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## Cinderfella Contest Set For February 8th

There will be a Cinderfella Contest at the Gorman High School Auditorium on Thursday, February 8th at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$3.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for students. Auction and Door Prizes will take Place. Auctioneer will be Danny Burgess. Commentator will be Coach Talbert. Judges will be Coach Graham, Coach Duke, Coach Cox, Mrs. Laminack and Mrs. Gutierrez.

Come help us crown the new Mrs. Cinderfella 2007. It will be a night to remember.

Categories to be judged are Swimsuit, Evening Gown, Talent Competition and Judges Questions.

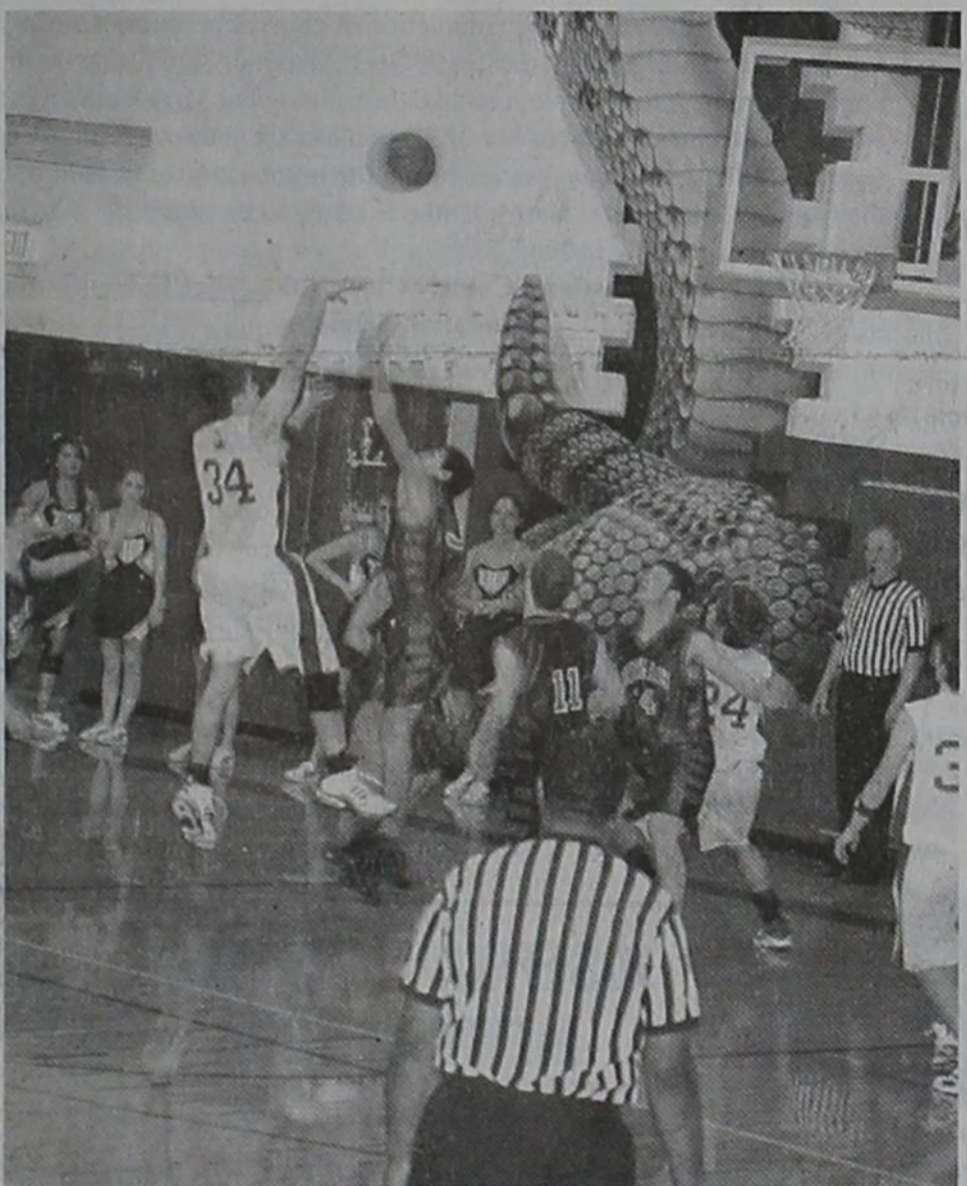
Make Plans To Attend.

## Financial Aid Night

The Gorman High School Senior students and their parents were invited to attend the Financial Aid Night presented by First Financial Bank of Abilene and McMurray University. We really had a great turnout with 14 seniors in attendance. Financial Aid Night involves a presentation on different types of aid available to help students attend college. The information was very helpful and those in attendance seemed to gain knowledge about completing the financial aid process. The two \$100.00 scholarships donated by First Financial Bank and Panhandle Plains were given as door prizes to Amanda Brown and Kristy Carlton.

## Boys Defeat Perrin Whitt

The Gorman Panthers went to Perrin Whitt and defeated the Pirates on Perrin's Senior Night by a score of 74 - 57. Leading the way for the panthers was Tyson Swanner who fell two assists shy of a triple double he tallied 32 points, 10 rebounds, and 8 assists. Zack Fox added 11 points, David Ibarra had 10 points and 7 rebounds, Brandon Greer had 8 points, Corey Clark had 6 points, Aaron Keith had 4 points, and Alex Giles chipped in 3 points.



Orlando Rodriguez is shown here getting a huge blocked shot and a rejection of the Rattlers two point attempt. Shown also is Corey Clark and Aaron Keith.

## Life Skills Valentine Sales AT Gorman ISD

Send a sweetheart, friend or loved one a thoughtful gift this Valentine's Day. Orders will run through February 14th, but please don't delay. Be sure to get your orders in early and while supplies last. Order forms will be available in the Life Skills Classroom. All proceeds benefit the Life Skills Class at Gorman ISD. Thank You for your support. Please come by and purchase yours today. The students will really appreciate it.

