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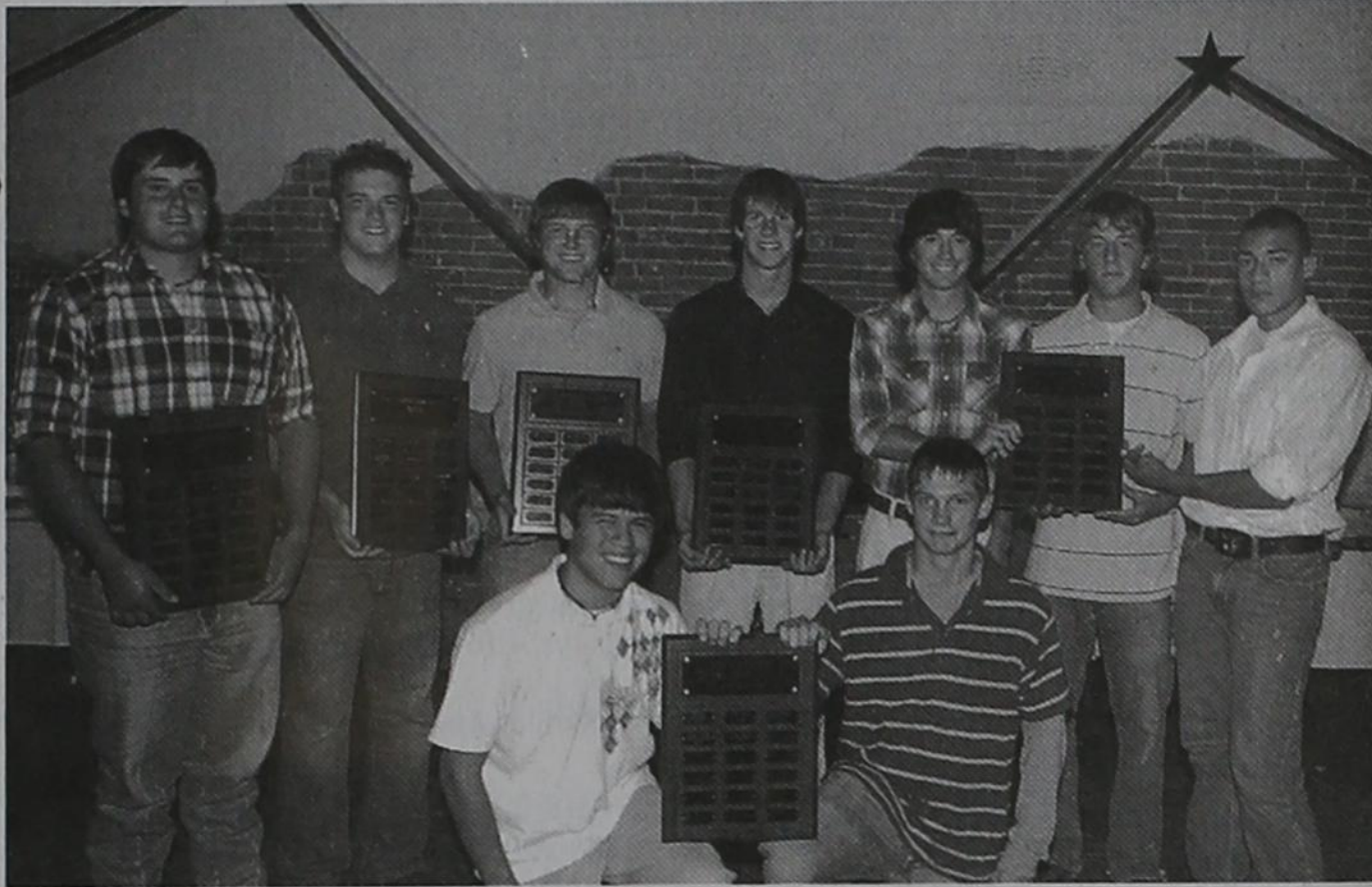
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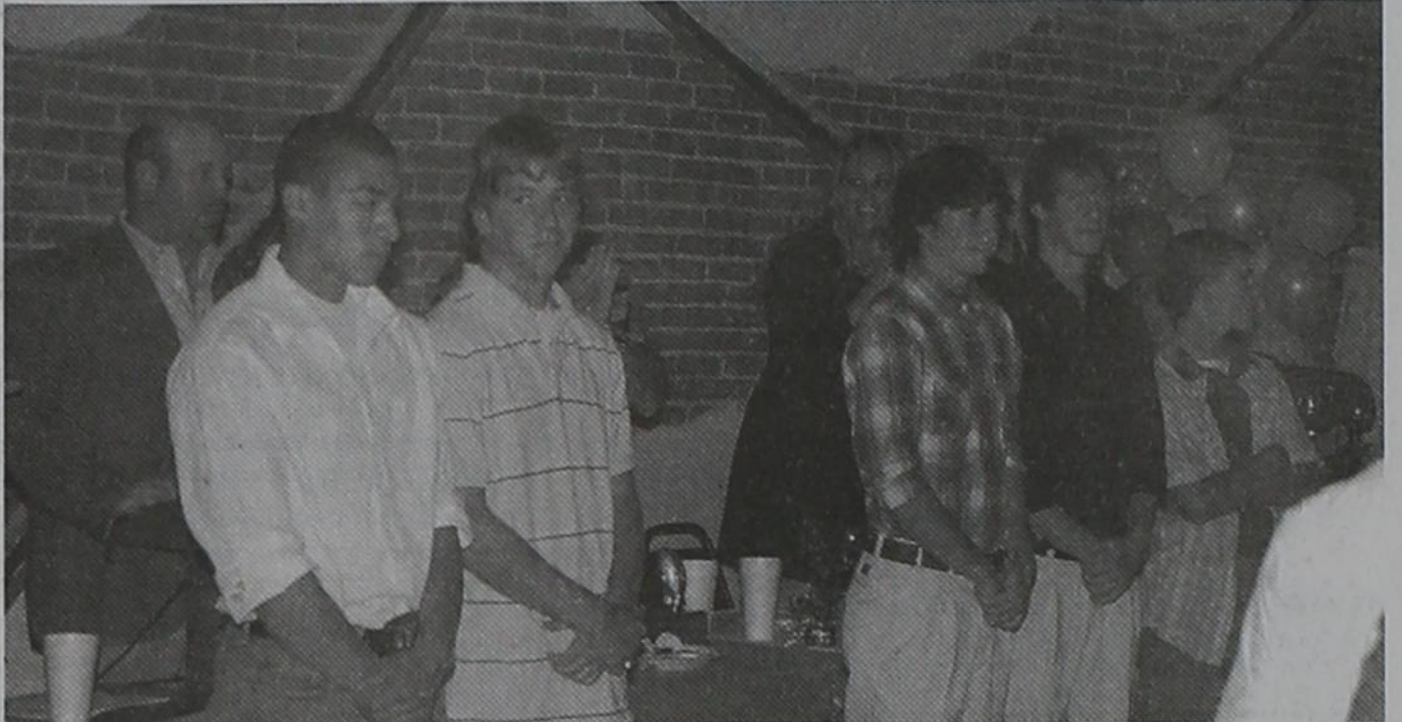
NUMBER TWENTY

