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Eighth Grade Promotion Set Wednesday, May 23 and GHS Commencement Set May 25th

Promotion is now on Wednesday due to baseball playoff game

Eighth Grade **Promotion**

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

Valedictory

7:30 P.M.

Nick Heupel, Principal

Class Processional Alfredo Montelongo

Invocation Jose Maldonado Salutatory

Turner Whitten Class History

Class Memories Rylan Laminack

LaTricia Hampton, Presentation of Diplomas Counselor

Arlette Giles Benediction

Recessional

T. J. Cummings Announces For Re-Election As Republican Candidate for Commissioner Pct. 3

I am T.J. Cummings, the incumbent Republican candidate for Eastland County Commissioner of Precinct 3. I would like to thank you for your support and allowing me to serve in this office for the past 3 years, it has been an honor I truly appreciate. At this time I am seeking re-election and would like to ask for your vote and your support in the upcoming primary election.

I believe in honesty, respect for others and their property, hard work, love for God and family, and to stand firm in what you believe. These are values our great nation was built on and I believe they are as important today as they were then.

I recieved my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business from Tarleton State University before moving to Eastland County where I have been a resident for 26 years, 17 of which I have lived in

My past work experience allowed me to become familiar with various pieces of equipment, its maintenance and operation, employee supervision, working with other departments and entities, and operating within budgets. Each of these tasks is a fundamental and necessary function of the commissioner's daily activities and responsibilities.

> My education and experience in business management have Continued On Page Four

"Heartfelt

Where do we begin to find adequate words to express our most heartfelt thanks to so many for the food, calls, visits, texts and above all your prayers. It is truly such a blessing to have so many wonderful people showing how much they care, by so many acts of kindness. We thank each of you for your part in easing our pain. It is an awesome feeling knowing Billy Earl, our dad, brother and husband of 56 years, had so many precious friends. Please know we are forever grateful to you, and will treasure your generousity in our hearts. Thanks to Lighthouse Hospice for the special care you rendered. You did such a compassionate and professional job for both patient and family. Thanks to the 'Wilder One', Jason, for knowing what to do and how to get it done, to John Payne and Larry Stogdill, each of you spoke with uplifting words and love. To our ever so awesome Fire Department and First Responders for responding in record time, for helping park cars, and just for your overall support, thank you very much. Higginbotham Funeral Home we want you to know you make all the hard decisions and process much easier to endure. Our priceless hometown businesses may we thank you for everything you all have done for this family. Please know we dont want to leave anyone out as we so love and appreciate each and everyone who rendered their helping hands to our family. May God bless each of you and keep you in his loving care,

The Billy Earl Simpson Family

Tami, and Kris, Chasta, Dylan and "Minnie Me" Carlton Billy Don, Brian David and Burgan, Jonathan, Cassie, and J B Tacy, Madi, and Shawn and Justin, Mandy, Shaiden,

Jayden and Caleb Justice

Jack, Lesa, & Chance Simpson, Kane and Kloe

Randy Bledsoe - Candidate For **Commissioner Precinct No. 3**

Hello, my name is Randy Bledsoe, candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 3. I have been your neighbor in Eastland County for all of my 45 years. I grew up farming peanuts and raising cattle. My father taught me the importance of hard work, integrity, and taking care of your family.

My work experience includes employment at Texas Department of Transportation and Eastland County Precinct 3 as a heavy equipment operator. While working for the county, I oversaw the paving of several county roads, and I also assisted Precinct 2 in repaying many roads around Lake Leon. I've also worked at Arnold Stone, Inc. As Production Manager and Capitan Materials, Inc., where I managed three mobile rock crushing plants and two screening operations, producing materials Continued On Page Four



DeLores Garcia Salutatory

DeLores Garcia is the daughter of Gierardo and Maria D. Garcia. She was born August 5, 1994 in Stephenville.

She entered Gorman Schools in 2002 (fall) transferring from Dublin Elementary

She plans to attend Tarleton State University in the fall.

I participated in PALs; National Honor Society; Student Council President; UIL; Junior Class Vice President; Senior Class President.

Her hobbies are I like to read and spend time - 1 year. with my family.

Her favorite food is my Mom's, Korean Noodles and Sticky Rice and her favorite music is Pxndx, Zoe, BeLanova, Big Bang, Beast, SS501, 2PM, Moenia, Don Omar and UKiss, Mana.



Erica Ortiz Madera Valedictory

Erica Ortiz Madera is the daughter of Maria Ortiz and Rafael Ortiz. She was born July 24, 1994 in East-

She entered Gorman Schools in 1998.

She plans to attend Texas State University.

Erica participated in National Honor Society -3 years; Student Council - 2 years; PALS - 2 years; Class Officer - 3 years; Yearbook Staff - 2 years; UIL Participant - 2 years; Spanish Club

Her hobbies are reading, Photography, Music and Art.

Her favorite food is Italian Food and her favorite music is Alternative Rock and Indie Rock.

GHS Commencement Set For May 25th

Friday, May 25, 2012

7:30 P.M.

Processional Senior Class

Invocation Barry Schahn, Minister First Baptist Church

Salutatory Maria Delores Garcia

Parent Recognition Senior Class

Valedictory Erica Ortiz Madera

Presentation of Diplomas Nick Neupel, Principal Jeff Byrd, Superintendent Mark Simmons, President of Board

Benedition Richard Watson Minister, New Hope Baptist Church

> Recessional Senior Class

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The County Clerk's Office will be closed on Tuesday May 29, 2012 for the Primary Election and will re-open on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 10:00 A.M.

