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Town Meeting Set Tuesday, Oct. 8

There will be a Town Meeting at the Gorman Hotel concerning the Five Year Plan for the Housing Authority. It will be on Tuesday, October 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Panther Pride

Since the start of the school year and football season I have seen many of the local residents as well as school personnel show exemplary school pride. Becky Swanner our cheerleaders sponsor works many extra hours to see that those girls are prepared and the organization at the pep rally and bon fire was excellent. Mr. Howard and the band have shown great effort and hard work in their promotion of school spirit. Our schools first dance team have worked very hard as well. Thanks Mrs. Segura for your girl's hard work. Thanks to all of those volunteers who work in the concession stand on game night who work for free. Even our local doctor, Dr. Brudnak and his staff gave up a full day and administered free physicals for our boys and girls. Our Chain Crew works for free and our announcer Mr. Hirst volunteers his time as well and they all do a great job. thanks for all that you do. I would like to offer a special thanks to Angela Underwood and Mila Landa for the blue and red streamers hanging throughout town. How about those panther paws leading the way to Brogdon Field. Thanks girls for all the hard work and your show of Panther Pride Spirit. I'm sure that I've left out many others that are doing great things every day to promote pride in our community through school spirit. Sincere thanks to you all and keep up the hard work.

Get Ready For The Train!!!



Have you seen the activity at the basketball court? We are planning for another wonderful train ride. Please come out and help us celebrate our heritage. We moved from Shin Oak Springs to Gorman because of the train. Steve Goen, author of Texas Railroad books will be on the train this year. He will be signing his new book, Miss Katy of Texas, in front of Antiques From Our Father's House. The model trains will be in the opera house again this year, and come to see the old bathing suits that were for rent at Bass Lake. We will have many interesting things to see in the "Green Room".

Carbon High School Classes Of '45-'46 & '48 To Hold Class Reunions Oct. 6th

The classes of 1945, 1946 and 1948 of Carbon High School will meet for class reunions at ZJ's restaurant in Gorman on Friday, October 6, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. All members of these classes are urged to attend and visitors will be welcome.

Card of Thanks

The Family of Lane Scott Gilmore would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, and also to those who sent flowers, cards and gave money and brought food. We would also like to send a special thank-you to Richard Watson, Ray Daniels and Carolyn Foster, also a very special thank you to the Gorman Fire Department.

Bradley, Lisa & Ashlynn Gilmore
Ken and Nellie Buscher
Freddie and Kathy Gilmore

ICE CREAM CRANK

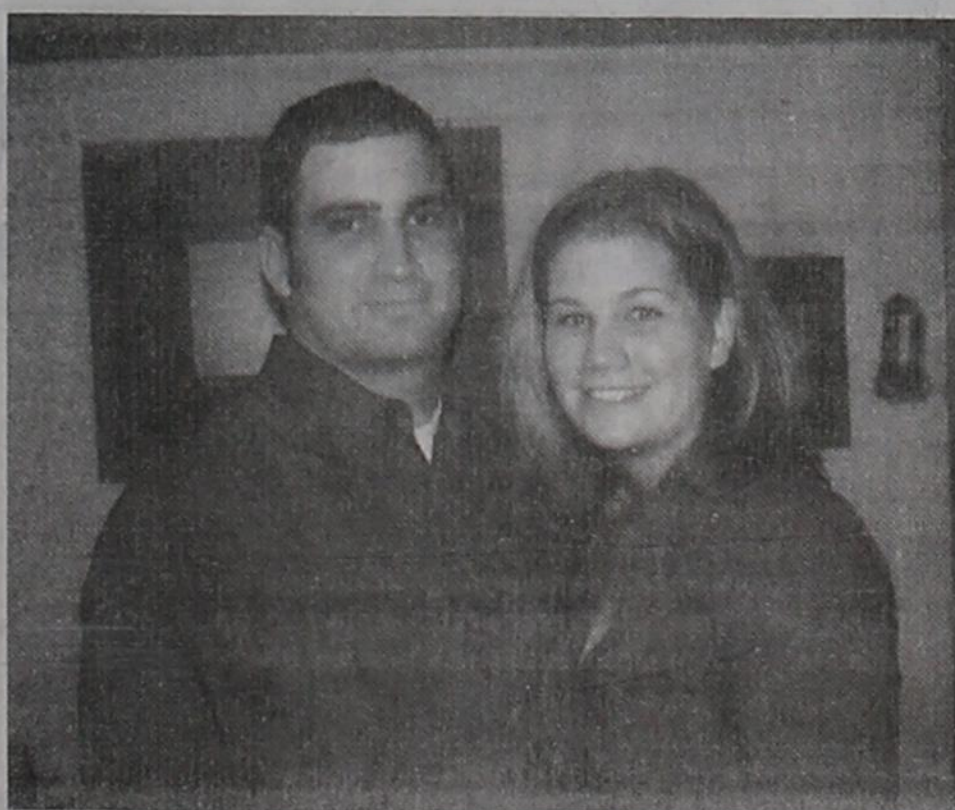
WHEN: Saturday OCTOBER 14, 2005 JUDGING AT 1:00 P.M.
Ice cream tasting will start right after the judging.

A tasting cup may be purchased for a \$1 donation to Gorman GROW for PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

WHERE: GORMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

WHY: DOODLEBUG TRAIN FESTIVAL

TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT: LORI DODD 734-363



Gorman Grow To Meet

Gorman Grow will meet on Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30 in the Community Center. Any and all interested community members are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

Region 14 ESC Alternative Certification Program

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2007-2008 Alternative Certification Program for certification of special education teachers will be accepted until **November 30, 2006**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be special education teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts. Participants complete course work and training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During this internship year, training is continued. **FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE.**

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

- Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Attained a minimum of 2.5 grade point average overall OR 2.75 on the last 60 hours.
- Earned at least passing scores on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) formerly the TASP.
- Acceptable score on a critical thinking test administered at Region XIV ESC.
- Completion of an interview process.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas in special education in grades ED-Grade 12. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's program contact:
John Stevens • 325-675-8630 or
Janice Hill • 325-675-8605.

