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RANCH RODEO SLATED MARCH 28th

Gorman Senior 2009 Travel Club RANCH RODEO will be held Saturday, March 28th at 4:00 p.m. At Gorman Arena, north of Gorman on FM 8. Events include: Calf Scramble (8 and up) - Team Penning - Team Branding - Team Doctoring - Wild Cow Milking - Double Mugging - Team Sorting.

General admission and Concessions Available. Contact: Julie Clark at 254-734-6100 or Nick Guthery at 254-631-2706. MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

Gorman Church of Christ Gospel Meeting

You're invited to share in our Gospel Meeting - Sunday thru Wednesday, April 5 thru 8th at Gorman Church of Christ. Services are Sunday at 10:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. And 6:00 p.m.; Weekdays - 7:00 p.m.

Speakers will be **Bob Pipes** from Cross Plains - Sunday Bible Study - Renewing Our Mind (Rom 12:1-2); Worship Service - Are You Washed In the Blood or the Water?; Evening Worship - On the Mountain of the Lord It Will Be Provided (Gen 2:14); **David Harris** from Hillcrest, Stephenville - Monday - The Robe; **Terry Johnson** from Rising Star - Tuesday - Ichabod ... The Glory of God Departed; **Larry Roberts** from Eastland - Wednesday - What Does Your God Look Like? (Isaiah 49:13-18)

Queens From Gorman Visit With Representative

Jim Keffer In Austin on March 11th



Jr. Miss Peanut Queen Rachel Tucker, Miss Gorman Kimi Seaton, Representative Jim Keffer, Peanut Queen Erica Limon, Pre-teen Peanut Queen Kourtney Seaton, Petite Miss Jordan Hampton and Little Miss Gorman Brylee Johnson.

On March 11, 2009 the Queens from Gorman, Texas along with their families were guest of Representative Jim Keffer from District 60 in Austin, TX. The Queens toured the State Capitol, then met with Representative Jim Keffer and he recognized each Queen from the House floor. The Queens then visited his office for more pictures and goody bags. A great time was had by all.

CIA Meeting

Need something to do next week during Spring Break? We've got just the thing for you right here in Gorman, Texas. Come enjoy Spring Break with CIA, Monday at 6:30 pm.

CIA, Children in Action, is a new children's program for ages 6 to 12 years, brought to you by Firstfruits Christian Fellowship every Monday @ 6:30 pm. We will have fun learning how to have a positive impact on Our Families as an agent for Christ. Fun comes packaged with games, music, and food for all. Bring a friend and make it twice as fun during your Spring Break. Come early to check-in and get a good seat.

For questions, please call Daniel or Becky Montes at 254.734.3203. Rides available upon request-just call!

Thank You

To all my friends in Gorman. I would like to say thanks for your prayers, thoughts, cards, and calls during my surgery and recovery.

Betty Kinser.

Veterans Benefits

Outreach Set April 4

Attention all Veterans and family members!! Here's your opportunity to learn more about eligibility for Veteran's benefits and medical services!

Veterans Benefits Outreach is set for Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. To 2 p.m. At Eastland VFW, 918 Hwy. 570, 2 miles east of Eastland - 254-631-9226. Bring your Discharge Papers (DD214).

Valuable personal assistance with your questions and claims will be given by experts from: County Veterans Service Officers (and Texas Veterans Commission) - VA Benefit Counselors (bring your VA correspondence)- Dallas VA Veterans Health Care System + Other organizations that serve veterans - Texas Veterans Land Board and Small Business Administration.

Results of the Gorman Track Meet

Gorman High School Girls:

100 M Hurdles—Katey Thackerson—3rd
800 M Run—Luisa Silva—1st
400 M Dash—Luisa Silva—1st, Chelsea Griffin—4th
300 M Hurdles—Katey Thackerson—4th
200 M Dash—Chelsea Griffin—5th
Shot Put—Audrey Johnston—1st
Discus—Kimi Seaton—1st
Triple Jump—Courtney Shirley—6th
Long jump—Ally Little—5th
High Jump—Katey Thackerson—2nd
Other Competitors—Erica Limon, Perla Maldonado

8th Grade Girls

100 M Hurdles—Jasmeen Ibarra—3rd, Vidi Maldonado—5th
800 M Run—Rachel Tucker—2nd
100 M Dash—Jasmeen Ibarra—5th, Vidi Maldonado—6th
300 M Hurdles—Jasmeen Ibarra—4th, Vidi Maldonado—5th
200 M Dash—Stephanie Grossman—6th
1600 M Run—Rachel Tucker—3rd
Shot Put—Delila Hipolito—6th
Discus—Delila Hipolito—6th
Triple Jump—Jasmeen Ibarra—1st, Rachel Tucker—2nd
Long Jump—Vidi Maldonado—6th
Other Competitors—Ashley Burt, Hailey Whitefield