MAY 22, 2008

## GHS Sports Banquet Held Tuesday



Individual sport Most Valuable Player award plaques for the Panthers go to: Powerlifting -- Seth Johnson; Football -- Chad Klein; Baseball -- Corey Clark; Basketball -- Tyson Swanner; Track -- Tyson Swanner, Zack Fox, Matt Underwood and Orlando Valenzuela; Tennis -- Carlos Gutierrez, and Brandon Greer



The State Championship Mile Relay Team consisting of Orlando Valenzuela, Matt Underwood, Zack Fox, and Tyson Swanner receive a standing ovation at the banquet.



Coach Paul Talbert honors two community members with his second annual Big Red Super Booster Award, the recipients this year were Barry Schahn, and Kenneth Welch. Kenny was unable to be at the banquet to receive his plaque, pictured is Brother Barry accepting his award.



Individual sport Most Valuable Player award plaques for the Lady Panthers go to: Softball, Basketball and Volleyball -- Audrey Johnston; Powerlifting -- Nicole Cogburn; Track -- Brandy Carlton; Tennis -- Reba Granado; Cross Country -- Mary Powell



Coach Tori Talbert presents her Athletic Director, Dad and Hero with a trophy to commemorate his being named the Class A Football Coach of the Year for our district. Tori gave a heartfelt and loving tribute to her dad and the congregation gave him a standing ovation for the achievements that he lead his football team to gain, Coach Paul Talbert-Coach of the Year.

### American State Bank Celebrates 60th Anniversary

On Tuesday, May 20, 2008 American State Bank will celebrate its 60th Anniversary as a Texas financial institution. To thank our customers for banking with us, each of our 35 ASB branches in 18 communities will offer refreshments from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

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### GHS Baccalaureate Set Sunday, May 25th

**Baccalaureate**  
Sunday, May 25, 2008 7:30 p.m.

**Processional**  
Senior Class

**Invocation**  
Sammye Mauney

**Memories**  
Senior Class

**Baccalaureate Sermon**  
Barry Schahn, Minister  
First Baptist Church

**Closing**  
Rick Panter, Principal

**Recessional**  
Senior Class

### Thank You!!

Our family would like to extend our thanks for all kindness and visits during the illness and passing of Cecil Self. Thanks to all of you who brought food and offered prayers for Cecil and our family. Thanks so much to all the doctors and nurses at Comanche County Medical Center for their loving care. Thanks to Ray, Carolyn and Margorie at Higginbotham Funeral Home for the care and comfort extended to our family. Thanks to the Gorman Church of Christ and Kokomo Baptist Church for the excellent meal they provided for our family after the funeral. Thanks to Larry Stogstill for his comforting words. May God Bless each one who supported our Family during this time.