There are 3 bags to choose from that include:

Sweetheart Bag: \$3.00 BEST VALUE

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- (2) Suckers
- (6) Chocolates

## Community Blood Drive Set For Monday At Gorman City Park

A Community Blood Drive will take place on Monday, February 5th. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the Gorman City Park from noon until 6:00 p.m. This replaces the blood drive that was scheduled on January 15. That blood drive was cancelled due to icy road conditions.

"There is a critical need for all types of blood at this time. We experienced a significant drop in donations during the week of ice and snow. The inventory is still day to day, and ideally we like to have a minimum of a three day supply on hand," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter.

Donors will receive a mini-physical, which includes a check of blood pressure, pulse rate, temperature and hemoglobin level. A complimentary total cholesterol tests is included with each blood donation. Results are usually available three days after the blood drive. Donors will receive a 16 ounce stainless steel travel mug to thank them for giving the gift of life.

Those who need information regarding donor requirements may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at [www.meekbloodcenter.org](http://www.meekbloodcenter.org).

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## CITY OF GORMAN MAY GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Gorman May General election will be held May 12, 2007. Commissioner Nathan Files Place 1 and Commissioner Don Underwood Place 3 terms will expire.

The first day to file application for a place on the voting ballot will be February 10, 2007, which is on a Saturday. Since this is not a deadline, Monday February 12, 2007 during regular city office hours will be the first day to file for application for a place on the ballot.

Deadline to file for application for a place on the city ballot will be March 12, 2007 by 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call the Gorman City Office @ 254 734-2317.

## Pre-K Registration and Changes

Maxfield Elementary will be holding Pre-K Registration for the 2007-2008 school year. This year students that are three or four by Sept. 1, 2007 and meet the criteria will be eligible. Registration will be Friday, February 23, 2007 from 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. in the Elementary office. You will need to bring the student's Social Security Card, birth certificate, and immunization record. We will also need a picture ID of the adult registering the child. If you have any questions please call 254-734-2617.

## Lady Panthers Receive District Honors



The Lady Panthers Volleyball team ended their season with a 4-4 District Record. The ladies worked hard throughout their season and look forward to a successful season next year. The Lady Panthers and Lady Panther coaching staff would like to thank everyone who came and supported the ladies during their volleyball season. Several Lady Panthers received Post-season honors. These include: Audrey Johnston - First Team All-District and Academic All-District; Tecia Jones - 2nd Team All-District; Kristy Carlton - Honorable Mention; Brandy Carlton - Honorable Mention and Academic All-District; and Megan Lewis - Honorable Mention.

Saturday, February 3, the Sipe Springs Community Club will host their monthly musical. A potluck supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Bring your instrument to play music or just come to listen. Everyone is invited.



Award Given To Dr. Dan - (left to right) - Ina Smith, Barbara Brandon, Administration of Heritage Manor, Dr. Dan, Darrell Graham, Kathy Oney, Betty Kidd and Carol Cook.

Saturday with the competition to begin at 9:00 in the High School Gym. This team is very competitive and should do well in the Regional Competition. The meet this weekend will also be a very good meet with 18 teams competing. De Leon had 14 schools represented at their meet this past weekend. Hope to see you at the meet Saturday.

Photos of Boy's Powerlifting Inside This Issue

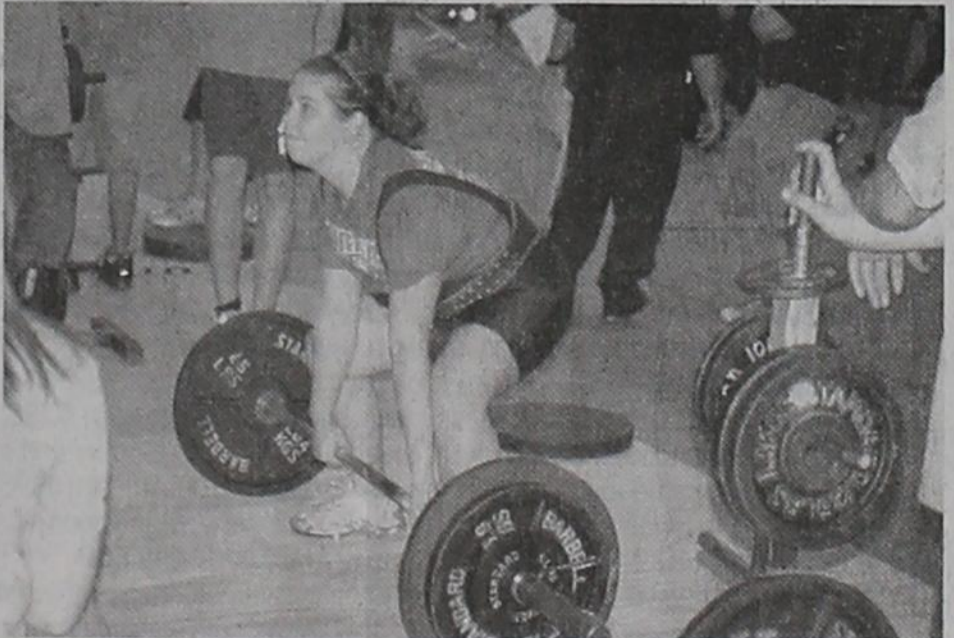
## Panthers fall to # 9 Tolar

The Panthers traveled to Tolar Friday night and fell to the # 9 Tolar Rattlers by a score of 65 - 39. The Panthers played a good game and just came up short. Tyson Swanner had sixteen points, Corey Clark and David Ibarra each had 6 points, Orlando Rodriguez chipped in 4 points, Brandon Greer and Matt Underwood each put in 2 points, Fox added three more to round out the scoring.



Tyson Swanner drives the lane and gets the easy lay-up on the unsuspecting Tolar Rattlers. Shown also is Corey Clark and David Ibarra.