7th Grade Girls

Sprint Relay—Kinsey Johnston, Amy Hendrix, Haven Johnson, Melissa Ramirez—1st
100 M Hurdles—Mykisha Hampton—4th
800 M Run—Skye Lewis—1st, Alaina Swanner—3rd
100 M Dash—Haven Johnson—1st
800 M Relay—Kinsey Johnston, Courtney Byrd, Amy Hendrix, Melissa Ramirez—1st
400 M Dash—Courtney Byrd—1st, Skye Lewis—3rd
300 M Hurdles—Mykisha Hampton—1st
200 M Dash—Kinsey Johnston—2nd
1600 M Relay—Courtney Byrd, Amy Hendrix, Skye Lewis, Melissa Ramirez—1st
Shot Put—Yari Montelongo—3rd, Mykisha Hampton—4th
Discus—Yari Montelongo—4th, Mykisha Hampton—6th
Triple Jump—Melissa Ramirez—1st, Courtney Byrd—2nd, Amy Hendrix—3rd
Long Jump—Melissa Ramirez—1st, Amy Hendrix—2nd, Skye Lewis—4th
High Jump—Courtney Byrd—1st, Skye Lewis—2nd
Other Competitors: Caylon McCreless, Jessica Williams, Connie Gonzales
The 7th Grade Girls won their division with 163 points.

Gorman Girls Compete

In Bearcat Relays in DeLeon

GHS Lady Panthers:

800 M Run—Luisa Silva—6th
300 M Hurdles—Katey Thackerson—6th
High Jump—Katey Thackerson—5th
Shot Put—Audrey Johnston—1st
Discus—Kimi Seaton—4th

Lady Cubs:

8th Grade Girls:
800 M Run—Rachel Tucker—6th
300 M Hurdles—Jasmeen Ibarra—4th, Vidi Maldonado—5th
1600 M Run—Rachel Tucker—6th

7th Grade Girls:

400 M Relay—Kinsey Johnston, Amy Hendrix, Haven Johnson, Melissa Ramirez—2nd
100 M Dash—Haven Johnson—2nd
800 M Run—Skye Lewis—3rd
400 M Dash—Courtney Byrd—1st, Skye Lewis—6th
200 M Dash—Haven Johnson—1st, Kinsey Johnston—3rd
1600 M Run—Chloi Comis—2nd
800 M Relay—Kinsey Johnston, Courtney Byrd, Amy Hendrix, Melissa Ramirez—1st
1600 M Relay—Skye Lewis, Amy Hendrix, Courtney Byrd, Melissa Ramirez—2nd
Triple Jump—Melissa Ramirez—1st, Courtney Byrd—2nd, Amy Hendrix—3rd
Long Jump—Melissa Ramirez—1st, Skye Lewis—2nd, Amy Hendrix—3rd
High Jump—Courtney Byrd—1st, Skye Lewis—3rd
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Annual Easter Treasure Hunt Set

The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt will take place on Sat. April 11 at the City Park.

The Annual Youth in The Dark in the Park will be held on Wed. night April 8 at the City Park.

If you would like to help with one or both of these please let me know by calling 734-2720 and leave a message, e-mail me at jandismith@yahoo.com. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH EVENTS.

Donation cans are located at Bob's Gro. and City Gro. or you may leave your donation at Smith's Service Station. More information coming soon.

Thanks
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COMING SOON!!!!

A new innovative and exciting website for the City of Gorman. It will have the capabilities of showcasing our town with "mini-websites" featuring local businesses, our organizations, our churches, hunting leases and even personal sites. These websites will be affordable and easily maintained by the user themselves and not an outside agency. If you are interested in having a "mini-website" on the City of Gorman webpage, please contact Cliffla Vaughn at (254)734-3933 or (254)979-2499 (local # for Gorman) for information.

Gospel Music Concert Set At Cornerstone Church in Eastland March 22nd

Gospel Music Concert at the Cornerstone Church located at 613 west Main in Eastland starts at 10:15 a.m. Sunday March 22 the admission is FREE. The singing group Redeemed will be singing that morning. The Redeemed are members in good standing with the South Texas Gospel Music Association. They have been nominated as Singing Group of the Year. They sing the old songs like The lighthouse, The Old Rugged Cross, the Great Speckled Bird, Amazing Grace as well as their most requested songs like Return to the fountain, Its Gonna Rain, That's what Prayer Can Do we sing the Southern Country Gospel songs. If you would like to hear some good country gospel singing make your plans to attend their singing. To contact The Redeemed call 325 - 518 - 8792.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Mar. 23 thru Mar. 27

LUNCH

The City of Gorman will be accepting applications to operate the City Pool for the 2009 season.

You must be a certified lifeguard and certified in CPR.

You may pick up an application at the Gorman City office, 116 S Kent St, or call (254) 734-2317.

MONDAY - Chicken Strips or Steak Fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello and Fruit, Gravy, Biscuits and Milk.
TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken or Corn Dogs, Pinto Beans, Mac and Cheese, Oranges, Chocolate Cake and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito or Soft Taco, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Sherbet and Milk.
THURSDAY - Homemade Pizza or Ravioli, Cheese Sticks, Corn Cob bet, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Chocolate Chip Cookie and Milk.
FRIDAY - Cheese Burger or Sloppy Jo, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle Salad, Potato Rounds, Ice Cream and Milk.

