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GHS Track Team Wins State In 1600 Relay



1600 METER RELAY STATE WINNERS
Top Row l to r - Zack Fox and Matt Underwood and
Bottom Row l to r - Orlando Valenzuela and Tyson Swanner
Time of 3:27.02



STATE TRACK TEAM - Shown above is the 1600 Meter Relay Team with their coach and the alternate member. In the picture is l to r - Tyson Swanner, Orlando Valenzuela, Coach Paul Talbert, Matt Underwood, Zack Fox and alternate, Drew McCreless.



SPORT'S BANQUET TICKETS NOW SELLING

The Sport's Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$10.00. Advance tickets may be purchased at the high school, tickets at the door will be \$12.00. Please try to get your ticket bought in advance. You may call the school at 254-734-2614 or Becky Swanner at 254-734-5176. All athletes will be provided with their ticket.

The Gorman Panther Boys Mile Relay are the Class 1-A State Champions for the 2008 year. Seniors Zack Fox and Orlando Valenzuela along with juniors Tyson Swanner and Matt Underwood put on quite a show in Austin this past Saturday afternoon. The quartet went into the State Meet with the third best qualifying times posted in the Regional meet two weeks ago in Abilene. Conditions at 3:30 in Austin were hot, hot and more hot. The actual real feel was 104 in Austin and the track

itself was over 109 on the surface. The Fab Four proved to be up for the task defeating everyone in the race and winning the Gold Medal for the school and town of Gorman. Zack Fox ran the first leg and the senior was absolutely awesome. He gave the Panthers a good lead handing off to junior all-state running back for the Panthers Matt Underwood. Sundown out of the Panhandle area of Texas made a move and ran an excellent leg but Underwood fought him off down the straight giving Tyson Swanner a slight lead at the halfway point. Swanner ran a real gutsy race nearly turning his ankle on the inside land barrier while sprinting the backside straightaway. However on the last straight the runner from Sundown pulled ahead of Gorman and took about a 10 meter lead going in to the last quarter of a mile. Senior Orlando Valenzuela however on this day would not be denied he made up most of the 10 meters on this first 200 and passed Sundown on the last curve and began to pull away in the final straight away. But it got a bit too exciting at the very end of the race when the race favorite from Blum closed on the entire group and finished in second place behind the Panthers. Water Valley who defeated Gorman at the Regional meet two weeks earlier in Abilene finished fourth. Sundown who ran a very tough race took Bronze medal finishing third. Of course the Mile Relay is the feature race of the meet and the kids from all the schools involved did not disappoint anyone in attendance. I believe this is the first Gold Medal awarded to Gorman High School in a relay race at the State Meet in Austin. The official time (fully automatic) was 3:27.02. It was just a little slower than the 3:26.85 ran at the Regional finals two weeks prior but still fast enough to bring home the gold medal. Congratulations to these four outstanding athletes. They not only received the Gold Medal at State but own the school record in all three relays. These are the official times covered to hand time. If you want to convert to a Full Automatic Time then you must add .24

Happy 90th Birthday Edgar!!

This picture was taken in 1942-43 while Edgar was serving in World War II. He served in Hawaii, Philippines, Guam and Australia as an infantryman. One of the most important awards he received for his service was the COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE, Better Know in military talk as THE SILVER RIFLE. Some of the requirements for earning this award were to be a combat infantryman personally present and under hostile fire and in a unit actively engaged in ground combat with the enemy. Edgar is one of a few World War II Veterans still living in Gorman area where he has lived all 90 years. Cake and Ice Cream will be served at noon on Wednesday, May 28th at the Gorman Seniors Citizens Center to help Edgar celebrate his birthday.



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Swanner/Valenzuela/Underwood/Fox

1600 / Relay - 3:26.04 - Regional Qualifiers 4-26-08 - Abilene, Texas

Fox/Underwood/Swanner/Valenzuela

James M. Smith

EASTLAND - James M. Smith, 81, of Eastland, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2008 in Abilene. Services will be held at 2:30 P.M. Wednesday at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland with Rev. Bryan Patrick officiating.

Mr. Smith was born January 28, 1927 in Gorman to James Davis and Gnetta (Morgan) Smith. He graduated from Gorman High School and attended John Tarleton (now Tarleton State University) for two years before enlisting in the Navy. He married Jamie Boswell on September 5, 1948 in Gorman. He began working for TESCO in 1949, as an operator of the old Leon plant. He transferred to the Eastland division office as sales representative in 1966. In 1983, he became an administrative assistant to the division engineering manager of the Eastland Service Center. He was a member of the Eastland Band Boosters, Eastland and Ranger Lions Clubs, Maverick Quarterback Club and the DQ Coffee Team.

Survivors include three children, Russell Smith of Austin, Carol Zolnerowich of Mesquite and Susan Grosz of Austin; and three grandchildren, Jamie Grosz, Vaughn Grosz and Alexander Zolnerowich. Memorials may be made to the Eastland County Food Pantry or to the First United Methodist Church in Eastland.



FRED HOLDRIDGE

Fred Holdridge, age 90 of De Leon, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at Comanche Co. Medical Center. Services were held Saturday, May 10th at 10:30 a.m. at De Leon Church of Christ with Kris Groda assisted by Geof Litke. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Fred was born March 10, 1918 in Comanche County, Texas to the late Horace Benton Holdridge and Mary Ophelia Morgan Holdridge. He married Merle Huddleston on June 16, 1940 in Santa Anna, Texas.

Fred was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. He graduated from De Leon High School and attended Southwest Aeronautical Institute in Dallas prior to employment at Consolidated Air Craft in San Diego, CA. During World War II, he served with the 292nd Joint Assault Signal Co. in the South Pacific. After the service tour, he retired from thirty-five years with the U.S. Postal Service, having been a city mail carrier. He was a member of the Church of Christ and served as elder and song leader. He also was a member of the De Leon Chamber of Commerce, and he and his late wife Merle received the Golden Deeds Award in 1991.

He is survived by one son, Don Holdridge and wife Joni of Odessa; three grandchildren, Derek Holdridge and wife Amanda, Bernadette Thornton and husband Matt and Tori Holdridge; two great-grandchildren, Abby Gail Holdridge and Taylor Holdridge.

Preceded by his wife of 65 years, Merle Huddleston Holdridge; parents, Horace Benton and Mary Ophelia Morgan Holdridge; 7 brothers, W. C., Marvin, Coy, Caver, Melvin, Lee and Paul Holdridge; one sister Eva Coley and a great-grandson, Jackson Holdridge.

Pallbearers were Derek Holdridge, Matt Thornton, Rob Marshall, John Benton Holdridge, Joe Bob Huddleston, Mike Huddleston, Jerry Clark, Jim Womack.

Honorary Pallbearer: Bill Clark.

Memorials may be made to DeLeon Church of Christ or Comanche County Medical Center.

OBITUARIES

BILLY DEAN SHUPP

GRAHAM - Billy Dean Shupp died Sunday, May 11, 2008 at his home in Graham. He was 66. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Oak Street Baptist Church in Graham. Interment will be in Pioneer Cemetery. McMillan-Satterwhite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born May 14, 1941 in Gorman, Texas and moved to Graham in 1970 from Gorman. Mr. Shupp was a retired truck driver and a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors: wife, Glenda Shupp of Graham; sons, Kelly Shupp of Gorman, Texas and Casey Shupp of Alvarado, Texas; daughter, Tiffany Shupp of Arlington, Texas; 2 grandchildren, Chris Shupp and Austin Shupp. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Misty Dean Casey, his parents, Lawrence and Ruthie Mae Shupp and by a brother, J.W. Legg.