Thank you, Cathy Jentho, Eastland County Clerk

Panthers Ride Pacheco's Right Arm and Big Jon Fenley's RBI to the Region II Semi's

Gorman 1- Windthorst -0 Dakota

Pacheco pitched as close to a perfect game as you can get Friday night in Mineral Wells. The sophomore threw 70 pitches (58 strikes) in a complete 7 inning performance. He also had 12 strike outs on the day while allowing 3 hits and no walks. In the 3rd inning BJ Ramirez was hit by a pitch, then stole 2nd base but was left stranded. Sergio Hipolito walked and then Sheldon Fenley got the Panthers 1st hit of the game in the 4th inning before the inning ended. In the 6th inning Zack Carlton singled to left field and stole 2nd base, the Windthorst catcher threw the ball into center field and Carlton advanced to 3rd base on the error. Big Jon Fenley then singled to right field and Carlton scored the only run of the game. Several nice plays were turned in by the Panthers defense during the



contest, none bigger than the double play by Pacheco to end the game. Windthorst hitter Kellan Green singled in the bottom of the 7th the get things started. Matt Fox made a nice play on the ball by diving to make the catch but when his glove hit the ground it jarred the ball loose for the single. Pacheco was then called for a balk. With the tying run on 2nd with no outs Pacheco struck out the 5 hole hitter. The 6 hole hitter attempted to bunt, but popped it up where Pacheco caught the ball in the air and threw to 2nd base where short stop Zach Carlton was waiting to record the final out of the game. The Panthers would like to thank all of the moms for their travel snack bags. They would also like to thank the local donors who have provided donations to purchase meals before or after their play-off games. Most importantly they would really like to thank all of the fans that have traveled to each contest to support them. The wins are that much sweeter when you all are there to share them with us. The Panthers will play the best out of 3 series with Dodd City in Decatur this weekend. Game 1 will be at 7:00 Thursday night. Game 2 will be at noon on Saturday and a game 3 is scheduled for 30 minutes after game 2 if necessary. We hope that you all will come out and support us again this weekend. We would also like to thank the 8th graders and their parents for agreeing to move the 8th grade promotion ceremonies to Wednesday night, to prevent any conflicts.

There will be a fan bus for the games on Saturday; unfortunately we will not be able to take the bus on Thursday. If you are interested please sign up in the high school office before noon on Friday. The cost is \$3.00, on a 1st come 1st serve basis (50) sets available. The bus will meet in front of the high school and leave at 9:30 on Saturday morning. Both adult and student tickets will be \$4.00 for games 1 & 2. If you do not leave the field after game 2 there will not be a charge for game # 3.

Third Annual FFD at Church of Christ

Everyone is invited to the Gorman Church of Christ this Sunday, May 27 for our third annual FRIEND AND FAMILY DAY. All guests will be honored at worship, which begins at 10:45. Fish and all the trimmings will be provided immediately after services. Come as we turn to God's Word to ask the ultimate question "Why Did Christ Come".

Gorman Lady Panthers Softball - All District Photos and Article on Page 4

Classifieds

ESTATE SALE -Saturday, May 26th - 8 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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w trees. \$5,100 acre. 43A. Coastal Bermuda, corrals, stock pond, 2 water wells, fenced/cross fenced.

Good Sandy land. \$3,350 acre. S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site.

77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.

158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central Address Research, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fer Nake County water wells, steel pens. \$525,000. 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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Bldg, with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A. NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00

407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal barns, 3 sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda, 3-3-2 /fr como contra , metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will Be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2

PRODUCTIVE - 306 AC, m/LN. of Gorman. LCoastal, Dood soil, 2 tanks, water well s & frontage on 2 county roads. \$\frac{1}{2}\$13

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Happy Birthday! Edgar Reynolds

Thanks for serving this Country as a Combat Infantryman during WWII.

We are honored that you and a few other WWII veterans are still around. You are our HEROES. We are able to enjoy our freedom and liberties because of people like you who fought and died for this country. Remember to thank a Vet on Memorial Day on Monday, May 28th.

Your Friends In and Around Gorman



"On The Wilder Side"

254-734-2519

Gorman, Tx

Last week I witnessed something I never thought I would see. As I was getting in my truck after a tee ball game I heard the frantic sound of a bird chirping above my head. When I looked up I noticed a buzzard perched on a light pole, sitting next to a nest. The chirping was coming from a much smaller bird trying to protect its young ones inside the nest. First, I stood there admiring the courage of the little bird as it fought to protect its family from the predator. But then I watched in awe as I saw other birds of various species come in to fight off the buzzard. They weren't protecting their chicks. They weren't even protecting their own kind. I saw at least eight different species of birds answer the distress call and willing put themselves in harm's way to protect another bird's nest. The larger buzzard did eventually fly away, empty handed. I learned a few lessons by watching those birds that day:

First, I learned that we should never be afraid to call for help. All of us get in a bind from time to time. It takes humility to be willing to admit that we can't always handle life on our own. We have the privilege of being able to call on our Lord for help as well as all other members of God's family.

Second, you're never too small to fight for what is right. You may be severely outmatched and outnumbered, but like Edmund Burks said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing"

Third, we may not all live in the same home or come from the same family, but we all have the responsibility to watch out for each other. When Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan, He made sure to point out that we are obligated to love and help even those who are different from us. The next time you see a need or hear someone crying "help me!", know that the plea for help is meant for you.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) -Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

Bid Notice

Eastland County is taking bids to remove, replace, and reconstruct 9,250 square feet of CR442. A copy of the bid specifications may be obtained at the County Auditor's office 254-629-1082 or on the County website www.eastlandcountytexas.com

Bids should be sealed and labeled "CR 442 Bid" on the envelope. All bids must be returned to the Auditor's office by Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Payment will be check to the contractor upon completion after receipt of final invoice and approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Eastland County Commissioners' Court.