Obituaries

Margaret Ensor - Ma-Maw - Grand Maw

EASTLAND - Margaret (Purdum) Ensor Ma-Maw & Grand Maw, 85, of Eastland, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Eastland. Funeral services were held at 10 A.M. Monday at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry & Larry Hooper officiating. Interment was in the Eastland City Cemetery. The family received friends at Edwards Funeral Home on Sunday from 4 until 6 P.M.



She was born Margaret Purdom on March 8, 1924 in Rector, Arkansas to Robert and Geneva Smith Purdom. The family moved to Texas where Margaret went to School in Desdemona (Hogtown). She married W.B. Ensor on April 4, 1942 in Eastland. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church in Eastland, The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and AARP. She was a housewife & homemaker and worked as a waitress for Lillie's Café, The Manhattan Café, The Chili King, The Village Café, The Cattleman's, The Old Rip Café and The White Elephant all of Eastland.

She is survived by a son, Wilson (Skinner) Ensor and wife Mary of Eastland; daughter, Linda Norman and husband Jim of Fort Worth; son, Terry Ensor and wife Phyllis of Saginaw; daughter, Wynell Richardson of Joshua; son, David Ensor and wife Debbie of Eastland; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, W.B. Ensor Sr. in 1995; parents, Robert Purdom in 1963 and mother, Geneva Smith Purdom in 1968; sisters, Vera Patton in 1952, Lucy Mae Patton in 1995; brothers, Lester Purdom in 1922 and Luther Purdom in 1999.

Sylvia Jo Leonard Townley

Sylvia Jo Leonard Townley, age 65 of De Leon passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Services were held Friday, March 13th at 2 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Williams officiating. Burial was in Sipe Springs Cemetery in Comanche County.

She was born March 20, 1943 in Gorman, Texas to the late G. T. Leonard and Jonell Underwood Leonard. She married Dick Townley on October 24, 1959 in Eastland.

Sylvia as a homemaker; also, secretary to Dr. Alfonso Pino for many years; lifelong resident of De Leon - Gorman area. She was a member of the Church of Christ in De Leon.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Townley of De Leon; two sons, Rick Townley of Gorman and Bill Townley of

Robert Dale Tucker

Robert Dale Tucker, age 74 of Desdemona passed away, Monday, March 16, 2009 at this residence.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 29th at Desdemona First Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Family visitation is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Nowlin Funeral Home in De Leon. Burial will follow at Desdemona Cemetery.

A complete obituary will be published in next week's edition of the Gorman Progress and the De Leon Free Press

De Leon; daughter Renee Webb of Sipe Springs; one sister, Juanita Palmer of Garland; 4 grandchildren, Misty Hugg, Chris Barnes, Chase Townley and Taylor Townley; and 8 great-grandchildren, Ireland Hugg, Liberty Hugg, Braxton Champion, Breanna Jones, Nicole Jones, Gauge Jones, Aaron Suniga and Kaylee Suniga.

Preceded by her parents, G. T. and Jonell Leonard. Memorials may be made to Sipe Springs Cemetery Association.

Johnnie B. Hart Griffith

Johnnie B. Hart Griffith, age 92 formerly of Lake Leon passed away Friday, March 13, 2009 in Midland.



Graveside services was at 11:00 A. M. Monday at Victor Cemetery with Clarence Wilson officiating. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Johnnie B. was born September 24, 1916 in Rio Vista close to Dublin, Texas. Her parents were Walter Harrison Hart and Mary Bell McGrath Hart. She was the sixth child of seven. She had five sisters and one brother. All but one has preceded her in death. She grew up around Dublin and Victor and played basketball while in high school. She met and married Otis Floyd Griffith on February 8, 1936. They moved to Forsan in the late 1930's. When World War II broke out she followed Otis while he was in training until he was shipped overseas. Then she went back to Victor to help her mother with the farm until Otis returned from the war. During this time she loved to play golf and always enjoyed watching the game throughout her lifetime. When Otis returned from war they moved back to Forsan and their only child, Arlen O. Griffith, was born on May 24, 1947 in Big Spring. Otis worked for oil companies so they lived in North Cowden, Kermit, Odessa, Hobbs, Monahans and finally retired on Lake Leon in Eastland County. Johnnie B. loved people and children. While Arlen was in scouts she was a den mother and she and Otis continued to work faithfully with the scouts for many years. She was very involved in her church where ever she lived and was always there to help others. She was an avid Tech fan and loved to watch them on TV.