Christine Self  
Imogene Burns  
Daryl and Cecilia Hirst  
Billy and Shirley Self  
Bill and Charlene Daniel

### Baseball Camp

The Gorman Panthers Baseball Camp is set for June 2 thru 5 - Monday thru Thursday at the Gorman High School Baseball Parks from 9 a.m. To 12 Noon. Cost for the camp is \$30.00. Camp will cover all phases of baseball with individual instruction. We will also have skills competitions in each age group. Awards will be given out 11 to 12 on Thursday (parents be there). Ages 6 Years Old To This Year 8th Grade Boys.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. At Gorman High School Baseball Field on Monday, June 2. Camp open to all area baseball players. If you have a question call: Billy Fox at 893-5076.

### Revival - FBC

**Desdemona**  
June 1-4 -- Sunday Morning at 11:00 am and each evening at 7:00 PM. Covered dish luncheon on Sunday, everyone welcome. Special Music every service. Evangelist: Ron Owen.



The Bill Clark Fighting Panther Award was given to Brandon Greer and the Todd Anderson Fighting Heart Award went to Mary Powell. These award are given to athletes who exemplify heart, leadership, and dedication to the athletic program.

### THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Eastland County Judge Rex Fields and Eastland County Commissioners, Reggie Pittman, Wayne Honea, Bill Underwood, and Norman Christian for your support of The Carbon Community Center.

Our Bake Sale conducted in the Eastland County Courthouse Lobby have been very successful.

Also, our sincere appreciation for the Courthouse Personnel who continues to purchase our wonderful home-baked goodies. Thanks to all for your continued support.

**Carbon Community Center**  
La Tonne Rodgers, Treasurer



# OBITUARIES

## BILLY HAYNES

Billy Haynes, 87 passed away May 14, 2008 in Scottsdale, AZ. He was born December 15, 1920 in Duster, TX. Formerly of Gorman, TX, Billy was a WWII veteran, farmed in Duster and was a home builder in Santa Barbara, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife Naoma, daughter Susan Morley and sister Ruth Reeves. He is survived by his daughter Florrie Camasto, grandson Eric Morley, nephew Roscoe Reeves and niece Mary Ruth Reeves. Inurnment will take place at Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX.

## LILA MAE WILLIAMSON

Lila Mae Williamson, age 82, of De Leon, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at Comanche County Medical Center. Graveside services were held Monday, May 19th at 3 p.m. at Indian Creek Cemetery with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Music by LaRessie Wilkerson. Interment was in Indian Creek Cemetery under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born November 1, 1925 in Belton, Texas to the late Tracy Walker and Ouida Mae Keeton Walker. She married Wayne L. Williamson on March 3, 1945 in Temple, TX.

She moved to De Leon in 2007 from Temple, Texas.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Parsons of De Leon; a son, Tracy Wayne Williamson of Illinois; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents, husband Wayne L. Williamson on January 22, 2008.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2008-03

An Ordinance Amending the existing Gas Franchise between the City and Atmos Energy Corporation to provide for a different consideration; providing an effective date; providing for acceptance by Atmos Energy Corporation; and finding an determining that the Meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is Open To The Public as Required By Law. 2-5-22 C.

## ORDINANCE NO. 2008-02

An Ordinance of the City of Gorman, Texas adopting the Budget for the City of Gorman, Texas, for the Fiscal Year Beginning June 1, 2008 and Ending May 31, 2009, Providing For The Intra and Inter Department and Fund Transfers; and Declaring An Effective Date. 2-5-22 C.

**TAKING PROPOSALS:** Gorman ISD is taking proposals for student insurance for the 2008-2009 school year. Proposals will be taken until 2pm on May 23, 2008. 2-5-22 C.

**TAKING APPLICATIONS:** Gorman ISD is taking applications for a Site Superintendent for a \$5,000,000 building project. Applicants must have experience. Salary is negotiable. Applications are on line at [www.gorman.esc14.net](http://www.gorman.esc14.net). Please contact David Perry, School Superintendent at 254-734-3171 or email him at [dperry@gorman.esc14.net](mailto:dperry@gorman.esc14.net). 2-5-22 C.

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- 613 A, 3-2 Brick Home, carport, barn, wells & tanks, creek & hunting, partial minerals & royalties \$2,025,000 (WV02)
- 455 A, wells & tanks, creek, tree covered hills, wildlife cover, hunting, Hwy.6 frontage \$1,912,000 (RS01)
- 328 A, High Fenced Game Ranch, hunting cabin, wells & tanks \$3,350 Per Acre (RR01)
- 250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, tanks, cabin, hwy. frontage, rural water \$850,000 (LB01)
- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (AB01)
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (RS02)
- 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
- 100 A, approx. 95 A of costal, 5 A wooded, and stock tank. Located about 1/2 mile off Hwy.36 \$275,000 (LW01)
- 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 (RE01)
- 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)
- 47± A, 1-1 Rock Home, hand dug well, rural water, wildlife cover, coastal, hunting, minerals negotiable \$175,000 (WV02)
- 45 A, 7 irrigation wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, mineral available \$2,750 per Acre (BF01)
- 30 A, 3-2 1/2 Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (PB01)
- 25.6 A, 4-2 1/2 Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (PB03) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MP01) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 20 A, Pecan Orchard, hwy. frontage, rural water available, Owner will divide \$5,000 per Acre (SH01)
- 20 A, excellent home site, costal, rural water supply available, hunting, minerals negotiable \$75,000 (WV01)
- 14±A, 3-2 Brick Home, fireplace, fenced yards, garages & storage buildings \$180,000 (FW01) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 8.6 A, 3-2 Frame Home, water well, above ground pool with deck, horse barn \$129,900 (K001)
- 8 1/2 A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (J702)
- 7± A, Metal Building on slab, large oak trees, pecan orchard, hwy. frontage, water well \$65,000 (FW02) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, storage buildings, pecan trees, wells & tanks \$120,000 (WK01)