## Gorman Lady Panther Powerlifting Team Compete



The Gorman Lady Panthers competed in the De Leon Power Classic on Saturday, January 27th. The Lady Panthers represented Gorman High School well at the meet. Rosa Herrera took First Place in the 181 division with a total of 605 followed by Nicole Cogburn in second place with a total of 575 and Reba Granado in third place with a total of 555. In the 165 division Lindsey Laminack took First Place with a total of 530. The ladies will be traveling to Dublin to compete on February 3rd.

## Panther Power-Lifting Off To Good Start

The Boy's powerlifting teams traveled to De Leon last Saturday morning and had a good showing for the first meet. Seven lifters with the boys participated. Five of the seven placed in this very competitive meet. Senior Pete Ramirez finished second in his weight division. Seth Johnson finished 3rd in the Super-Heavy class. Tyler Johnson just a freshman totled over a thousand pounds and finished 3rd in his weight class. Senior David Ibarra finished 5th along with Junior Daniel Shirley in their respective classes. Matt Cogburn and James Brown also participated in the meet as well. The boys and girls teams will both travel to Dublin this

## Wedding Announcement For Brandi Lee - Barry Tooley



Time Lee and Shirley Durand of Coppell announce the engagement of their daughter Brandi Lee of Stephenville to Barry Tooley of Stephenville. He is the son of Jan and Don Tooley of Aledo.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Frank and Donna Barreca of Ocala, Fla. and Ray and Betty Lee of Blountsville, AL. She is a 2004 graduate of Tarleton State University with a BS in Mathematics and is currently teaching math at Stephenville High School.

The prospective bride-groom is the grandson of John and Dorris Stallcup of White Settlement. He is a 2000 graduate of Tarleton State University with a BS in Exercise and Sports Studies and a 2002 graduate with an MS in Education. He is currently teaching and coaching in Hico.

The wedding is planned for March 17, 2007 in Stephenville at Agape Way Family Church.

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# Obituaries

## Wesley Steve Spivey

Wesley Steve Spivey, 44, of Gorman, passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at an Abilene hospital.

Services were Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Gorman, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home and officiated at Bro. Barry Schahn. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Gorman.

Steve was born in Gorman on December 7, 1962, and had resided in Gorman all of his life. He graduated from Gorman High School in 1981. He was employed by A. O. Easley Trucks, Inc. of Gorman. He married his high school sweetheart, Tracy Dossey, June 23, 1984 in Gorman. Steve and Tracy were blessed with three beautiful children, of whom he was always so very proud. His family was his life and filled the greatest part of his loving heart.

Steve is survived by his wife, Tracy, two sons, Adam Wesley, age 19 and Colby Ryan, age 15, and his little girl Lauren Rebecca, age 9 all of Gorman. Also surviving are his parents, Wesley and Sue Spivey of Gorman, his parents-in-law, Rev. Darrell and June Dossey, a brother-in-law and wife, David and Janet Dossey of Breckenridge, a sister-in-law, and husband, Becky and Jackie Don Simpson of Brownfield, and a sister-in-law, Lesa Dossey of Breckenridge. He also had many nieces and nephews and a host of wonderful friends. Steve will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Spivey Family Memorial Scholarship Fund, American State Bank, P. O. Box 519, Gorman, Texas 76454.

## David Matthew Pope

David Matthew Pope, age 60, of De Leon passed away on January 22, 2007 in San Antonio. Memorial services were held on Monday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating.

He was born May 22, 1946 in Gorman, TX to the late Royce Pope and Mary Alice Rollins Pope.

He was a retired Civil Service employee at Kelly Air Force Base; resided in De Leon most all of his life; he was a member of De Leon First Baptist Church.

He is survived by two brothers, Dr. Johnny Pope of Fort Smith, Ark., and Edward Pope of Silverton, CO.

## Byrl Gene Warren

Byrl Gene Warren, 67 of Gorman, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 27 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Watson officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Byrl Gene was born December 4, 1939 in Gorman to Vernon Warren and Lydia Maynard Warren. He married Cho IL Kim in Seoul, Korea on October 10, 1963. He was a lab tech at Parkland Hospital in Dallas for several years. They had moved back her from Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Cho IL Kim Warren of Gorman; one sister, Joyce Forrest of Gorman and one brother and his wife, Jimmy and Marilyn Warren also of Gorman. He was preceded in death by his parents.

## George A. Johnson

George A. Johnson, age 74 of Gorman, passed away Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at his home in Gorman.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Nachtigall officiating. Burial was in Murray Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born December 2, 1932 in Eastland County to Joseph "Buster" Johnson and Ruby Maness Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a retired pipeline, heavy equipment operator and rancher. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Baptist Church and he loved to hunt and fish.

He is survived by three daughters, JoAnn Scitern and husband Johnny of Gorman, Cathy Craig of Eastland and Lindy Snider and husband Gary of Granbury; three sons, Johnny Johnson of Carbon, Jimmy Johnson and wife Sherri of Gorman and Jacky Johnson of Gorman; one sister, Delores Walker and husband Fred of Tyler; sixteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. As well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, on brother, James H. Johnson and one sister, Deon Fields.

## Alpha Naomi Thiebaud

Alpha Naomi Thiebaud, age 92 of De Leon, passed away on January 24, 2007 at Comanche County Medical Center. Services were held Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was at Desdemona Cemetery.

Alpha was born on September 6, 1914 in Desdemona, Tx to the late Robert Pickins Lewis and Jessie Ida Carr Lewis. She married Glyn Thiebaud on December 24, 1937 in Los Angeles, CA. She was a homemaker; resided in Desdemona area most of her life, previously lived in Longview; she was a member of the Desdemona First Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Murray Don Stroud of De Leon, Courtney Wren Thiebaud of White Oak, and Lewis Dean Thiebaud of Mesquite; 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded by her husband, Glyn Thiebaud, six brothers, Riddolph G. Lewis, Jesse Harlin Lewis, Billy Paul Lewis, Ferrell Lewis, R. D. Lewis, and Leo Lewis; 4 sisters, Sylvia Hodges, Joyce Underwood, Abbie Ash and Geneva Lewis.