She is survived by one sister, Inez Goodson of Portland, TX; her daughter-in-law, Janie Riley and her husband Ken of Midland; two grandchildren, Chad Griffith of Coppell, TX and Lara Cooper and her husband, Jared of San Angelo, TX; and one great granddaughter Landry Cooper of San Angelo. Step grandson, Scott Riley of Midland and four sister-in-laws, Hattie Griffith and Betty Griffith both of Big Spring, Rita Crenshaw of Alba, TX and Gloria Hart of Irving, TX and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Otis, her son, Arlen, her sisters, Ima Pair, Eura Thomas, Cecil Smith, Hazel Rouse and her brother, Ray Hart.

Johnnie B. will be remembered by her friendly smile, her pretty blue eyes and the way she liked to joke with people. We are blessed to have known her kindness and her love.

Grace Bishop

Ranger - Gracia Teresa Bishop age 71 of Ranger died Sunday evening at her daughter Barbara Snapp's residence in Gorman.

Rosary was said Monday 7 PM in Edwards Funeral Chapel in Ranger. Funeral Mass was at 11 AM Tuesday in St. Rita's Catholic Church in Ranger with burial in the National Cemetery in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Born May 12, 1937 in St. Paul Minnesota to William and Grace (Malatski) Schrank. She attended Catholic and public school in Minnesota. She served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957. She moved to Texas where she met James Lee Bishop of the US Air Force and they married in Lovington New Mexico in 1958. They lived all over the US and World until his retirement in 1973. They moved to Seagraves Texas where they owned and operated Bishop Service Center, a Shamrock service station. They moved to Eastland in 1989 where she worked for Northview Development Center for many years. She moved to Ranger in 1997 and worked for Snapp's Restaurant and was active in St. Rita's Catholic Church serving on the Altar Society as president. She had a big heart and loved to help others and loved her pet dog Molly. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2004.

She is survived by: Daughters; Barbara Snapp and husband Gary of Gorman, Brenda Lee Wollam of Fort Worth, Jo Ann Lund and husband Steve of Eastland; Son James A. Bishop of Crowley; 1 Brother William Shrank of Minneapolis Mn.; Grandchildren: Regina Oliver, Kevin Lee Wollam, Susan Oliver, Karen Wollam, Clinton Oliver, Ashlyn Orms, Bethany Oliver, Austin Orms, Andrew Orms, Elizabeth Lund and Emily Lund.

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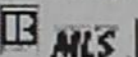
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SOLD 250±A, on Goppers Creek, wooded, coastal, lake, cabin, rural water [LB01] \$795,000
243 A, reservoir, wells, irrig. pit, on hwy., cultivation, costal, pasture [AB01] \$2,500/acre
REDUCED 236±A, wells, tanks, rolling terrain, hunting [DS02] \$2,195/acre \$1,995/acre
SOLD 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting [BK01] \$665,280
102 A, water well, costal, corrals, hunting, mins. & owner financing possible [JB02] \$285,000
81 A, Pecan Orchard, 900± improved variety, underground irrig., wells [REM01] \$405,000
52 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells, tanks, corrals, barns [LP01] \$239,500
45 A, 7 irrig. wells & pit, buried mainline whislers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre
30 A, 3-2½ Custom Home, garage, porch, shed/shop, barn, wells, tanks [DB01] \$450,000
21±A, Sprigged with World Feeder Coastal Bermuda grass, water well [MS04] \$92,500
REDUCED 20 A, excellent home site, rural water avail, hunting [WM01] \$75,000 \$59,000
19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre
15.7 A, Hwy. 16 frontage, costal, rural water supply avail, water well [JS02] \$40,820
4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CHA, 2 car garage; & a 7'6" x 16' mobile home [JH01] \$159,900
4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900
REDUCED 5 A, 3-1 Frame Home, near Proctor Lk., barn, rural water [LC01] \$92,500 \$89,500
5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000
3-2 Frame Home, CH&A, water well, carport, storage building, large lot [LR04] \$39,900
2-2 Brick Home, 2car attach garage, new flooring, large lot, fenced yard [MG02] \$75,000
2-2 18'x 60' Mobile Home, 3 car garage, more buildings, water well, fenced [CR01] \$50,000
REDUCED 2-1½ Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000
2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well, storage bldg. [GB02] \$55,000
Commercial Bldg, on Hwy. 36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [RC01] \$82,500

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NEW: Desdemona, 4 A, older 3-1 frame, well & septic, workshop, beautiful location, large trees. \$59,900.
NEW: S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500/Acre.
NEW: S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800/Acre.
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
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.
NEW: Gorman, 44A, 2-2-2 bi-level frame home, 1728 sf, central a/h, metal roof, covered upper deck, several wells, buildings, coastal, Deer & other wildlife \$250,000.00
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, 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: 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water. \$2,400/Acre.
NEW: S/W De Leon: 131 A with 12 acre lake! 66a coastal, 53a farm land, well, 3 ponds, great fences, good horse place, hunting. \$3,000/Acre.
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., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00/acre.
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Bids should be sealed and labeled "Pct 3 Concrete Bid" on the envelope. All bids must be returned to the Auditor's office by Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Loretta Key
Eastland County Auditor
100 West Main, Suite 205
Eastland, TX 76448

Bids will be opened Monday, March 23, 2009 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Eastland County Courthouse. Eastland County reserves the right to reject all bids and to accept the bid that is most advantageous for the County.

