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Gorman City Commission Minutes

January 18, 2007 The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Pro-Tem Nathan Files, Commissioners Charlie Torrez, Joe Casey, and Don Underwood. Others present were acting Chief of Police Barbara Fenley, Officer Billy Carter and EDC Director Lori Dodd.

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

Mayor Pro-tem Nathan Files called the meeting to order at 5:30. Joe made the motion to approved the minutes as read, Charlie made MOMS: the second and motion carried 3-0.

Charlie made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Don made the second, Motion carried 3-0.

At 5:40, Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session. Don made the second, motion carried 3-0.

tion to go out of Executive Session, lives here in Gorman. He was telling Don made the second, motion Miss Karen about how thrilled the

Eastland County Commissioners' Court Lifts Burning Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in Special Emergency session, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to immediately remove the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!!

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

> Respectfully submitted, Eastland County Commissioners' Court (s) Rex Fields, County Judge.

Attention All

It is that time of year again, to get rid of the old toys and make room for the new.

The Mission Friend Class at the First Baptist Church are taking up old toys and clothes for one of our projects. We send the toys and clothes to Honduras. We have met a new friend. His name is Craig Rodgers. He At 6:15, Charlied made the mo- is a missionary in Honduras. He now

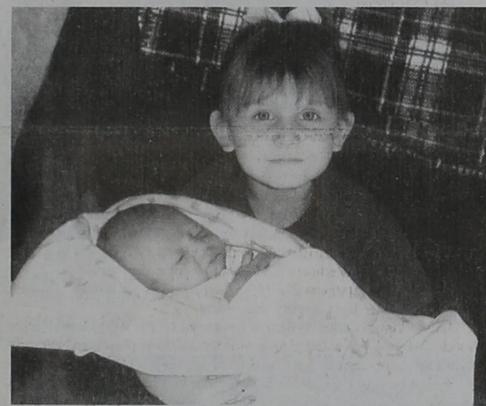
Eastland County Livestock Show 2007 Results

The list below is the places won by the students from Gorman. Congratulations to these students. Kaci Seaton also received a 10 year Participant Plaque. There will be pictures in a later issue of the progress.

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Big sister Haven is proud to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Harli Mc Krae born January 10, 2007 weighing 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Proud parents are Neil and Laci Pounds. Grandparents are Leslie and Lana Sharp and Jackie and Ruby Pounds.

Hailey Huges Named Today's Girl Beauty



carred 3-0.

point Barbara as Chief of Police with a 6 month Probationary period, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, after which she will receive \$15.00 per hour, with no paid overtime. Billy Carson will remain a sergeant at \$13.50 per hour with 90 day probation, after which he will receive \$14.00 per pour. David was hired as an officer starting January 27, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, after 90 day probation he will receive \$13.00 per hour. Don made the second, motion carried 3-0.

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children in Honduras are to get even Charlie made a motion to ap- used toys and clothes. Honduras is a poor country and people have a really hard time making ends meet.

> We are trying to teach the children how lucky we are to live in the U.S.A. and how we are all rich compared to most children in Honduras. And how God loves all of these children as much as he loves us. God expects us to take care of the needy and to share what we have. So we through this would be a great way to start training these 4 and 5 year old.

So please take time and sort our the toys and clothes you can, bring them to the First Baptist Church or to There being on further business Karen Guthery or Kathy Ervin's will Bless you. There is no deadline to bring in toys and clothes. **Mission Friends**

Gorman Defeats De Leon In Thrilling Fashion

The Gorman Panthers traveled to DeLeon for a district clash. The Panthers took an early 16 - 14 lead, but trailed by 6 at the half. After three DeLeon pushed their lead to 11 with the score being 52 - 41 Then the Panthers went on what would turn out to be a 20-6 run to end the game and win their second district game of the year with a score of 61-58. Leading the way for the Panthers was Tyson Swanner with 21 points, David Ibarra with 15, Zack Fox and Aaron Keith with 9 a piece, Matt Underwood with 3 points, and Corey Clark and Brandon Greer each with two points. The Panther outhustled and out played the Bearcats for an emotional victory.

Photos From Game Action At De Leon are inside this issue.

