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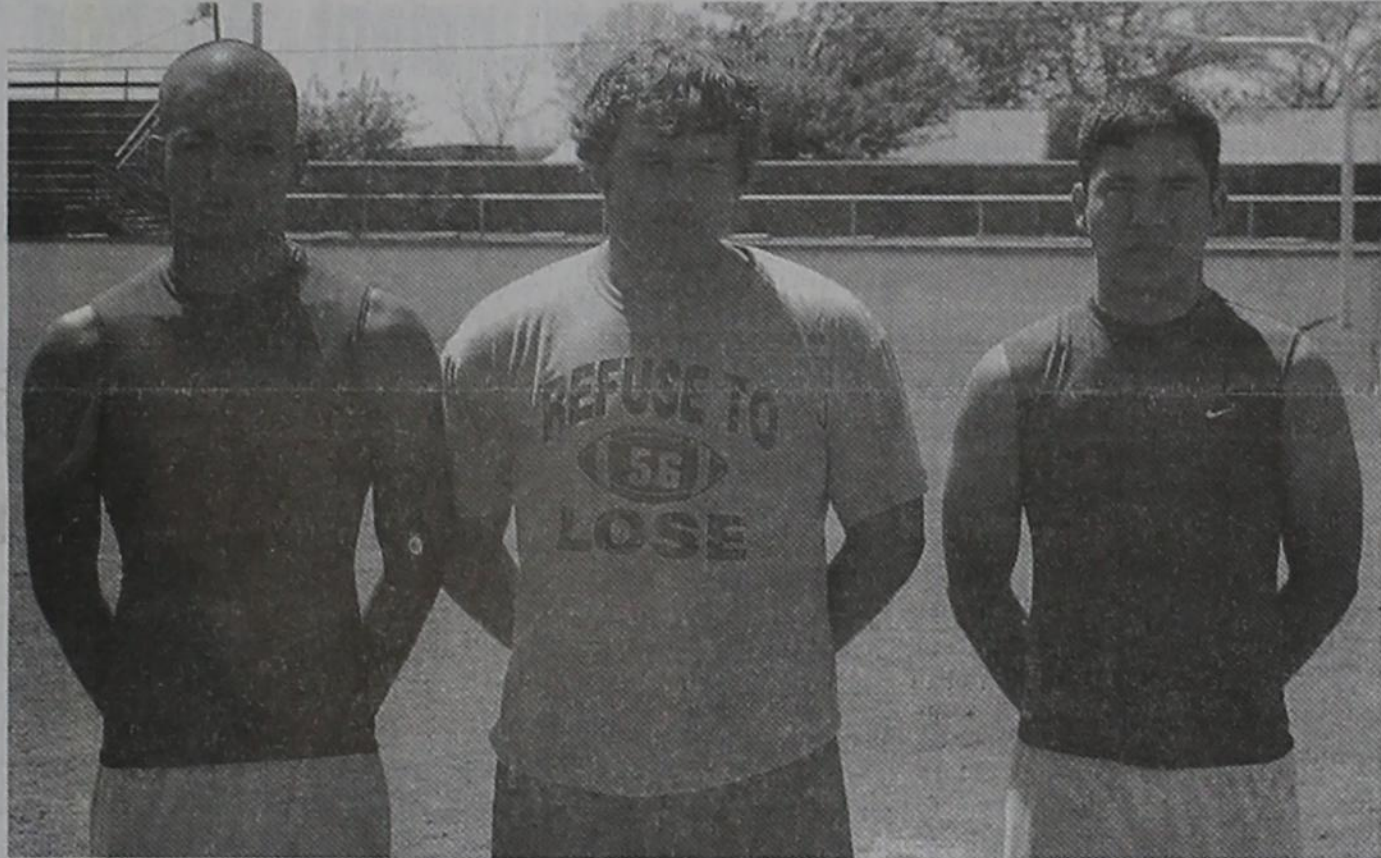
Schedule For Regional Track Meet In Abilene At Abilene Christian University

Friday, April 25th		FIELD EVENTS: 12 P.M.	
RUNNING EVENTS: 11:00 A.M. (rolling schedule)		Discus	A Boys
400M Relay	A Girls	Shot Put	A Girls
100M Hurdles	A Girls	FIELD EVENTS: 3 P.M.	
110M Hurdles	A Boys	High Jump	A Boys
100M Dash	A Girls	Long Jump	A Girls
800M Relay	A Girls	FIELD EVENTS: 4 P.M.	
400M Dash	A Girls	Pole Vault	A Girls
300M Hurdles	A Girls	FIELD EVENTS: 5 P.M.	
200M Dash*	A Girls	High Jump	A Girls
1600M Relay	A Girls	Discus	A Girls
		Long Jump	A Boys
		Shot Put	A Boys

(* There will be a 30 minute break after this event)



Nicole Cogburn, Audrey Johnston, Tecia Jones, Brandy Carlton, Megan Lewis, Grace Treider, and Luisa Silva (alternate).