Neugebauer Praises Passage of Abortion Parental Notification

Congressman Randy Neugebauer supported Tuesday's passage of a bill to protect the health of minor girls and reaffirm parental rights.

The Child Custody Protection Act (S.403) makes it a federal misdemeanor to transport a minor across state lines to have an abortion with the intent of evading parental consent or parental notification laws in the minor's home state.

"By reinforcing widely-supported parental notifications laws, this bill respects the rights of parents who, through the democratic process, have said that they want to be involved in the medical decisions of their children," Neugebauer said. "More importantly, it helps protect the health of young girls who may be exploited or forced into making an uninformed decision about a major medical procedure."

Jeff and Leisa Maupin would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jamie Christine Maupin to James Craig Justice, son of Chris and Lisa Justice.

The ceremony will be on Saturday, October 14, 2006, 3:00 p.m. at the De Leon First Baptist Church.

The couple will reside in Fort Worth.

Panthers Surprise Bulldogs; Host Pirates On Friday

GAME AT A GLANCE		
Gorman		Ranger
16	First Downs	9
52/236	Carries/Yds.	27/87
5	Yds. Passing	65
1 of 5	Passes/Comp.	4 of 9
0	Interceptions	0
0 - 0	Fumbles/Lost	2 - 2
3/25	Punts/Avg.	3/33
8/45	Penalties	5/35

The Gorman Panthers traveled to Ranger on Friday night to take on the Bulldogs in the opening District Race and jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter, then added 12 more points in the second for a halftime lead of 20-0. Neither team could score in the third period, but the Bulldogs managed a score in the final 2 minutes and added a two pointer to make the final score 20-8.

After exchanging possessions on two occasions the Panthers took the ball on their own 32 and scored in 11 plays with Tyson Swanner getting the final 8 yards with 45 seconds left in the first. The drive featured runs of 5, 5 and 9 by Matt Underwood; and 36 by Zack Fox. The 2 pointer was scored by Underwood and Gorman was up 8-0.

Then with 4:05 left in the half Matt Underwood ran in from the 2. This drive covered 92 yards in 16 plays. Tyson carried for 8; Underwood had 5, 8, and 5; Reggie Sanchez got 4, 23, 13 and 8; Fox had 7 and Tony Perez got 4, 8 and 5. The pass try for 2 points failed and the score rose to 14-0.

With 1:37 left in the half, the Bulldogs were forced to punt and Reggie Sanchez caught the ball on the Gorman 12 and ran through all the Bulldog defenders behind some beautiful blocks for the touchdown. The run for 2 points failed and the Panthers were up 20-0, which was the halftime score.

Both Bands put on great routines and the Gorman Dance team performed a very good routine for the fans.

Both teams played on fairly even terms in the second half and neither team could score, even though they had some good drives without scoring points.

Then with 2:13 left on the clock Ranger scored when the Bulldogs got off a long touchdown pass to Michael Krantz for 25 yards. The drive covered 29 yards in 4 plays. Josh Stewart added the 2 pointer and the score was 20-8.

From there Gorman get the kickoff and ran out the clock.

This was a great win for the Big Red as it was their first District

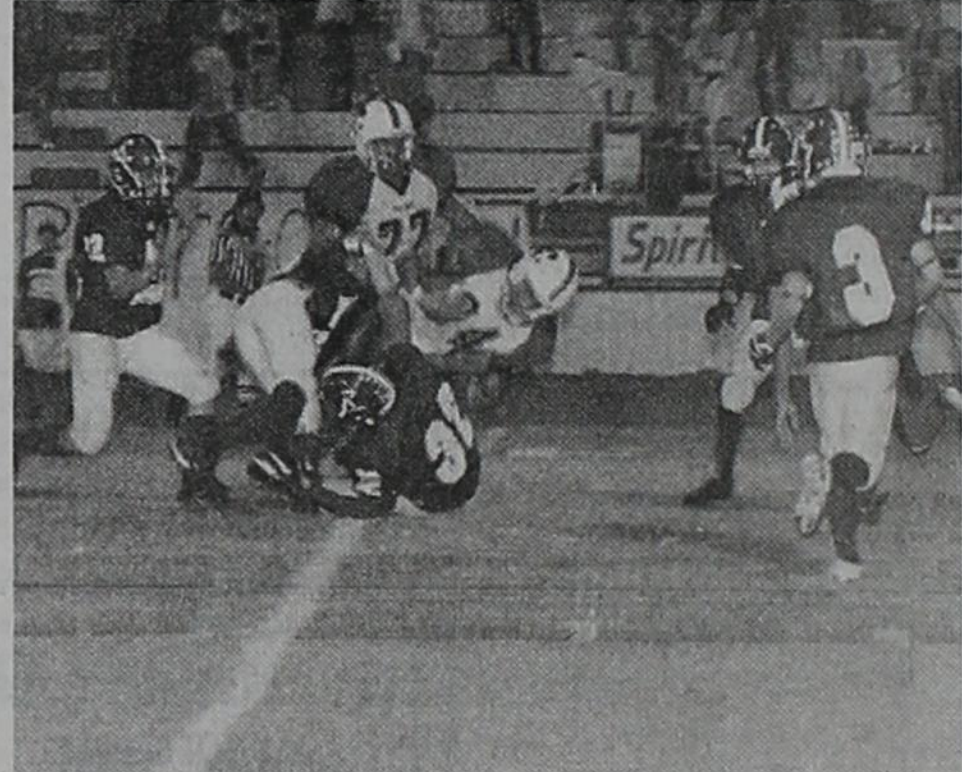
game. The Defense held the Bulldogs at bay most all night. They will need another great effort this Friday night when they host the always tough Perrin-Whitt Pirates in another District tilt. The Pirates have a very good team and the Big Red defense will have a battle on their hands.

Reggie Sanchez led the Panthers with 88 yards on 12 carries and a runback on a punt for 88. Underwood had 77 on 21 tries; Zack Fox got 37 on 4, Tony Perez had 34 on 8 tries.

Come on out and back the Big Red against the Pirates.
Go Get 'Em Big Red!!!