Pallbearers were Philip Lewis, Harold Lewis, James Riggs, Mike Riggs, Joe Lewis and Manford Lewis. Honorary Pallbearers were Mike Stroud, Robert Lewis and Stephen Riggs.

## Crispin Rubio

Crispin Rubio, age 84 of De Leon, TX passed away on January 22, 2007 at a Granbury Care Center. Services were held Friday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Phillip McNamara officiating. Rosary was Thursday, Jan. 25th at Nowlin Funeral Home. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

He was born to the late Jose Rubio and Seferina Leura Rubio on July 24, 1922 in Victoria, TX. He married Librada Castillo in Corpus Christi, Tx.

He was a chef, pipeline worker, employed in home construction.

He is survived by his wife, Librada Rubio of De Leon, two sons, Robert Rubio and Freddy Rubio, both of Ft. Davis; two daughters, Sara Reyna of De Leon and Josie Lopez of Granbury; 4 sisters, Delores Vasquez of Corpus Christi, Juanita Martinez of Robstown, Virginia Villarrel of Austin and Amelia Chapa of Alice; three brothers, Manuel Rubio of Robstown, Jose Rubio of California and Ray Rubio of Victoria; 15 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

He was preceded by one daughter, Jamie Garcia, and two brothers Fermin Rubio and Jacinto Rubio.

Pallbearers were George Garcia, Chris Reyna, Chris Rubio, Robert Rubio, Michael Rubio and Freddy Rubio.

## Pig Tales From Hogtown

We are really getting a bite from Old Man Winter now! The last few years have spoiled us and I, for one, liked it that way! But I intend to brave the cold this Saturday morning to have breakfast at the DAC. Can't pass up the good food and the meetin' and greetin'. Hope to see you all here in Desdemona then. Remember the times are 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and cost is by donation only.

The potluck dinner and membership drive that we had to postpone a few weeks ago will be held on February 17 starting at 5:00 p.m. We hope that the whole community will come as we have some important issues to discuss. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship of your friends and neighbors.

Carol Pell

## Rep. Keffer To Chair Powerful Ways and Means Committee

AUSTIN – As the 80th Legislative Session begins, State Representative Jim Keffer (R-Eastland) will Chair the House Ways and Means Committee, and will also join the important Pensions and Investments Committee.

The Ways and Means Committee is considered among the most powerful of committees as it has jurisdiction over all proposals to change state taxes or revenues, change the Tax Code or divert funds from the state treasury. The Pensions and Investments Committee oversees public retirement systems, securities and investments.

"There are many concerns facing this state, such as, solvency of the teacher retirement system, energy and natural resources, immigration, and property tax relief," said Keffer. "I look forward to working with my colleagues addressing these issues."

Rep. Keffer represents House District 60 which encompasses Brown, Eastland, Hood, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, and Stephens counties.

## Eastland Co. Clerk and Employees Attend Seminar



Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk would like to recognize and applaud her full time employees in the completion of courses in training of the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act during 2006. It is not a requirement that employees take the training but Mrs. Jentho thought it would be an enhancement of her office to allow them the opportunity to participate. Their training was done during the normal course of their duties at the County Courthouse. Cathy Jentho is required to take these courses and competed her training in June 2006.

### Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk Takes Part In Continuing Education Seminar

Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk joined over 400 County and District Clerks for the 35th Annual County and District Clerks' Continuing Education Seminar at the Hilton College Station Hotel and Conference Center on January 8 thru 11.

The annual continuing education seminar at College Station is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials complete their state-mandated, minimum continuing education requirements. The seminar offered 21 hours of credit to clerks attending all of the sessions. Included in the program were sessions on utilizing credit card payments, fraudulent filings, and registry of the court, inmate collection programs and recording IRS liens.

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30 a m/l, water well, elec., barn, covered porch, 3000s of small pecan trees. \$2,500 acre.  
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100 a west De Leon FMS87, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, 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  
160A 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  
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- 165A, 3-1 newly remolded frame home, w/ office, 12 water wells, large reservoir, highway frontage, cross fences, coastal, pecan orchard, pipe corrals, storm cellar, bams, hunting, minerals. [E01] \$549,000 REDUCED \$495,000
- 100 A, w/ 4,961 sq. ft. (CAD) 5-4 1/2 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. [F01] \$850,000
- 80 A, w/ 1,943sf (CAD) 3-2 brick home, bams and shed, 3 wells, stock pond, cross fences, steel pens, almost completed roping arena. [C01] \$459,000
- 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 bams, pipe corrals, equipment, hunting. [B01] \$396,500
- 52 A, w/ 2,854sf (CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [L01] \$250,000
- 11 A, w/ 16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [T01] \$70,000
- 10 A, horse facility w/ 16x76 Mobile home, approx. 2,600sf of bams and sheds, cross fenced into four pastures, highway frontage [K01] \$125,000
- 250 ± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Coppereas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [B01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co. one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture [A01] \$473,850
- **UNDER CONTRACT**- 240 A, with pivot irrigation system, 2-stock tanks, approx. 7,000sf of bams and sheds, creek, hunting, minerals [U01] \$798,500
- 158 A, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals, approx. 4 miles from Dublin [C01] \$395,000
- 150A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting, Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 140 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. [C5K01] \$350,000
- 100A, with 5 stock tanks, waterwell, pipe corrals, good fences, improved varieties of coastal, native pasture, cultivation, and hunting. [MMS01] \$225,000
- 81A pecan orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation on, 9 wells, tractors, shaker, other equipment. [REM01] \$326,000
- 60 A, stock tank, approx. 13 A wooded, coastal and hunting. [D01] \$165,000
- **UNDER CONTRACT**- Nursing Home. [CCH01] \$39,000
- 3,925sf (CAD) Metal Commercial Building, walk-in cooler, central heat & air, office & storage areas, restrooms [B02] \$75,000.

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# DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Country and Western Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center School Building. Several groups of musicians and singers attended. A Gospel trio call "One Way" from Granbury attended for their first time in Desdemona. Even tho it was a cold night -- everyone enjoyed the music program and good food. Thanks to all those who had a part in making this musical a success. The next musical will be held on Saturday, February 24. Visitors are always welcome. Admission is "FREE".