Individual qualifiers - Gabe Burt, Sean Bates, and Martin Ramirez



Relay team consisting of Matt Underwood, Drew McCreless (alternate), Zack Fox, and Tyson Swanner, Orlando Valenzuela is not pictured.

Jr. High Volleyball

On April 17th, the Jr. High Lady Cubs hosted Ranger in volleyball. The A team lost in two games with scores of 8-25 and 12-25. The B team won after three games with scores of 21-25, 25-13, and 25-10. The teams play next this Thursday at Lingleville. Each team will play against Lingleville and Bluffdale simultaneously in two gyms beginning at 4:00.

Oakland Cemetery Working

The Oakland Cemetery Association will be having its annual meeting on Saturday, May 3 at 10:00. The meeting will be at the Gorman Hotel with a covered dish lunch to follow. Make plans to attend and bring a dish for lunch.

Dorcas Class Continues Studies

Ladies throughout the area are invited to attend the Dorcas Class of the Gorman Church of Christ on Tuesdays at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The group is studying the Men of the Bible and also reviews the history of the period of each character. The study currently focuses on the prophets Elijah and Elisha. The time is middle 800 B.C. during the time of the Assyrian Empire. You are most welcome to join the group, or just attend when you can. Please come for fellowship and study. Bring a friend!

Benefit Bar-B-Que Dinner Silent Auction Set April 26th

Please join us for a Benefit Bar-B-Que Dinner and Silent Auction for Hayes Murry, son of Garry and Rebecca Murry, brother of Paxton, grandson of Bob and Kay Murry of Ranger, Saturday, April 26th at 5:00 p.m. At the Lipan Tabernacle in Lipan, Texas.

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Gorman Panther Baseball

The Gorman Panthers played Ranger in game action recently. Gorman won the game by a score of 10 to 0. Aaron Keith pitched 5 innings and gave up 1 hit and had 6 strikeouts. Runs were scored by Underwood with 2, Fox, Swanner, Bates, Greer, Keith, McCreless, Burgess and Shirley all had 1 run each. Hits consisted with Underwood with 2, 1 double and 1 triple; Swanner with 1 double; Bates with 2, 1 double; Clark with 2 hits; Greer with 1 hit; McCreless with 1 double; Keith with 1 hit; Giles with 1 double and Shirley 3 hits, Double.

The overall season record for the Panthers is 11 wins and 3 losses and for District their record is 10 wins and 3 losses.

Gorman Panther Baseball Team In State Playoffs

The Gorman Panthers made the Playoffs. We are Runner-ups in District 13A. We will play either Evant or Meridian on May 2 and 3. Bi-District Round TBA.

The District Records as of 4-21:
Albany - 11-2; Gorman - 10-3; Cross Plains - 8-5; De Leon - 7-6; Eula - 6-7; Baird - 7-6; May 4-9; and Ranger 0-11.

The District games Gorman played with scores: Gorman lost to Albany 4-3; Gorman 6 - Baird 3; Gorman 21 - May 1; Gorman 17 - Eula 7; Gorman 13 - De Leon 0; Gorman 18 - Ranger 0; Gorman 8 - Cross Plains 0; Gorman 0 - Albany 6; Gorman 9 - Baird 3; Gorman 7 - De Leon 6; Gorman 10 - Ranger 0; Next game with Cross Plains.

Gorman Panther 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.

Annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting Set May 3rd

Saturday, May 3rd, 2008, is the day for the annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 AM at the Kokomo Community Center. Everyone with loved ones buried in the Kokomo, Simpson and Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. You may visit the cemeteries before or after the meeting.

We will have a meal immediately following the meeting, so bring your favorite food and enjoy the fellowship with relatives and friends. The plates, cups, napkins, plastic ware, tea and ice will be furnished.

The monies to care for the community center and the cemeteries mainly come from the donations of those who have family buried in the cemetery or have plots reserved. Please send your contributions to the Association Treasurer Norma Webb, 501 Hwy 2689, Gorman, TX 76454.

Students that attended school at Kokomo would like for this to be a great Homecoming-Reunion. So, make your plans to come and have a wonderful time.