FOLLOWING A BLOCK - Matt Underwood is shown following his blocker thru the line in game action Friday night.



GOING FOR THE EXTRA YARDAGE - Reggie Sanchez is trying to stretch across the line to make a first down in game action Friday night.



BIG COUNTRY HONORABLE MENTION!

Matt Underwood, Gorman Panther (soph.) running back (142 yards, two TDs in Sterling City Game; Reggie Sanchez, Gorman Panther (sr.) running back (176 yards, one TD in also in Sterling City game). These boys were honored in the Abilene Reporter-News

November 7th Election Info

Note: The following elections types are being held on the same date; 1. Local Option to Legalize for the City of Cisco; 2. Gorman ISD Bond Election; and 3. General.

- **October 10, 2006** - Last Day a Person May Register To Vote.
- **Oct. 23-Nov. 3** - Early Voting In Person

Note: Early voting for all three elections will occur at the County Courthouse and at the temporary branch polling place at the Gorman Independent School District Office.

- **Oct. 28** - (Saturday) - Extended Voting Hours ONLY at the County Clerk's Office - 8 a.m. till 3 p.m.
- **Oct. 31** - Last Day A Mail Ballot may be mailed out.
- **Nov. 7th** - Election Day

Notice of Early Voting At Branch Polling Places
Sections 85.067 & 85.068 Texas Election Code

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following locations:

Gorman Independent School District Office
Oct. 23rd thru November 3 - 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Order For Additional Early Voting On Saturday
Sections 85.006, 85.064 Texas Election Code

For the General Election to be held on November 7th, additional early voting will be held as follows:

Eastland County Clerk's Office
October 28th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Eastland County Polling Places

- Precinct One - County Courthouse
- Precinct Two - Olden Community Center
- Precinct Three - Ranger Community Center
- Precinct Four - Desdemona Community Center
- Precinct Five - Gorman Senior Citizens Center
- Precinct Six - Carbon Community Center
- Precinct Seven - Rising Star City Hall
- Precinct Eight - American State Bank - Community Room - Cisco
- Precinct Nine - Lone Cedar Country Club & Golf Course

Ten Free Trees

Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 2006.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are 2 Sugar Maples, Scarlet Oak, Sweetgum, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Dogwood, Washington Hawthorn and 2 Red Maples.

"These trees will produce vibrant red, orange, yellow, scarlet, and purple leaves in the fall", John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to AUTUMN CLASSIC TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2006. Or join online at www.arborday.org

WANTED! WANTED!

WANTED! WANTED! We need actors dressed in vintage clothes, any year between 1904 - 1950. Please dress up and come to meet the train on October 14, 2006. We will have gun fighters, saloon girls, good music, and very good food, model train display, out-of-town vendors, a Ferris wheel and small train for the kids to ride. Come to greet the visitors that will be in our town. This event has become very popular; we are selling tickets a year ahead at this time. At present we are about 65% sold out for next year, if you want tickets please contact Cliffa Vaughn 734-3619 or 631-3901.

EDC Talk

This past year many community members have participated in the Community Vision process. They donated many hours to developing a 'game plan', so to speak, of goals and objectives this community needs to meet in order to stay alive and move forward. One of goals dealt specifically with GISD and helping the students and teachers make the very best of their opportunities into the 21st century. Technology and Science are the top two professional fields in a recent study of high-demand college degrees. It is important that our children have the opportunity to appreciate the safety and friendliness small-town life affords without having to comprise their education.

Our community has indeed suffered some economic setbacks in the past five or six years. There may not be a better opportunity to vote for a school bond to make improvements than now. It has been mentioned over and over it will not affect homestead exemptions, or the elderly and those on fixed incomes. We have the State Legislature's new law that will allow these much needed improvements to be made for our students with a cost to the voters that will not be this low again. Our school district has not burdened the local citizens with a bond in nearly 30 years.

This bond election is about doing what needs to be done. Our kids aren't going to drop out of school if it doesn't pass, they aren't going to fail miserably. They are good, 'farm-raised' kids that try hard and do their best with what is presented to them. But what passing the bond will do is send a message to them that WE CARE. We care what they have in front of them to do their best. And when they graduate, and eventually leave...it might just send a message that makes them want to return to Gorman to raise their families, and run their businesses, and give back to a community that said WE CARE when they really needed it.

Reminder:

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

GHS Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

SEVENTH GRADE

A

McKinzie Osborne, Asher Vaughn and Johnathan Whitten.

A-B

Maria Garcia, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Raven Kehl, Karla Lara, Charlesy Little, Erica Ortiz, Cortney Shirley, Katey Thackerson, Stetson Thompson and James Wedgeworth.

EIGHTH GRADE

A

Jaime Johnson and Abigail Pacheco.

A-B

Alejandra Borrego, Brice Campbell, Cameron Clark, Cecilia Olivares, Amy Regian, Stephanie Risueno, Evangelina Sanchez and Randy Woodall.

NINTH GRADE

A

Chance Bryant and Eric Ryon.

A-B

Johnathon Flores, Kelsi Gibson, Brittany Henderson, Laura Herrera, Erica Limon, Adriana Madera, Perla Maldonado and Brenda Valesquez.

TENTH GRADE

A

Audrey Johnston and Pera Velasquez.

A-B

Cody Church, Matthew Cogburn, Marsela Gonzalez, Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Lindsey Laminack, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Martin Ramirez, Tyson Swanner, Matthew Underwood and Veronica Walton.

ELEVENTH GRADE

A

Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton and Jimmie Murphy.

A-B

Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Zachary Fox, Yhdira Garcia, Reba Granada, Brandon Greer, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Carlos Palacios, Mary Powell, Tony Perez, Daniel Shirley, Trey Underwood and Nancy Valasquez.

TWELFTH GRADE

A

Brandon Hale, Rosa Herrera, Nicole Vaughn, Mindy Voyles, Kristy Carlton, K'Ann Howard and Brittany Shirley.

A-B

Amanda Brown, Joshua Cox, Brian Greer, David Ibarra, Pedro Ramirez, Maria Oronia, Kaci Seaton, Rejinaldo Sanchez, Natasha Sherman, Crystal Thackerson and Ty Vaughn.