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The Women's Division of the De Leon Chamber of Commerce will be holding a PENNY AUCTION on Friday, April 3rd at 6 p.m. in the De Leon City Hall at 125 S. Texas Street in De Leon. For more information please contact - Larla Landreth.

Elementary Honor Roll Fourth Sixth Weeks

First Grade: A Honor Roll - Kelsie Guthery, Larissa Hampton, Yuliana Hernandez, Abby Johnson, Genaro Madera, Kaylee Grumbles, Destiny Flanary, Caitlyn Clark, Michelle Hernandez, Karsyn Scitern, Rachel Snider, Keaton Moore and Justin Wheeler. **B Honor Roll** - Dylan Carlton, Leslie Fraley, Kori Gaines, Isaiah Landa, Driston Petree, Makenzie Rainey, Alexi Reyna, Kamren Sparger, Jasmine Fraley, Kacen Ervin, Diana Alvarado, and Asael Maldonado.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll - Lauren Underwood and Reece Scitern. **B Honor Roll** - Jennifer Cruz, Brandon Hogan, Daniella Segura, Luke Whitsell, Rachel Williams, Justice Fischer, Jesenia Rodriguez and Taylor Shepherd.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll - Jacob Ervin, Connor Kehl, Isaac Segura, Haley Wright, Jett Hendrix, Jessica Ramirez, Kade Sparger and Sara Woodall. **B Honor Roll** - Neyda Herrera, Brantley Perez, Kaiden Petree, Stratton Thompson, Colton Wheeler, Danette Lara, Trent Fenley, Dianna Rainey and Christie Shepherd.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll - Sydney Casey, Kayce Dodd, Izael Herrera, Talee Jones, Dylan Walton, Bradi Campbell, Samuel Rainey and Mayra Ramirez. **B Honor Roll** - Myra Gutierrez, Danny Limon, Dayanna Palacios, Alex Rainey, Shawn Reyna, Kendle Coan, Carrissa Cole, Ismael Herrera, Daniel Keeping, Ricardo Olvera, Jonatan Rivas, Audri Segura and Katalina Landa.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll - Rylan Laminack, Caden Winson, Kathryn Woodall, Kourtney Seaton and Garett Vaughn. **B Honor Roll** - Betty Z. Yulissa Madera, Jose Maldonado, Kodie Sparger, Turner Whitten, Hunt Childers, Arlette Giles, Flavio Herrera and Vanessa Longoria.

Sixth Grade: A Honor Roll - Chey Gibbs, Jacquelyn Rainey, Lauren Spivey and Lacey Wilson. **B Honor Roll** - Chloe Cole, Megan Gray, Yovani Palacios, Madison Waren, Adriana Brown, Brittany Burns, Cindy Gonzalez, Cosette Keeping and Holly Rainey.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Gorman, P.O. Box 236, Gorman, Texas 76444-0236, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 10091-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 120,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on August 22, 2008.

The facility is located southwest of the City of Gorman, west of Farm-to-Market Road 79 (Crescent Street) in Eastland County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary; thence to Shinoak Branch, thence to the Sabana River, thence to Lake Proctor in Segment No. 1222 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are limited to aquatic life uses for an unnamed tributary and high aquatic life uses for Shinoak Branch. The designated uses for Segment No. 1222 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and contact recreation. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Gorman City Hall, 116 South Kent Street, Gorman, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify as individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the applications. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gorman at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Tacy Warren at (254) 734-2317.

Issuance Date March 03, 2009

Producer Meeting

The Farm Service Agency will host a producer meeting to discuss the recent changes to Farm Programs. The meeting will be held at the La Quinta Inns and Suites on I-20 in Eastland on March 26, 2009. It will begin at 9:00 A.M.

John Bird, Eastland County Executive Director, will discuss farm programs and payment eligibility and limitations. Ricky Young, Farm Loan Manager, will discuss the FSA Loan Programs. Representatives of other agriculture agencies will also be invited to speak.

Anyone interested in the changes brought about by the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 is invited to attend.

Please call the Eastland County Farm Service Agency at 254-629-1636 extension 2 for more information.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

What wonderful rain we had last week! We are so grateful, but remember that this was only a slight respite from the drought. I understand that there are still fires going on in the area. Please be very careful when burning if the ban has been lifted in your area.

Last Friday night was so cold and rainy that we at the DAC were worried that our dance might suffer - but we had a wonderful crowd! And, as always, a wonderful band! If you have not heard Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers, plan to come to our next dance on the second Friday in April.

On April 2nd, we will have an AARP Defensive Driving Class here at the DAC. This class is now being taught in a 4-hour session instead of the usual 8 hours. We checked with our auto insurance company and they assured us that taking this class would lower our premiums a bit. That is good news! The class costs \$12.00 if you are a member of AARP and \$14.00 if you are not. If you have any questions, call 254-965-2145. Come join us.