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Kindergarten and First Graders Plant New Tree



The Kindergarten and First Grade Classes worked together to plant a tree for Earth Day. Ahead of time we took turns digging the hole, then on Tuesday, April 22 both classes met and put the tree in the ground and took turns covering it up. The tree is located beside the new electronic sign. We hope when the children get older they will appreciate what they did in Kindergarten and First Grade. The Oak Tree was purchased from Snider Nursery. Also, to help the environment the First Grade Class read 100 books to help save 100 acres of rainforest through the Scholastic Book club program.

The Kindergarten Class and their teachers would also like to say a very big THANK YOU to Snider's Nursery for donating bulbs for a project we are doing.



The Kindergarten Classes are: Ms. Scitem's - Dylan Carlton, Destiny Flanary, Lesslie Fraley, Kori Gaines, Kaylee Grumbles, Ramiro Guzman, Asael Maldonado, Keaton Moore, Driston Petree, Makenzie Rainey, Alexis Reyna, Karsyn Scitem and Reid Torrez; Ms. Grissom's - Caitlyn Clark, Kacen Ervin, Jasmine Fraley, Kelsie Guthery, Larissa Hampton, Abby Johnson, Isaiah Landa, Genaro Madera, Cesar Nontelongo, Rachel Snider, Kamren Sparger and Justin Wheeler; and First Grade Class - Ms. Lewis - Phillip Alford, Daina Alvarado, Jennifer Cruz, Justice Fischer, Chasity Fraley, Kolby Gaines, David Griffin, Jesse Prado, Tiyhler Rainey, Jesenia Rodriguez, Reece Scitem, Taylor Shepherd, Lauren Underwood, Luke Whitsell, Rachel Williams, Marley Carlton, Christopher Cox, Nancy Crisp, Brandon Hogan, Cameron Hull, Briana Landa, Emely Lara, Nedra Madera, Christopher Sanchez, Daniella Segura, Jennifer Valdez, John Warren, Rhett West and Morgan Wright.

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Thank You

The Gorman High School Cheerleaders would like to thank Johnny and Ina Smith for the use of Smith's Service Station for our Car Wash on April 19th.

We would also like to thank everyone that brought their vehicle to be washed.

Thanks,
The GHS Cheerleaders

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- 250± A, on Copperas Creek, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, lake, tanks, cabin, hwy. frontage, rural water \$850,000 (LBO1)
- 243 A, reservoir & wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, costal, native pasture \$2,500 per acre (ABO1)
- 236± A, wells & tanks, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting \$2,195 per acre (DSO2)
- 231 A, on Leon River, wells, pecan trees, hunting, minerals available \$751,530 REDUCED \$665,280 (DKO1)
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, wells & tanks, hunting, minerals \$442,500 (LBO1) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 90 A, 4-3 Brick Home, fireplace, game room, RV shed, well & tank, minerals negotiable \$397,500 (BEO1)
- 81 A, Pecan Orchard, approx. 900 improved variety trees, underground drip irrigation, 9 wells \$405,000 (REMO1)
- 52.6 A, 4-3 Brick Home, carport, wells & tanks, corrals, barns \$250,000 REDUCED \$239,500 (LBO1)
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- 37½ A, excellent home site, costal, rural water supply available, hunting, minerals negotiable \$112,500 (WMO1)
- 30 A, 3-2½ Custom Built Home, garage, porch, RV shed & shop, barn, wells & tanks, Hwy.16 frontage \$450,000 (DBO1)
- 25.6 A, 4-2½ Brick Home, garage, carport, storage buildings, water well & tanks \$210,000 (RBO3) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 24.5 A, on Flat Creek, with water well, native pasture, close to highway \$98,000 (MPO1) - UNDER CONTRACT
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- 8½ A, 3-2 Metal Frame Home, near Lake Proctor, work shop, wells, underground sprinkler system \$265,000 (RTO2)
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- 3-2 Brick Home, carport, fireplace, metal roof, storage building \$105,000 REDUCED \$90,000 (WCO1) - UNDER CONTRACT
- 2-1½ Frame Home, garage, storage building \$75,000 (STO1)
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NEW: Gorman 12A., more or less, CR frontage, pond, mesquite cover, \$2,500 A. 15A north of Gorman: Sandy land, 2 water wells, county road on 2 sides, nice location for pond. \$3,000A.

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 oak, paved road, building spots, country water/elec. available, fenced, ponds, barn/coral, 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/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: 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.