**RESIDENCES & HOME SITES**

- 3-2 1/2 Custom Brick Home, approx. 1.4 acre, 3 car garage, rural water, paved drive, storage building \$297,500 (LW01)
- 4.73 A w/4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well \$149,900 (RH02)
- 3-2 Double Wide, screened porch, workshop, wells, 2 large lots and older frame home \$135,000 (JA02)
- 3-2 Frame Home, 2.5 Acres, wood burning stove, carport, rural water, well, shop \$137,500 REDUCED \$99,900 (CC03)
- 2-1 Frame Home, 0.621 Acres, close to Tarleton, 2-car attached carport, storage building, fenced yard \$92,500 (RS02)
- 2-1 1/2 Frame Home, garage, storage building \$75,000 (ST01)
- 3-2 Doublewide, 2/car carport, on 3+ lots \$70,000 (LK01)
- 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch \$55,000 (GB02)

See Pictures at: [www.GilderRealty.com](http://www.GilderRealty.com)

## Happenings At FBC!!

Phenomenal! Physical growth of our Church building is the achievement of the spiritual growth inside. It is God, not the people. God's love and expression comes through the people as an outreach extended to the community. God is GREAT!

Mark your calendars:

May 25th - 7:30pm - Baccalaureate Service.  
June 8th - 11:00am - Teen Challenge, Women's Choir and Testimonies

### Recognition of 2008 Graduating High School Seniors.

Congratulations to Corey Clark for being chosen for the All-star team - Way to Go Corey!

Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon: Liz used a globe to demonstrate how the entire earth looks. The Bible tells us that the first thing God created was the heavens and the earth. It was of foremost importance to God to create a place for men, women, children, and animals to live. Next time you are outside or on a walk remember to look at all of the awesome creations and thank God for them. Bro. Barry's message was "Foxes On Your Wall" - Nehemiah 4:1-3 Vs. 3) Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." - The New King James Version

**HOW TO KEEP THE FOXES OFF YOUR WALL** - you can barely see them.

I. Dignify Yourself and Defer to God. - vs. 4:1-5 - the people ridiculed the Jews for rebuilding the wall.

1. Serving Jesus is Never Easy. - Someone is always trying to knock your wall down.

2. Critics, Trouble Makers, Fault Finders - Don't listen, and ignore their ignorance.

II. Defend Yourself & Discourage Your Enemies - vs. 4:6-15 - Today Christians are discouraged more frequently than encouraged.

1. Fighting is Always Last Resort. - Even when ridiculed.

2. Send Your Enemies a "Don't Mess With Us" Message. - the Bible is clear on where you go and how to live your life.

III. Discipline Yourself - vs. 4:16-23 - Be responsible for your decisions.

1. Discipline is Not Skill or Attitude. - Decide not to let people knock you off your wall.

Be careful about how you influence others.

2. Discipline is Always Alert and Ready Whenever Needed. - God is always there. He will make the difference in your life. Be careful, you never know who's watching you.

IV. Depend on One Another.

1. Two is Better than One. - Surround yourself with fellow believers.

2. Look Out for One Another. - Be like Jesus. Believe and stand up!

Be aware of the foxes on your wall, and careful not to be a fox on someone else's wall!

Kyle Connolly made his profession of faith and has decided to follow Christ in baptism.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us!

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NEW: 17A N/E Gorman, 10A wooded, nice large oak trees, electric meter, country location, great place for a new home! \$3,500 A.

NEW: 38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good fences, sandy land. \$2,500 Acre

40 A m/l, south Gorman, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil, paved road. \$2,750 acre.

NEW: 77A Sipe Springs, deer, turkey & 2 stocked ponds, Live and Post Oak, mineral rights. Insulated 30x40 steel Bldg., a/c, 7 living quarters. Nice Getaway! \$3,250 A.

49.83 A. west Gorman, large on paved road, ponding spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/oral, great hunting, pretty place! \$2,900 ACRE

NEW: 80A s/e Gorman, app. 30 a coastal, 7 - 8 wells, reservoir, good fences, elec., good soil, nice pond site. Will Divide \$2,500 per acre

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.

NEW: 156 A. Carbon, 1/2 wooded - 1/2 fields, deer, turkey, 3 ponds, nice 2 - 2 mh, central a/c, barn, corral, county water. \$4,000 acre.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., several water wells, condition is unknown. \$2,350.00 acre.

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# Pig Tales From Hogtown

I would like to thank everyone who came to our community garage sale this past weekend and those who donated items for sale. We had a wonderful turnout! The best part was, as always, the people that we met. All of the money we make at our events goes towards paying for our building. Our goal is to get this beautiful building paid for as soon as possible so that we can open up to more 'free' events. So 'thanks' again to everyone!