30th Annual Cisco Writers Club Contest Winners Announced

The Cisco Writers Club awarded over \$200 in cash prizes Tuesday, September 12, to winners in its thirtieth annual writer's contest. Special awards honored outstanding achievements, including the David Autry Sweepstakes to Dr. Jim Wilson of Abilene. This award is based on a point system, and must include at least one first place.

The winners are:
SPECIAL AWARDS: David Autry Sweepstakes Award

Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - ACHIEVING BEST ALL-ROUND PERFORMANCE

Dr. Joe Stamey Unrhymed Poetry Award

Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "UNRHYMED POETRY"

Christine Reich Rhymed Poetry Award

Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "RHYMED POETRY"

Irene Wylie Nostalgia Award

J. Pitts, Cleburne TX - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "NOSTALGIA"

Mary Latch Carey Fiction Book Award

J. Huffman, Billings MT - ACHIEVING FIRST IN "BOOKS" (FICTION)

Lela Latch Lloyd Nonfiction Book Award

B. Barton, Knickerbocker TX - HIGHEST RANKED NONFICTION BOOK

WINNERS BY CATEGORY

Short Stories

Judge: Dani Day, Cisco, TX, Chair, CJC Division of Language and Communication

1. P. Chandler, Keene TX - 3:10 TO EDEN

2. G. Cumins, Rio Vista TX - BEST SHOT I EVER SAW

3. B. Huffman, Cleburne TX - KILLING TIME

HM V. Payne, Cisco TX - THE PRICE

Short Shots (Brief Anecdotes Such As Those In RD)

Judge: Margaret Hetrick-Gorman, TX-Editor Texas Messenger, Ranger Times, feature writer

1. J. Lewis, Gorman TX - NUT-CRACKER

2. J. Worthy, Baird TX - "A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME..."

3. B. Barton, Knickerbocker TX - EXTRA PASSENGER

HM J. Worthy, Baird TX - TRUTH WILL OUT

Poetry, Dr. Joe Stamey Unrhymed

Judge: Wesley J. Valek--Cisco TX--Ret.CJC History Prof, writer, prize-winning poet

1. Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - REALIZING I AM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES

2. J. Worthy, Baird TX - HERE AND HEREAFTER?

3. Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - CRAWLING OUT FROM UNDER PARTLY CLOUDY

HM C. Eversdyk, Abilene TX - A HERO'S DEATH

Poetry, Christine Reich Rhymed

Judge: Evelyn Valek--Cisco TX--Past stringer for Abilene Reporter-News, poet

1. Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - MENTAL RETRAINING

2. C. Eversdyk, Abilene TX - HEARTACHE

3. J. Worthy, Baird TX - LU

HM J. Worthy, Baird TX - ROOTS

Poetry, Jasper Cook Humorous

Judge: Beth Maynard--Rising Star TX--Writer, poet, past librarian HSU, CJC, RJC, avid reader

1. S. Strawn, Abilene TX - THE GREAT CRACKERJACK RIPOFF

2. J. Cook, Austin TX - WHO ATE MY PORRIDGE?

3. C. Tarter, Cleburne TX - CUCUMBERS, CUCUMBERS, CUCUMBERS

HM Dr. Jim Wilson, Abilene TX - THE UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL

Books

Judge: Julia B. Worthy--Baird TX--Published columnist, writer, former teacher

1. J. Huffman, Billings MT - FREEDOM CALLS--PART ONE: ITTERBACH

2. B. Barton, Knickerbocker TX - STAGE LINES & FREIGHTERS OF WEST TEXAS

3. J. Lewis, Gorman TX - AUTOBIOGRAPHY: A TEXAS SON GROWS UP

Fund Raising Dinner To Support The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department

Mark Your Calendar To Save the Evening Of Saturday, October 21st for DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT at the CARBON COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. to BENEFIT CARBON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Carbon Wildlife Management Association will cook fried venison, venison chili, BBQ pork, BBQ beef brisket, hamburgers and hotdogs. The menu will also include red beans, cornbread, potato salad, and trimmings AND delicious home-made desserts prepared by some of the best cooks in Eastland County!

The Carbon Volunteer Fire Department, the Carbon Wildlife Management Association, many friends, neighbors, and business people are working together to make this special night a time to come together to support a great cause and enjoy great food, fellowship and entertainment. The following people are scheduled to perform:

1. GLORIFY: Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas -- Gospel Music.
2. Richard and Cathy Bird, TJ and Brenda Cummings and Bobby Jones, WIRE & WOOD -- Blue Grass Music.
3. Jean Darnell, Frieda Threet, Sarah Christopher, Jean Underhill, Roy Broussard -- SUNDAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL SINGERS -- Folklore and Patriotic Music.
4. THE HARGROVES -- Gospel Music

Everyone is invited. The meal and entertainment are free to all who wish to attend. We would appreciate your help by letting us know by October 14, if you are planning to come and enjoy this wonderful evening. This will help us to estimate how many people to prepare for. Please call Jeanna Pack at 254-639-2521 to add your name to the guest list. You may also contact Jeanna if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer to help!

There will be a table with a Fireman's Boot for donations to the CVFD. 100% of all donations will go directly to the CVFD. Volunteer Firefighters will be at this table so they can be available to anyone who wants to visit with them.

Thank you to each and everyone for your support of our fire department.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday, October 9th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Hostesses are Dorothy Greenhaw and Elnora Lindley, both of Desdemona. Visitors are invited to attend this morning event to enjoy the good food and have fellowship with all of the group.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Lee and Sonja Hornback of Desdemona hosted a Birthday Party on Saturday, September 30th for their son, Justin Dieter to celebrate his "First Birthday". Lunch was served to everyone, followed by a big cake decorated with little horses by a corral. Those attending to help J.D. celebrate was Pug and Vonnie Guthery; Belinda Webb; Kandice Cogburn and son, Dylan; Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan Jade; Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane; Scott and Donna Scitern and children, Taw, Briar, and Halie all of Desdemona; Eddie and Dawna Martin and daughter, Darcy of Millsap; Shane and Phebe Neal, Tasha Sherman and daughter, Brylee, Philip Perez, Lawrence and Shelia Perez, all of Gorman.