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Eighth Grade: A - McKenzie Osborne. A-B - Cade Cole, Jonathon Fenley, Maria Garcia, Chelsea Griffin, Carlie Jackson, Stetson Thompson and A. J. Vaughn.
Ninth Grade: A - Jaylon Miley. A-B - Brice Campbell, Troy Gilder, Jaime Johnston, Cecilia Olivares, Abby Pacheco, Grace Treider and Kiefer Wilson.
Tenth Grade: A - Chance Bryant, Eric Ryon and Drew McCreless. A-B - Brittany Henderson, Erica Limon, Bethany Oliver and Brenda Velasquez.
Eleventh Grade: A - ; A-B - Nathan Flanary, Marcia Gonzales, Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Jordan Perry, Tyson Swanner and Matt Underwood.
Twelfth Grade: A - Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton, Nicole Cogburn, Carlos Gutierrez, Aaron Keith, Mary Powell, Daniel Shirley, Jimmie Turner, Trey Underwood, Orlando Valenzuela and Nancy Velasquez. A-B - Michaela Burns, Corey Clark, Ester Cruz, Zack Fox, Yhdira Garcia, Jose Guzman, Seth Johnson, Tecia Jones, Megan Lewis, Clinton Oliver, Carlos Palacios and Tony Perez.

Thank You

A Special Thank you to all that came Saturday April 19, to the Rock Bluff Cemetery cleaning. The youngest of six months to the oldest 89 accomplished a lot. The markers are repaired and the flowers on each grave looked great. We missed the boy scouts but understood the other commitments they had. This year we missed Bernice Farley, Marie White, and Elsie Robinett due to health problems. As long as we remember this cemetery it will be cared for. Thank you John and Terry Scott for allowing the invasion of so many coming and the noise. Only one deer seemed to mind the disruption. Again thank you all.

Rock Bluff Cemetery Association
Jerry and Jan Grisham

Happenings At FBC!!

Fascinating! Fall in love with Jesus and witness the difference He will make in your life. Look how quickly the expansion project is progressing.. it won't be long until it is completed and we'll have one-hundred thirty more seats. As you already know, we are in tremendous need of the extra room. Thank you, Lord, for leading us in this expansion project. Amen.

Mark your calendars:

April 29th - 6pm to 9pm - VBS Clinic at FBC Eastland.

April 30th - 6:30pm - Mexico Mission with guest speaker George Rivera.

May 5th - 7pm - High School Senior Supper.

Liz Caraway's Children's Sermon: Liz displayed seeds, and explained how her father-in-law plants seeds to harvest squash. Liz said the squash harvest needs rain and it is a lot of work because he has to plow, plant, and weed. The squash will die if Mr. Caraway doesn't take care of it. He could play it safe and not plant seeds at all. The Bible tells us to plant seeds by telling others about Jesus and inviting them to Church. The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. Save a life! Invite someone to Church!

New Ministry: Psalm 63:4 inspired Liz Caraway and God has laid it on her heart to lead the Youth in a Puppet Ministry. A group of Youth will be acting out skits with puppets to minister to children. It is marvelous display of our young people's spiritual growth.

Special Presentation: Gary Mauney told of how two high school students led a special prayer for his son Shannon and Bro. Barry because of the health issues they both are experiencing. Gary recited Philipians 4:6 and sang "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".

Update: Bro. Barry had a swollen and infected salivary gland. It was extremely serious and life threatening. He spent four days in the hospital, and he is doing much better. Please pray for his continued recovery.