Three of the people we met over the weekend were gentlemen who enjoy bluegrass & country music as much as we do. Each of them expressed an interest in being part of a 'jam' once a week. This is an idea we have toyed with before and nothing has come of it. If you are interested in getting together with other musicians for a weekly (or monthly) jam, please call me at 254-758-2420.

Another month is winding down and it is just about time for our first Saturday 'Breakfast at the DAC'. The first Saturday of June falls on the 7th. We serve from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. Join us for eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy. There is plenty of eating and talking and that is what we do best! We have a great time - come and see!

How does an old-fashioned ice cream social sound for a hot day in July? One is in the planning stages for July 12th. We have some new sporting equipment for those who can stand the heat - volleyball, horseshoes and others. Or sit on the large covered porch and watch the activities. If you are a 'picker', bring your instruments. There will be no charge for this day - it is a 'thank you' to all who support the DAC. Watch Pig Tales for more information.

See you in Desdemona!  
Carol Pell

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - GORMAN PRESENTS: Teen Challenge - Women's Choir - Sunday, June 8, 2008

Teen Challenge is the largest and most successful organization of its kind in the world. They help people with life-controlling problems overcome through the power of Jesus!

The Trophies of Grace is their women's choir from San Antonio Teen Challenge. They travel to different churches and share the ministry of Teen Challenge through song and testimony. The students sing and share their personal testimonies of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. These services not only give an opportunity to tell about the ministry, but they also allow them to minister to the members in the congregation who may have been affected by the drug epidemic. The testimonies of these saved lives will both challenge and inspire you to believe God for those impossible circumstances in your own lives.

We welcome all churches and their youth.  
Serving the Lord, Bro. Barry Schahn - 254-734-2420

"Meal Provided After Service"

## Gorman Church of Christ Features Well Known

### Minister Ray Young in Gospel Meeting June 14

Ray Young of the Sunset Bible Institute will be presenting lessons June 1-4 at the Church of Christ in Gorman. The following message is one of encouragement and is one of his recent articles.

*I want to be more... I need to be more... The Japanese call it Kaizen. Kaizen means constant improvement. For what seems like my whole life I have focused on being better.*

*I want to be... a better Christian- a better man- a better husband- a better father- a better son- a better brother- a better friend- a better neighbor- a better helper- a better leader- a better follower- a better worker- a better employer- a better student- a better teacher- a better preacher- a better counselor- a better money manager-- you get the point - there has been... there is... plenty of room for improvement.*

*In my walk with Jesus I go through times when the desire, the drive, the progress are greater, stronger, longer. There are times that I feel like I am in something of a desert - it is long, hard, hot, dry, life sapping, energy tapping, mentally exhausting - and I end up not caring much - about any of it.*

*When I was in those more intense times I would work hard at growing, improving, being more spiritual, overcoming temptation and sin. I would read passages like Galatians 5:22 "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control; against such things there is no law." Here's what would happen... I would read it, but never got very far without being really convicted about a certain area I REALLY needed to grow in. For instance - there have been many times that I have not read past the first one without saying to myself, "man do I need to grow in love. I have got to be more loving." I would think about why I was not... how I could be... and what I was going to do to be more loving. I don't guess I ever got passed patient without some kind of personal conversation like that... you know, count to 10, let it go, that kind of stuff.*

*THEN... it all changed. We lived in Plains, Texas and a good sister, who came to visit her sister at least once a year, was at one of our Home Bible Studies. We were not studying Galatians 5, but she used it to illustrate one of the best lessons I've leaped in a long time. She pointed out that Paul was writing about the fruit of the Spirit, not the fruit of you or me. This is what God does in us, part of how He changes us - not that self-help stuff.*

*That captured my heart. For as long as I could remember there were those times when I focused on overcoming a particular temptation or sin. There were several problems I kept encountering... the more focused I was on the temptation or sin, the harder the fight was... the more I found myself giving in... the more frustrated I was.*

*That started me down a road... a new/old way of thinking... then someone assigned me to preach out of John 15. I had studied, taught and preached out of John 15 before... but, (and this is one of the things I love about the word of God - it keeps on teaching me!) I was just in the right time and place to finally get it. Jesus taught His followers that He is the vine and we are the branches... there are several things that are important because of this... "I am the vine and you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."*

*Why was it so hard? Because I was trying to do it myself. I was into self improvement, getting better... not into being connected to Jesus. When I try to find fruit and make it part of my life - that is not bearing fruit... that is being fruit!*

*Today... Abide in Him... decide that no matter what you will stay connected to Jesus.*

*Today... Abide in His word... read it... meditate on it... lay it up on your heart...*

*Today... make it your aim to follow Jesus... to be like Him...*

*Today... we can be amazed at how He transforms us... prunes us... conforms us to His image.*

Ray Young

## NHS Travels to Abilene



The National Honor Society Members traveled to Abilene on Monday, May 12. The first stop made was the Ab-Tex Beverage Ltd., bottling company. We were able to tour the plant and learn all about the ins and outs of the bottling company. Did you know that sodas are bottled at precisely 34 degrees, then must go through a wash followed by a warming room. They must warm before they can be put onto pallets in the warehouse because all the condensation of the warming liquid would otherwise cause danger to the workers. Also, the canned drinks have lids that are connected to the cans at a rate of 2000 lids per every one and a half minutes, and our guide said they have one of the slower machines. It is truly an eye opening experience. Our guide also lets us know that the making of the drinks we so love is a very technical operation, precise measurements are required and correct chemical balances must be maintained. At the end of the tour he allows us to partake in a nice cold drink of our choice and gives us a T-shirt! It is a great trip.