EDC Talk

Texas Midwest Day in Austin

Each year our State Legislature is in session a large group of elected officials, community developers and active citizens travel to Austin for the Texas Midwest Community Network's Texas Midwest Day. Over 200 individuals from this area attend to show support of our regional efforts in economic and community development, chamber of commerce and tourism, and progressive educational activities.

This year the trip will be Wednesday February 14, 2007. The day starts a little before 10am for meeting and gathering on the Capital steps. We all go to the House Chamber and then to the Senate Chamber for recognition of our communities in the Texas Midwest region. It makes a great statement to our State Representatives and Senators that we care enough to take off a day and come to Austin and meet with them to discuss pertinent issues of our communities/region.

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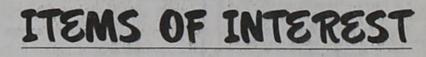
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SHOWMANSHIP BUCKLES WERE AWARDED TO: CHANCE UNDERWOOD, SR. SWINE, NATHAN GEE, JR. MARKET LAMB AND SWINE DIVISION, KACI SEATON, RABBIT, MADISON WARREN BREEDING SHEEP, ALLY LITTLE JR. CHICKEN SHOW-MAN, AND JUSTIN LITTLE SR. CHICKEN SHOWMAN.

OUR GORMAN KIDS DID A GREAT JOB !!! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THEM. KIDS AND PARENTS ALIKE PUT IN A LOT OF HOURS!!! WAY TO GO!



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

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

On January 20, 2007 Hailey Hughes competed in the Today's Girl Beauty Pageant for the Stephenville area. Hailey won the title of Today's Baby in the Beauty Division. Hailey had to model a casual outfit and a party dress. She also had to participate in an interview and complete six hours of community service. Hailey will compete in the Joshua Today's Girl pageant as a VIP in March and will compete for the state title in June. taken. If you don not lock your vehicle you might want to consider starting.

Hailey is the two-year-old daughter of Chris and Jana Hughes of Stephenville. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Judy Miears, Alan and Kay Barton, and Larry Hughes. She is the great grand daughter of James and Eula Miears, Stella Hughes, Jeanne Brown, and Willie and Ruth Williamson.

After lunch, there is a very interesting State Agency Overview. State agency representatives give a 10-15 minute overview of what their agency does and how it helps rural Texas communities. There is a time for question and answers after each presentation.

Cost is \$10 per individual; however, if you are interested in attending and might like to ride a bus down the cost is only \$5. Lunch is on your own, but there will be dozens of people there you'll know or meet! Preregistration deadline is February 7th. So please let me know before that date if you would like to go. You can contact me at the EDC office 254-734-3933 or send an e-mail to Lori Dodd at gedc@cctc.net.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to notify you that Gorman has had several vehicles broken into - or opened because they were not locked. Personal items, keys, money, etc. were Even if your vehicle is parked in your own drive.

A reminder to unlicensed drivers. We have received numerous complaints about drivers driving without a license.

If you are a parent to an unlicensed driver and the driver is stopped - both the parent and unlicensed driver will be issued a citiation. The Gorman Police Department

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m. Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. **Methodist Church**

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

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

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

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

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THE GORMAN PROGRESS

Obituaries

Vera Robison Dendy

Vera Robison Dendy, age 94, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at a Dallas Care Center. Services will be Saturday, Jan. 27th at 2:00 p.m. at De Leon First United Methodist Church with interment at De Leon Cemetery. With Pastor Lisa Neslony officiating. Music by Julia Holdridge, Nelda Priddy, First United Methodist Church Choir.

She was born March 18, 1912 in Comanche County, Texas to the late William Lester Robison and Josie Epsie Brownlee Robison. She married Leonard Lee Dendy on September 10, 1937 in Comanche Co., Texas.

She was a homemaker; lifelong resident of De Leon; member De Leon First United Methodist church where she taught Sunday School for 62 years; past Matron of De Leon Chapter #693 Order Eastern Star; Deputy Grand Matron of Grand Chapter of Texas Order Eastern Star; Member of De Leon Garden Club and charter member of De Leon Art Association.