Bro. Barry's message was "OnStar or HISStar?" Psalm 55:1-7

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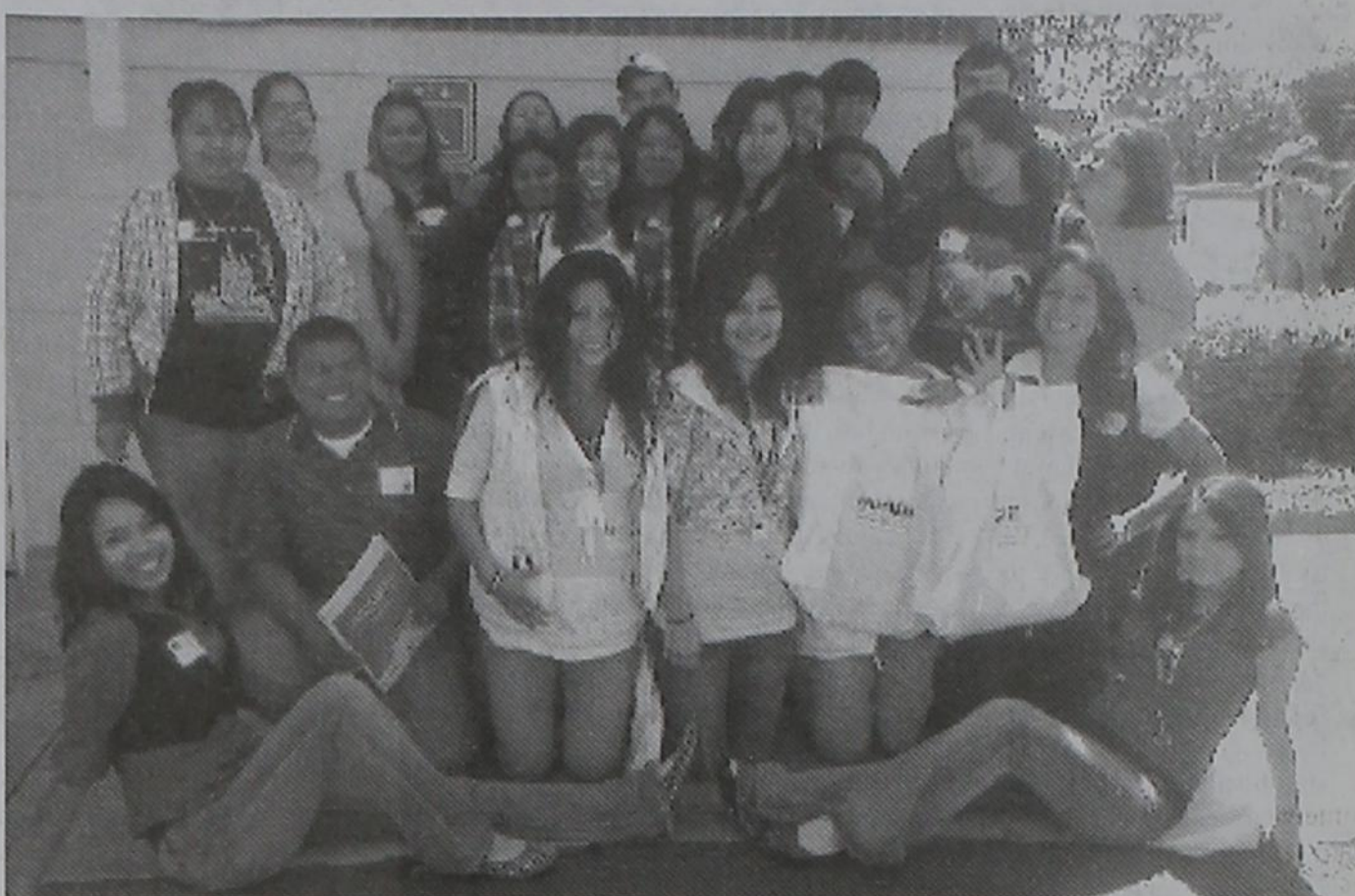
*It is important to have such a relationship with God that we look to Him for Guidance continually. Jesus is the Star of Glory! He loves you and listens to you, are you Listening to Him?

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

Also, our Worship Service is broadcast on the radio - 88.7FM.

God Bless and Keep You. See you next Sunday.

CENTRAL TEXAS CAREER DAY AND COLLEGE RECRUITMENT FAIR



More than 650 students from 25 schools across the Big Country attended the third annual Central Texas Career Day and College Recruitment Fair for Hispanic students Friday.

Gorman High School took 22 students and Esther Cruz was awarded a \$250 scholarship. The event was sponsored by the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute based in Chicago and headed by Dr. Juan Andrade, a Brownwood native.

Students were pumped up early on by keynote speaker Carlos Ojeda Jr., 32, who put a vibrant, humorous and meaningful spin on his life before he earned a degree in business management and a master's degree in business administration.

"I was facing getting kicked out of high school and was the class clown," Ojeda told the students in the packed sanctuary of the First Baptist Church.

He imparted his main message, which was one his father Carlos Ojeda Sr. had given to him to help turn his life in the right direction.

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take," he said, "but by the moments that take our breaths away."

Students were able to visit with recruiters from area colleges including McMurry, Hardin-Simmons and Abilene Christian universities as well as recruiters from Howard Payne and Tarleton State universities. Representatives from Cisco Junior College and Texas State Technical College were also there.