WILMA FAYE KIMMELL CALDER WILHITE

Wilma Faye Kimmell Calder Wilhite, age 85 of De Leon, passed away on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab in De Leon. Services were held Sunday, May 11th at 3 p.m. at Fair Haven Baptist Church. Interment was in De Leon Cemetery.

Wilma was born October 30, 1922 in Comanche County, Texas to the late Berry Kimmell and Myrtle Lee Dillard Kimmell.

She was a homemaker; resided in De Leon since 1982, having previously lived in Fort Worth. She was a member of Fair Haven Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Sherman Calder of Fort Worth; a daughter, Leslie Gaddy of Hico; two sisters, Joyce Chupp of De Leon and Loyce Wofford of Fort Worth; 3 grandchildren, Kimberly Morris, Kelly Ann Gaddy and Jason Lee Calder; and 3 great-grandchildren, Taylor, Alexandria and Brandon.

She was preceded by her parents, husband Dee Sherman Calder; three sisters, Louetta Coan, Wanda Spencer and Mona Thomas and one brother Wesley Kimmell.

Pallbearers were Ricci Coan, Bart Belyeu, Kerry Barefoot, Lane Chupp, Mitch Barefoot.

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- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, coastal, native pasture **\$2,500 per acre (AB01)**
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting **\$2,195 per acre (DS02)**
- 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available **\$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DK01)**
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, wells & tanks, hunting, minerals **\$442,500 (L001) - UNDER CONTRACT**
- 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals neg. **\$397,500 REDUCED \$392,500 (BE01)**
- 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells **\$405,000 (REM01)**
- 52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns **\$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LP01)**
- 51 A, with highway frontage, spring creek and hunting **182,000 (RP01)**
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- 45 A, 7 irrigation wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, mineral available **\$2,750 per acre (NF01)**
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40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

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2-5-22 C.

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ball games. I love the game... in least to me it is - I like basketball football! I have seen all kinds of some really good teams... and I've seen some of the best plays... seen. I am sure I have not seen it

to the gym and dress out... go running, passing, shooting... team talk from the coach... introduction and THEN... one of them asks for

you have done everything to get ball off, set your offense... run cannot start the game with a tim- and prepare. Now it is time to play came here for...

I have never seen a team come through their warm up drills - stretching, captains meet with the officials... final pep of the starters... get set up for the tip off a time out.

It just does not happen. When ready to play... you get after it... tip the your play... that is just what you do. You out. You have had plenty of time to plan the game. Now it is time to do what you

Unless you are Jesus! Imagine this. God has been working on a plan... preparing people... telling them to hold on... the time is coming... John the Baptist begins his ministry and tells everyone, "the Kingdom of Heaven is near." All Israel is in a state of anxious expectation... they are all going out to John. One day John sees Jesus... he tells everyone, "there is the Lamb of God, He will take away the sins of the world." Another time John is baptizing many... Jesus came to be baptized as well. John tries to get out of it - You should baptize me, not me baptize You. Jesus persuades him to go ahead. When Jesus came up out of the water the Spirit descended on Him and God spoke from Heaven, "this is My beloved Son, He pleases Me!"

As I read, I am ready. Now the ministry of Jesus begins. Now He is going to take on Satan, Now He is going to preach and teach. Now He is going to drive out demons. Now He is going to cure diseases... deaf people will hear... lame people will walk... blind people will see... dead people will live... it will all happen NOW!

But it doesn't. The next thing Luke tells us is that Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit, and He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. He goes away from the crowds... away from the ministry opportunities... away from all of the folks in desperate need. Why? What happens in the desert? He fasts. He prays. He fights the enemy. He resists temptation. Satan flees... waiting for an opportune time.

There is so much to think about here.

Today... let's just think about this. Do you ever get in such a big hurry to get the important things done that you forget to find/make some more important time to be all alone... to be with God... to focus... to pray... to prepare?

Today... make some time for the desert.

Today... be sure to focus on the Father.

Today... draw near in prayer.

Today... NOW!

Hope to see you in Gorman at the Gospel Meeting June 1-4!

AG VIEW POINT

By: Heath Begeman

In this week's article I decided to share with you a recent news release from Dr. Larry Redmon. In this news release, Dr. Redmon and Dr. Tony Provin discuss ways to deal with the ever rising cost of fertilizer.

During the past three (3) years, the cost of traditional nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) fertilizers has increased dramatically. This has left many forage producers looking for alternatives to traditional inorganic fertilizer. Basically, the only alternatives include manures such as broiler litter (N-P-K), biosolides (waste water treatment sludge, N-P), and the use of forage legumes (N). Producers most impacted by high fertilizer prices are those who own property with a poor history of appropriate soil fertility and hay producers. Many producers are being offered non-traditional nutrient sources or application systems. Some of these approaches are based on questionable science or highly inflated claims of effectiveness. Planning

The first step an agricultural producer should take prior to fertilizer application is to evaluate their property for production potential. The evaluation should include determining the yield potential of the acreage, obtaining soil samples and an analysis of each unique area of each field. Based on this evaluation the best use for each parcel of land should be determined. Dr. Tony Provin, Director of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory, strongly recommends collecting 10-15 individual soil cores for each individual area of land that should be managed and fertilized separately. Provin also encourages producers to sample hay fields on a 10-acre basis, while grazing pastures should be sampled on a basis of not more than 40 acres per composted sample. Instructions for proper field sampling can be found at http://soiltesting.tamu.edu.

The physical process of collecting soil samples can provide important additional information to the producer. Provin stated that when obtaining soil samples, producers are encouraged to map their fields with regard to weed pressure, percentage of cover, and level and depth of shallow compaction, if any compaction is present. Failure to address these additional issues may reduce the overall economic response to fertilization.

Once producers have obtained soil test recommendations and have developed field maps of their acreage, they should then consider both short-term and long-term management plans. Regarding some short-term management options, Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas AgriLife Extension Service State Forage Specialist has been a strong proponent of reducing hay acreage to only the highest yielding areas, maximizing hay yields through good nutrient and harvest management, while using other less productive acreage as grazing areas. The price to produce well-fertilized hay this year will likely approach \$125 per ton. Many producers, especially smaller producers, generally cannot justify the cost of purchasing and maintaining hay harvest equipment. Couple this aspect with the cost for soil fertility associated with hay production and most producers will be better served simply purchasing their hay from reputable hay producers. Another cost savings approach that may be accomplished in the short-term involves the construction of a round bale hay storage barn. Hay, even in tight round bales, loses dry matter and nutritive value rapidly when exposed to rainfall and poor storage conditions. Given the high prices of today's hay, Redmon has noted that hay barns often pay for themselves in just a few years simply by decreasing dry matter loss and forage nutritive value. Properly stored hay has been known to maintain its nutritive value for longer than 20 years. If a barn is not utilized, hay tarps can help minimize hay loss during storage. The rest of the news release will be in next week's Ag View Point.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the Eastland County Texas AgriLife Extension Office, Heath Begeman, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 254/629-1093.

County Committee Elections

There will be a producer meeting on June 19, 2008 at 10:30 A.M. regarding the 2008 County Committee Elections. Any agriculture producer or landowner wishing to attend is welcome. The meeting will be held at the FSA office on Pogue Street.

Nominations for candidates to run for the Farm Service Agency county committee election representing producers in Local Administrative Area 3 will be accepted now through August 1, 2008.

LAAs are elective areas. Eastland County is divided into three LAAs. Elections are held each year to replace a member whose three-year term will expire.

Eastland County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 3, which is the southwest portion of the county. That position is currently held by Brandon Geye. Mr. Geye is eligible to run again.

Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3, and must be returned to the FSA county office or postmarked by Dec. 1, 2007.

All farmers, ranchers, and other producers are encouraged to participate. The county committee provides local input on commodity price support loans and payments, yields, conservation programs, disaster assistance payments and other programs. They make many decisions that affect you as a producer, so these elections are important.

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Helicopter Landing Zone Training

Tech*Star EMS Education in conjunction with CareFlite, Life Star & Southwest Med-Evac will be conducting a multi-agency landing zone training class on Saturday, May 17th in Gorman. The training will be held in the Gorman HS Auditorium starting at 9am. CE credit for EMS, fire and police personnel will be made available. Those invited to participate are; CareFlite, Air Evac, Life Star, Southwest, PHI and DPS air support. Each will fly in their aircraft for this training, if available.

This program is open to the general public so that they can see the aircraft available to the citizens of Eastland County, as well as the surrounding counties.

If you are wishing to attend and want the CE credit, we are asking that you pre-register by calling 254-734-5989 or by e-mail to LZ2008@techstarems.com

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Y'all come to Desdemona this weekend - we are having a HUGE community garage sale at the DAC in downtown Desdemona. We have such a variety that I know there is something that you need! The sale starts Thursday, May 15 and goes through Saturday, May 17. Doors will open at 8:00 A.M. each day.

See you in Desdemona! Carol Pell

Happenings At FBC!!

Tribute! Honor to Mothers and Glory to God! Mother's Day was an amazing day in the House of the Lord! Countless children and families together with gorgeous smiling faces in a completely full house; thank the Lord for the extra room in the beautiful new edition.

Recognition of Mothers presented with corsages.

Special thanks to Michaelyn Clark and Patsy Clark for keeping the Nursery on Mother's Day - the little ones are an enormous blessing and we thank these two ladies for taking care of them.

Congratulations to the Boys that won the Gold at the State Track Meet; and

Congratulations to the Baseball Teams and those that won medals at the Band

Competition. Gorman is mightily blessed with multi talented young people.

Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon: Mother's Day is a special occasion to tell your mom how much you love her. We should tell mom every day that we love her. What are some ways that you can SHOW your mom that you love her? Clean your room, help cook supper, and be nice to brothers and sisters. Jesus loves us. We need to tell Jesus we love Him. What are some ways you can SHOW Jesus that you love Him? Be nice to friends, help others in need, and sing loud in Church. God loves us - He sent His only son to die for us so that we may have everlasting life through Him. We must love one another as God loves us. Remember to tell and show your mom and Jesus that you love them.

The Messengers gave all listening an extraordinary gift by singing two songs. It is so fantastic to have them in our Church. They dedicated the songs to spiritual mom of The Messengers, Eula Lee Mears. God Bless The Messengers and their ministry in song.

Bro. Barry's message was "Being A Mother" - John 19:25-27

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby. That somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "Normal", is history. Not all are blessed with a wonderful birth mother; therefore, your mom may be in the form of a dad, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother or sister.

I. Love Her Verbally

1. Men Have a Hard Time With This. - Do you say, "She already knows"?

2. Children Need to Hear It. - Dads, Say It - say I love you!

3. Spouses Need to Hear It. - Husbands, Say It - say I love you!

II. Love Her Physically

1. She's the First Person Who Ever Touched You with All She Had. - Jesus is like none other - He will never hurt us or desert us.

2. Hug Her - Dad & Kids. - Just do it - show affection!

3. Means More than Flowers or Eating Out or Candy or Diamonds. - Touch means more!

III. Love Her Patiently - How many of you are patient?

1. Mothers have an Incredible Job. - The job is never done! You can't pay her enough.

2. No Occupation. - Beg to differ!

3. She's Not the Rug to Wipe Every Negative Thought On. - Sound silly? We do it!

IV. Love Her Attentively.

1. She's Always Listened to You. - Moms love unconditionally.

2. Now You, Listen to Her. - Give your mom some attention.

Behold your God! God loves you in spite of what you do! You are blessed!

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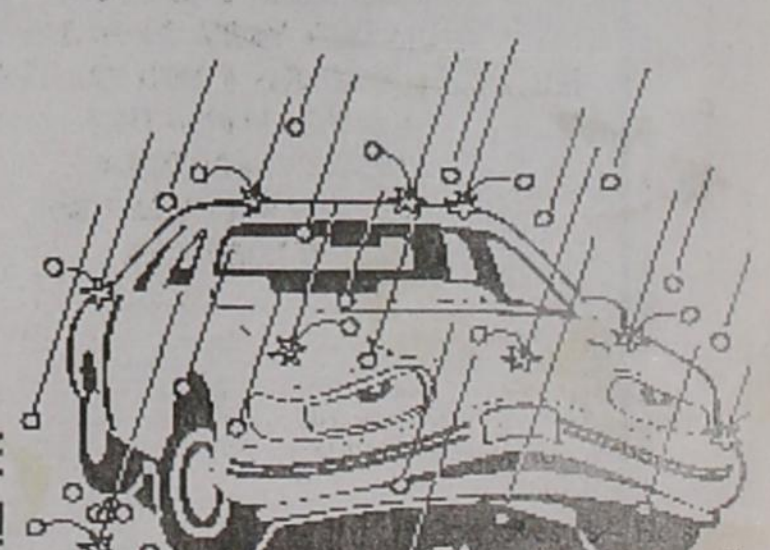
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Services For Cecil Self Slated For Thursday at 11 p.m.

Cecil Self, age 82, passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Comanche County Medical Center.

Services will be 11:00 A. M. Thursday at the Church of Christ with Larry Stogsdill officiating. Burial will be at Murray Cemetery.

Cecil was born May 27, 1925 in Eastland County to William Sam Self and Bertie Barnett Self. He married Christine Rhyne in Eastland County in 1948. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army. He was a faithful member of the Gorman Church of Christ where he served as an elder for many years. He was chosen by the Gorman Chamber of Commerce as the outstanding Farmer of the Year in 1971. He served on the board of the Eastland County FSA office for 21 years and the Gorman School Board from 1965 to 1977. Cecil also served on the area committee of the USDA Farmers Home Administration from 1992 to 1995.

Survivors include: wife, Christine Self of Gorman; two daughters, Cecilia Hirst and husband, Daryl of Gorman and Charlene Daniel and husband, Bill of Arlington; one son, Billy Self and wife, Shirley of Gorman; one sister, Imogene Burns of Fort Worth; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; two brother-in-laws, Joe Bennett of Gorman and Buel Rhyne of Corpus Christi. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, four brothers and a grandson, Jeffrey Wilcoxson.

Visitation will be 6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M. Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

TWC Upholds Cease and Desist Order Issued to Dallas Health Career School

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today upheld a cease and desist order issued in February against a Dallas-area career school advertised as offering courses preparing students to be licensed vocational nurses or registered nurses. Career Advanced Medical Clinic and Training, also known as Career Advanced, CATS Group Inc. and Career Advanced Tutoring Services was issued the order for failure to obtain a certificate of approval or exemption as required by the Texas Education Code. If Career Advanced does not close its doors within five calendar days of the order, the Texas Office of Attorney General will begin prosecution of the school owners.

"These fly-by-night operations exploit vulnerable individuals with false promises of nursing licenses at a time when nurses are in such high demand," said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. "Hopefully, this will serve as a warning to any other schools considering offering unlicensed, unapproved programs."

Nurse training schools must obtain a certificate of approval from TWC, and all nursing courses must be approved by the Texas Board of Nursing in order for students to be eligible to take nurse licensing examinations in Texas.