Survivors include two daughters, Jo Carolyn Miller and husband Walton of Dallas and Delyn Reed and husband David of Plano; two grandsons, Doug Barnes and Brad Barnes; and one sister, Marcile Brown of Dublin.

She was preceded by her husband, Lee Dendy in 1989; brother James Preston Robison; three sisters, Gladys Simpson Grimshaw, Mildred Norton and Myrl Mask.

Memorials may be made to De Leon First United Methodist Church, 616 S Houston St., De Leon, Texas 76444.

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> **Cedar Home** Closeouts!!! Must Go! Large 3 + 2

Syble L. Golden

Syble L. Golded, age 78, of De Leon, Tx passed away on Friday, January 19, 2007 at Hamilton General Hospital in Hamilton. Services were held on Sunday, January 21st at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in Gentry's Mill Cemetery near times, it is Tuesday morning if we've had a board meeting or in the case of Hamilton, Tx.

Annie Mae Faulkenbury Brewer. She married J. D. Golden on September 19, 1946 in Stephenville, TX.

was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Golden of Artesia, NM., and Randy Golden of Houston; brother O. D. Brewer of Snyder; sister Opal Cole of Hico; 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, J. D. Golden; son Ricky Golden; our best to keep you informed. two brothers Bill Brewer and Rodney Brewer; and two sisters, Audrey Brewer and Lila Fay Gaines.

Pallbearers were Aaron Burton, Ryan M. Golden, Brent Burton, Cole Golden, Ricky Golden, Zachary R. Golden and Rory Golden.

Neugebauer Appointed Deputy Ranking

Republican on Financial Services Committee

Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced Friday that he will serve as the Deputy Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee, a job that will require him at times to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the top ranking Republican during hearings and legislative debates.

"The House Financial Services Committee will face a number of important issues during the 110th Congress," stated the committee's Ranking Member Rep. Spencer Bachus. "During my service on the committee, I have gotten to know Congressman Neugebauer very well. He is a topnotch legislator who will perform his new duties with integrity, thoughtfulness, and energy."

Neugebauer will also move into the Republican leadership on the Agriculture Committee after being selected to serve as the Ranking Member of the panel's new Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture. This subcommittee's jurisdiction includes fruits and vegetables, marketing and promotion orders, and plant pesticides.

"It is an honor to be selected to leadership positions on these two important committees," Neugebauer said. "From writing the next Farm Bill to strengthening small businesses and local financial institutions, these positions will enable me to promote all sectors of the 19th District's economy.'

Neugebauer, who begins his third term on the Agriculture Committee this year, will be a voice for 19th District farmers and ranchers during the Farm Bill negotiations.

"With provisions of the current Farm Bill expiring this year, 2007 will be a big year for agriculture and for rural America," Neugebauer said. "I look forward to our work in the Ag Committee as we craft the next Farm Bill and put in place agriculture policies that help producers in Texas and across America succeed in the global marketplace."

Super Notes

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

I usually finish writing this article each Monday by 5:00pm. Somelast week an ice storm. I just wanted you to know that because sometimes She was born October 22, 1928 to the late Samuel Lige Brewer and things change from the time I write the article and the time the paper comes out. The same kind of problem exists with regard to basketball game schedules. We have had a number of time changes this year that She was a homemaker; lived in De Leon area all of her life; and she were dropped on us at the last minute by the opposing schools. The reasons for the changes vary, but sometimes there is just no way to get the word out. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone. I have not had any complaints, but I personally know of some inconveniences this has created and I just want you to know that we are doing

> We were well represented at the Eastland County Stock Show this weekend with 117 entries. I understand we had 36 animals make the premium sale. That is a good weekend for any Ag teacher. Mr. Boles was a very busy man! That is really an understatement regarding Mr. Boles and all of the people responsible for putting on the show. It is a lot of hard work under normal conditions, but this weekend it was really cold and wet to boot. I personally and on behalf of Gorman ISD would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work. I also want to thank all of our students that were involved for representing themselves and our school so well. I am-not just talking about how well their animals did, but the way the students behave outside of the show ring. Great job! Monday Mr. Boles will be headed to the Fort Worth Livestock Show. It will be a very busy time for him for the next couple of months with one stock show after another.