Bids will be opened Monday, June 11, 2012 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

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Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Estland County Commissioners' Court will meet in a Special Called Meeting at 10:00 a.m. On Thursday, May 24th in the Eastland County Precinct 4 County Barn, 101 West 18th Street in Cisco to consider the following agenda items:

1. Discuss and consider training on the Asphalt Zipper Machine. Posted by order of Eastland County Commissioners' Court

Any of the above and foregoing agenda items, which require action, may be acted upon by the Commissioners' Court.



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THURSDAY: XL Chili Cheese Dog Combo. fries and 20-oz. drink

FRIDAY: 4 pz. Steak fingers-fries, gravy, Texas toast, 20 oz. drink

HAPPY HOUR MONDAY - FRIDAY 2:00-5:00 PM

> GORMAN DQ *254-734-2450*

POLITICAL CALENDAR

PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES: U. S. Offices - - - - \$75.00 District Offices - - - - \$75.00

Eastland County Offices - - - - \$50.00 Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - \$50.00 Eastland County Constable - - - - \$50.00

All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must ear at lease one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.) Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a per-

The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political an-

ouncement, subject to the action of the General Election, May 29. Eastland Co. Comm. - Pct 3:

Incumbent - T.J. Cummings Randy Bledsoe

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HOUSE FOR SALE!!!

Three Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Central Heat and Air. Needs work. 510 West Lexington in Gorman. Phone 254-734-5792

Huge Garage Sale -- Desdemona Activity Center

Downtown Desdemona -- Thurs, Fri & Sat May 24, 25 & 26 -- 8:00-5:00

About Solving Problems By Henry A. Buchanan "You've got a problem? Shoot somebody."

"You've got a big problem? Shoot a whole bunch of people."

"Your world is too much for you? Shoot everybody. Start a war."

The response of the neighborhood watcher in a Florida elite community to the presence of a black boy who aroused his suspicions has focused the nation's attention on that one black boy and one white watchman with a gun. But the problem has its tentacles in many areas of our life.

A student is angry in school, so he shoots the teacher and other students. A man is unhappy about the way he is treated on the job, so he walks into the office and starts shooting.

Another man is angry at everybody so he shoots up a shopping center.

Where did the people learn to solve their problems this way? By watching news on the TV. They see that this is the way the nation solves its problems with other nations who are not doing to suit us. North Korea wants recognition. Iran wants nuclear power, Iraq wanted to bluster and show off its military. Afghanistan wanted to train terrorists. Pakistan wants to provide safe haven for people who are not satisfied with the way things are being done.

Our response as the world's Bully Boy is to shoot them. But we have about shot our wad and we must have six hundred and twelve billion for defense. To salve our conscience we will allow two billion for food aid to Africa.

We can't go on solving our little problems by creating bigger ones. We have to take a "Jesus moment" and ask "What can we do to help?"

(s) Henry A. Buchanan 1131 N. Kent St. - Gorman, TX 76454 254-734-4569 5/20/2012

Congratulations Seniors - 2012



Ally Little

Ally Little is the daughter of Shellie and Alan Little. She was born May 27, Joe Olevera, Frank and Lena 1994 in Stephenville.

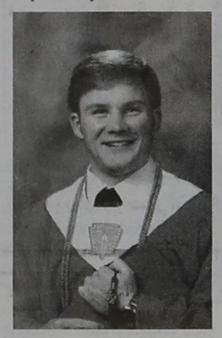
Schools in 1998.

College and become a Nurse.

Ally participated in Therapy. Volleyball for 3 years - Second All-American 3 years; Sophomore Princess, Basketball - 3 years - Second Team; Foot- ing, Hanging out with friends, All District, All District Honorball Sweetheart - Junior Year; Hunting and Bowling. Track - 2 years - Area Sprint Officer - 4 years; FFA Judging and Mashed Potatoes. - 3 years; (ECLRA - 10 year award).

swimming, hanging friends.

Her favorite food is Japanese Steakhouse food and her favorite music is Country, Pop and Rap.



Stetson McCrae Thompson Stetson Thompson is the son of Larry

born August 30, 1994 in Stephenville.

Stetson entered Gorman Schools in 1998-1999.

He plans to attend Cisco College and get my baa Mechanical Engineering 2011 Football Sweetheart. Degree.

in National Honor Society, sister and Martin and listen to FFA Officer, FFA Showing music and Judging - 4 years; Football - 4 years- First Team All Mexican and Italian food and District Defensive End - 4 year; Honorable Mention Offense - 4 years; Voted Most Likely To Succeed - 4 years.

His hobbies are farming, Sports, Working on classic vehicles.

His favorite foods are Fried Fish and Hushpuppies. Stetson's favorite



Candice Alisa Ervin

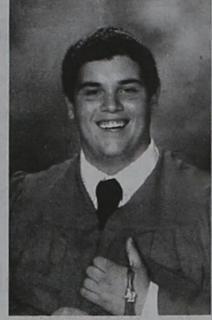
Candice Alisa Ervin born September 17, 1993 in their Radiology Program. Eastland

Schools in 2010.

She plans to attend by Junior Year. Dental Assistant School in Stephenville.

Her hobbies are Rid- friends and go out. ing Horses.

Chicken Fried Steak and her favorite music is mostly anyfavorite music is Country.



Jonathan Lamar Fenley

Jonathan Lamar Fen-Fenley. He was born Septem- Eastland. She entered Gorman ber 15, 1993 in Eastland.

She plans to go to Weatherford College to do ferring from Rising Star. Physical or Occupational

Team; Cheerleading - 4 years, years in Football - Basketball Registered Nurse. - Track and Baseball.