Our next stop was the Abilene Regional Food bank. At this stop we spend a good part of our trip volunteering our time to help wash, and stock food items received at the food bank. They had just had a food drive so there was plenty of food to sort. We cleared out about 8 - 10 huge boxes filled to the rim with all kinds of food. And of course no trip to the food bank is complete unless we all step into the huge very cold freezers. The first freezer maintains a temperature of around 20 degrees and then there is the other freezer that boasts a very chilly below zero temperature. Brrrrrr!

Upon leaving the food bank we had certainly worked up a huge appetite so we topped off our trip with a visit to the Olive Garden Restaurant. I think the ride home was very quiet with everyone snoozing off their huge lunch.

NHS members going on the trip included seniors Brandy Carlton, Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Reba Granado, Tecia Jones, Aaron Keith, Megan Lewis, Carlos Palacios, Mary Powell, Emily Velasquez, Carlos Gutierrez, and Trey Underwood. Juniors going were Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Matt Underwood, Matthew Cogburn, Nathan Flanary, Tyson Swanner, and Jordan Perry. Thank you to Mrs. Mauney for driving our school bus for us, Mrs. Swanner also attended as adviser to the group.

We all had a great time and look forward to returning again next year.

## Eastland County DWI Suspects May Be Subjected To Blood Tests During Memorial Day Weekend.

Eastland County Law Enforcement Officers will seek search warrants to draw blood from suspected intoxicated drivers who refuse to take an intoxilyzer test or give blood voluntarily during Memorial Day Weekend.

Police, Sheriff's Deputies and State Troopers will follow the same procedures they normally do in suspected intoxicated driving cases. But, if a suspect who is arrested on suspicion of intoxicated driving does not voluntarily submit to an intoxilyzer or blood test, officers will ask a local judge to immediately approve a search warrant to have medical personnel draw blood.

"The task force will begin at approximately 7 a.m. on Friday and end at approximately 8 a.m. on the following Tuesday," said Eastland Police Chief Cecil Funderburgh, one of the organizers of the operation. A similar operation is being planned for the July 4th holiday weekend and authorities state the the initiative may be adopted year-round, although no timetable has been set.

Suspects stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated will be taken to the Eastland County Jail's "intoxilyzer room" for testing. If they refuse to take a breath test, officers could draft an affidavit to convince an Eastland County judge to sign a search warrant that would force the suspect to give a blood sample instead. Law enforcement officers working together with attorneys from the Eastland Criminal District Attorney's Office will use the search warrants to get blood samples from those who refuse breath tests. If a search warrant is issued, the violator will be taken to the Eastland Memorial Hospital Emergency Room to have their blood drawn by medical personnel and submitted for analysis.

Hospital Administrator Rick Montelongo said "The suspect is not a patient of the hospital and an officer will be with them all of the time. This is no different than what we've done for years with individuals involved in an accident resulting in death or injury; we're complying with a court order."

The temporary "no-refusal task force" is patterned after similar efforts in a few other Texas counties, including but not limited to: Collin, Johnson, Lubbock, Parker, Harris, El Paso and Tarrant County.

When Houston ran a no-refusal program during the Memorial Day weekend this year, 75 percent of drivers provided breath sample, Harris County Assistant District Attorney Warren Diepraam wrote in a piece published on Web sites for the Texas District Attorneys and County Attorneys Association and the National District Attorneys Association.

Ten of 12 people who went through the search-warrant process were found to be above the 0.08 blood-alcohol legal limit in Texas. One of the two under the limit had consumed another substance. The other person was an immigrant laborer whose case was dismissed after he tested below the legal limit.

"Our goal is to make Eastland County's highways and streets safer, keeping members of the public from harm and holding any person who chooses to drink and drive accountable," Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason said.

Eastland County had 131 arrests for DWI in 2007. Four of those arrested for DWI also had a child passenger.

Texas ranks as the deadliest state in the nation when it comes to DWI fatalities. Statutes designed to decrease the carnage on our roads seem to have had limited success in curbing the number of deaths caused by intoxicated drivers. The refusal of many DWI defendants to provide a scientific or chemical sample, such as a blood or breath specimen, to a law enforcement agency after a DWI arrest has become a significant problem in ensuring justice in Texas courts.

Under current Texas laws, every person stopped for DWI in Texas should provide a chemical sample to law enforcement officers when requested. Under Transportation Code Section 724.011, all Texas drivers have implicitly consented to provide a sample of breath or blood when it is lawfully requested by a police officer making a DWI arrest. However, approximately half of the DWI suspects in Eastland County refused to provide a sample. Similar numbers are reported in other counties for refusals. There are consequences for refusing to provide a sample, such as administrative license suspensions and evidentiary consequences. The subject's refusal to provide a specimen can be considered by juries as evidence of guilt in a DWI trial. But even with these consequences, the number of DWI arrestees refusing to provide scientific evidence has remained at roughly 50 percent.