As I am writing this on Monday night, we have just learned of the passing of our friend, Bob Tucker. Bob's wife, Dolores, passed away last fall of the same terrible disease - cancer. Dolores was the kindest person you could ever hope to meet and Bob's humor was infectious. They were a wonderful couple and we miss them. We ask God's blessings on their family.

Carol Pell

Secretary Andrade encourages Texans To Register To Vote "Voter Registration Deadline is April 9"

AUSTIN - Secretary of State Hope Andrade is reminding Texans that the deadline to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 9. While there are no statewide propositions on the ballot this May, many cities, school districts and local entities will be holding elections. Individuals who have yet to register may obtain an application from several county offices, many post offices, libraries, or from the VOTEXAS Web site: www.VOTEXAS.org.

"This May, voters will head to the polls to elect local leaders and decide local issues all across our state," Andrade said. "These are important decisions and I hope Texans will take the necessary steps to register to vote or update their registration if their address has changed so they can participate in the May 9 election."

Texas residents are eligible to vote if they are a United States citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, not a convicted felon (unless sentence, probation, and/or parole have been completed), and not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.

Voters may check their registration status at www.VOTEXAS.org or by calling 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

Happenings At FBC!!

Light! Daylight Savings Time brings more hours of glorious daylight to our days. Look to God's Word to manage your time and your life. Jesus is the Light of the World!

Mark your calendars: **March 16th thru 18th - Spring Break.** We pray all the students, teachers, and administration enjoy a safe, restful, and wonderful Spring Break.

Children's Sermon: Ally Little and Kimi Seaton asked all of the children about the things they have memorized. Songs, the Pledge of Allegiance, people's names, and how to play games were among the many things that we memorize. The Bible tells us to remember God's Word so we can keep it in our hearts. When we carry the Word of God in our hearts, we can use it in our lives to love and obey God.

Bro. Barry's message was "Do You Eat Fish or Do Fish Eat You?" - Jonah 3:1-2

Honestly, a lot of us have it really good! As Children of God we know what to do, however, sometimes we are bad at listening and obeying what God says. The book of Jonah is four chapters of the Bible about one event. God told Jonah to preach a revival in Nineveh, and it was after the second time that Jonah did what God said. God had prepared a big fish for Jonah, therefore, the storm and being in the belly of a big fish got Jonah's attention. Jonah is a great reminder that we should do what God says the first time.

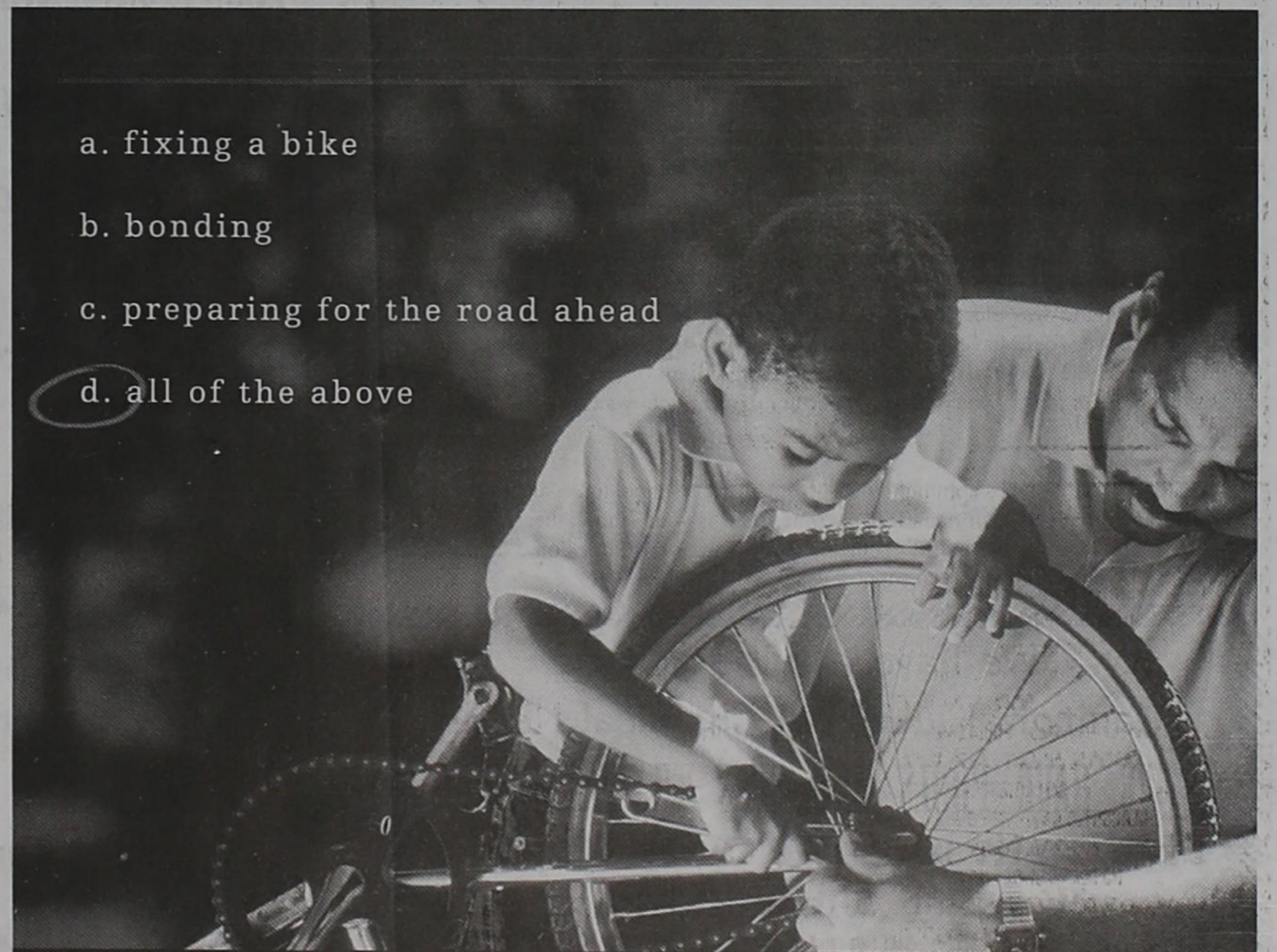
God needs you to save the lost people. Pay attention to God's Will for your life because any other will won't do. God will catch up to you if you run. Sop the storms in your life; be still long enough to listen to God then obey Him. Repentance of sin is changing your ways and changing your attitude. Have you trusted your life to Jesus? It is easy to do, just call Brother Barry or go to see him so he can pray a simple prayer with you. Allow Jesus to come into your heart and be your Savior, He is waiting.