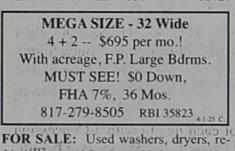
> If you were not at the DeLeon basketball games last Friday, you missed one of the most exciting boy's games of the year. Unfortunately, the girl's lost, but the boys won. The boys trailed the entire game until right at the end. At one time I know we were down at least 14 points, but our boys never gave up. In the last few seconds of the game it was the superb effort put forth by our boys that defeated Deleon. They never quit! Win or lose, I can't emphasize enough that our young athletes deserve your presence at the games. They work very hard preparing for each game and deserve your support. So if it is at all possible for you to attend their games, please do. Pat them on the back; shake their hand; tell them what a great job their doing and thank them for all the work they are doing to represent our school and community.

Here are a few dates you might want to remember: 1/24 Financial Aid Meeting Seniors and Parents 5:30pm 1/26 High School Basketball @ Tolar 4:00pm 1/29 Tarleton State University - Gorman Night 1/30 BB Here 4:00

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.

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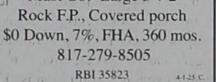


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Neugebauer will also serve on the House Agriculture Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management whose jurisdiction includes cotton, cottonseed, wheat and crop insurance.

In addition, Neugebauer has been selected by Republican Leader John Boehner of Ohio to serve on the House Republican Policy Committee, a in partnership with chambers of commerce in the region, initiated a series of group of lawmakers that focuses on important issues ranging from tax reform to national security.

Neugebauer, who served on the Science Committee during his first term and the latter portion of his second term, will retake his seat on the panel under its new name, the Science and Technology Committee.

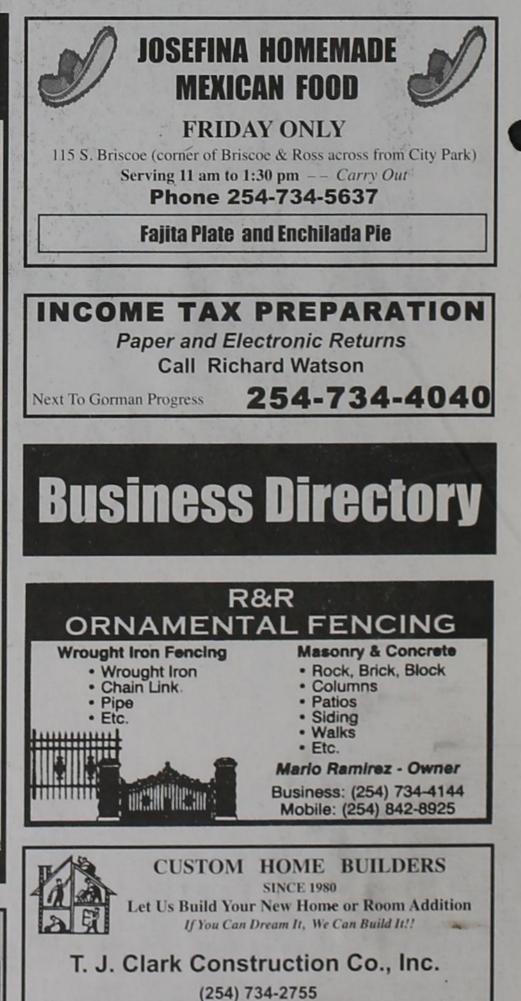


Upcoming Brown Bag Seminar

In January 2005, the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, "brown bag" workshops. The workshops are to be targeted to businesses in different locations throughout the region using video conferencing technology. The January workshop, to be hosted by the Workforce Center, will be held from 12:00 noon-1:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2007. Rodney Klein, District Outreach and Training Coordinator for the EEOC, will speak on "What an Interviewer Can Ask". The discussion will focus on the questions that may be asked before, during, and after an interview.

This interactive seminar will be delivered from the Abilene Workforce Center via video conferencing to locations in Breckenridge, Brownwood, Snyder, and Winters. For location and registration information in any of these cities, contact a Business Services representative at the Abilene Workforce Center at (325) 795-4200. There is a nominal fee of \$10.00 for the workshop, and participants should bring their own lunches. Space is limited in each of the locations and registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. For future Brown Bag seminars, business representatives are invited to submit topics of interest to their industry or community.