"Happy 80th Birthday" to Geraldine (Craig) Zummer in Carbon. Gerry graduated from Desdemona High School with the Class of 1944.

An Arts and Crafts Country Fair will be held at the Desdemona Community Center School Building on November 30 thru December 2. Schedule is Thursday - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vendors from different areas will provide a choice of lovely traditional and special items for your shopping pleasure. Come and join the fun - our "Country Kitchen" will serve breakfast and lunch for all three days. Remember Christmas is just around the corner -- so you can purchase that special gift for that special someone. For more information contact Linda Lindley at 254-758-2691.

Alpha Thiebaud has recently been transferred to the Canterbury Villa Rest Home in De Leon. She would enjoy cards and visits from family and freinds in this area. Alpha is a former resident of Desdemona, where she attended school.

Remember the sick and shut-ins in our area with your cards and prayers. Some are recovering from surgery, treatments, others are suffering from severe allergies -- also the "Bug" is going around again.

Have a Nice Day, Vonnie

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

I missed our gathering on September 20th due to a minor surgery. I've since found out all is OK. Wonderful to receive a good report. I heard we had a new guest Troy Scitern, sorry I didn't get to meet her. Hope she will come and be with us often.

We had 32 in attendance, same as on the 27th. Do wish more would come, 50 would be a nice number. We do enjoy visiting. Barbara Bush called us to order and Wilburn Overstreet gave the blessing for us all.

We missed seeing Lavelle Crowley and Norma Merworth. Hope they will come and be with us again. We sure enjoyed seeing Wanda Martin. Had been quite awhile since she had been with us. She also stayed and played some games. So good of Estelle Lindley to bring her to our dinner. Hope I'm half as active at Estelle's age, what a woman.

Marie Patty came to eat with us, also played games on the 28th. Maybe she will come back and visit after her trip to Branson, MO.

We seem to have an even dozen every Thursday for game day. If everyone would come at once we would have twenty! It was also nice to have Ann Warren back to play games. She and several of us have learned to play Spinner, a fun and easy game. It doesn't take a lot of Brain power, but oh, a lot to see and remember. Sometimes that gets rough on our older minds - Ha!

My neighbor Billy Joe Dennis is back on his tractors and driving alone. So good to see him out and about. What a miracle, the Lord has truly blessed him.


Now if we could just get some rain. We must all pray. It's just too hot and dry for October.

DWI Defendent Sentenced To Prison For Tenty Five Years

Paul Allen Douglas, 52, formerly of Waxahachie, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (25) twenty-five year sentence for the felony offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Douglas was apprehended on December 23, 2005 by a DPS Trooper after a routine traffic stop for speeding on Loop 254 in the City of Ranger. The Trooper detected an odor of alcohol on Douglas and began an investigation which resulted in the DWI arrest.

Douglas had been previously been arrested 15 times for DWI but convicted only seven times. His prior DWI arrests were in several Texas counties including Shackelford, Mitchell, Eastland and Tom Green County. The punishment range for a felony DWI normally is confinement for a period of 2-10 years but in this case the District Attorneys Office used prior convictions to enhance the charge in order to increase the amount of time Douglas was to serve.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Douglas to 25 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Institutional Division.