Bro. Dale Cartwright of Stephenville was the guest speaker last Sunday at the First Baptist Church. His wife, Crystal attended both services. Bro. Dale served as Interim pastor several years ago at this church.

Get Well Wishes to our friend, Roy Lemaster in De Leon. His is slowly recovering from a recent injury, as he fell and hurt a shoulder. Roy graduated from Desdemona with the Class of 1941.

Alpha (Lewis) Thiebaud, 92, of De Leon passed away. Burial was on Saturday, January 27, 2007 in the Desdemona Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Murry Stroud and wife, Gail of De Leon, Lewis Thiebaud and wife, Vicki of Mesquite, and Courtney Thiebaud of White Oak; grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and a host of friends. Alpha was born September 6, 1914 to Rob and Jessie (Carr) Lewis. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Glyn Thiebaud; six brothers, Ferrell Lewis, Jodie Lewis, Leo Lewis, Rudolph Lewis, Harlin Lewis and Billy Paul 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 attended school. Sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Lots of sickness in our Community at this time. Take time out to visit the sick and shut-ins.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Steve Spivey. Burial was on Sunday, January 28, 2007 in Gorman Cemetery. His wife, Tracy (Dossey) Spivey of Gorman is the daughter of Bro. Darrell and June Dossey of Gorman. The Dossey family are former residents of Desdemona where Bro. Darrell served as pastor for several years at the First Baptist Church.

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

## Super Notes

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

It looks like the cold weather is here to stay for a while, but at least it appears that we will get a little rain out of the deal and I know everyone needs the rain. I will still be glad to see it warm up. We need a spring that is six months long this year.

The junior high basketball season ends this week with a home game against at 4:00pm. This is your last chance to support them! Remember, passes are good, use them!

The high school regular basketball season ends next Tuesday night against DeLeon. That means everyone still has a chance to go to a Panther basketball game and show their support for our kids. The boys beat DeLeon the last time we played them on their own court, then they beat Perrin-Whitt on their home court last Tuesday. The girls have had some exciting games too. They beat Perrin-Whitt on their own court too. Come see them play.

New laws have opened up Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) to 3 year olds. Enrollment is not compulsory. If you have a child that will be three years old prior to September 1, 2007 and you would like for that child to attend Pre-K, please contact Mary Reeves at the Maxfield Elementary at 734-2617 for the details.

We are still waiting for the Legislature to roll forward EDA funding before we can move forward with our building project. If you happen to be writing Congressman Keffer or Senator Fraser, you might want to mention how important it is to our children for that to happen as soon as possible.

Last Thursday, we had our annual School Board Appreciation dinner at ZJ's restaurant. This dinner was originally scheduled for the 15th, but we cancelled due to the weather. January is officially "School Board Appreciation Month" as proclaimed by Governor Perry and I certainly appreciate ours and I hope you do too! These dedicated people are paid nothing to serve and put in a lot of time seeing to it that your children have the best Gorman ISD can offer. They really are a selfless group that wants only the best for your kids. The truth is that it actually costs each member to be on the school board. The time that they put into meetings and training alone is worth a lot, but they also miss work or take some of their vacation time to attend required training. This does not take into account the stress they are put under while serving as trustees. Not many folks come up to them and pat them on the back and tell them thanks for doing such a great job. They usually just hear from people when they are mad, upset, or concerned about something. That's ok, it's part of the job, but it would be nice to see these folks getting the thanks they deserve for their commitment to the children of Gorman too. So, the next time you see one of them around town or at church or at ball game why don't you thank them for the good job they are doing. Thank them for supporting a bond to build a new gymnasium and high school classrooms. Thank them for having the track resurfaced, not just for the kids, but for all the folks in Gorman that use the track to walk and run on. Thank them for maintaining a superior financial rating and spending money wisely. Thank them for constantly approving programs to improve your child's instruction and academic success. Thank them for maintaining a great faculty and staff and hiring people that have the best interest of your children as their focus. I personally want to thank them for all the care and concern that I know they have for your children and for the commitment they have to Gorman as a community. I appreciate working with each one of them! Pictured below are your School Board Trustees:



(left to right) Bobby Rich - President, Melinda Harrington - Secretary, Beth Underwood, Jeff Seaton - Vice President, Daryl Hirst, Mark Simmons, and Larry Thompson. I also need to include a correction here to my report in a previous article about our January board meeting. It was Ms. Harrington that was absent, not Mrs. Underwood. She was just a couple of minutes late. Sorry for the error!

- Here are a few dates you might want to remember:
- 2/1 JH BB Here-4:00
  - 2/2 HS BB @ Santo 4:00
  - 2/3 Powerlifting Meet @ Dublin
  - 2/6 HS BB Here 4:00
  - San Antonio Stock Show all Week

The week ended on a sad note Sunday with the funeral of Steve Spivey (44), husband of one of our First Grade teacher's, Tracy Spivey. He was the father of three, two of whom attend school here, Colby Spivey - 9th grade and Lauren Spivey - 4th grade. The oldest son, Adam Spivey gradu-

# KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Harold Roan of Stephenville was the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, January 28. Other visitors were his wife, Jana, and daughters, Jaylan and Kenzie; Peggy Roan, David and Melodie Roan, Ronnie and Alma Jackson, Joey and Wynell Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Marsha Rogers, Mark and Kim Spruill, Nick and Jill Heupel and Seth and Maddie, all of the Stephenville area and Saegan Heupel of Axtell, Glenda Black of Abilene.

Dianna Dorris of Gorman, Kari and Kris Rodgers and Josh Arldt of Georgetown. The special music "Jesus Lover Of My Soul" was beautifully rendered by Jaylan Roan with her mother, Jana Roan at the piano. "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Oren and Norma Webb who would be celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary on Monday, January 29.

Using several scriptures, the message in the morning service was Honor God with the first fruits - the best - of our time, talents and offerings to show we love God more than we love ourselves. What we believe shows in our actions.