We welcome Jill Torres whom has moved her membership back to our fellowship.

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

Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbegorman@hotmail.com

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Senior Citizens News

By Ann Maxfield for Carol Ward

Rain, Rain! Thank you Lord for answering our prayers for rain. Our attendance on Wednesday, March 11 was only 24 perhaps due to the weather. The rain, averaging around 3 inches, was great but the cold kept some of our regulars home while others had medical appointments. Carol Ward was unable to be with us due to a medical appointment. She is always missed and we hope she returns as soon as possible.

Barbara Bush was back to assist in the kitchen and serve as our greeter. She welcomed all and had Ruthie Porter introduce her brother, Ray and his wife Goldie Warren of Sipe Springs. It is always great to have guests with us. Barbara then asked anyone to report on someone in our community who is ill. Several people were mentioned and they are in our thoughts and prayers. Jud Maxfield voiced the blessing, thanking God for the opportunity we have to meet and fellowship together, expressing thanks for our many blessings, and requesting hope and healing for the ill.

After this we enjoyed a great meal consisting of meatloaf, barbeque chickens pieces, vegetables of cabbage, corn, green beans, masked potatoes, pinto beans, and stuffed celery sticks. We had hot rolls and cornbread, which are always enjoyed. There was a variety of desserts to choose from: 2 fruit cobblers (one that was sugar-free prepared by Ellen Parker) and one made by Estelle Lindley. Bill Barentine brought a cake with white icing. Also there were cookies and turtle brownies. As always we thank Barbara Bush, Betty Regian, Jerry Underwood and Aline Garrett in the preparation of our meal.

Several people come early on Wednesday morning and enjoy lively games of dominoes before the lunch gathering. Then some play games after our meal. This is just another part of our Wednesday meeting one can enjoy so please come and join us.

Hotfooters To Offer Clogging Classes

The Breckenridge Hotfooter Cloggers will offer clogging classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Breckenridge. The dance club meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 109 N. Baylor St. The group of cloggers performs regularly in Breckenridge and area towns. For more information, call Shirley Anderson at (254) 559-2567 or (254-246-1972) (cell).

Super Notes

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

Thank God for the rain! I had almost forgotten how great it smells right after a rain. I hope everyone in our area got a good soaking. It looks like most everyone around this area receives between 3 and 3 1/2 inches. It has already started to green things up and hopefully reduce the risk of fire. Let's hope so.

There is no school this week and I hope everyone is getting much needed rest and will be ready to return next week and finish out the school year in good fashion. Speaking of fashion, appropriate shorts may be worn to school now. If you are not certain your child's shorts are appropriate, ask their principal!

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to attend the Gorman Masonic Lodge fund raiser that will be held in our gym on March 28th at 6pm. There will be one of the best Elvis impersonators that you've ever seen. This will be great entertainment for the whole family and you won't have to leave Gorman. I would also like to invite the surrounding communities. It will be great fun, it's affordable, and the money goes for a great cause. The Masons use the money right here in our community by doing things like providing an annual scholarship to a graduating senior at our high school and an annual drug awareness program for our fifth graders. Please come out and show your support and have a great evening's entertainment.

