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Baseball Sign-ups

It is time to get ready for Baseball / Softball. We are starting to sign up this week. The signup will for the month of March. You can come to the High School Gym on March 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The deadline for the forms and the money will be March 30th. We are looking forward to getting started.

Anyone that is interested in being a Coach or that was a Coach last year. There will be a Coaches meeting on April 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. If you coached last year please bring the equipment with you to the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a referee, there is a class that is forming in Brownwood. You can contact Barbara Fenley and she can get you the information.

Forms to sign-up will be available at City Hall.

Unapproved Minutes of City Commission

MARCH 1, 2007

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Joe Casey, Don Underwood, Nathan Files, and Charlie Torrez. Others present were Bill Underwood, Lori Dodd, Officer Billy Carson and Officer David Stanley.

Don led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Ervin called the meeting to order @ 5:31 p.m.

Don made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Joe made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Nathan made a second. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Charlie arrived.

Bill Underwood was present to discuss ways in which the county could lend some aid on street repairs. The last week in March is a tentative date for starting on the portion of Ector Street.

Tacy is to get some price quotes from Baxter Chemical, Cain Pool and Spa, and Jay Way for a chemical system at the pool and proper pumps for the pool. Tacy is to call Traci Pierce and see if she is still interested in managing the pool this season.

Gorman ISD Prom Committee called to request a contribution for the 2007 Prom. Nathan made a motion to contribute \$25 as a door prize. Joe made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Billy presented a cost for window tinting on the patrol pick ups. Nathan made the motion to approve both pick ups for tint. Don made a second. Motion carried 4-0. The window tint helps protect the radar and radio equipment, etc.

Joe made the motion to approve all current employees for an expense credit card with American State Bank. Each card has to have an employee's name on it, due to more strict security measures for vendors. Each employee that has educational training or travel expense is approved for this credit card. Tacy will take care of the proper paper work with the bank. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Charlie made the motion to ad an Optional \$1 charge to the water bills for building an account for the Community Center. This will potentially help defray costs of improvements and to aid in the process of building a new community center. Don made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Don made the motion to approve the contract with Brandon Powell for shooting a movie here in Gorman with portions of the movie being shot on City property. Charlie made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Joe made the motion to Quit Claim Deed the property just south of Mario Ramirez to Mario Ramirez. This being the property of the "Old" baseball field, and just north of the Slater property. This will be a deed without warranty. Mario will be responsible for the legal paper work. Don made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further business for discussion Joe made the motion to adjourn with a second from Charlie. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 6:50 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library is open every Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 starting September 2nd.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST FROM 9 - NOON

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet Every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Donations can be sent to Aline Garrett, P. O. Box 711, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank.

FOOD BANK

New Hours - 10 - 11:00 a.m.
Second Thursday

Boy Scouts

Meeting Week
Tuesdays — 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall - Amy Wood - 734-2973.

VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Mark Wilkerson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

Chamber Banquet Monday, March 29th

The Annual Gorman Chamber of commerce Awards Banquet is approaching. The date is Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7 p.m. at Z. J.'s Steakhouse.

Featured entertainment will be "For By Grace", a gospel entertainment group from Brownwood, Texas.

A new part of the banquet this year will be a Silent Auction. Come and bid on your favorite item.

The Community Service and Special Recognition Award will be presented, along with the Academic Awards to the top individuals of Grades 9 through 12.

Tickets will be \$15.00 this year and may be purchased at the following business firms or from any director of the Chamber: Veronica Seaton; George Simmons, Gorman Pharmacy; Daryl Hirst, G & H Feeds; Judy Warren; Bob Wilkerson; Ray Daniels and Terry Treadway.

The Chamber invites you to make plans to attend the Banquet.

Benefit Account Started At ASB For Jeff Seaton

A Benefit Account has been set up at the American State Bank in Gorman, Texas for *The Messengers* tenor Jeff Seaton, to help with medical expenses.

Please make checks payable to ASB with "Jeff Seaton Benefit Fund" in the notation. If you wish to mail a donation, send it to:

American State Bank
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Gorman, TX 76454

A Benefit Dinner and Auction are currently pending for March 31st.

Three Positions Open On GISD School Board

THREE positions will come open for the May 12, 2007 election for school board trustee to be elected at large. These positions will be for three-year terms and are currently held by Bobby Rich, Melinda Harrington, and Beth Underwood. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 12, 2007. Deadline for filing will be March 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Incumbents, Beth Underwood and Melinda Harrington have filed for a place on the ballot. Bob Powell has also filed for a place on the ballot. Monday, March 12 is the last day to file for a place on the ballot. The school office will be open Monday, March 12 for filing between the hours of 1 pm and 5 pm.