Bro. Roan's message in the evening service was on spending time alone with God in prayer and Bible study, and attending church to worship God together. God reveals himself to us through the Bible. We should be a doer of the Word as well as a hearer of the Word. Mrs. Jana Roan and Jaylan and Kenzie were visitors in the evening service.

We had a wonderful time at the Wednesday night prayer meeting at the Kokomo Baptist Church. A very good meal and then a very sacred time spent in prayer. If you aren't coming on Wednesday nights, you are missing a blessing. Visitors are welcome. The meal begins at 6:00 p.m. and then the prayer meeting follows.

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn will be the speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 4.

We extend sincere sympathy to the families of George Johnson and Byrl Gene Warren, both of Gorman, who passed away this past week. George was the father of JoAnn Scitern and Johnny Johnson of our community. Byrl Gene was a former resident of Kokomo.

We also extend sincere sympathy to the family of Steve Spivey of Gorman. His father-in-law, Bro. Darrell Dossey preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church several times.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited from Thursday until Friday evening in Copperas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan, Sydney and Joey Bond.

Kari Rodgers, Kris Rodgers and Josh Arldt of Georgetown visited during the weekend with Ed and Ruth Rodgers and Dianna Dorris.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little visited during the weekend in Tyler with Terry, Arleen, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield and attended the "Musical Man" at Chapel Hill. Michael was a member of the cast. Bobby and Mary Jane also visited in Lewisville with Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp.

Oren and Norma Webb visited in Granbury on Saturday with their son, James Webb.

Glenda Black of Abilene came for her mother, Zelda Jordan on Saturday and they attended a Youth of Abilene Basketball game to see Ryan and Kody Daniell play. They didn't win their game, but played a good game. Others enjoying the ballgame were Wade and Sheri Daniell, Gail Daniell, and Ray White. Emily Daniell visited with her granddad, Loyd Daniell while the others were at the game. A meal was enjoyed at Tamolly's Restaurant following the game. Glenda and Zelda returned to Kokomo and Glenda spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited with Nancy Hendricks in the Comanche County Medical Center on Sunday afternoon. We send get well wishes and our prayers to Nancy. She expected to be dismissed on Monday.

## Dr. Frank Page, President Of The Southern Baptist Convention, To Speak At First Baptist Church, Eastland

First Baptist Church, Eastland, is pleased to announce that Dr. Frank Page, President Of The Southern Baptist Convention, will be their guest speaker on Wednesday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the worship center.

Dr. Frank S. Page, pastor of First Baptist Church of Taylors, South Carolina, was born in Robbins, North Carolina. He is married to the former Dayle Gibson of Huntersville, North Carolina, and is the father of three daughters. He has been pastor of First Baptist Church of Taylors, South Carolina, since 2001.

Dr. Page holds the Ph.D. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. This degree, received at age 28, is in the field of Christian Ethics focusing on moral, social, and ethical issues. Prior to that, he received the Master of Divinity degree, also from Southwestern Seminary. He also received the Bachelor of Science degree with honors from Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina, with a major in Psychology and minors in Sociology and Greek.

Dr. Page has spoken widely in revivals, Bible conferences, family life conferences, college lecture series, seminary chapels, and evangelism training conferences across the nation and overseas. He has spoken in Germany, Norway, Mexico, Israel, Ecuador, Australia, Nigeria, Brazil, Canada, and Africa. He has also taught adjunctively for both Southeastern as well as Southwestern seminaries.

Dr. Page has written several books and many articles. Among the books include Trouble with the Tulip, which is an examination of the five points in Calvinism. He wrote Jonah for the Broadman and Holman Press, release, "The New American Commentary" and the Commentary on Mark" for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also authored a booklet for the Stewardship Commission entitled, The Witnessing and Giving Life and he is the lead writer for the "Advanced Continuing Witness Training" material. Dr. Page has also written articles for several magazines and theological journals.

Dr. Page is pastor of the 4,300+ member First Baptist Church of Taylors. This church, located in suburban Greenville County, has experienced tremendous growth in the last few years to an average worship attendance exceeding 2,100 and over 1,700 in Sunday School attendance. Taylors First has dramatically increased its ministries and outreach to the surrounding community as well as national and international missions. The church's purpose is to, "love the Lord as we lead others to the same love." Taylors First has become a leader in the state of South Carolina in missions involvement as well as in missions giving. It's innovative community ministries are truly touching the Greenville area for the Lord Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church, Eastland, would like to invite anyone in our community and surrounding communities to come hear Dr. Page. All denominations are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is not often that our area is able to have such a dynamic speaker of this caliber and renown across the United States. For more information, please contact the church office at (254)629-3355.

## PRAY FOR RAIN

ated in 2005 from Gorman High School and now attends school in Sweetwater. He was also the only son of Wesley and Sue Spivey here in Gorman. Although we know Steve is in a better place, his entire family is in need of all the love and healing this community and God can provide. Please keep this family lifted up in your prayers and don't forget that they need you now more than ever.

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.

# Burn Ban Reminder

Please remember if you are intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact your nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning. Our fire departments request not beginning a burn prior to 7:00 a.m. We have provided a list of essential phone numbers needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# Heritage Manor News

By Ina Smith

We would like to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of George Johnson, Buryl Warren and Steve Spivey. They will be greatly missed in our community.

February is Great American Pie Month. We will be hosting a Pie Fair here at Heritage Manor on Feb. 9th. We would like to invite everyone to participate in this. Categories are: Fried Pies, Fruit Pies, Cream Pies, and Ice Box Pies. Age groups are: grade school, junior high, high school and adults. Ribbons will be presented to the top 3 in each category and age groups. Please bring your entries to Heritage Manor before noon on Friday Feb. 9th. If prefer you bring your entry in a disposable pan. RESIDENTS WILL BE THE JUDGES. For more information call 734-2202. Please pass this information to you family, friends and neighbors.