The use of a search warrant to draw a blood sample from a DWI arrestee was upheld in a 2002 Texas Court of Criminal Appeals opinion, Beeman v. State where the Court approved the use a search warrant to draw a blood sample in a DWI case even over the Defendant's refusal. Thomason said "Individual rights are protected in this program in that a judge will decide whether the officer has sufficient probable cause for the search warrant."

Eastland County Sheriff Wayne Bradford said "The use of designated drivers and alternative means of transportation are recommended when anyone, including students and other Eastland County residents, are consuming alcohol in public."

## CITY MINUTES

MAY 15, 2008

The Gorman City Commission met in Regular Session on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, (late arrival) Charlie Torrez and Cliffla Vaughn. Others present were Chief Barbara Fenley, EDC Director Emmett Lasater, Glenn Scitern, Trace Gortt, and representative from Eastland County Crisis Center.

Charlie led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Charlie made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Nathan made the second. Motion carried 3-0. Nathan made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Cliffla. Motion carried 3-0.

There were no visitors for Citizens In Put. No action taken on reports submitted.

After holding the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2008-03 Amending the Existing Franchise to 5% with Atmos Energy Nathan made the motion to adopt said ordinance. Joe made a second and motion carried 4-0.

There were no budget amendments at this time.

After reading Ordinance #2008-02 Allowing for a Budget for the City of Gorman for the Fiscal Year 2008 -2009, Cliffla made the motion to adopt said ordinance with a second from Charlie. Motion carried 4-0.

Glenn Stockard, Executive Director of the Eastland County Crisis Center gave a report on the number of victims served, services provided, and finances for the past year and projected needs. After listening to his comments and reviewing the graphs and information Nathan made a motion to contribute \$400 to the Children's Advocacy Program and \$200 for Domestic and Violence and Sexual Assault Program, Cliffla made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Allied Waste presented a report on fuel usage and prices. Due to their rising costs there will be an increase in trash pick up service. After much consideration and thought Nathan made the motion to raise the City's charge \$1 per month. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Emmett was present to update the Commission on EDC happenings and business.

At 6:20 p.m. Nathan made the motion to go into Executive Session with a second from Joe. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:05 p.m. Charlie made the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Regular Open Session. Cliffla made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken after Executive Session.

The Commission wants Glenn to check into the surge protectors for the pumps at the lift station (s).

There being no further business for discussion, Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, times was 7:15 p.m.

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## Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

There were 24 present for our weekly dinner on Wednesday the 14th at 11:30. I wish we could increase our numbers back up to the 30's again. So many have passed away or just don't come anymore. Lets all try and get in touch with more people. Surely they wouldn't mind cooking something once a week. With the summer heat coming on that's about all we can stand. HA!! Martha Rainey was kind enough to give the blessing of our food.

We enjoyed good brisket that Barbara Bush prepared for us, salmon patties, a kind of tamale pie - Billie Bennett made - delicious! Also Emma Jane Larch brought pizza, a nice treat. We had several veggie dishes, Cole slaw, many good cakes, fruit and cool whip desserts, plus Jello. We always enjoy cornbread and homemade rolls by Betty Regian. Since summer appears to be here we may have to start making cooler menus.

The Birthdays for May were celebrated with a cake and ice cream. The honoree's were Ima Brown, Raymond Hattox and Estelle Lindley. We all sang Happy Birthday and presented them with cards. Bernice Henson made the pretty and good cake for us all to enjoy. Also Emma Jane Larch made a delicious chocolate cake made with candy bars. Must try that one. At this meeting we had plenty of desserts for once.

Our tax assessor - Sandra Cagle was here to enjoy lunch with Wilburn Overstreet. They are some kin, I know she calls him Uncle. We always like to have guests come and be with us. No restrictions, just bring a dish or three dollars a plate.

I attended the Sports Banquet on Tuesday, the 13th. The Cheerleaders did an outstanding job on decorating ZJ's in red, white and blue. My daughter Becky Swanner is also a great help as their sponsor. I don't know how she does it all, I couldn't at her age. The only problem was the 3 hours in length, nearly did me in. But it was great and handled well by the Coaches. There were many people present, the room was full. Where were you Kenny Welch! Missed seeing you.

Daisy Slaton and I attended the Spring Concert in the School Auditorium on Sunday the 18th. This was given by the GHS Band, all ages and grades. It was just wonderful! The kids outdid themselves, especially the Middle School group. They have the numbers to sound great. The High School is improving, but need more students, so many flirt when they get older. I'm so happy my grandson Tyson Swanner returned to enjoy band. Hope more will follow.

Game night was held on the 15th in our center at 5 p.m. Eleven people enjoyed 88's, and Spinner. If more would come out we could play 42. We always have supper, snacks and sandwiches and enjoy good fellowship.