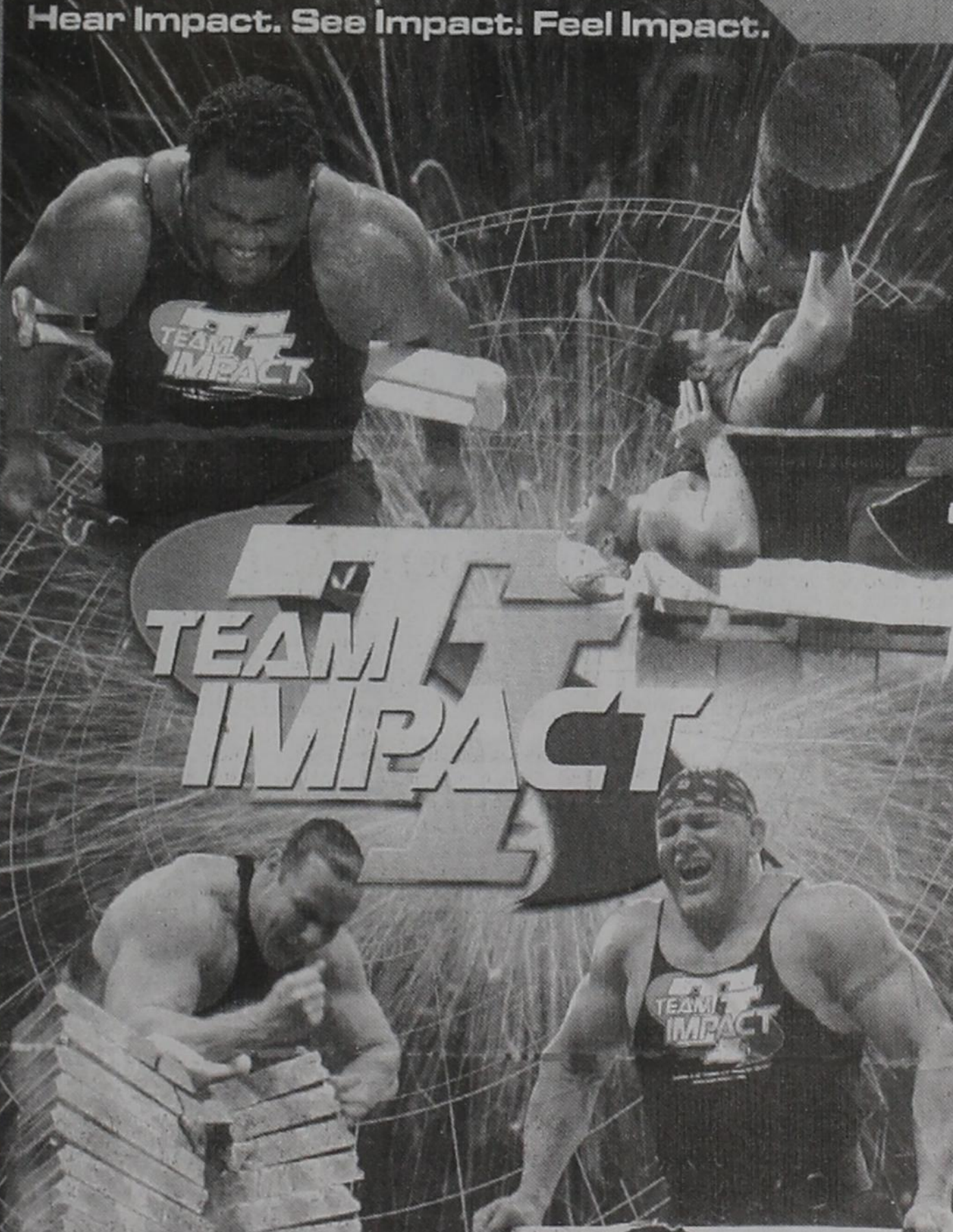
Happy 9th Birthday

Kourtney Seaton

October 4th

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TEAM IMPACT

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PRAY FOR RAIN

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The calendar says that it is fall, but the weather says that it is still summer, hot and dry. May we continue to pray for rain and cooler weather. Bro. Gnoah Goad, of Breckenridge, the new Director of Missions for the Cisco Baptist Association, preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning, October 1. Using Ephesians 2:1 - 10 his message was on "Grace". His wife Martha also attended the service. "Happy Birthday" was sung to LaVon Snider. Glynda Bond rendered the special music on the piano.

Bro. Goad could not be with us on Sunday evening. Following the song service a church conference was held. Plans for the dedication service of the new church building and the 100th anniversary of the church were discussed. December 10 is the tentative date set. We hope to be able to start having services in the new building in late October or early November.

Bro. Neal Weaver of Carbon will preach at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, October 8.

Our community was saddened to learn of the death of John Scitem on Sunday morning, October 1. We extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Troy, and their children Laverne Carr and Johnny Scitem and their families, and his brother Alvis Scitem, and sisters, Fay Scitem, Louise Tinkler and Carolyn Foster and their families. John and Troy have lived at Kokomo for many years. John grew up in the community. His funeral was Tuesday, October 3 in Gorman with burial in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

Fannie Bell Hoy of Conroe and her daughters, Paula Knowles of Granbury and Robin Longdon of Conroe visited with her sister, Nancy Hendricks. Other visitors with Nancy were Sylvia Buchanan and Doris Bradshaw.

In celebration of LaVon Snider's birthday, she had dinner one day last week with Ted and Charlotte Snider, and Kathy, Dale, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay honored LaVon with dinner in their home on Friday night. Others attending the birthday celebration were Gene and Kay Snider, Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider. On Sunday, Dwayne and Connie Snider and Chloe Baker of Stephenville came and took LaVon to JZ's in Gorman for another birthday dinner, and visited in the afternoon. Dan Snider also visited on Sunday afternoon. Justin Snider came for a coke break and visit on Monday afternoon.

Deliah Lewis of Ennis visited on Thursday night until Monday evening with her dad, Delmon Eaves. Delmon had surgery on Friday morning in Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene and returned home on Saturday evening, and is reported to be doing well. Oren and Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan and Glenda Black visited with Delmon and Deliah in the hospital on Friday. We wish Delmon a speedy recovery.

Zelda Jordan and Glenda Black also visited with Truman Bryant and his daughter, Angie Clower, and his brother, Eddie Bryant and son-in-law, Steve Tone, in his room in the Hendricks Medical Center. Truman said that he was doing much better. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Zelda Jordan and Daisy Slaton were in Abilene on Friday for Zelda's check up on her knee and visited with Glenda Black, and Daisy's daughter, Sunny Black met them for lunch. Zelda got a good report on her knee. Oren and Norma Webb also visited in the Glenda Black home and brought back a display case for the Kokomo Room in the Eastland County Historical Museum.

Daisy Slaton and Zelda Jordan were in Comanche on Sunday afternoon to visit with Jeannie Huddleston and family at the Comanche Funeral Home. Jeannie's husband, Ricky passed away on Saturday. Our sincere sympathy to Jeannie and family. His funeral was on Monday at the Sipe Springs Cemetery.

AGRICULTURAL VIEWPOINT

By: Dale Dunlap

FALL FERTILIZATION FOR LAWN

Fall is the ideal time to fertilize both warm season turfgrasses and especially the cool season turfgrasses. Early to late October is the ideal time to apply your fall application of fertilizer. It is in the fall that turfgrasses are producing and storing the largest amount of carbohydrates. The longer the grass stays green and growing in the fall, the longer the turfgrass plants will be able to produce these stored carbohydrates.

Unless you have a soil test report that indicates a different need, I still recommend using a 4-1-2 type ratio fertilizer for the fall application. However, I think most people are aware that many of our native soils are very high in phosphorus as well as potassium. For these soils, you do not need to apply phosphorus in the fall application.

If the application is made in mid to late October, there is no need to use a slow release nitrogen source. First, you do not have that much growing time left to use the nitrogen fertilizer and secondly, due to the cooler night time temperatures and the longer hours of dark, you cannot force rapid vertical growth on the warm season turfgrasses at this time of the year.

If a warm season turfgrass is overseeded with one of the cool season turfgrasses such as perennial ryegrass, then it will be necessary to fertilize the ryegrass in late November to early December and then again in late February with a nitrogen only fertilizer source. Apply approximately 1.0 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet using an all soluble nitrogen fertilizer.

Holly Ann Wright Joins Cast Of Dearly Beloved At CJC Theatre

The Cisco Junior College Theatre Department will present DEARLY BELOVED, a new play by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, and Jamie Wooten, on Oct. 5-7 at the Hilton Theatre in Cisco, TX. The October 6 & 7 performances will be dinner theatre with dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner theatre performances are \$20, and reservations may be made by calling 254-442-5000 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. The Thursday, October 5 performance is Student/Senior night where students and seniors may attend the play for \$1. The Curtain is scheduled for 7:00 in the evening, and tickets for Dollar Night may be purchased at the door.