Health care professions top the fastest-growing occupations in Texas, with an estimated growth rate of more than 33 percent over the next eight years. The need for registered nurses is expected to grow by 58,000 positions, for a growth rate of almost 40 percent.

"The need for nurses in Texas and around the country has led to the proliferation of uncertified schools," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "These schools are exploiting students who are paying large sums of money for unsanctioned training."

A career school traditionally trains students for a field in a business, trade, or a technical or industrial occupation, or for avocational or personal improvement. Cease and desist orders are issued to a business if TWC has reason to believe the school is not in compliance with the Texas Education Code. Cease and desist orders are upheld by the TWC Commissioners after the school is unable to provide a successful appeal.

"Nursing career schools must obtain TWC certification and Board of Nursing course approval," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "We want to make sure these types of schools do not take advantage of students looking to join the workforce in the health care industry." TWC staff statewide monitors career school certification compliance, and can impose sanctions and/or an administrative penalty of up to \$1,000 per day per violation for noncompliance. The Office of the Attorney General enforces cease and desist orders and can seek to collect civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per day per violation. Pursuing such cases is the function of TWC's Regulatory Integrity Division, which is responsible for enforcing all regulatory statutes within the jurisdiction of the agency, encompassing career schools, child labor, Unemployment Insurance and workforce board sanctions.

Prospective career school students can access a list of schools with current certificates of approval on the TWC Directory of Licensed Institutions on the Career Schools and Colleges Web site page at <http://propschools.texasworkforce.org>.

For more information, prospective students can call the TWC Career Schools Division at (512) 936-3100 or e-mail career.schools@twc.state.tx.us. Those wishing to contact the Texas Board of Nursing may direct their e-mail questions concerning approved nursing education programs to webmaster@bon.state.tx.us, call (512) 305-6816 or visit its Web site at www.bon.state.tx.us.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
Conference Report for 2008 Farm Bill Completed

The 2008 Farm Bill is scheduled to come to a vote on the House floor this week. I have spoken with Ed Schafer, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the White House to express my strong support of this legislation. Should the President decide to veto this bill, I will be on hand to override his veto and urge my colleagues to do the same.

While it has taken quite some time to come to a final agreement, I believe this is a sound bill that will serve producers in the 19th District and across America well. Although this bill is not perfect, the farm policy will be very similar to the policies of the 2002 Farm Bill, which producers in the 19th District told me had served them well. Additionally, due to the delay in this legislation it is important to remember that no major changes will be implemented for the 2008 crop year.

After working many hours on this as a conferee, I believe we have made significant reforms while maintaining a good balance of the necessary programs to ensure American agriculture will continue to produce the safest and most affordable food and fiber in the world.

Dedicated to Ensuring English Is America's Language

Last week, I was awarded the "A in English" award for dedication to preserving the unifying role of the English language in the United States. I was one of a select number of House members recognized with this distinction and I am honored to be a recipient of this award. The criteria for this award are based on votes and co-sponsorship of official English legislation in Congress.

I am a firm believer that English should be the official language of the United States, and I will continue to work in Congress to pursue this goal. While I am supportive of families preserving their traditional backgrounds and heritage, we cannot allow individuals to refuse to assimilate once they've legally become citizens of the United States. Those that choose to reestablish themselves here in America need to understand that government services and government documents will not be prepared in their native language.

I am honored to receive this award, and I pledge to continue fighting toward making English the official language of the United States. To review the criteria for receiving this award, please visit <http://usenglish.org/>.

Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Israel

This week will mark the 60th birthday of the State of Israel. Established by the United Nations following the end of World War II in 1948, Israel has been a staunch ally of the United States and a shining example of democracy in the Middle-East and remains a beacon of hope for overcoming tyranny.

Although Israel deals with frequent acts of violent terror and is continually under threat by surrounding nations, she has stood fast and prospered over the last 60 years. Israel has defended herself, while also remaining a vital ally in support of our own national security interests abroad.

I am honored to congratulate Israel, and wish Israelis ongoing strength and resolve as they continue to flourish. In April, I was pleased to join with my colleagues to cosponsor H. Con. Res. 322, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

America Celebrates National Police Week from May 11th - 17th

Across America this week, we celebrate and recognize law enforcement officers who protect and defend us. These are the heroes, the first responders, the folks that keep our communities safe and who risk their lives in a dangerous line of work for the betterment of society.

Whether it is the FBI agent who is working on terrorist surveillance to keep our homeland safe, or the local police officer who fights drugs and violence in our communities, these dedicated professionals deserve a deep debt of gratitude.

This week, I am pleased to have a number of officers from the Abilene Police Department coming to Washington, DC to participate in National Police Week. They will be honoring fallen officer, Jeff McCoy, who died June 5th when a drunk driver collided with his patrol car.

I have the distinct honor to meet with these officers tomorrow and look forward to speaking with them, listening to their concerns and thanking them for their service to the City of Abilene. They perform a critical job and, for that, we appreciate them. Although there is a formal week to recognize these committed and brave men and women, it is important we keep them in our thoughts and prayers year round, as they are the guardians protecting us.

As always, when events unfold in Washington, I will be sure to update you. In the meantime, do not hesitate to visit my website at www.randy.house.gov or call my office toll free district wide at (888) 763-1611 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4005. --Randy

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Comptroller Susan Combs Launches New Web Portal to Economic Resources

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today unveiled Texas Ahead, a one-stop Web portal to economic resources for growing and governing Texas. The new Web site at www.texasahead.org provides targeted resources for businesses, local governments and economic development professionals, giving them vital information they need when making decisions about doing business in Texas or planning for economic growth.

"Government has a wealth of data and resources that can help support the economic growth of communities throughout Texas," Combs said. "Texas Ahead is designed to bring this information together in one place."

Texas Ahead offers a wide array of economic data and analysis including:

An in-depth look at the forces driving the Texas economy, including a regular economic outlook by the Comptroller and charts of leading indicators;

Snapshots of key Texas industries and economic sectors;

Rankings showing where Texas stands among the states on key factors;

Economic development success stories that provide valuable guidance and models worth imitating;

Detailed explanations of tools available to assist local governments in their economic development and governing efforts;

Overviews of the local economies in Texas' various regions and the challenges and opportunities they face; and

Useful links to a wide variety of publications and data of interest to local officials who want to stay ahead of trends shaping the Texas economy.

Texas Ahead also features a high-profile link to Texas EDGE, the Comptroller's popular online tool for creating or requesting customized, tightly focused reports to guide economic development decisions. Texas EDGE users can get up-to-date information on the population, demographics, transportation, education, taxes and other economic factors in various geographic areas of Texas.

"Texas EDGE supplies key economic data; Texas Ahead helps put the data in context," Combs said. "Together, these two online resources provide easy access to information essential for accurate planning, effective economic analysis and smart business site selections."

Since Texas EDGE debuted in August 2007, economic developers, local planners, elected officials, students and other researchers have used the system to help prepare information packages to attract new businesses, compare existing businesses, analyze local work force and employment trends and research commuting patterns and traffic counts. By request through Texas EDGE, Comptroller analysts supplied projections of future population growth to help a Val Verde County daycare center decide whether to expand. Smith County requested a report to determine the economic impact of adding 115 correctional jobs. The Alice/Jim Wells County Economic Development Corporation used Texas EDGE to request an estimate of the economic impact of a biomedical research center.

"Texas has the world's 12th largest economy," Combs said. "Texas Ahead helps us tell Texas' economic story to the world: We mean business and stand ready to help businesses and local communities grow and prosper along with the state."