Relay; Softball - 1 year; FFA Pasta, Steak, Mac and Cheese ticipated in Volleyball for 3 years; more year - Second Team All Dis-

is Rap, Hip-Hop, Skrillex, Cheerleader 2 years; Senior year Her hobbies are Country and Mexican Danc- was Miss GHS and Homecoming ball and Second Team All District with ing music.



Carlie Jackson

Carlie Jackson is the daughter of Jack and Deborah Jackson. She was born March 6, 1994 in Brownwood

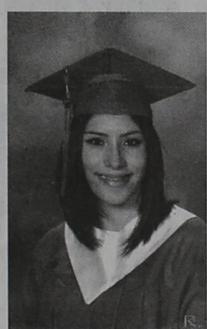
She entered Gorman McCrae Schools in 1998.

She plans to attend and Kristi Thompson. He was Cisco College to finish my basics, then go to Nursing

School for a RN. Erica participated in Softball and Basketball for one year; Yearbook Staff for 2 years; Cheerleader for 4 years; sics, then transfer to Tarleton Involved in PALs for 2 years; State University in pursuit of Junior Class President and

> I love to lay out by Stetson participated the pool, spend time with my

> > Her favorite food is her favorite music is Texas sic is Hip Hop and Country. Country and Pop.



Karla Lara

Karla Lara is the daughter of Norma and Gumaro Lara. She was born December 21, 1992 in Fort Worth.

She entered Gorman ville. Schools in 1997.

is the daughter of Verl Ervin Ranger College then transand Mandy Gibson. She was fer to Weatherford and attend

I participated in Band She entered Gorman - Freshman and Sophomore years; PALs and Spanish Club

Her hobbies are to hang out with family and

Her favorite food is Her favorite food is Mexican and Chinese and her thing and everything



Chelsea Griffin

Chelsea Griffin is the

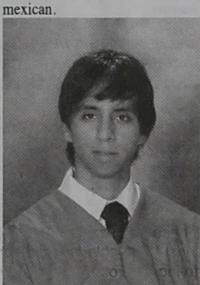
She entered Gorman

She plans attend Nursing School through Ranger Col-Jon participated 4 lege to obtain my associates as a

His hobbies are Fish- years of Basketball - First Team at Texas A&M. His favorite food are District, All Academic Team; Par-PALS.

with family.

Her favorite food is



Sergio Hipolito

Sergio Hipolito is the son of Pio and Laura Hipolito. He was born August 9, 1993 in Eastland.

Sergio entered Gorman Schools in Pre-Kindergar-

He plans to attend Cisco College and get a Welding Certificate and then get a Welding Job.

Matt participated in Basketball, Baseball, Football and Track all four years.

Sports. His favorite food are

His hobbies

Mexican. Sergio's favorite mu-



Raven Cheyenne Williams

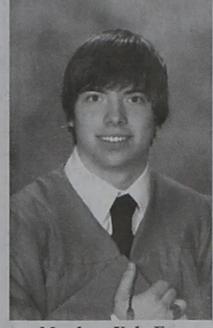
Raven Cheyenne Williams is the daughter of Amanda and Landon Williams. She was born August 17, 1994 in Stephen-

ferred from De Leon.

I participated in Basketball, UIL and ECCLA - Freshman year; Yearbook, Color Guard, year; Band and Choir - Junior year; Band and UIL my Senior year.

Her hobbies are freaking out over Octopus and Flamin- Colour Guard and Choir.

anything edible and covered in sic is Morse Code Opera.



Matthew Kyle Fox

Matthew Kyle Fox is ley is the son of Barbara and daughter of Dale and Mary Grif- the son of Darrell and Patricia fin. She was born April 7, 1994 in Fox. He was born June 6, 1994 in Fastland.

Matthew entered Gor-He plans to attend Schools in the fourth grade trans- man Schools in 2008 transferring from Ranger.

> He plans to attend Ranger College for 1 year the get a associates in Radiology and Firefighting Certification and also Chelsea participated 4 attending Fire School this summer

Matt participated in able Mention, Second Team All Baseball - Football - Basketball and Track all 4 years. His Sopho-Track for 2 years; Cheerleading trict Baseball; Junior Year - Second Jon's favorite music for 4 years, getting All American Team Outside Linebacker - Football - Honorable Mention Basket-Queen; got inducted to National Baseball; Senior year - First Team Honor Society my Junior year and All District Kicker - Second Team Running Back - Second Team Her hobbies are hang- Outside Linebacker - Honorable ing with friends and spending time Mention Receiver in Football and Honorable Mention in Basketball.

> His hobbies are Sports and Hunting. His favorite food are

> Pizza, BBQ Ribs. Jon's favorite music is

Country.



Rebekah Powell

Rebekah Powell is the daughter of Bob and Deann Powell. She was born November 20, 1993 in Stephenville.

She entered Gorman Schools in 1999.

She plans to go to Louisiana and get my tattoo license. Then go to TSTC and get my art degree.

Rebekah participated in Powerlifting - Freshman year; Band - Freshman and Junior Years; Color Guard - Sophomore and Junior years - Captain my Junior Year.

Her hobbies are draw-

ing and painting. Her favorite food is Crawfish and Cajun food, Seafood and BBQ and her favorite music is Texas Country, Country,



Mallory May

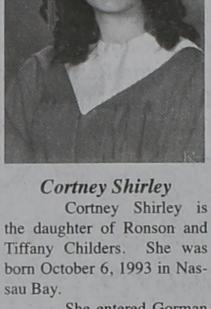
She entered Gorman daughter of Julie and the late Rob- ing in Child Psychology. She plans to attend Schools in 6th grade and trans- bie May. She was born May 6, 1993 in Eastland.