DEARLY BELOVED is the story of a Texas wedding that goes hilariously off course. This lively comedy will keep you laughing all the way down the aisle with staggeringly funny conversation from Southern folks who like good barbecue and covered-dish suppers. The Futrelle sisters will keep you waiting on the edge of your seat to find out what they will say or do next in this play about love, marriage, family and good ol' gospel music.

The World Premiere of DEARLY BELOVED was held in Asheville, NC in 2005, and the play was described as "A howling hit!" and "Side-splitting comedy" by the Asheville Citizen Times. The Director of the Broach Theatre, Stephen Gee, had this to say about the play, "The funniest play to come along in years. After nineteen years in the business, this is the show that blew the top off!"

Cast members include Christina Reekie (West Point, Utah), Ashley Trentham (Nacona), Kristen Boswell (Boyd), Lacey Sanders (Rising Star), Joshua Sexton (Aquilla), Holly Ann Wright (Gorman), Casi McCord (Bonham), Corey Pokraka (Nederland), Colby Sexton (Aquilla), Cary Moore (Decatur), and Jessica Davis (Baird).

Billy Smith, Director of Theatre at Cisco Junior College, invites everyone to come out for an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

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BETTY MOORE -325/643-7009

Please call to verify dates and times, as all schedules are subject to change at any time.

Please visit our web site at www.adoptchildren.org and www.adoptuskids.org; or call us to request an information packet through the mail (325) 691-8100.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ORIENTATION !!!

Carolyn Maupin's 70th Birthday Party



The community of Stephenville participated in the Birthday Party of the Year on Saturday, September 23. The party was hosted by Carolyn Maupin's children (Randy and Margaret Gay, Karen Chancey, Roger and Jamie Gay). Friends and family joined at the Legends Country Club to celebrate her 70th Birthday. The number of revelers was a huge surprise. Friends and family came from all over including Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Alaska. All total, more than 160 people extended their best wishes.

Carolyn wore a pale green floral tea length crepe gown. An orchid corsage was presented to her upon arrival.

Due to Carolyn's love of travel, the theme of the party was "Around the World in Seventy Years". A large map of the world was presented by Randy and Margaret Gay. Throughout the night, guests placed pins in destinations they had traveled to with Carolyn.

Tables were covered with crisp white linen tablecloths and topped with vases of fresh flowers of Iris, Alstroemeria, and Roses. Balloon bouquets of silver and gold were placed around the room.

A sign-in scrapbook was created by Carolyn's granddaughter, Stephanie Allen. It was displayed on the entry table next to a world globe and an enlarged photo of Carolyn from her youth. Other enlarged photos of Carolyn as a teenager were placed around the room.

The Country Club was the perfect setting with windows containing stained glass hangings overlooking the lush green golf course. Wood accents were beautiful.

Catering was supplied by Brian Griggs, co-owner of the Bull Nettle Restaurant in Stephenville. Dinner consisted of grilled beef tenderloin, lemon pepper grilled chicken breast, salad, baked potato and rolls.

Carolyn's son, Roger Gay, did a great job of directing the evening's activities.

Excellent music was provided by the band eliciting immediate dancing! The band consisted of three fiddlers - Rebekah Weeks from Ft. Worth, Brandy Weeks from Eastland, and Taylor Herrington from Eastland. Fellow band members were: Durwood Strube and grandson Neal from Proctor, Teddy Dristol from Weatherford, and Lenord Hill from Stephenville. The Pittman's from Greens Creek Baptist Church provided wonderful gospel music.

A PowerPoint Presentation was created by Carolyn's Granddaughters. This depicted major historical events throughout the last seventy years along with photos.

The cake was a three tiered white cake with butter cream icing. It was decorated with pale green and pink flowers along with gold leaves. A gold white chocolate "70" was placed on top. Carolyn stood behind the cake with her family facing the crowd while they sang "Happy Birthday". She then blew out the seven gold candles to the accompaniment of applause.

There were over 22 children in attendance. They had their own area set up with gift bags provided by Roger and Jamie Gay. They had their own appetizers of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches along with fruit snacks. Their beverages were Capri Sun. A child's birthday cake was also provided. The children enjoyed play time outside on the golf course and some even danced!!

Carolyn participated in a book reading of Dr. Seuss' "The Cat in the Hat" with all her "babies".

The evening was capped with a wonderful "Rock N Roll" performance by family and friends. Randy and Roger Gay (Carolyn's sons) joined Randy Ormsby, Eric Ormsby, Alan Hannah, and Terry Lovett in four songs from the past. Songs included "Back in the U.S.S.R.", and "They Say It's Your Birthday". This was the band's first performance in 35 years and they did a fantastic job! Carolyn and her nephew Scooter cut up the dance floor!

Carolyn received many cards and well wishes honoring her and her life. WHAT A GREAT PARTY!!! LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

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The Panthers did it again. Friday nights 20-8 win over Ranger gave the Panthers a great start in district play. It is nice to win pre-season games, but now they really count. If you've missed out seeing the Panthers in their last two victories, that's too bad. They could really use your support. This Friday night we have a home game against Perrin-Whitt at 7:30pm. You are all invited to the game! Be there or be square. Go Panthers!

I also want to encourage everyone to attend the volleyball games. Our girls are working hard and this year we even have enough participation to field a junior varsity team. Coach Graham is doing a great job with our girls, but they also need your support. It is very important!

I can't believe the first six weeks is already over. Time flies when you are having fun. Report cards were mailed last week. If you have not seen a report card, you might want to see who's been checking the mail first. If you need to set up a conference with a teacher, please call and do so. The teachers are all eager to work with you to help your child succeed!