Vietnam Veteran Assembly Is Saturday, May 31 Patriot Guard Riders Coming To Event

The 1st Annual Vietnam Veteran Assembly at the Ranger Vietnam Memorial Park in Ranger, Texas will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ranger Vietnam Memorial Park is located on Loop 254 (Old Highway 80 east) by the Ranger Fire Department. This Vietnam Veteran Assembly is sponsored by DAV Chapter 41, Wichita Falls, and VFW Post 4136, Eastland. All Veterans, family members, and friends are invited to attend. There is no cost for this event.

Carl Lowe, Director of Waco VA Regional Office, will be the Guest Speaker at 11:00 a.m. There will be a Native American Blessing of the Sacred Stone Memorial, along with fun, food, and patriotic music. VA counselors will be available. Please bring lawn chairs. Vendors will be selling flags, caps, and other items.

The Patriot Guard Riders will again be coming to Ranger for this event. They are assembling at the Ranger City Park (at the Swimming Pool) and then will ride together at 9:30 a.m. through downtown Ranger on Main Street.

Bring a tent and sleeping bags if you wish to spend the night at Ranger Vietnam Memorial Park on Friday before the assembly or Saturday night following the assembly. Restrooms are available.

For more information contact Joel Jimenez, DAV Commander (940 636-7577) or Larry Monroe, VFW Commander (254 210-9042).

TWDB APPROVES \$975,000 LOAN TO THE CITY OF EASTLAND

AUSTIN - (April 29, 2008) - The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved financial assistance to the City of Eastland (City) for a loan in the amount of \$975,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to finance wastewater system improvements, utilizing the pre-design funding option.

The City's wastewater collection system has insufficient capacity for the existing population. The City will use the loan proceeds to increase the capacity of, and rehabilitate portions of, the wastewater collection system. This includes adding approximately 6,000 feet of new relief sewer line and increasing capacity at a lift station.

The City is located in Eastland County approximately 56 miles east of Abilene, Texas on State Highway 6 and Interstate Highway 20. The City serves 1,837 water and 1,590 sewer customers with a population of 3,910.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources, and administering cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOURS

The people of the Gorman United Methodist Church would like to thank all those who contributed donations for our Garage Sale and those who shopped with us. You made our prayers for summer programs come true. Please continue to watch the paper for an announcement on "Camp on the Road" - a summer day camp program for children entering grades 1-6- coming to Gorman July 7-9. Details will follow soon.