We will be putting our Valentine boxes up on this Friday. We would like to invite everyone to come and put a valentine in our sweetheart's boxes. At the present time we have 25 residents. You may put them in the boxes yourself or leave them in the office and I will pass them out. We will be electing our King, Queen, Princess, and Princess the morning of 14th and they will be honored with a party at 2:30 that afternoon. Please come and join us.

We had a wonderful Singing on Monday. Those coming to sing were: Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treaway, Daisy Slaton, Ruby Kinser, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, and Zelda Jordan. Following the singing we had our monthly birthday party. We only had one birthday in February and that was Don Estes. Everyone enjoyed the cake, coffee and punch and visiting with friends.

Kevin and Weldon Scitern visited with Troy Scitern and Jelma Smith. Ruthie Porter and Ina Brown visited with Troy Scitern and Imogene Norris and several others.

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

Visiting with Jelma Smith were Jeff Smith of Eastland, and Johnny and Ina Smith.

Visiting with Troy Scitern were LaVerne and Tommy Carr of Whitney, Mickey Carr of Dallas, Johnny and JoAnn Scitern.

Visiting with Joann Murdoch were Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon and Annie Faye Foster.

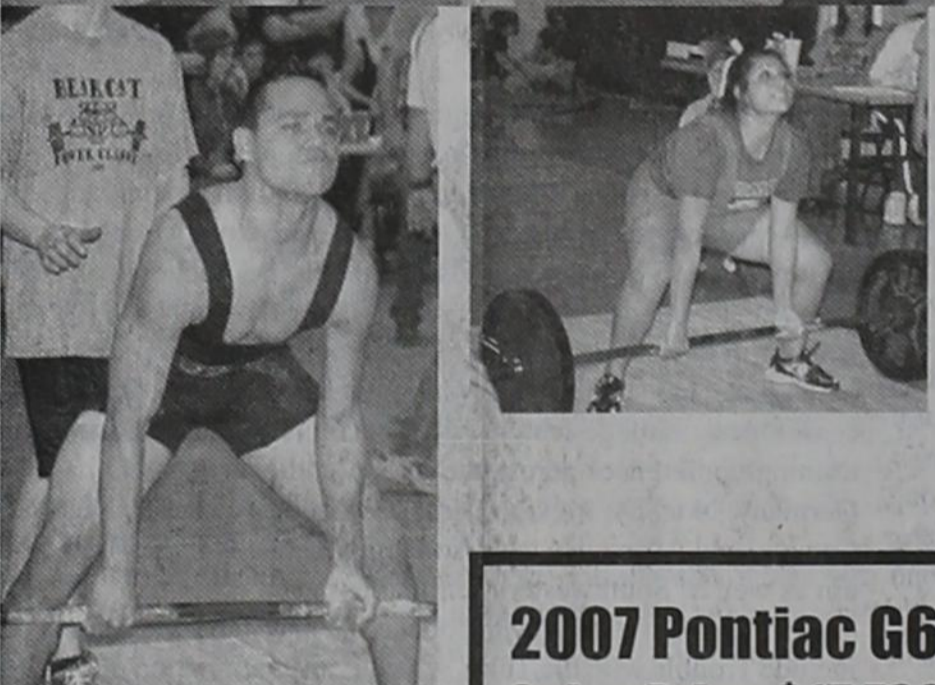
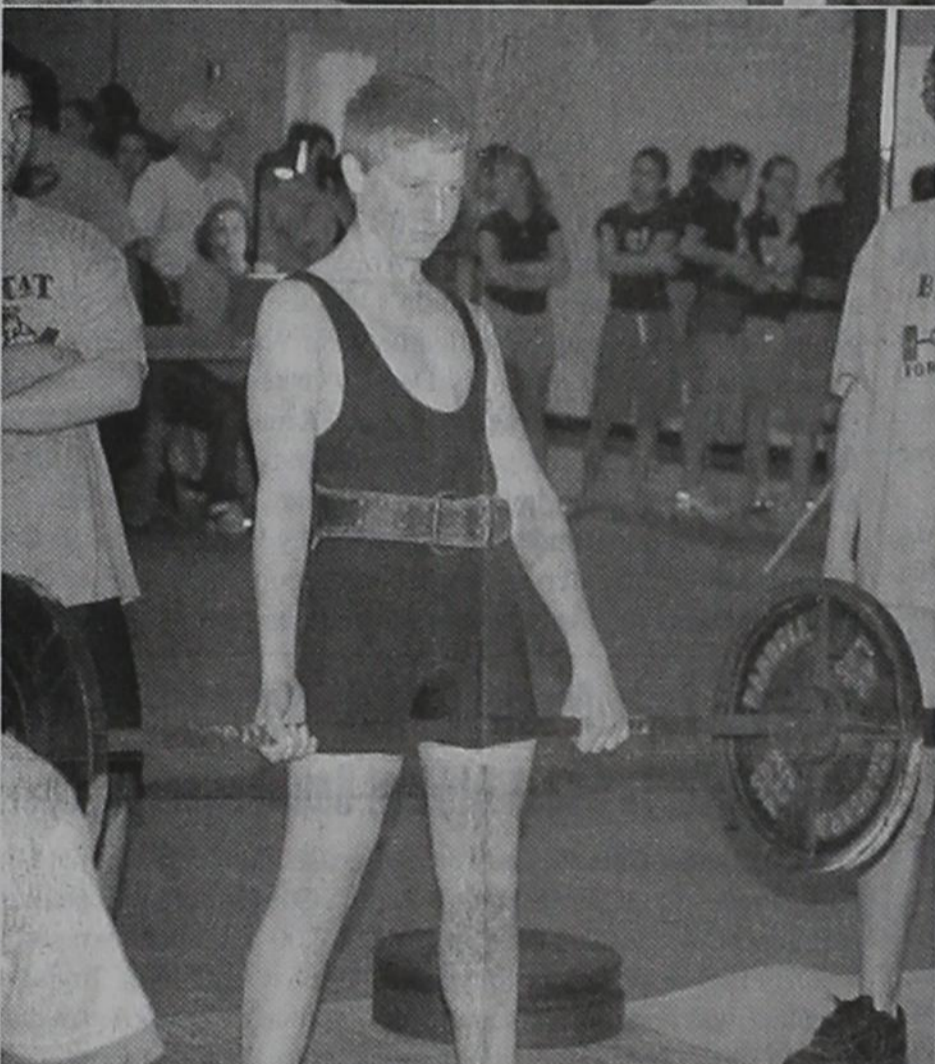
Visiting Euncie Love were Tylee Jones, Joy and Larry Campbell, Ronnie and Barbara Love and Bro. Larry Stogsdill.