Schools in 1997

She plans to attend Cis-UIL, Band and Choir - Sophomore co College and get my basis and doing Interior Design and Photog-

I participated in Band, and Band.

Her favorite food is out with friends and shopping. Her favorite food is Piz-



She entered Gorman Schools in 1998.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University or Howard Payne University then later become a Teacher and Coach.

Cortney participated in Volleyball - 4 years; Cheerleading - 4 years; Basketball - 1 year; Softball - 3 years; Track - 2 years; PALS - 1 1/2 years; Band - 3 years; Drum Major - Junior Year; Band Sweetheart - Junior Year and Miss Gorman - Junior Year.

Her hobbies are swimming, spending time with my family and friends, coaching kids volleyball.

Her favorite foods are Mexican, Italian and American and her favorite music is Christian and Country.



Kaye Fischer

Kaye Fischer is the daughter of William and April Fischer and Jody Richards. She was born September 28, 1991 in Eastland.

She entered Gorman

Schools in 2009. She plans to attend Job Core and be in Medical

Her hobbies are spending time with friends and family.

Her favorite food is Pizza and Taco Bell and her favorite music is Country.



McKenzie Kay Osborne

McKenzie Kay Osand Melissa Osborne. She was born June 28, 1994 in Eastland.

Schools in Pre-Kindergarten.

She plans to attend

I participated in Nation Honor Society member She entered Gorman and Vice President; One Act ing, Marching); Yearbook; Play - Makeup Artist; FFA 10 years; ECLRA - 10 year award; Stuco - 3 years - Vice President this year; PALs; Basketball; Volleyball; Track;

Her hobbies are Her hobbies are hanging walking my dog, hanging with friends.

Her favorite food is awesomeness and her favorite mu- za and her favorite music is Coun- BBQ and her favorite music is Country.



James Thomas

James Thomas is the son of Caylea Thomas. He was born October 24, 1993 in Eastland.

He entered Gorman Schools in 1999.

He plans to attend Cisco College and major in Business Management.

Track, Football, Choir, Tennis, O.A.P. And Band.

James participated in

His hobbies are Mu-

His favorite food is Spaghetti. James's favorite mu-



Katey Thackerson

Katey Thackerson is the daughter of Michelle Hampton and Tony Thackerson. She was born September 1, 1994 in Jacksonville, Flori-

She entered Gorman Schools in 1998.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University and

major in Business. Katey participated in Basketball - 2 years; Track - 3 years; Softball- 1 year; Yearbook - 2 years and Band - 3

Her hobbies are sleeping, tanning by the pool,

and hanging with friends. Her favorite food is Mexican and Italian and her favorite music is Texas Coun-



Alice Patricia Rose Reneau

Alice Patricia Rose Reneau is the daughter of Pat Reneau (grandmother) and borne is the daughter of Phil Brian Dumith (father). She was born January 11, 1993 in Eastland.

> She entered Gorman She entered Gorman Schools her Freshman year, transferring from Ranger.

She plans to become Mallory May is the Texas Tech University major- an EMT at Texas State Technical College in Brownwood.

I participated in Band (Concert Sight read-UIL District - (Ready Writing, Headline and Future) and Colorguard.

Her hobbies are fishing, writing poetry, photography, horse back riding, riding four wheelers.

Her favorite food is Chinese, Mexican and Italian and her favorite music is Country, Rock, Christian and Contemporary.

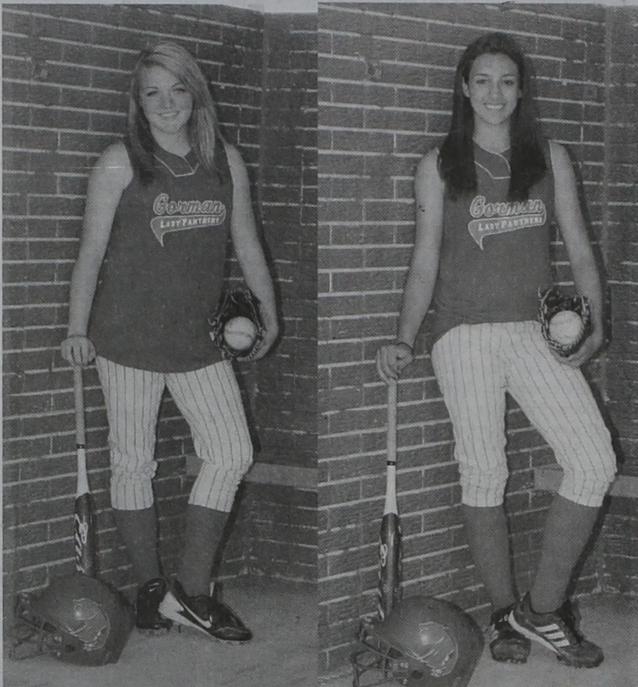
Lady Panthers Softball Team - All District List

The Lady Panthers had six girls named to the All District List for the Softball Season.

Melissa Ramirez was named to the First Team All-District Mykisha Hampton was named to the First Team All-District Kinsey Johnston was named to the Second Team All-District

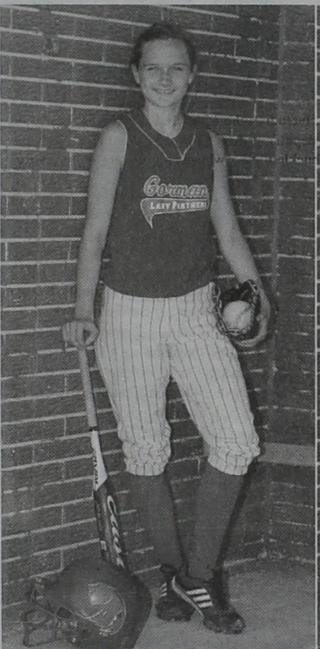
Megan Gray was named to the Second Team All-District Holly Wood and Jacquelynn Rainey were both named on the Honorable Mention List.