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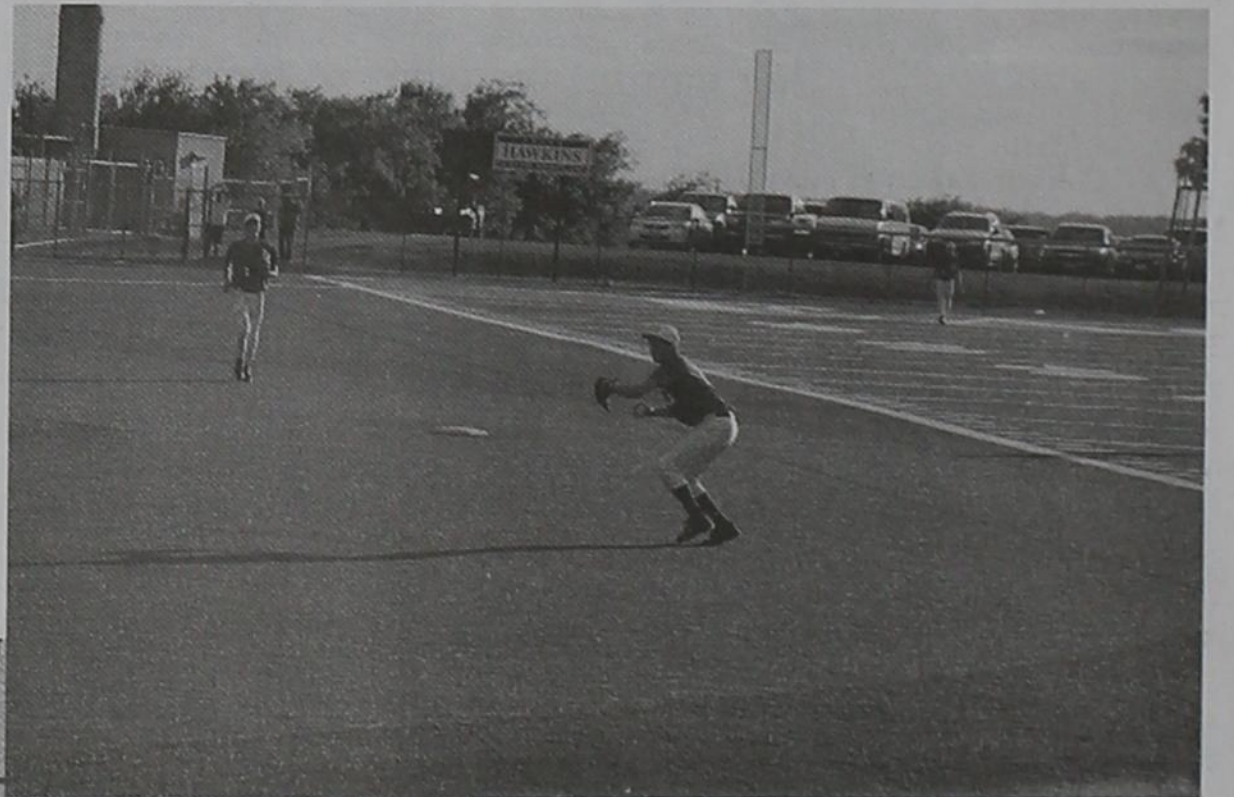
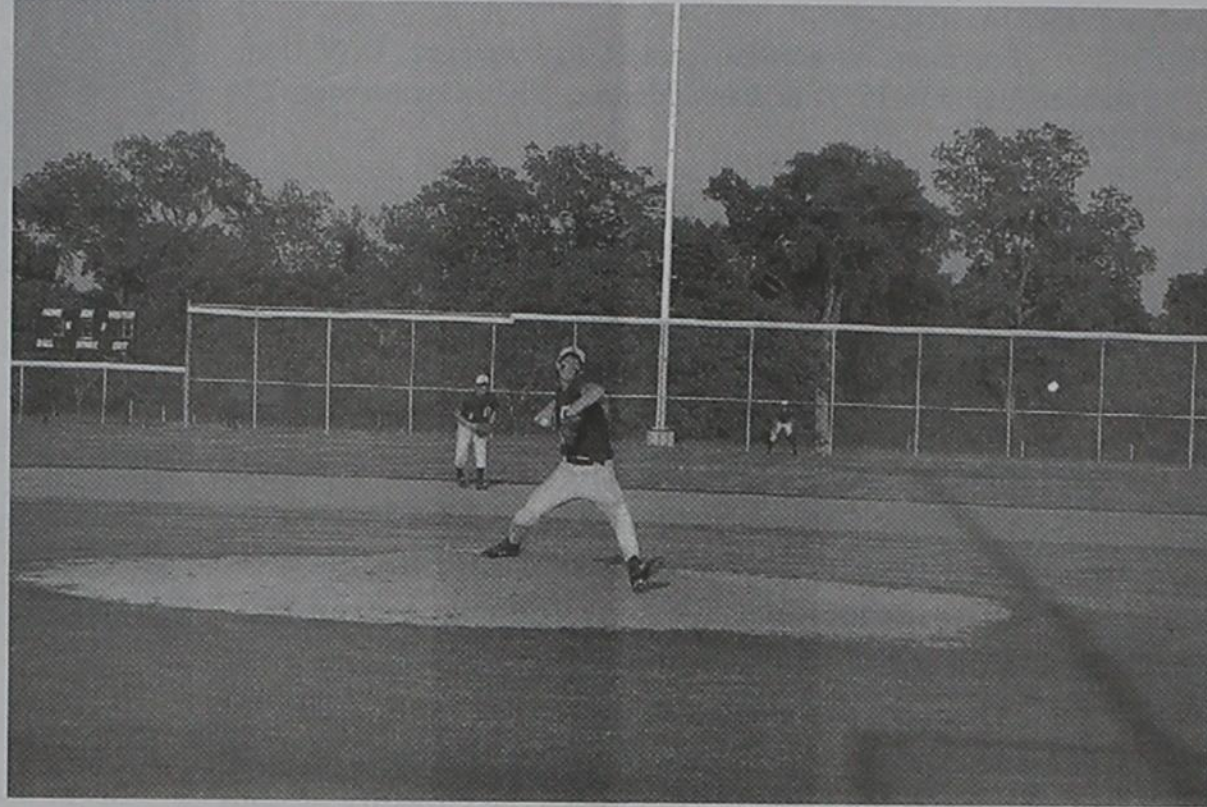
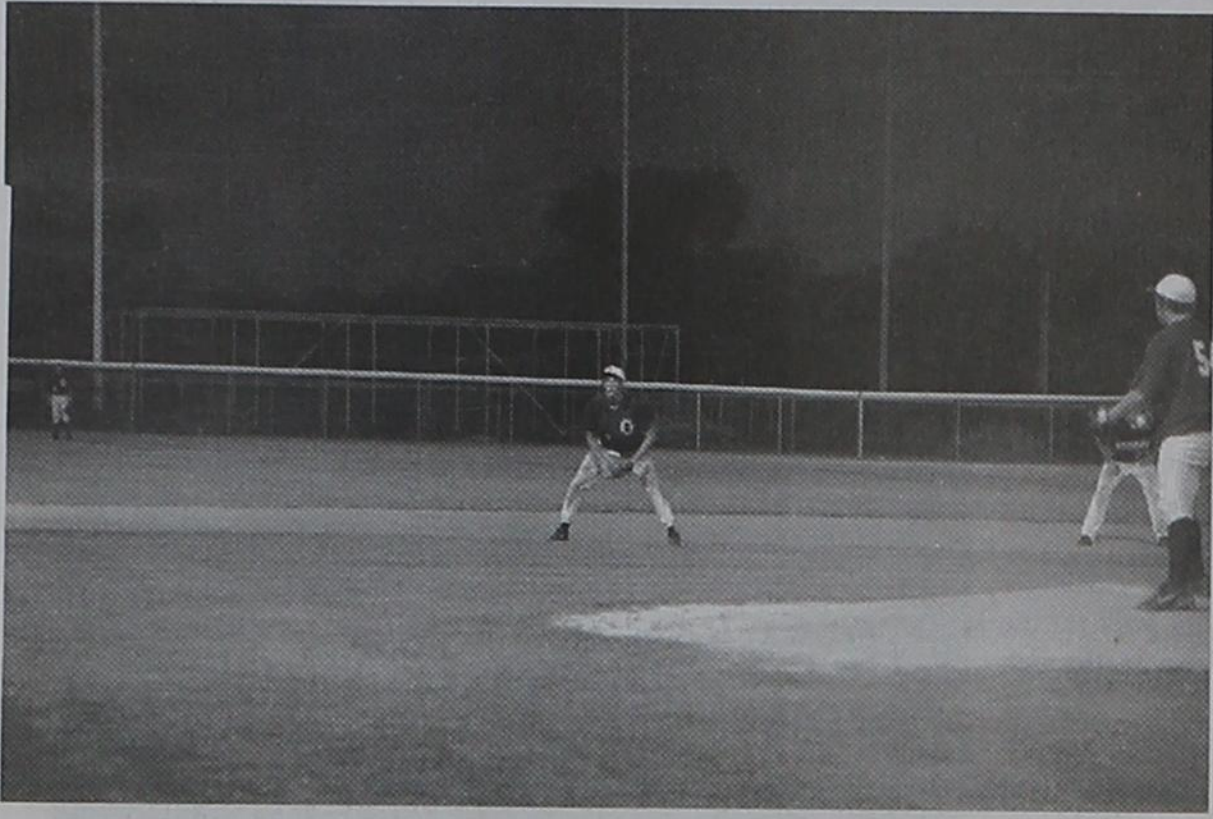
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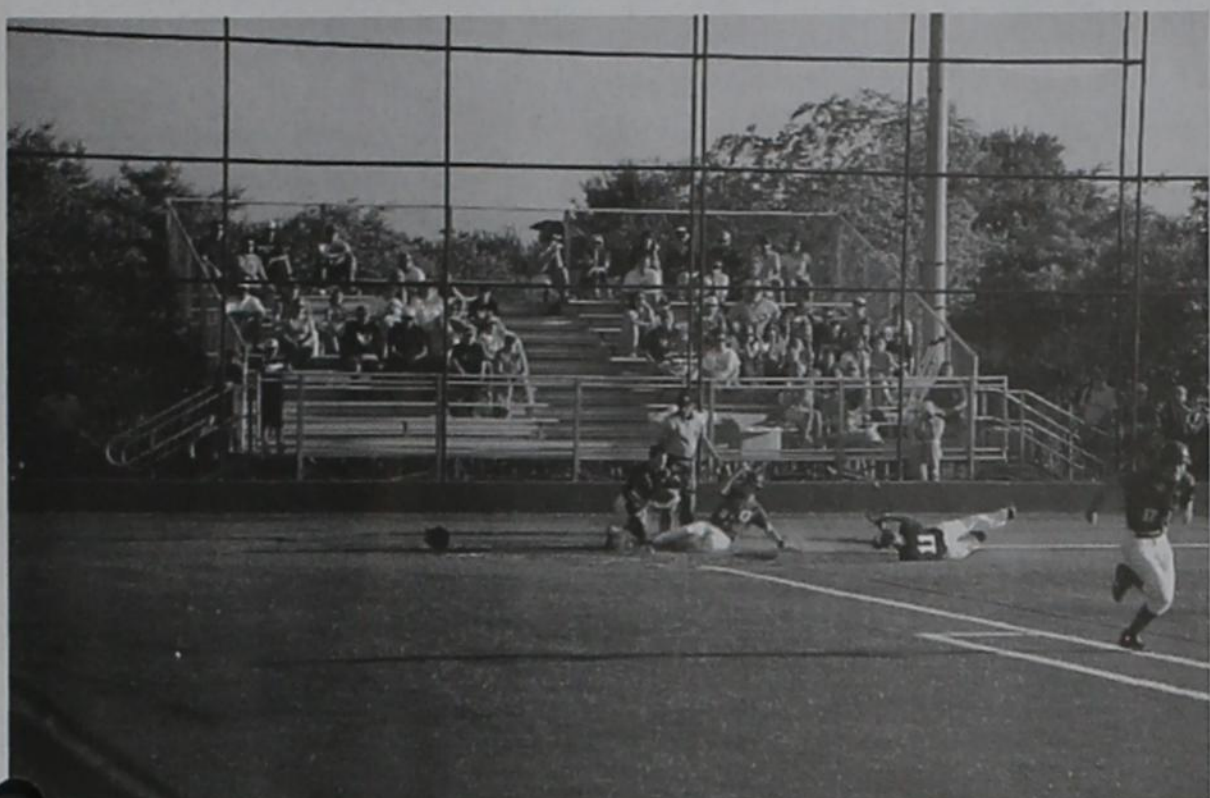
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Congratulations To Bi-District Champs

Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Congratulations to Larry Thompson and Jeff Seaton! They were re-elected Saturday to the school board for three more years. I look forward to continue working with them. They are both very active in our community in many ways other than school and their prior experience on the board will continue to be a valuable asset in the coming years.