The Workforce Center System is contracted by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board to provide services to employers and job seekers in a 19-county region. Video-conferencing equipment was purchased by the Workforce Board to increase accessibility to workforce services for all business customers and job seekers in the region.



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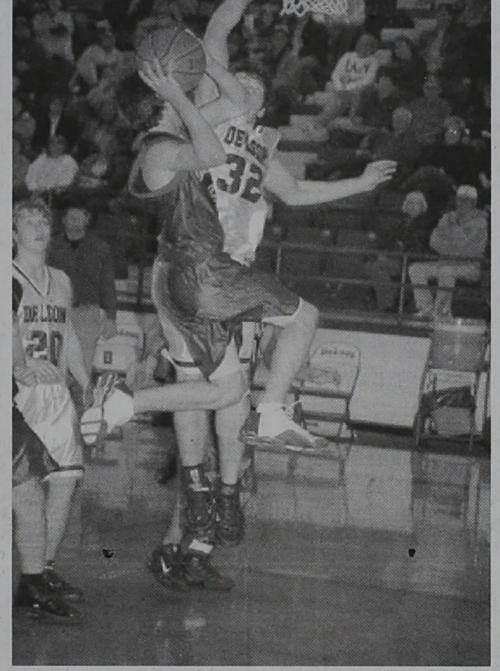
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Bringing the ball down the court gets a little rough, but with Kristy Carlton setting a screen, Reba Granado is able to push through to break the press.





KOKOMO NEWS by zelda jordan

Winter weather has certainly found us. Snow followed the ice storm last week, keeping most of us house bound for several days. I was thankful for the telephone so I could keep in touch with family, friends and neighbors. I am very thankful for all the friends and neighbors that called to ask how I was, and if I needed anything. I've always said that Kokomo is the best place on earth to live, and I firmly believe that.

I received just a little over 2 inches of moisture from the ice, snow, and the rain that came on Saturday. That is good. We needed it. But oh how happy we were to see the sunshine on Sunday. And it was so nice to be able to get out and go to church on Sunday.

Bro. Randall Treadwell of Eastland was the speaker for the services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 21. He brought a very good message on "The Love of God and the Sanctity of Life" using many scriptures and illustrations in the morning service. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" was so beautifully rendered by the choir: Karen Patterson, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Ruth Rodgers, Sylvia Buchanan, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little, Thomas Seay, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Diana Dorris was a visitor.

Bro Treadwell's message on Sunday evening was on "Forgiving". Is it easy to forgive? Why forgive? We must forgive those who offend us. God has forgiven us and shown mercy to us, and He expects us to follow his example. God gives us the help we need to be forgiving through prayer, bible study and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

There will be a "pot luck" supper and then prayer meeting in the fellowship hall of the Kokomo Baptist Church on Wednesday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come, bring your favorite food and join in the fellowship. We expect great blessings from God as we pray together. Visitors are welcome.

Bro. Harold Roan of Stephenville will be the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28th.

Oren and Norma Webb visited with Delmon Eaves. Delmon is having some health problems so please remember him in your prayers.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited with an aunt, Lottie Morris at Heritage Manor in Gorman.

Verda Jean Eaves of Carbon visited with Zelda Jordan.

Karen Patterson visited with her mother, Betty Little.

I don't have a lot of news this week but maybe there will be more activity next week. Please give me a call if you have news.

DESDEMONA NEWS by vonnie guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, January 27 at the Community Center School Building. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. You are invited to come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening. Admission is "Free". A large crowd attended the "Senior Citizen Dance" last Saturday night at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. "Buck Sutton and The City Limits" from the Brownwood area provided the music. The next dance will be held on Saturday, February 17 at the same location. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Schedule for this dance will be on the third Saturday of each month with a Concession stand serving good food each time. No Smoking or No Alcohol Permit_{alun} ted. Admission to Dance Is \$4.00 each.

This Bearcat may have his hands on the ball for a little while but with these Panthers surrounding him he is not likely to get far. Shown here is Tyson Swanner, Corey Clark, Brandon Greer, and Matt Underwood as they attack the boards in their come from behind victory over the DeLeon Bearcats.