USHLI is a Chicago-based national nonprofit organization established in 1982 to promote civic participation, education, Hispanic unity and leadership development. The organization's Web site is www.ushli.org.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Oink! This little piggy is almost speechless! The second annual Craft Show at the DAC was wonderful! Our vendors brought wonderful things to sell. Everything was of very high quality. The food at the concession stand was great - Desdemona has great cooks! I am sorry if you missed it, but we will do it again next year.

This article is going into some new area newspapers so I would like to take a minute to explain the title. Originally, Desdemona was called Hogtown. When it was incorporated, the name was changed to Desdemona but many folks still know it as Hogtown. I began writing this article when we built our brand new Desdemona Activity Center (DAC) in order to let people know what we are doing here in beautiful downtown Desdemona. I hope you will watch for this article and come to see us in Desdemona. We have fun here!

Our usual first Saturday "Breakfast at the DAC" is coming up on May 3. We serve from 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. the first Saturday of each month. The men of Desdemona cook bacon and eggs in large kettles on the porch. The women inside cook sausage, pancakes, gravy and biscuits. Cost is by donation only. Y'all come!

Do you have a wedding coming up or a reunion or a company meeting? The DAC can be rented for your function. Call me at 254-758-2420 for more information.

Remember the first ever-public library in Desdemona is located inside the DAC. It is open Monday through Thursday from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and each Tuesday evening from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

See you in Desdemona!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals, addressed to David Perry, Superintendent, Gorman Independent School District, P.O. Box 8, Gorman, Texas 76454, are being received for Masonry, HVAC and Plumbing for a Special Events Center and Science Annex. Proposals will be received in the office of the Construction Manager until 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Office of the Gorman ISD Superintendent at which time the proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Gorman ISD, Gorman, Texas. All proposals mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager.

D.S.A., Inc.

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(817) 645-8864 - (817) 645-2097 Fax

Proposals received after 2:00 p.m., May 6, 2008, closing time will be returned unopened. Separate contracts and purchase orders will be awarded for the various disciplines of work required. Each proposal will be considered based on price (0-20 points); reputation of contractor and contractor's goods or services (0-30 points); quality of contractor's goods or services (0-20 points); extent to which the goods or services meet the district's needs (0-10 points); the contractor's past relationship with the district (0-10 points); the impact on the ability of the district to comply with laws and rules relating to historically underutilized businesses (0-5 points); the total long-term cost to the district to acquire the contractor's goods or services (0-5 points); contractor's experience in the specific area of construction necessary for the project (0-25 points); and record of past performance on comparable jobs (0-20 points). The awarding of proposals will not be made at this time.

Bid Security, if bid is greater than \$25,000, in the form of a surety bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas in the amount of 5% of the total Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance in the Instruction to Bidders.

Payment and Performance Bond shall be as follows:

For a contract price of \$25,000 or more, the Contractor will furnish a Payment bond and a Performance Bond of not less than one hundred (100%) percent of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying the labor or furnishing the materials used on this project. Cost of the bonds shall be paid by the Contractor.

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beginning Monday, April 14, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all proposals. No proposals may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the date proposals are opened.

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By Ken Harris, Oncor

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We're serious about our responsibility to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of electricity to every home and business in our service area. Therefore, Oncor spends a lot of time and resources pruning trees away from lines. You've probably seen our crews at work in your neighborhood.

Be assured, your beautiful trees are in good hands. Our experienced and knowledgeable arborists, who supervise our program, follow industry standards and understand what is best for a tree's health. They know where and how to prune so that trees grow away from power lines.

We're proud that the National Arbor Day Foundation has honored us with the Tree Line USA award since 2001 for quality tree care, worker training, tree-planting initiatives and public education.

Ideally, of course, there wouldn't be any trees growing near power lines. That's why we sponsor initiatives that include Know Before You Grow, which helps Texans learn about and plan landscapes that keep power lines clear while enhancing property values.

Keeping trees pruned away from power lines is vital for reliable power, and is especially important during the spring storm season. But we're also making investments in new technology and other measures to improve reliability, meet growing power needs in Texas and relieve congestion in the state's transmission grid.

Our Texas roots are deep. We've been a vital part of the communities where we live and work for more than 100 years, and we'll continue serving residents and businesses by pruning trees to keep the lights on for millions of Texans. I invite you to learn more at www.oncor.com

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Super Notes

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

The hardest thing about writing a weekly newspaper article is actually doing it every week. I am sorry about not submitting an article last week, but our son had emergency surgery last Monday after having gone into the emergency room Saturday morning around 2:00am. Fortunately many prayers were being lifted up for him and the outcome was much better than expected. He is doing well and hopefully will be home by the time you read this article. Thank you to all of you that were praying for him and his doctors. Prayer works!