Last week our boys played a good game against Baird and beat them at home. Our girl's played a good game, but lost one to DeLeon. The coaches of all sports will have plenty to report next week regarding the results of any sporting events that took place over the break.

Our Athletic Director, Keith Hendrix, last day is March 20th. He will be getting started in Hillsboro. We wish him the best and much success in his new job. I feel he did a good job for us and that Hillsboro will think a lot of him too. It looks like he'll at least know a couple of his athletes since Coach Bates checked his children out of school last week and I understand they have moved to Hillsboro, I don't know for sure though. We wish them the best also!

The ceiling in the new gym has been painted and sheetrock and insulation installation has begun. Fortunately the rain will have little effect on our schedule now. We will meet with the scoreboard installation people this week and determine what has to be done prior to installing the scoreboard. It is going to be awesome!

We had a special called meeting Monday night to cancel the election since nobody but our two incumbents signed up, Mark Simmons and Daryl Hirst. This is good news, not only because they are great board member and do a great job for the children of Gorman, but also because it saves the district a lot of money not having the election. I don't have an exact amount because we were told the programming fees for those voting machines was going up, but we don't know how much. It looks like the state has put us in a situation where we are stuck with whatever they decide to charge since we have to use the machines. The board also developed a profile of what they want in the next Athletic Director for me to use as a guideline when interviewing. We had 42 applicants the last time I counted.

Our board president, Melinda Harrington, went to Austin this week to testify before the House Education Committee regarding the needs of rural schools. We are very fortunate that Ms. Harrington was elected the board of directors of the Texas Association of School Boards so that we would have an additional voice in Austin this year. She does not get paid for this. In fact, she has to use her own time to represent all of the schools in Region 14 and she is doing a great job. If you have an opportunity, you might want to thank her for all she is doing!

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!

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Sunday visitors with "Humpty" and Betty Duke were Rodney and Debra Duke of Pantego, John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney, Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren, Brandon and Daydra Ashley and son, Dylan all of Midlothian; Russell Duke of Houston; Elise Duke of Stephenville; Katie Duke of Early; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona and Susan Benbrook and son, Bram of Houston. The occasion was to celebrate Humpty's 82nd birthday.

Friends of Desdemona send sincere sympathy to the family of Johnnie B. (Hart) Griffith, 92, formerly of Lake Leon. Graveside services were held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Victor Cemetery. Preceded in death by her husband, Otis Griffith, her son, Arlen Griffith, four sisters and one brother. Johnnie G. grew up in the Victor Community and much loved by everyone who knew her.

Bernard Keith and Vonnie Guthery both of Desdemona attended the graveside service on Monday morning of Johnnie B. (Hart) Griffith.

Desdemona area received a good rain with three inches at this reporters home in Jakehamon Community.

Third Marine Divison Association Annual Reunion

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask for your help in getting the word out about the Third Marine Division Association Annual Reunion. The Association is made up of anyone who is now, or ever has been, in the Third Marine Division or attached to the Third Marine Division. Our Marines have served bravely wherever and whenever asked, from WWII, Korea, VietNam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and Peacetime. The members of our Association gather once a year to celebrate old friendships, make new ones, and thank God we are alive. If your paper would insert the following note it would be very helpful to Marines who may not know about or organization. THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING IT'S 55TH ANNUAL REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AUGUST 24TH AND AUGUST 30TH. For more info, call Make Sohn at 210,654-3310, or e-mail at jumient2@hotmail.com

Sincerely,
 (s) Mike Sohn
 14418 Boxer Bay
 San Antonio, TX 78233

Amie Dockery - "Woman of Many Hats" to Speak at MTC in Cisco

I am the oldest child and only daughter of Pastor's Mike and Kathy Hayes. I accompanied my parents to the Dallas Texas area at the age of two when they came to start a church now known as Covenant Church of Carrollton.

I have loved being reared in a minister's home and enjoyed the 'view' of life it has afforded me. As I grew up and went off to college my desire for making ministry a part of my future became evident. As I pursued my education at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, I was introduced to two things that would become a large part of my life and passion - writing and my husband.

After falling in love with a Georgia boy named Stacey we were married in July 1995. Our marriage was off to a fast start by having our first child the following year and our second child in the second year. We thought by our third anniversary that we had finally had more anniversaries than children until our fourth anniversary when we had four children! Yes, we had twins in 1999! So that leaves us with three boys and one girl, and it is a challenge to raise kids in today's world.

Ladies - we wear so many different hats and our hearts are connected to each of those hats. I'll be here in Eastland County at MTC (Mountain Top Church) on March 21st. This FREE women's event begins at 9:00 a.m. through Noon. There will be fun stuff for women of all ages. Come join the Girlfriends hosted by MTC for exciting give-a-ways, food, games, and a serious look at the many hats we wear on our hearts as we discuss our 'Heart Connections'.

You may call 254-442-4479 to pre-register. MTC is located at 600 E. 8th street in Cisco Texas. And best of all, they are providing free childcare on site. I hope to meet you at the event!

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