Sylvia Estes of DeLeon visited with her parents, T.D. and Patty Whitehorn. Visiting with Don Estes were Kay and Freddie Rodgers. Visiting with Arvel Barnett were Kay Lasater of Eastland, and Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie. Jerry Majors of DeLeon and Kellie Majors visited Lavona Sharp...

There are probably some visitors I missed and I apologize for that. If you do visit someone at Heritage Manor, be sure and sign the book in their room, or let me know.

Congratulations to JoAnn Fraley for being such a dedicated, devoted employee. Joann has worked here at this facility for 25 years. Be sure and read the article elsewhere.

Until next time.....Ina



# Proclamation

Whereas, National Wear Red Day celebrates the extraordinary program in women's heart health and recognizes that more needs to be done in Eastland County to safeguard women's health for generations to come.

Whereas, Heart Disease is the #1 killer of women and one in three American women dies of heart disease.

Whereas, most women do not know that heart disease is a women's problem and they do not take it seriously.

Whereas, the risk factors for heart disease are smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight/obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, a family history of early heart disease, and age.

Whereas, women can promote their own heart health and prevent disease and illness by taking steps to prevent and control the heart disease risk factors.

Whereas, keeping women healthy and promoting awareness of women's health issues, including heart health, is an important responsibility and depends on the actions of many organizations and groups in our community.

Whereas, women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger that ever.

Whereas, The Heart Truth campaign and its Red Dress Symbol are building awareness of women's heart disease risk and empowering them to reduce their risk and prevent heart disease. Therefore, Eastland County women need to take action to make heart healthy a priority for themselves and their families, become aware of their personal risk factors for heart disease, and take action to lower their risk.

Now, therefore, I Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge do hereby proclaim Friday, February 2, 2007, as National Wear Red Day in Eastland County and encourage all citizens to wear red to unite in the national movement to give women a personal and urgent wake up call about their risk to heart disease.

(s) Rex Field  
Eastland County Judge  
27 January 2007

# VFW Post #4136 to Hold Monthly PTSD Meetings

The VFW Post 4136 of Eastland will hold their monthly PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Meetings on Wednesday, February 7, 2007.

Mike Coulter, VA Counselor from Fort Worth, will be conducting individual and group meetings from 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

James Wood of Stephenville, will be there to assist veterans with benefits questions and to assist with paperwork from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.

The PTSD classes are free to all combat veterans. Please bring DD214's to attend.

Benefits Assistance is free to all veterans. Please bring DD214 (Discharge Papers) and any information you have.

For further information CALL Larry Monroe, Commander VFW at 254-629-1097.

*Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Military Veterans*  
by Tom Williams, Psy. D.

submitted by Larry Monroe, Commander, VFW Post 4136

During the Vietnam War, there were very few battlefield emotional casualties. The emotional distress began to show later, after the veterans returned home from the one-year combat tours. This delay in the appearance of symptoms was called "delayed stress reaction" and "post-Vietnam syndrome".

In the 1970s, other terms started being used to describe the same emotional response, but caused by other traumatic events, such as "rape trauma," "battered woman syndrome," "police officers shooting trauma," and "abused child syndrome."

In the late 1970s the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) sponsored psychological research into the emotional aftermath of battle on Vietnam veterans. The research was called the **Forgotten Warrior Project**. As a result of this research, the DAV opened centers for Vietnam veterans and their families in 70 cities around the country. The services included assistance in obtaining counseling, obtaining veterans' benefits and access to employment and training programs, as well as other services. In the early 1980s, following the DAV's success in developing treatment techniques, the Veterans Administration (VA) began its Vet Center program, designed specifically to treat veterans and their families for trauma-related emotional difficulties. As the Vet Center program grew, the DAV phased out its outreach initiative.

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# Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

Due to the cold icy conditions we did not hold our get together on the 17th. We do miss our dinner and the fellowship that follows. It was so good to receive all this moisture, but not in the form of ice and snow. The kids sure had a time though making snowmen, snowballs, sledding, etc. Also being out of school a couple of days sure helped the fun. I'm ready now for some sunshine and a little warmer.

We did meet on the 24th with 27 present. Barbara Bush called us to order with several announcements. Zelda Jordan gave the blessing of our food and for all in this world.

We did learn that Troy Scitern was in the Nursing Home. It supposed to be temporary, so do hope she improves and can come back and visit with us.

Sara Overstreet and Aryann came to visit with Grandma Annie Foster. We always enjoy having little children come to eat with us. She had grown so I hardly recognized her, such a cutie.

Anna Rush's son, Russell Cordell came to eat with us and visit. We enjoy him, it had been too long. I'm sure he will come and be with us some more in the future.

Our Tax Assessor/Collector Sandra Cagle was with us to eat and visit her uncle Wilburn Overstreet. We do enjoy having her with us. She is so friendly and down to earth to talk to.

The saddest news we all had to endure was the passing of Steve Spivey. Its hard to believe that something like this could happen. Especially with all the High Tech available in this day and age. We send our Love and that the family will be able to endure this tragedy with the help of the Lord.

Last Thursday the 25th games were played with 14 present

I was not able to be here, as my Grandson, Kyle Ward was married that night. He graduated from Coast Guard Bootcamp in Cape May, N.J. Now he will going to Florida for his training. He and the new Bride Audrey, are quite excited about their new life near Miami.

Hope all is well, and see you at the next dinner. Also don't forget game night on Thursday at 5 p.m.

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