Our regular board meeting for April was last Monday. I attended by speaker phone while the bids on our building project were being reviewed and discussed. Mr. Panter took the minutes and much of what I am sharing comes from the unofficial minutes of the meeting. The meeting opened as usual with prayer by Melinda Harrington. The consent agenda was unanimously approved followed by monthly reports. The superintendent's report pointed out that the roof replacement on the two story elementary building and gym was complete. We are hoping the added insulation and the reflective white roof will make the gym cooler and help reduce the cost of cooling the upstairs classrooms. It was also discussed that the East End Special Education Cooperative will consider changing fiscal agents at a meeting on April 30th in the Eastland. The meeting is at 10:00am in the Eastland ISD board room at the Junior High School. A request was made that all board members that were going to attend the TASB June Summer Leadership Institute to turn in their session selection information. The board was then presented with all of the bids on the building project by DSA. Cadco, the school architect was also present. Many of the bids came in too high. In fact, the total was close to six million dollars. The board found this to be unacceptable and were determined to work within their means being the five million in bonds. The architect and construction management firm were left alone to discuss alternative engineering methods and materials we could use. When the board returned they approved the bid on the site work and agreed to use asphalt in the parking area instead of concrete reduce the bid by \$103,592.00. They then approved the other bids unanimously, with engineering changes where applicable that would reduce the cost with the exception of the bids for masonry, plumbing and HVAC and set a cap on construction costs at five million. They then approved the re-bidding of the masonry, HVAC and plumbing with bids being accepted April 21st through May 8th at 5:00pm. The bids will be opened at 2:00pm in the high school auditorium. The following action items were unanimously approved: The May board meeting will be changed to the 7pm the evening that the bids are opened; approved the initial list of transfer students for the 2008-2009 school year; approved the agreement with the county for the May 10, 2008 election; and approved our participation in the District Award for Teacher Excellence Grant. Personnel contracts were approved for Kelly Taylor at the COOP and Jack Sloan and Cindy Underwood at GISD. The board then adjourned.

I can't emphasize how much I appreciate our school board. They work well together and are serious when they consider the actions they take on your behalf and on behalf of your children. We work well as a team of eight! I emphasized this and the accomplishments we've had over the past three years when I submitted our entry into the H.E.B. Excellence in Education Award Program. To the Board's credit, we just received a certificate of recognition from H.E.B. as one of the 24 state semi-finalist out of 1000 entries. As a semi-finalist, we also received \$500.00 in H.E.B. gift cards. Great things are happening here at Gorman I.S.D. and that would not be possible without a great school board like ours. They help make Gorman a great place to raise and educate your children!



Melinda Harrington Jeff Seaton Mark Simmons Larry Thompson



Daryl Hirst Beth Underwood Bob Powell

Our softball and baseball teams crushed DeLeon last Tuesday and then on Friday they played Ranger here at home. It was the girl's final game of the regular season. I may have been wrong the first time I reported that our girl's beat Ranger, but not this time, they beat Ranger 11-7 for a great finish of their regular season. They finished with a record of 7-5. They just missed being in the playoffs. Good year girls. You definitely have improved. I look forward to seeing you advance further next year. The boys shut Ranger out and I believe the game was called due to the 10 run rule in the fifth inning 11-0. The boy's last game was against Cross Plains on Tuesday. I'll let you know how they did next week. Right now they sit at 13-3, alone in second place.

Our One Act Play performed for the public last Thursday at 7:00pm in the auditorium and they were very entertaining. If you missed it for something on television, you lost out. We really do have some talented young people. OAP gives them a chance to explore new experiences and it is fun to watch.

I don't know if you noticed, but there has been a lot of concrete work being done by the school. The city and the school partnered in having the drainage on the north side of Maxfield Elementary repaired and improved. It will now be safer for your children and have a better appearance. I appreciate Mayor Irvin and the city trustees giving us the opportunity to get the work done. They are a fine group of people constantly trying to do what is best for the people in our community.

I have had some inquiries regarding the East End Special Education Cooperative and the possible changing of fiscal agents. The first question is always, why? I can't really say for certain, but for some strange reason it appears that Cisco and Eastland want it for some reason. Many of the COOP employees are concerned because everyone that is on a term contract, from the director on down, will have to resign from Gorman ISD or be non-renewed due to the elimination of the positions because all COOP employees are hired through the fiscal agent. The COOP originated and has always been in Gorman and the fiscal agent has always been Gorman ISD. After our meeting, I will let everyone know what was decided and why.