Zack Fox goes up for a beautiful lay up and gets to shoot some free throws also, as he is fouled hard on his attempt.



The Lady Panthers attack the boards with gusto. Shown here is Audrey Johnston, Valerie Longoria, Nicole Cogburn, Kristy Carlton, and Brandy Carlton as Nicole works for a shot and her team is ready to back her up with a rebound if necessary.

Bro. Tim White of Bronte, Texas was the guest speaker last Sunday for the morning and evening services at the First Baptist Church in Desdemona. His wife and son attended both services.

Desdemona Community Center is selling a very colorful tapestry "Throw" (\$49.95 each). On this throw area several pictures of "Boom Days" -- Magnolia Ball Tanks (with flying red horse on it) -- Old Community Tabernacle -- School Buildings -- Duke #1 Discovery Well and more. This throw makes a great gift. To purchase one, call Ina Brown at. 254-758-2634.

"Wall of Memories" is located in the entrance hall of the old school building. One will is complete with 156 bricks. Purchase a brick for \$25.00 each with your name, date you graduated, etc. or names of Classmates, teachers, friends, parents, etc. Get your order in soon as enough bricks for another wall will be ready soon. To purchase a memorial brick contact Gay Moore at 254-758-2240 or Vonnie Guthery at 254-758-2665.

T-Shirts with a "Hogtown Boom Photo" on front are selling great. The shirt is black with photo in Sepia Tone. Contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691 to purchase a shirt at \$15.00 each. All proceeds from these throws, memorial bricks and shirts goes in the Community Center Fund to help on repairs on the building, pay utilities and insurance.

Take time out from your busy schedule to visit the sick and shut-ins in our area. If you can't visit, send a card.

Virgil and Joe Holdman of Desdemona, their son, Dale Holdman of Dallas and their grandson, Trey Holdman of Fredricksburg spent the Christmas Holidays in Denver, CO. They reported a wonderful trip even though it was very cold and a lot of snow.

Halie Million spent the past weekend visiting with her great grandmother, Mildred Million. They attended Church on Sunday at First Baptist.

Billy Paul Lewis, 77, of Abilene passed away and was buried on Friday, January 19, 2007 in the Desdemona Cemetery. He was born in Desdemona on October 9, 1929 to Rob and Jessie (Carr) Lewis. Survived by his wife, Judy Lewis of Abilene, his children and grandchildren, a sister, Alpha (Lewis) Thiebaud of De Leon, nephews, nieces and a host of friends. Preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Ferrell Lewis and Jody Lewis, Leo Lewis, Rudolph Lewis and Harlin Lewis, four sisters, Sylvia (Lewis) Hodges, Abbie (Lewis) Ash, Joyce (Lewis) Underwood and infant sister, Geneva Lewis. The Lewis family are former residents of Desdemona where most of their children attend school. Billy Paul graduated with the Class of 1949. Our sincere sympathy to this family in the loss of their loved one.

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

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THE GORMAN PROGRESS

JANUARY 25, 2007

Heritage Manor News By Ina Smith

Ole man winter has been visiting again. Everyone enjoyed seeing the snow. No one would go outside and play in it though. We did make snow ice cream, but used snow cone ice...not near as good as the real thing. The residents instructed me on how to make a snowman using the left over snow cone ice, turned out delinquent taxes. pretty good.

Several activities were canceled due to the weather and not as many people visited but we enjoyed those that did.

January birthday party will be Monday, January 29th, following singing. We only had one birthday in January. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

On February 22 at 1:30 the Hinkle family from Breckenridge will be coming to entertain us. I hear they are super good. Please come and join us. I will be reminding you of this more latter on. me.

Those coming for singing on Monday afternoon were Ruby Lee Kinser, Zelda Jordan, Daisy Slayton, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ann Warren, Marjorie Teadway and Ernestine Campbell. Sorry if I left anyone out.

We would like to welcome Troy Scitern to Heritage Manor. Troy is here for a short term stay. Visiting with Troy were Tommy and LaVerne Carr of Whitney, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern, Keri, Nick, Kelsey, and Nashton, Ora Lee Lawrence, Zelda Jordan, Johnny and Ina Smith, and Jordan and Weldon Scitern.

