergone surgery and is doing real well. Cody and Jarad of Arlington visited with The Junior High Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church of Graham Jimmy and Verna Lee on Sunday. The also visited with James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little.

Beverley and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited on Thursday with Larry

Laverne Winn of Muleshoe visited with her sister, Zelda Jordan, from Friday until Sunday. Glenda Black of Abilene came for a visit on

Betty Strube received word this past week of the death of an aunt, Donna Gatlin is the daughter, and Melanie, Lesley and Garrett Gatlin Mrs. Garland (Lucille) Wharton of Mansfield. She was cremated and a memorial service will be held later. Mrs. Wharton was a former

Sylvia Buchanan visited with her mother, Nancy Hendricks.

A thunderstorm blew through the community on Monday morning with high winds and hard rain. The clouds were very dark and scary looking for a little while. My rain gauge caught 2.1 inches of rain. The weather man keeps promising us more rain and thunderstorms for most of the week. I sure hope and pray that we don't get anything like they have had in Kansas. Say a prayer for all those who lost loved ones and their homes and businesses.

Carbon Golden Exes Reunion Needs More Addresses

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The mailing list for the 2007 Carbon Golden Exes Reunion is being readied and some addresses are not available for the mailout. If anyone knows the addresses for any of the following names please contact Reba Reeves, phone number 817-738-8393, email at rebareeves@sbcglobal.net or Edna Powell at 254-734-3135 or email at smoke@cctc.net. If you can help us with any of these addresses, we wish to thank you. We have been notified about some of the names but the following names are still

Hazel Weaver Cates - - ergie Gregg - - Joe Ger Lee

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Thank you to all who came to 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday morning. We continue to be amazed at the new faces we see each month. Hope you all feel welcome and will come back soon. As always, we thank our cooks, Monty Williams, Howard Iley and Wayne Iley. They can cook for us anytime!

Thank you, also, to Pastor Tim White and the folks of the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. They honored our VFD with a special service last Sunday evening and presented the VFD with a donation.

The DAC is going to have a benefit for our VFD on May 19 beginning at 5:30. We will have a meal and an auction. The better trained and equipped our volunteer fire departments are, the better they are able to handle devastating fires such as the ones we experienced last year. Those fires are just a memory now, but, as we know, the conditions that caused them are likely to come upon us again. It's the nature of the part of the country in which we live. But I love it here, don't you? We would like to have a large crowd from the community and surrounding areas to show the firefighters that we appreciate them. Hope to see you at the DAC on May 19.

Carol Pell

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Network Luncheon



Pictured above is Don Henry, Susan Lipson, and Lori Dodd at the Lun-

The Cisco Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation hosted the Texas Midwest Community Network luncheon in Cisco several weeks ago.

Cities represented at the Cisco luncheon included Abilene, Albany, Breckenridge, Cross Plains, Gorman, Ranger and San Angelo. In attendance from Gorman were-Suzan Lipson and Lori Dodd and Margaret Hetrick. The meal was catered by Cooderston A amailli Wing 9

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Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We enjoyed our weekly dinner on May 2 at 11:30. There were 22 present to share the good food and fellowship. Geraldene Wright gave the blessing for us all. Its good to have her with us. Hope she continues to come more often. Also was good to see her brother Winston Brown.

All our ladies that were in the hospital are home and doing well in their recuperation. Sure do miss seeing Annie Fay Foster and Billie Bennett.

I sent them all cards, as I forget to pass them around at dinner. I signed them from the Seniors at the Center.

We had a very nice surprise when Bill Barrentine came for lunch. He used to come often with his father in law, Mr. B. E. Daniels. Come more often when your in town, we've missed you.

After lunch I visited Bob Gibson in the Nursing Home. Lottie looks so good and bright, always enjoying talking with her. So glad I did see Bob, as since then he is back in the hospital in Abilene. Hope he can improve.

I had my first day as director of this wonderful group of Seniors. I will try my best, especially with all the good ladies help. Mainly with Betty Regian and Jerry Underwood, as if I'm or Barbara aren't there, they will have to take over. Barbara Bush will be the substitute helper, like I was to her. We will surely miss her being our leader.

Hasn't this rain been a blessing, as compared to last year. Everything is so green and beautiful. So many wild flowers, right now the yellows and reds are profuse. The bluebonnets are fading and making seed pods. We should have a good stand next year, if we get rain.

Hope all is well and see you next time.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. James Roberson, The Fiddler and The Unknown will provide the music for this dance. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pies and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all the group before the dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. No alcohol and Now Smoking allowed. Admission is \$4.00 each. Bring your dance partner for an evening of fun and good music.

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday morning, May 14 in 5/11 State Track Meet the home of Estelle Lindley in the Jakehammon Community. Plans to 5/12 Junior Class Field Trip arrive at 9:15 a.m. to enjoy the good food and have fellowship with everyone. Visitors are invited to attend.

Betty Pack, 80, of Fort Worth passed away and burial was on May 2, 2007 in a Fort Worth Cemetery. Survivors include her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, brother-in-law, Neil Pack and wife, Mary Beth of Desdemona; sister-in-law, Dixie Pack of De Leon. Betty was born in England and came to Texas after World War II to become the bride of Charles Pack. Charles preceded her in death. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

P. E. "Shorty" Fox of Desdemona celebrated his 94th birthday on Sunday May 6 with a family dinner, birthday cake and he really enjoyed having fellowship with everyone. Those attending were his daughter, Gay (Fox) Moore and husband, Larry of Desdemona; grandchildren, Bruce and Renee (Moore) White and children, Chelsea and Cory of Stephenville; Paul and Susan Moore and children, Hagan and Scarlett of Lingleville and a friend, Jeremy Lancer of Stephenville.