Congratulations to these girls on a fine season.

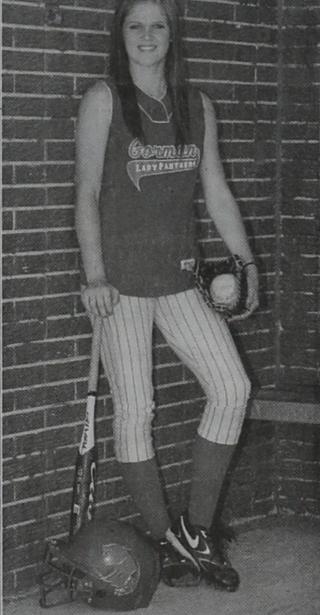


Mykisha Hampton

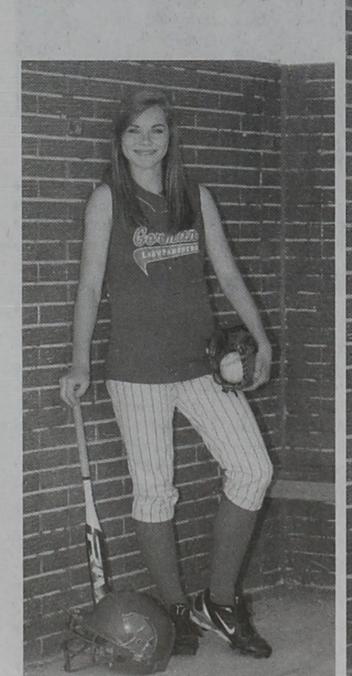
Melissa Ramirez



Megan Gray



Kinsey Johnston



Holly Wood



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T. J. Cummings **Announces For Re-Election As Commissioner Pct. 3**

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been an asset as the commissioner's court is responsible for the management of county finances, in addition to the maintenance and improvement of the county road and bridge system.

I believe our government should be conservative in spending as all their funds actually come from the taxpayers. I pay the same taxes you do and expect the same prudent use of these funds by our government as you. As a result of these feelings I have reduced the Precinct 3 budget since I took office by 48%. I have been able to accomplish this while paying off a loan of \$225,000 for 2 road graders, adding 1 full time employee to our workforce, and adding approximately 40 miles of roads to the precinct due to redistricting.

I have devoted myself to the commissioners position full time for the past 3 years and firmly believe that is what it take to do the job efficiently, and, if re-elected I will continue to do so. The only promise I can make to you is this: I will continue to represent you, the people of Eastland County Precinct 3, to the best of my ability and in your best interest should you reelect me as your commissioner. I work for you full time now, and I would be honored to continue to do so. Thank you for your time and

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Randy Bledsoe - Candidate - Commissioner Pct 3

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required to build wind farms on site. At present, I am employed part-time with the City of Ranger as Street Foreman, and I raise cattle.

In these tough economic times, I believe we need to measure twice and cut once. Should you elect me as you Commissioner, I will do my utmost to use county funds, your tax dollars, to their full capacity. Your time and your vote are greatly appreciated. God Bless. Paid Political Ad by Randy Bledsoe, CR 295, Carbon, Texas 76435

GORMAN LIBRARY OFFERS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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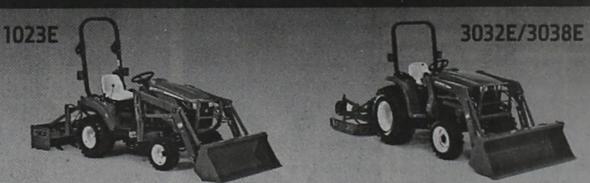
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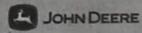
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Game Photo - Gorman vs. Windthorst - Jonathan Fenley is shown waiting for the throw to First base in game action recently. Gorman will play Dodd City on Thursday and Saturday in next round of playoffs.

Photo courtesy of Jenny Schroeder Assistant Editor Archer County News

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WHERE WILL READING TAKE YOU THIS SUMMER?

Happenings At FBC!!

Graduate! To measure off, mark off, or divide up; graduation is completion of one chapter as well as the door way into the next chapter of a life. Seek God in all you do, He wants the best for you!

Mark your calendars:

May 23rd - 7:30pm - 8th Grade Promotion.

May 25th - 7:30pm - GHS Class of 2012 Graduation.

May 28th – Memorial Day – Remember and give thanks for our fallen Soldiers.

June 4th thru 8th – 8:30am to 11:30am – "Amazing Wonders Aviation" Vacation Bible School.

Special Music: Stratton Thompson played the piano with poise and confidence in the Lord; the piece was "Just As I Am".

Children's Sermon: Nikki showed the children a television remote control, and of course they all recognized it. She explained that there is an eye on it that sends a signal to the TV. The battery powers the signal in the remote so you can change channels and play movies. Likewise, prayers are our signal to God that we have needs and praise. God hears and responds to our prayers. Our Faith is our power and it gives us strength to serve and glorify God.

Special Presentation: Class of 2012 Graduates were recognized, God bless their future plans.

Special Music: FBC Choir - "Faith of Our Fathers"- A beautiful legacy of our Church Family.