Although I missed submitting an article last week, I think the coaches and teachers made up for it with all the pictures and articles they sent in. Our kids are doing great at everything! And even though it's not school related, did you see that picture of Daniel Keeping calf riding? He's quite an athlete! Our National Honor Society also continues to grow as our academics at high school improve. Great job everyone and great pictures!

Our track team travels to Abilene Christian University in Abilene this Friday and Saturday for the Regional Track Meet. Prelims are on Friday and finals on Saturday. You can get a schedule of events on the home page of our website. Be there if you can to support these fine athletes that have been working hard all year. Go Panthers!

The Gorman Ag Department is having a cardboard recycling drive. If you have some cardboard to donate, please bring it to the school and put it in the white stock trailer parked by the Ag Shop. This recycling project is made possible by the grant we received last year for the trailer. We will do this again sometime in the future with aluminum cans, so please save your cans for us. Thanks!

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

Desdemona Monthly Country and Western Musical will be held on Saturday night, April 26th at the Community Center School Building. The Concession Stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving Sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy Supper and visit with all of the group before the Music Program begins at 6 p.m. All Area Musicians, Singers and Visitors are invited to attend. Admission is "FREE".

Larry and Gay Moore and her father, "Shorty" Fox hosted the Fox Family Reunion last Saturday.

COMING SOON - "Flea Market" to be held at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Vendors are welcome to rent spaces inside the school gym or outside in the School Yard at a reasonable cost. More information later on for date and time.

Mary Sue (Craig) Garza of Houston and her sister, Doris (Craig) Whitley of Granbury attended the Annual Desdemona Cemetery Working last Saturday. The Meeting was held at the Cemetery Chapel Building. The Noon Meal was catered by Terry and Diane Denson, owners of the Desdemona Boomtown Cafe and Country Corner.

Sue Pettigrew is slowly recovering from a broken collar bone. She was able to attend Church last Sunday at the First Baptist. Sue would like to say "Thank You" to all of her friends and neighbors who helped her during this time. She appreciates all the cards and prayers.

Get Well Wishes to our friend, Evah Sparkman. She spent several days this past week in the hospital recovering from a kidney infection.

Remember the sick and shut-ins of our community with your cards and prayers. Just a note to say "Hi" means so much to each of them.

Richard and Ulenda (Roberts) Cofsky and her grandson, Tanner Weaver all of Fort Worth visited in Desdemona last Sunday with their friends.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had a small group of seventeen people here on the 16th at 11:30. Due to the funeral of Frankie Jo Shipman, all the good Baptist ladies were at the Church preparing the lunch for her family. Martha Rainey gave the prayer for us all in blessing the food. Sure was good to see her and looking well. She doesn't always feel the best, but still gets around in her power chair. Thank goodness for High Tech.

Our meal became quite Mexican with Enchiladas, Enchilada casserole, rice, beans and salad. We also had sausage, Spaghetti, potato salad, other veggies and desserts of cake and pie. We keep running low on desserts. Since Wynogene Smith is out with her back, we sure miss her pies and rolls. We heard she is in Georgetown with her daughter. Get Well, we miss you.

Estelle Lindley brought us a beautiful bouquet of Iris for our centerpiece. She has some of the very different Hybrids, such as gorgeous colors, some with polka dots. Thanks for brightening our table with your kindness.

We were happy to have Slyvia Buchanan here to be with us and eat. Hope she comes more often. I didn't get to talk to her like I wanted, too busy. I have several ladies that help me, sure appreciate them. Jerry Underwood is our main organizer. She keeps our pantry in good order and neat. Thanks a lot.

I went to visit Annie Fay Foster in her home a week ago. She looks so good and feels much improved. She was snuggled in bed as it was a cold morning. We had a good visit, must go back. I do hope she can come and be with us soon. I rang the bell for Annie Fay as Daisy Slaton was up and about. That does get their attention.

We had a small group on the 17th for game night. Some of us had other commitments. I had not attended any of track meets. So I decided I could stand the weather, as it wasn't too hot. Some of our kids won 2nd place. I did enjoy, but lots of sitting and waiting. That's why I never cared for track meets.

Our baseball game of the season is tonight the 22nd in Cross Plains at 5 p.m. I've attended most of the games, some very exciting. But the very hot temperatures, I had to stay home. I can not stand the hot sun. Today is going to be in the 90's, so I'm debating about going. I'm proud of my grandson Tyson Swanner, has done well this year in several areas. Hard to believe he has only one year left. They grow up too soon.

Hope all is well and see you next time, Carol.

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