Here are a few dates you might want to remember:

10/5 JH FB @ Perrin-Whitt 6:00

10/6 HS FB Here 7:30

1:00 Teen Impact Program

10/7 VB Here 10:00

10/10 VB Here 4:30

10/11 CC @ Hamilton 4:00

Just as a public service announcement, if you plan to vote in the November election, you must:

- Register to vote in the county in which you reside.
- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 year old on or before election day
- Not be a convicted felon that has not completed all of your punishment.

You may register to vote at the Eastland County Courthouse or you may download the form at www.sos.state.tx.us. On the right hand side of the webpage, there is a link to the form. The deadline to register is October 10, 2006.

There are two public meetings scheduled to discuss the up coming bond election and the proposed building project. The first will be on October 25th at noon at the Community Center downtown Gorman. The second will be on Monday October 30th at 6pm. We will have the architect from Cadco and our representative from First Southwest, the bond sales company available to answer questions as well as school personnel.

In the mean time, if you have any question about the proposed building project, come by and see me and I will do my best to answer your questions. You might want to call first just to make sure I'm in the office.

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.

4-H NEWS

Dale Dunlap, CEA-Ag Eastland County
September 28, 2006

2006 EASTLAND COUNTY 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

The 2006 4-H Awards Banquet will held on Saturday, October 21st at First Baptist Church, 405 South Seaman, Eastland, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Eastland 4-H Club will furnish the meat, cups, plates, tea, water, etc. 4-H families in other clubs are asked to provide the following:

Carbon and Gorman 4-H Clubs Vegetables

Olden and Ranger 4-H Clubs Salads

Red Gap and Rising Star 4-H Clubs Desserts

Each 4-H Club is to DONATE 5 items for the Silent Auction which will be manned by the Adult Leaders Association. Should you have any questions or problems with getting the 5 items, please call the Extension Office.

Please call the Extension Office and RSVP for the Banquet so we can get a rough estimate of people attending so meat can be ordered. The Extension Office number is 254/629-1093 or 629-2222.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Eastland County 4-H clubs invite you to join County 4-Hers, parents, volunteers and community members in celebrating National 4-H Week, October 1-7, 2006.

During National 4-H Week, 4-Hers will share their accomplishments with the community thru displays, radio announcements and news articles.

4-H members learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through hands-on projects in animal projects (rabbits, sheep, goats, broilers, steers or heifers), science, engineering and technology, and healthy living. Topics are as varied as rocketry, GPS mapping, public speaking, photography, designing and sewing clothing, foods & nutrition and community service. 4-H helps our community's young people reach their full potential. Recent studies show youth who participate in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.

4-H is one of the largest youth development organizations in America with more than 6.5 million young people ages 5-19, 538,000 volunteers, 3,500 staff and 60 million alumni.

The 4-H pledge and 4 clovers represent:

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
And my Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country and my world.

2nd Annual "Make The Effort" Reunion Saturday, October 21 - 2:00 p.m. La Mancha Lake Ranch - Lake Leon

16 Cabins, 5 RV Pads Available - 254-647-3651

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RSVP -- <http://groups.myspace.com/GormanTexasGroup>

Medicare Open Enrollment Begins Nov 15th

Take the Rx Enrollment Check-up Today. Get the Most Out of Your Medicare.

Medicare's open enrollment starts November 15. Now is the time to evaluate your current plan - Has it met your needs this year? Medicare recommends taking this quick Rx Enrollment Check-up. If you are satisfied with your plan, you do not have to do anything to re-enroll. Take a few minutes now and ask yourself these three questions:

- COST:** Will your premium and costs change in 2007?
- COVERAGE:** Do you need more coverage in 2007? Will the prescription drugs you take be covered by your plan in 2007?
- CUSTOMER SERVICE:** Are you satisfied with your plan's services?

Important Medicare Enrollment Dates:

Mid-October - Prepare. Compare plans on www.medicare.gov

Nov 15 - Open Enrollment Begins

Dec 31 - Open Enrollment Ends

Jan 1 - Coverage Begins

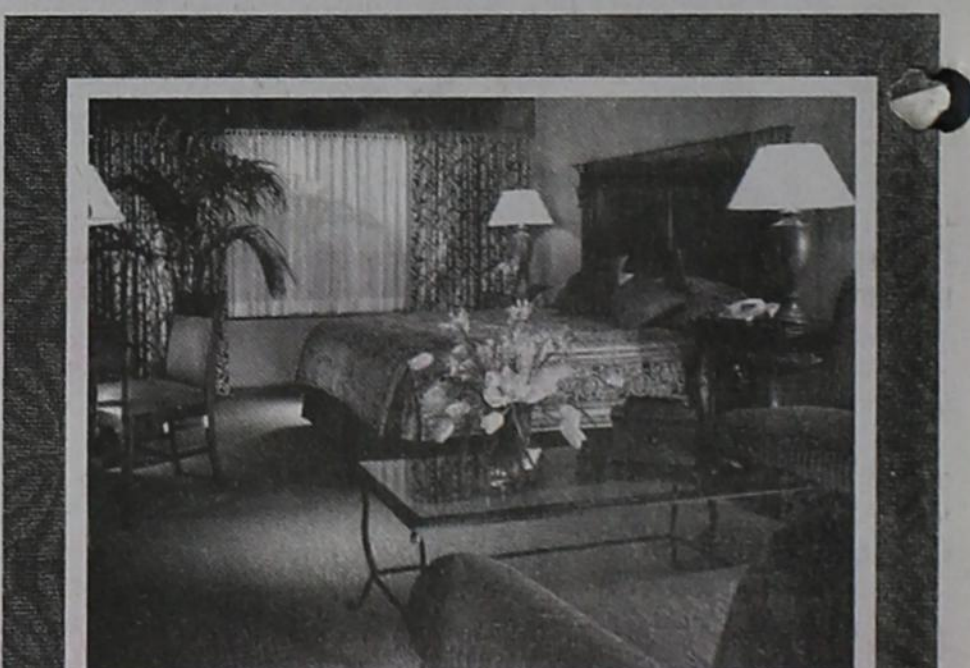
Enroll early to make sure you can get the prescriptions you need on Jan 1st.

Medicare is here to help you - on line, on the phone, or at events in your community. You can also call the plans directly for more information.

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