Thought For Today -- "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry -- dperry@gorman.esc14.net -- 734-3171 I believe all the teachers and all the students are ready for the end of school and a little extended relaxation. We have had a wonderful year and they all deserve it. As for me, I like it when the kids are all here. The students are what make this place tick and it's awfully quiet around here when they are gone.

Last week I made a mistake in this article when I said junior high volleyball was over. Sorry girls! It is over now though!

Congratulations to Mr. Howard! He graduated from Tarleton last Saturday. He has worked very hard to reach his goal to graduate this year. He has carried as many as 21 hours in a semester while teaching, preaching, being a first responder, a husband, and a dad. I know his family is glad he's finished. He will now be enrolled in Tarleton's alternative education certification program and will meet all the requirements to teach in Texas. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Howard here at Gorman and look forward to all the years of good music to come.

I also want to congratulate Mr. Howard for a great year with the band! The spring concert Sunday afternoon was great! If you missed it, I'm sorry. It was good and we had a good crowd. The celebration of Cinco de Mayo at the end of the concert was also very good and I appreciate the participation of all those that danced and to K'Ann for singing. I apologize to those that had a hard time hearing the guitars play. Next year we will be sure to have a microphone in that section.

We had more people competing academically as well. Our kids are experiencing more and more success all the time.

Graduation time is very near and we have 25 graduates this year. I am proud of each and every one of them. I hope you are too. I am also very concerned for them. One thing we all need to remember though is that sometimes seniors do extremely stupid and dangerous things in the name of peer pressure to celebrate their graduation. The most influential people in people in the lives of these young people are their parents and grandparents. I encourage all of you to talk to the seniors that you know or are related to and advise them about how to behave the night of graduation and how not to behave. We don't want any of them to become a statistic. It would even be great if parents would plan some activity immediately after graduation for their graduate and their family that would keep their graduate with them or at home for the remainder of the evening. This is a major event for your family. Why not enjoy the night instead of staying up all night worrying about your child?

Important dates to remember:

- 5/9 NHS Field Trip

5/13 HS Awards Ceremony 10:00 JH Awards Ceremony 1:00

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.

You never know how many friends you have until something like this happens to you. May the joy you gave to us be blessings that come back to you. Thank you for your kindness. We'll never forget it and the Volunteer Fire Department Gorman.

Lupe and Cathy Torres

Sex Offender Convicted Of Failing To Register

On Friday, May 4, 2007, Presiding Judge, Steven R. Herod of the 91st District Court handed down two eight year sentences of confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to Timothy Jaymes Langley, 20 and formerly of Cisco, for fail- and Helen Browning, and Louise Smart. ing to register as a sex offender.

Langley had entered a plea of guilty on two charges of Failure to and Lottie Morris. Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements to the Court on ishment after having rejected a plea offer involving confinement from the District Attorneys Office. Langley had been on parole from the Texas Youth Commission for Indecency with a Child in 2002.

Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason presented evidence from Guthery two different witnesses during the punishment phase of the plea. Abilene Attorney Jenny Henley represented Langley during the trial

Texas law requires that a person who has a reportable conviction for a sexual offense must register with the local law enforcement authority in the municipality where the defendant resides.

Thomason stated, "Our local law enforcement agencies are very diligent in monitoring sex offenders in this community and the Judge's sentence should send a very strong message to any sex offender who might fail to strictly comply with the state's registration requirements - MAY 17th. HAMBURGERS AND HOMEMADE ICE CREAM.

Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith



There was lots of excitement around here last Thursday as Imogene Norris finished making her first pen. Dannis was here and showed all of us how to finish our pens. Everyone has sanded and sanded and nov everyone is anxious to finish their pens and this Thursday we have s eral that are ready to put the finishing touch on their pens. As we get that piece of wood smaller and smaller we get more excited. This has been such a fun project that no one is ready to stop and always ready at the drop of a hat to "sand". If you don't have anything to do on Thursday mornings come up and join us. We are all counting up how many pens we need to make for our kids, grandkids, friends, so we will be making pens



NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK IS MAY 13-19 we would like to invite everyone to come and join us as we celebrate "Treasure our Elders". On Friday May 11 at 2:30,

We will host a "Treasure our Mothers" tea in honor of Mother's day please come and join us. On May 17th we will be cooking hamburgers out side and will have homemade ice cream. We would like to ask everyone to please come and join us.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were James Morris of Levelland, Woodrow

Carolyn and Floydene Gilbert visited with Eunice Love, Jelma Smith,

Visiting Lavona Sharp was Jerry Majors, Johnny Smith came and took Monday, April 23, 2007 and asked that the Judge Herod determine punhis mom, Jelma Smith to his house over the week end to visit with Donald Smith of Granbury, Cody Wyatt, of Gordon, and David and Connie Smith

Visiting with Troy Scitern were LaVerne Carr of Whitney and Karen

Visiting Imogene Norris were Wynett Maynard and Cleo Duncan and James Norris of Eastland, Paula Morrow of Plains, and Jeanna Pack of Carbon. Paula took Imogene to Carbon on Friday night for the fish fry.

Becky Moore of DeLeon visited with her mom, Mildred Addy. Steve and Linda Estes of Singer and Freddie Rodgers visited with Don Estes. Bill Boles of Granbury visited his Mom, Ima Boles. Visiting Jewel Snider were Bobby and Peggy Ingram and Bill and Maudie Moll of Cisco.

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