Prior to my arrival here three years ago, an investigation of the school district and our school board was instigated due to allegations made to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) by a hand full of residents (16) on November 8, 2004 alleging misuse of credit cards and other inappropriate behavior by school employees and school board members. TEA closed their investigation as of December 14, 2004 with no findings of wrong doing and referred everything to the State Auditor's Office for any further investigation due to budget restraints being experienced by TEA. On May 6, 2008 I received a copy of a letter that was from the State Auditor, John Keel, addressed to the Legislative Audit Committee. It was sent to me by the General Counsel for the State Auditor's Office, Anita D'Souza. To summarize, the letter states that the State Auditor's Office of Special Investigations has completed its investigation concerning allegations involving the misuse of grant funds and credit card accounts by Gorman Independent School District and based upon the records and information reviewed, there is no evidence to support criminal prosecution of anyone presently or previously connected to the district. I felt it was extremely important for everyone in the Gorman community to know that their school board, past and present, as well as their previous superintendent were honorable men and women. As your present superintendent, I want you to know that we are not perfect, not one of us, and we will never do anything intentionally inappropriate in the discharge of our duty here at Gorman ISD and we will always be pro-active in looking for ways to improve upon our performance. We will do our best to keep you informed about what is going on at your school and invite you, as always, to be as involved with your child's education as you possibly can be. Should you ever have any concerns, please come by and see me. You are welcome anytime!

The State Track Meet was wonderful! I'm sure most of you have heard that our mile relay team won gold and ran a spectacular race. They did a great job of representing our school and community. Congratulations to Zack Fox, Matt Underwood, Orlando Valenzuela, Tyson Swanner, and Coach Talbert! Also, thanks go to Drew McCreless who went with them as alternate. If you missed the race, you can see it online at www.slotrack.org.

Congratulations to Coach Fox and the baseball team too for a great year. Unfortunately, they lost the two out of three game series to Dawson (ranked #4 in state) this weekend. This group of young men has done a great job of representing us this year and I am extremely proud of all of them. I really enjoyed watching them play this year and I hope you did too.

Thursday night we had our regularly scheduled board meeting which opened at 6:06pm. The meeting opened with a prayer given by Bob Powell and the Pledge of Allegiance. The board then unanimously approved the consent agenda which includes previous minutes, payment of the bills, payment of the current month's payroll, and budget amendments. Then regular reports were received. Our current enrollment is 379 so it looks like we will end the year with eight more students than we started with in August. It is a positive sign for our community and our school for our enrollment to be increasing. We will continue to make Gorman ISD a district where families want their children to be. DSA then discussed the bids that were opened that afternoon and that he would have to check them over closely before recommending any of them for approval. He also informed the board that contracts had been prepared for all of the previously approved proposals and that Mr. Perry had signed them that afternoon. The board then unanimously approved a roofing proposal previously received on the building project. The board then reviewed proposed shared services with the Region 14 Service Center for the 2008-2009 school year and unanimously approved them. The board then discussed possible future personnel needs for the district and then adjourned at 8:50pm.

It is estimated that we will break ground on the building project in about two weeks. The rain put our site work contractor behind. We will have a ground breaking ceremony and take a picture to run in the paper when it happens.

Congratulations to Mr. Howard and the junior high band; they received a #1 at contest Friday and we had several students that receive individual awards (51 gold medals for Gorman). Mr. Howard will be submitting an article with names of the participants and some pictures for next week's paper. Way to go band!

The Fifth Grade went through their Graduation from the Drug Program that is sponsored by the Masonic Lodge each year. The class will visit the jail on Thursday to see what happens to those who get caught with drugs. This is a great program offered to our fifth graders each year by our local Masonic Lodge.

I can't brag on our kids and our staff and faculty enough. They are great and constantly striving to improve all of our programs here at GISD. All of the success we've experienced this year is certainly promising and a challenge to students returning next year. We are glad your children are here!

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. Thank you for all you do to support us!

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

FLEA MARKET

A Flea Market will be held at the Desdemona Community Center (former School Building) on Saturday, May 31st 8 a.m. To 6 p.m. Vendors are welcome to rent a booth inside the school gym or outside in the school yard at a reasonable price. Ladies do your Spring Cleaning early, rent a booth to sell your extra items (or) you can donate your items to the Community Center. Donations will be appreciated. Contact this reporter 254-758-2665 to rent a booth or to donate. We have plans for a "Big Day" in Desdemona, Come join the fun. Thank you.

Karen Fair and granddaughter, Lorin; Holly Guthery and daughter Karsan Jade; Belinda Webb; and Pug and Vonnie Guthery enjoyed a visit last Sunday down in South Texas sightseeing and shopping. They visited in Fredricksburg, Luckenbach, Johnson City and other places of interest.

"Congratulations" to Bob and Dolores Tucker of Desdemona on the arrival of their granddaughter, Zoe Gianna. Proud parents are Scott and Michelle Tucker of Phoenix, AZ.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Marvin Jones of De Leon. He was born October 27, 1919 to the late Clarence and Myrtle Young Jones. Services were May 4, 2008 and burial was in Victor Cemetery located in Erath County. He is survived by his wife, Waldene (Perry) Jones of De Leon; son, Carroll Jones of Dublin; sister, Ruby Pair of De Leon. Marvin attended school in Desdemona with other siblings.

Thought for today - "After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started to roar. He kept roaring until a hunter came along and shot him - - The moral of this story: When you are full of bull, keep your mouth shut!"

Have a Nice Day, Coon.

News From Eastland Co. District Attorney

Brandon Rusk receives 25 years for Sexual Assault of a Child

Brandon Rusk, 27, formerly of Cisco, was sentenced to a term of 25 years behind bars for the sexual assault of a teenage girl by State District Judge Steven R. Herod of the 91st District Court. Rusk was formerly sentenced Thursday for the deviant sexual act by Herod after entering a plea of guilty and accepting a plea bargain from the Criminal District Attorneys Office. Rusk had been set for a jury trial on May 2, 2008 but waived his right to a jury prior to being sentenced.

Sexual Assault of a Child is a second degree felony carrying a possible sentence of two to twenty years confinement if the act occurs against a child younger than seventeen but fourteen or older. Because Rusk had previously been convicted of the felony offense of Hindering Apprehension in 2004, the District Attorneys Office used that conviction to enhance the punishment range.

Rusk was arrested for the offense of sexual assault of a child after an investigation conducted by the Cisco Police Department. Defense attorney Chad Edgington of Eastland represented Rusk with Assistant Criminal District Attorney Brenda Seale Gray prosecuting. Rusk was also convicted of Assault Causing Bodily Injury on a young man arising out of the same incident.

DRUG DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TWENTY YEARS

Jeffrey Kyle Martin, 45, formerly of Abilene, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (20) twenty year sentence for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Methamphetamine, Less Than One Gram. Martin and two male passengers in the vehicle he was operating were apprehended on April 11, 2008 by officers of the Cisco Police Department on N. Hwy. 6 near Cisco Jr. College.

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod sentenced Martin to prison in the 91st District Courtroom of Eastland County on May 1, 2008 after Martin entered a plea of guilty and agreed to accept a plea bargain from the Criminal District Attorneys Office.

Possession of a Controlled Substance, Less Than One Gram is a state jail felony punishable by a maximum of two years confinement. Because Martin had previously been convicted of at least two prior felonies, the Criminal District Attorneys Office enhanced the offense to a second degree felony with a punishment range of not less than 2 years nor more than 20 years confinement. The District Attorney's Office also caused to be filed, a seizure on the 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche that Martin was operating at the time of his arrest. Charges against both of Martin's passengers are still pending.