Visiting with Lottie Morris were Woodrow and Helen Browning and Kay Snider.

Tax Deferral Available For Over 65 Residential Homestead Owners

Section 33.06 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires the followinbg information concerning the Deferral of Certain Property Taxes to be publicized.

Property taxes on the residence homestead property of those persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older may be deferred or abated if they satisfy the requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The property owner must (in most cases) occupy the residence on which the tax is being levied or on which a suit has been filed for collection of

To obtain a deferral, the individual must file with the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District in which the property is located: an affadavit stating that he or she is sixty-five(65) years of age or older and that he or she does own and reside in the residence that the tax is being levied on. If a suit has already been filed with the proper authority, the individual mus file with the court in which the suit was filed the same type of affidavit.

By filing the affidavit with the proper authority, the payment of the taxes or forced collections through suit is postponed until the person filing the affidavit no longer owns or occupies the property as a residence homestead.

It is emphasized that the tax is only deferred: it is not cancelled. A tax lien remains on the property and interest in the amount of eight (8) percent per year will continue to accrue during the period that the collection of taxes is deferred.

For information concerning the tax deferral or abatement, contact the Eastland County Appraisal District. The office is located on the second floor of the Eastland County Courthouse Annex Building at 102 N. Lamar, Eastland, Texas. The telephone number to call for assistance is 254-629-8597.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Military Veterans

By Tom Williams, Psy. D. - Submitted By Larry Monroe, VFW Commander Post 4136, Eastland, TX

"During the Civil War, Dr. Decosta, a U.S. Army surgeon, reported high levels of tension, fast heart rate, inability to sleep, and fear about returning to combat. This response to combat was called "soldiers heart."

During World War I this same phenomena was called by a more familiar term, "Shell Shock." The think of the medical professionals at that time was that tremendous shelling caused small blood vessels in the brain to burst. The symptoms included running amok, jumpiness, irritability, trouble sleeping and physical tremors.

World War II brought us "Battle Fatigue" a term which started with the U.S. forces in Tunisia, North Africa. The battlefield medical personnel found that rest, food, and returning soldiers to their units helped them to deal with their emotional and physical problems related to combat. In the Korean War, the term "Gross Stress Reaction" was used to describe the emotional turmoil that was a result of combat and being a prisoner of war.

Ten Free Flowering Trees For Planting In Texas

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

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

The ten trees are 2 White Flowering Dogwoods, 2 Flowering Crabapples, 2 Washington Hawthorns, 2 American Redbuds, and 2 Goldenrain trees.

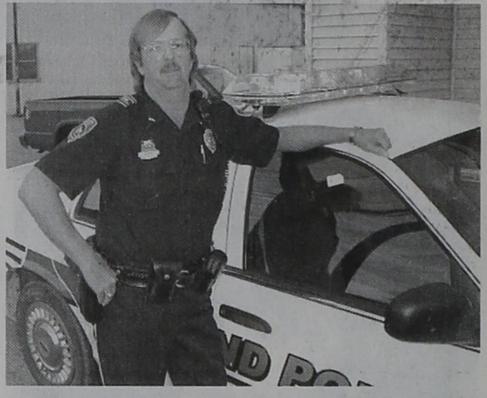
"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "They will give your home in Texas the beauty of lovely pink, white, and yellow flowers -- and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

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

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

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2007. Or go online to arborday.org .

Lt. Terry J. Harbin To Retire From **Eastland Police Department**



Lt. Terry J. Harbin To Retire From Eastland Police Department On January 31st, 2007