Hope All Is Well and See You Next Time -- Carol

## Super Notes

By David K. Perry

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Last Tuesday was a very busy day. We had the high school academic awards in the morning, junior high academic awards in the afternoon, and the athletic banquet that evening at ZJ's. What a great group of young people we have here. It was encouraging to see all of the success experienced by them this year. I recommend to you that you encourage your child to get involved in some sort of competition next year. I is great training for them and a lot of fun!

Again I want to congratulate all of the board members past and present for the favorable results of the investigation just completed by the State Auditor's Office which cleared all board members past and present of any criminal wrong doing. School board members have to put up with a lot of things and are often criticized for things that are not in their control. I get great pleasure announcing their exoneration!

I had a misprint (my fault) in last week's article regarding the website where you can access a video of the championship race. It is www.flotrack.org. Please accept my apology. I hope it didn't cause anyone any frustration.

Monday at noon we had a special called board meeting to canvass the votes and to validate the election. The meeting opened at 12:10pm, and quorum was present. Jeff Seaton offered a prayer and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The votes were then canvassed and the election declared valid by unanimous vote. There was no action taken regarding the building project, only discussion and then the meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

For those of you familiar with "Walk to Emmaus", there was an organizational meeting in Eastland Saturday night at the Cowboy Church in Olden to reorganize the Eastland County Emmaus Community. They decided to meet there the third Saturday of each month and selected a nominating committee to help find those interested and qualified to hold office in the organization. It was a good meeting with sixty or better in attendance I believe.

To the parents and relatives of seniors: I can't emphasize enough that graduation night is a time for family. It is not a time for party. Although I am certain there may be some graduation parties planned, I encourage you to go along as a chaperone if your child is attending. Many seniors and their friends are injured and killed the night of graduation because someone lost sight of their good judgment. Good kids die tragic deaths for one night of senseless celebration. Plan something for yourselves and your children to do that night. Plan something at your home for a group of them and don't allow them to leave once they are there. Take their car keys! I'm sure a lot of students will not like what I'm writing, but I love each one of them and want them to survive to be mad at me. I hope you will help!

Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm we held our Spring Band Concert. I always say something like if you missed it; it is your loss because I really feel that way. But this year, it is truer than ever. They were great! There is a reason the elementary and junior high bands got fifty one gold medals. I was not real keen about the people that talked while the band was playing but they were adults and not mine to scold. However, next year I will address the audience prior to the performance and explain my expectations and if they want to remain to see the concert they will have to be quiet. These young people work very hard and deserve the respect any performer deserves while performing. It's called good manners. Congratulations to Mr. Howard and all the bands for another great year!

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!

## Texas Star Gardeners Meet in Dublin



Members of the Texas Star Gardeners are shown on the steps of the restored Victorian home of Pat and Sara Bays of Dublin. The Bays' guided the group through the native Texas plants that are being used throughout the landscape. A tour of the beautifully restored home concluded the program.

Seated, First Row L-R: Monda Oldham, Caro Boswell, Bonita Moorman, Joy Rogers, Kay Craddock and Betty Huff. Second Row L-R: Carolyn Gilbert, Gail Clayton and Kenneth Welch. Standing, Third Row: Sara Bays and Floydene Gilbert. Not shown: Pat Bays.

Several members have been attending educational courses and tours in Comanche and Eastland for the last two years and decided to form an organized group focusing on gardening and landscaping using native plants and materials. The Texas Star Gardeners were formally organized on April 24 in the home of Eula Miears. Anyone interested is invited to become part of this group by simply contacting any member. Guests are also welcome to attend any of the educational activities. Notices of events and programs will be posted in the Gorman Progress.

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Country and Western Musical" -- Desdemona Monthly Musical will be held on Saturday, May 24 at the Community Center (former school building). The Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. Serving good sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and visit with all of the group before the music program begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians and singers are invited to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable evening. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment. Admission is FREE.

"TRADES DAY" and "FLEA MARKET" will be held on Saturday, May 31st at the Desdemona Community Center (Former School Building). Starts at 8 a.m. To 6 p.m. Vendors are welcome to rent a space inside the school gym for \$15.00 (or) outside in the school yard for \$10.00. If you have items to donate or plan to rent a space, please contact this reporter at 254-758-2665. Donations are appreciated. We are looking forward to a "BIG DAY" in Desdemona. Make plans to attend and be a part of the fun. THANKS.

Victor Cemetery Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31st. A large group of family and friends attend each year for this Annual meeting. Bring a basket lunch to spread with others for the noon meal, followed by a short business meeting. Make plans to stay -- to meet new friends and to welcome old friends. See you there, Coon.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Evah Sparkman is staying with her son, Homer Joe in Stephenville at this time. She is having some health problems. "GET WELL" wishes to our friend, Evah.

Bob and Delores Tucker of Desdemona are very anxious to meet their new granddaughter, Zoe Gianna this coming week. Proud parents are Scott and Michelle Tucker of Phoenix, AZ.

Ruth (Sharp) Lewis remains a patient in the Gorman Care Center. Friends of Desdemona would like to send "GET WELL" wishes to Ruth.

Visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke during the past weekend were Elise and Katie Duke and Taylor Scott all of Stephenville.

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

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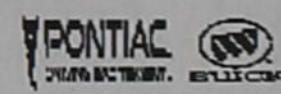


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