Bro. Barry's Message: "Left In the Boat" - Mark 1:19-20 It was hot and the pasture was enormous; Bro. Barry told of these two young men working on their family's farm. They both started their tractor from the outside row and they met in the middle. As they both wiped the sweat from their brow they could see the trail of dust their parent's truck made across the pasture. Their daddy and mama were bringing dinner; she made as only she could do. Their parents went back to the house. The boys sat on their tractors talking about their love and appreciation for their parents while they finished drinking their cold water. Before starting up their tractors they looked beside them and their stood a man; they both were incredibly perplexed by how the man could be standing there without them seeing him walk through the pasture. It seemed the man appeared out of nowhere. The man was dressed in strange clothes and wore sandals. The man said He would make them farmers of men in fields over all the earth, and asked them to follow Him. Mark 1:16) One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 17) Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" 18) And they left their nets at once and followed him.:19) A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. 20) He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men." At once is also translated as straight away so that means immediately. When our parents give us a command we generally obey or have the consequence to pay. If you were on that tractor in the middle of the pasture and Jesus asked you to get down and follow Him, what would you do? What Does It Mean To Become A Christian:

I. Jesus Calls For Followers. – Jesus doesn't want you to dismiss your responsibility to your family and your job. He wants you to follow Him, and live your life centred

II. Jesus Calls For Change. – Faith and works go hand in hand. Jesus changes people, if they let Him. Keep your promises to God. God keeps His promise to you. You will make mistakes and you will have disappointments in life. God is with you and will never leave you.

III. Jesus Calls For Response. – You are a child of God and Jesus is calling you. Follow the leader was a game we played as kids, but life is not a game and we have the choice to answer God's call to follow Him or not. Ask Jesus to help you with the decisions in your life. When you reach the forks in your road, do your best to make decisions that will bring glory to God and honor to your family.

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savoir please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

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 fbcgorman@hotmail.com

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

It is time for our annual garage sale here at the DAC. Each year we think there can't be anything more to sell and every year you great folks donate wonderful items to help make our sale a success. Thank you! If you have been to our garage sales, you know that we have lots of nice items and low prices. If you haven't, come and join the fun. I can almost guarantee that you will find something that you 'need'! The sale will be this Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 until 5:00.

The following Saturday, June 2, will be 'Breakfast at the DAC'. Can you believe it will be June already!

I have it on good authority that there will be a new business opening soon in Desdemona – watch for more information.

Please be very careful if you have to burn – the burn bans are still off but there is a lot of fuel for fires around. Just a little wind can turn a little flame into a raging fire.

Pray for rain!

See you in Desdemonal

Carol Pell

Texas Motorists Warned to Buckle Up or Pay Up Starting May 21 Police Out in Force May 21 — June 3 for Click It or Ticket Campaign

AUSTIN— From May 21 through June 3, including the Memorial Day weekend, thousands of state troopers, police officers and sheriff's deputies across the Lone Star state will be on the lookout for drivers and passengers who are not buckled up or whose children are not properly restrained.

Throughout this two week-long enforcement period of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual Click It or Ticket campaign, drivers and passengers who choose not to fasten their seat belts could be pulled over and fined up to \$250, plus court costs.

Texas law requires that both drivers and passengers wear seat belts. Children younger than 8 years old must ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. TxDOT uses the "Click It or Ticket" campaign to raise awareness about the law surrounding seat belt use and the importance of always buckling up.

"It only takes a minute to strap on your seat belt and to make sure that everyone else in your vehicle is properly restrained," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations division director. "That one minute can save a life. We shouldn't have to remind people to wear seat belts. But just in case, police officers around the state will be pulling over folks who still have not gotten the mes-

Traffic crashes remain a leading cause of death in Texas. In 2011, nearly 3,000 people died in fatal collisions on Texas streets and highways. Almost half of those drivers and passengers were not buckled up. Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent for car occupants and 60 percent for light-truck occupants.

"Click It or Ticket is not just about writing tickets. It's about saving lives," said Rawson. "Seat belt use in Texas is much higher than it was when we started this effort 11 years ago, but we still have some holdouts. We want everyone to get on board with the habit of buckling up."

Most at risk for serious injury or death are pickup truck drivers and passengers. Pickups account for one in four registered vehicles in Texas and are twice as likely to roll in a crash. However, seat belt use among pickup drivers and passengers continues to lag. Ninety-one percent of pickup drivers buckle up compared to 95 percent of other drivers. And, only 80 percent of truck passengers use seat belts compared to 92 percent of passengers in other vehicles.

In fact, Texas currently ranks seventh in the nation for overall seat belt use, and 93.7 percent of Texas motorists use seat belts according to the Texas Transportation Institute. Experts at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimate that the steady increase in seat belt usage in Texas over the past 10 years has resulted in 2,843 fewer traffic fatalities, 48,000 fewer serious injuries and a savings to the state of more than \$10 billion in associated costs.

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Deadline Approaches for 3 Farm Service Agency Programs

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that the approaching June 1, 2012 deadline is for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE), the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE).

It is crucial that producers meet the deadline for these programs in order to receive disaster and income support. FSA realizes that farmers and ranchers take risks everyday and these programs form part of the safety net that can keep producers operating after devastating natural disasters and during times of low market prices.

The SURE program compensates producers for production and/or quality losses during times of disaster. All producers who have experienced crop production and/or crop quality losses during the 2010 crop year must apply for SURE program benefits by the June 1 deadline. Eligibility requirements differ between producers located in counties designated as a primary or contiguous disaster county by the Secretary of Agriculture and between producers located in non-disaster counties. In addition to other eligibility requirements, producers must have purchased crop insurance through the Federal Crop Insurance Act or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

While SURE helps after natural disasters strike, DCP and ACRE provide income support when there is a decline in commodity prices. Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment. Direct payment rates are established by statute regardless of market prices. FSA reminds producers that the 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments for 2012. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price.

ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state and farm level. All owners and operators who will share in the DCP and ACRE payments on the farm must sign up by June 1.

For questions regarding SURE, DCP or ACRE sign-up, please contact the Eastland County FSA office at 254-629-1636.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have average attendance each Sunday. Bobby Duncan of Merkel was the guest speaker last Sunday. Song Service was led by Jana Johnson with Karen Fair at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Estelle Lindley. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson was able to attend Church last Sunday but had to stay "quite" as he is recovering very well since recent throat surgery. He plans to be back in the pulpit this coming Sunday. Visitors are welcome to attend each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. For Worship service.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will have a 140th Church Celebration in June. More details on this at a later date. Our pastor, Bro. Charlie Johnson and all the members will take part in making this a wonderful Celebration to remember.

Victor Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 26th. Bring a basket of food for your family to spread with others attending. Everyone does enjoy the good food and fellowship each year.

Karen Fair, Jade Guthery, Belinda Guthery and Vonnie Guthery attended the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday afternoon at the De Leon First Baptist Church for the Senior Class of 2012.

"Congratulations" to our great grand-daughter, Lorin as she graduates on Saturday from De Leon High School. Granny Coon and Granke Guthery are so proud of you for your dedication and achievement. We love you and "Good Luck" in the future.

Have a good day, Vonnie

Arbor Day - A Day To Celebrate and Plant Trees

Arbor Day, a day set aside to celebrate and encourage the planting of trees, was first established over 135 years ago. It is to be celebrated the last Friday of each April but I think any day is a good day to take notice and plant a tree. You don't have to look very hard to find some trees that didn't survive our recent weather. We all hope the rain starts back soon but a young tree doesn't require much water and is a gift that keeps on giving for years.

Arbor Day is related specifically to public relations. In reality, the best time to plant a tree is in the fall months when the tree is not blooming. This gives the tree a chance to expand and produce strong roots because the soil stays nice and warm despite the blistery conditions above ground. There's never really a bad time to plant a tree but planting in the fall gives your trees, and shrubs, a chance to grow where it counts before the spring when it will produce leaves, flowers and fruit.

The best things to do now is LOOK and ask questions to choose the best tree for your needs and wants while they are blooming and in their full beauty. The Internet serves as a great but tricky resource. Google searching a description of a tree or shrub then clicking images will net a plethora of pictures, some of which may be incorrectly tagged. Double and triple check the information you find on the Internet to verify the identity and name of the specimen you are after. Also, take a picture and bring it to us so we can help you not only identify but locate the tree for you to plant when the summer heat is over. Contact me at Gynnalyn@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/TheGreenhouseDeleon.

Food Manager Certification Offered

How often does your family eat meals away from home? According to experts, Americans reported eating out approximately five times a week in 2006. Ease, convenience, and cost were cited as the top reasons respondents ate away from home.

In order to provide a service to the community and to restaurants, area food service managers and employees will have the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Food Manager Certification course sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Erath County. This course prepares an individual to take the ServSafe test which fulfills state requirements and has national recognition. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) requires each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

To accommodate area restaurants, Texas AgriLife Extension offers a full one-day class with the test given at the end of the course day. The location for the course will be in Stephenville on Tuesday, June 19th at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center (U S 281 and Lingleville Highway) from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or whenever the last person finishes their test! Deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 12th. Cost is \$105.00 which includes the course, book, and the test fee.

The forms and registration information can also be found at http://foodsafety.tamu.edu

Extension agents teaching the courses are Donna White, CEA-FCS Erath County (254/965-1460 or dwhite@ag.tamu.edu) and Kim Miles, CEA-FCS Brown County (325-646-7410 or k-miles@ag.tamu.edu)

These classes are designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety helps keep customers safe and satisfied. If you have any questions about the course, please contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agents listed above.

HEALTH

Baby Boomers: Don't Let Osteoarthritis Slow You Down

NewsUSA

(NU) - Osteoarthritis affects an estimated 27 million Americans and is the most common type of arthritis. Women over the age of 50 have a greater risk of suffering from osteoarthritis than men of the same age. In fact, women overall are more likely to experience a decrease in their activity level.

With osteoarthritis, the tissue that serves as a 'cushion' between joints breaks down and causes the joints to rub together. This can result in chronic pain, stiffness, and decreased mobility. Chronic pain can be one of the most difficult parts of dealing with osteoarthritis, and it can get in the way of routine activities that make life rich and fulfilling such as working, driving, shopping or even hugging a grandchild. A majority of people with osteoarthritis say it is difficult to be physically active. This puts them at risk for other medical problems, such as heart disease, diabetes and weight gain.

"For many individuals, the main goal is to effectively treat the symptoms of osteoarthritis and stay active," says Society for Women's Health Research spokesperson Carmen Green, M.D., Professor of Anesthesiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Associate Professor of Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan. "Treatment may include a mix of physical therapy, acupuncture, massage and prescription pain medications, including over-thecounter products, anti-inflamma-



Women over 50 are more likely to decrease their activity level than men.

tory drugs and opioid medica-

Experts believe the sooner osteoarthritis is diagnosed and treated, the better the chances are of preventing it from getting worse. Those battling osteoarthritis should see a doctor about managing their pain. They - and their caregivers - should also learn as much as they can and be actively involved in their own treatment

To learn more about osteoarthritis and how to treat the symptoms, visit the Society for Women's Health Research at www.swhr.org. This website will direct visitors to resources that contain a variety of information on pain conditions, such as pain assessment and measurement tools, and links to pain education and advocacy groups. The content can help people with osteoarthritis better understand the condition and improve their ability to talk about pain with their healthcare provider.

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