Defense Attorney Kory Robinson of Abilene represented Martin with Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason prosecuting.

Third Cocaine Trafficker Receives

Twenty-Five Year Prison Sentence

Nicholas Tellez Martinez, age 41, is the third dealer in a wide-spread criminal organization to be held accountable in the 91st District Courtroom in Eastland County for his participation in the illegal distribution of cocaine in the State of Texas. On April 28, 2008, Martinez was found guilty of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity and was sentenced to 25 years in the State penitentiary after entering into a plea bargain with the Eastland County Criminal District Attorneys Office.

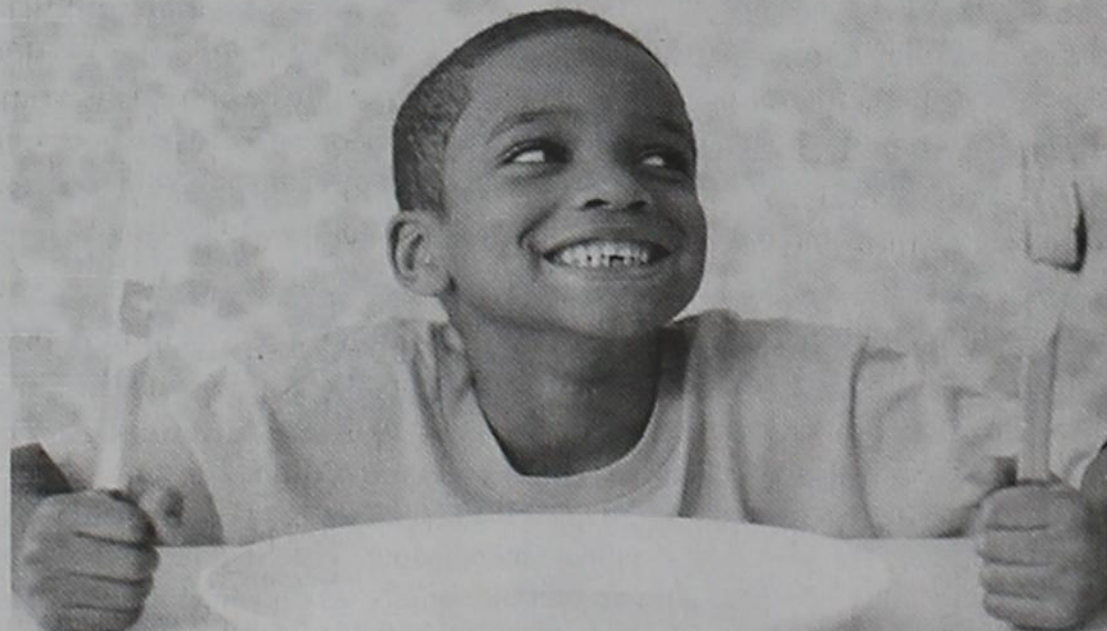
The investigation into this ring of cocaine traffickers began when an Eastland County State Trooper made a routine traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Louis Charles Collins, formerly of San Angelo. Collins was recently sentenced on February 14, 2008 to 60 years in the State penitentiary - 25 years for Engaging in Criminal Activity, 25 years for Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver, and 10 years for Bail Jumping and Failure to Appear.

The Eastland Trooper found over one pound of cocaine concealed in a vehicle's air filter housing operated by Collins. Through the continued investigation by the Narcotics Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Nicholas Tellez Martinez was also tied to this large ring of cocaine traffickers. Indictments were returned in 2007 against 12 individuals as a result of DPS narcotics tracking the organization's illegal activities through various counties in the state going back to 2003.

District Attorney Russ Thomason had said previously that he was honored when the DPS Narcotics Division chose the Office of the Criminal District Attorney in Eastland over other counties in which to prosecute these cocaine traffickers. Thomason prosecuted the case with Defense Attorney John Saringer of the Wagstaff Firm.

What's for dinner, mom?

The rates for childhood obesity have doubled in preschool aged children. They have tripled for children between the ages of 6-11.



I'm a working man. My life is all about routine and I barely have enough time to stop and breathe as I move from one thing to the next. I thought I had it all under control.

But when I learned the current rates of childhood obesity, I thought, That could be one of my kids.

So I made some changes. In the way we eat. In the way we live.

There are a lot of harmful things I wanted to prevent from happening to my kids. I had just never considered applying that same protective thinking to their daily eating habits.

To making sure they got enough physical activity. To helping them form a healthy lifestyle.

I mean, if it keeps them safer, happier, and healthier, it is worth it to me.

Brought to you by the Crime Victim Assistance Center.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

Our weekly get together was held on Wednesday the 7th at 11:30. We enjoyed a great dinner and fellowship with 24 in attendance. Bro. Frank Shirley gave the prayer for our Thanks. We missed Beth as she was feeling ill due to Meds.

Our meal was very nutritious with a Veggie meat loaf, ham, potatoes, also a plain meat loaf. There were several Vegatable dishes, deviled eggs, salad, cakes and a pie by Estelle Lindley. Also Jello with fruit and Cool Whip. Everyone seems to really like Jello, must fix it more often. Our usual corn bread and rolls by Betty Regian were delicious.

Sure was great have Wynogene Smith back with us. She is much improved over her back problems. Also good to see Lil Brudnak, and Ellen Parker. Hope they continue to be with us weekly. Where are you Ann Laminack? Thought you would be a regular with us. We have missed you being here with us. We have missed you being here with us.

We enjoyed a special guest Lendon Shipman. Hope he will become a regular visitor. I believe he enjoyed playing games with several after the dinner. I'm always too tired after dinner to play games. But there are several who never tire of game playing. More stay after dinner all the time, the die hards. HA!!

The Med Way Home Health ladies were here to check our blood pressure and blood sugar. We certainly appreciate their service to us once a month. They come from De Leon always the first Wednesday of the month. I do hope most of you take advantage of their time.

Our Gorman boys won State in the 1600 Relay in Austin! I'm so proud of them and what they have done for our school. Since Saturday the 10th was about 95 or hotter with humidity, Carol stayed home. But I viewed the video of the race the next day. Very exciting!! They lost the 2nd baseball game that night against Dawson, so all games are over for this season. I did attend the first game in Benbrook on Thursday, the eighth. We lost 8 to 3, so wasn't meat to be. Its wonderful we are Bi-District Champs.

My family and I had a great Mothers Day. Those who were here all attended ZJ's very good Mothers Day Buffet. They outdid themselves on a good spread for the Moms. We ran into Jud and Ann Maxfield with their son Mel and his lovely family. That little boy Max will be a heartbreaker with the girls someday. Part of my four children weren't there - but I did receive a call from my oldest Keith in Georgia.

Daisy Slaton met her sister Velsie Rawson for a family get together in Cisco. Daisy's daughter Sunny and husband Charles Black and Velsie's two daughters with several other family members were in attendance. The Wood girls were raised in Cisco, then their Dad Homer moved to farm in Gorman.

Our group decided to play games at the Hotel for a change on the 8th. There were I believe 12 present. Jo Holdman and I attended the Regional Baseball game in Benbrook. We thank Brenda Boyd for allowing us this change of scenery. It is so beautiful in the Lobby since the refurbishing, nice color scheme.

After all the talk in town, the Voting turned out alright. The Claims against our School Board were false and most people knew it. We have a good, talented and different types of people to help keep our school running smoothly. They have all done a great job inspite of all this negativety against them.

Hope all is well and see you next time.

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