Eastland Police Department is losing a long-time employee at the end of January. Lieutenant Terry J. Harbin started to work for the police department on December 22, 1979, and is retiring after providing 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Eastland. Terry attended the West Central Texas Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene in early 1980 and since that time, has received over 1100 hours of law enforcement training. He worked his way up through the ranks, becoming Patrol Sergeant in the mid-80's. He has also served as the firearms training and proficiency officer for the department, making sure that all officers were properly trained and qualified in the use of weapons. In 1996, Terry was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and supervised the patrol division and was responsible for departmental operations in the absence of the Chief. He holds an Advanced Peace Officer certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Lt. Harbin served as an instructor in the Citizen Police Academy, teaching defensive tactics and personal safety. As a martial arts instructor, he also provided the training to other citizen groups, civic organizations, and individuals. As Lieutenant, Terry was responsible for personnel scheduling, firearms training, vehicle maintenance and records, as well as performing supervisory patrol duties for the City. A retirement party will be held at the Connellee Hotel East Room from 12:30 until 2:30 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. Cake, punch, and finger foods will be served, and the public is encouraged to come by and wish Terry well in his retirement. Introduction of speakers and presentation will be at 1:00 PM.

Those visiting with Jelma Smith were David and Connie Smith of Joshua, Donald and Pam Smith of Granbury, Weldon and Jordan Scitern and Johnny and Ina Smith.

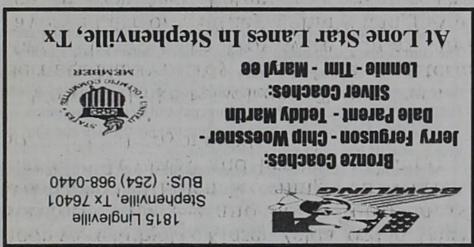
Visiting Ima Boles were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, and Bobby Little.

Visiting with Imogene Norris were James and Jason Norris of Eastland, Lisa Lewis of Stephenville, and Jeanna Pack of Carbon. Imogene and Jeanna went on an outing to Stephenville one day. AND THE STORY & SOLID PREVE. Visiting with Eunice Love were Joy and Larry

Campbell, Talee Jones and Ronnie and Barbara Love.

Volunteers always needed.

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A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer January 22, 2007

State of the Union Address: What to Look For

President Bush will deliver his seventh State of the Union Address on Tuesday, January 23. I encourage everyone to tune in and listen carefully to his speech, which will air live on most news stations at approximately 8:00 p.m. Texas time. Regardless of one's thoughts on the issues, the State of the Union is an important part of the democratic process and helps shape what will be some of the major topics of debate for the coming year. This year's speech should be especially interesting considering the transition occurring in Iraq and the new leadership dynamic in Congress.

The White House, as usual, isn't releasing the text of the speech ahead of time, but there are I few topics the President is likely to address. Concerning the War on Terror, he will likely restate his new strategy for victory in Iraq and other efforts to defend America and its citizens. I suspect he will also talk on the need to build on the economic progress made in recent years. Thirdly, there is a good chance he will talk about the need to reform health insurance in this country and increase access to affordable health care.

Committee Assignments

At the beginning of each Congress (every two years), committee and subcommittees assignments are determined. For the upcoming session, I will begin my third term on the Agriculture Committee, as well as continue serving on the Financial Services and Science and Technology Committees.

tee. With many of the 2002 Farm Bill provisions expiring this year, 2007 will be a big year for agriculture as we work to renew many of the programs from this successful and popular legislation. In addition to being the top-ranking member of the Ag Subcommittee on Horticulture and --Randy

Organic Agriculture, I will also serve on the subcommittee which oversees farm commodities and crop insurance.

I will also begin my second term on the Financial Services Committee where I have been selected to serve as the Deputy Ranking Republican or the panel. As part of the leadership of this committee, I will have the I'm especially looking forward to the work ahead on the Ag Commit- opportunity to shape policy that affects small businesses and local financial institutions that, along with agriculture, make up the heart of the 19th District's economy.

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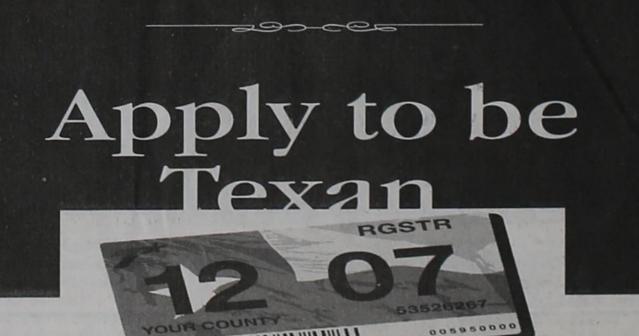


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