Hello To All My Friends In Gorman

This is to remind you that Easter is just around the corner and I have marked April 7 on my calendar to be at the annual Easter Treasure Hunt downtown Gorman. I look forward to seeing everyone again this year and see how much all of you have grown. Get those baskets ready because we will have a lot of treasures to find again this year.

My helper Ina will be around before long looking for donations. Donations can be left at Smith's Service Station, Bob's Gro., or City Grocery. Accepting donations of money, treasures, or candy (please no chocolate).

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunny

SOMETHING NEW IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN ON FRIDAY NIGHT APRIL 6 HERE IN GORMAN. MORE LATER.....Ina

House Bill 2061 Passes The House

The Texas House of Representatives passed House Bill 2061 (HB 2061). The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Jim Keffer (R - Eastland) was passed in response to an Attorney General Opinion issued an opinion last Wednesday requiring county clerks to remove all social security numbers from certified copies of any documents filed in their offices. The opinion also stated that releasing documents to the public containing such social security numbers would subject county clerks to criminal liabilities under State law.

In response, dozens of county clerks were forced to close their offices in order to avoid liability, and as a result many real estate, oil and gas and other transactions across the state were halted as parties could not gain access to critical documents stored in the clerks' offices. In response to this development, the Attorney General abated his opinion for 60 days in order to give the Legislature a chance to amend state law.

"Protecting public servants and the free access to information is a major priority for this Legislature," Speaker Tom Craddick (R - Midland) said. "I would like to thank Rep. Keffer for his timely response to this issue."

HB 2061 recognizes that clerks do not currently have the employees or the resources to look through the enormous amount of documents in their possession to redact every social security number. Numerous industries, including title insurance companies, landmen, banking and real estate, rely upon daily access to records maintained by county clerks in order to conduct their business. House Bill 2061 states that a county clerk or district clerk is not liable for the disclosure of a social security number contained in a document filed with their respective office.

However, HB 2061 does provide consumers with a new weapon to battle identity theft. Upon the request of any citizen, the clerk must redact all but the last four digits of a social security number on any particular document in their office. HB 2061 also directs preparers of real estate documents to cease putting social security numbers in these documents.

"With this legislation, we are allowing our clerks to get back to business as usual and allow access to those businesses that depend on the records recorded by the clerk," Rep. Jim Keffer said. "HB 2061 provides a safe harbor for county clerks from civil or criminal liability of documents that they maintain for the public and gives Texans an opportunity to redact their social security numbers from county records."

Gorman Panther Baseball

Here is some results of Panther Baseball:

Gorman and Gordon - Feb. 27

	Runs	Hits	Errors
Gorman	12	11	0
Gordon	2	3	0
Innings	1	2	3
Gorman	0	1	6
Gordon	0	0	1

Extra Base Hits: Double - Underwood, Swanner, Clark; Triples - Clark and Johnson.

Winning Pitcher - Aaron Keith - 1&0

IP	AB	H	R	ER	BB	SO
5	22	3	2	2	3	6

March 1 - Gorman vs. Archer City

	1	2	3	4	5	Runs	Hits	Errors
Gorman	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Archer City	2	1	0	0	10	13	9	0

Pitching

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tyson Swanner	4	6	6	3	2	2
Matt Underwood	2/3	3	7	6	3	0
Aaron Keith	1/3	0	0	0	0	1

March 3 - Gorman vs. Ranger

	1	2	Runs	Hits	Errors
Gorman	17	1	18	11	0
Ranger	3	0	3	5	8

Pitching:

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Aaron Keith	2	5	3	3	1	5

Team No District Record - 5-2

District Games This Week: Albany Here Tues. 4 p.m.

Baird There Fri. 4 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time Is Arriving-Set Clocks One Hour Ahead on Sunday

STARTING THIS YEAR, Daylight Saving Time has been changed from its traditional calendar dates to a start three weeks earlier -- Sunday, March 11 -- and a finish one week later--Sunday, November 4. Daylight Saving Time is practiced in order to gain an extra hour of daylight during the early evening, resulting in the conservation of energy by substituting natural sunlight for electrical lighting.

Two Terms Up On City Commission

Two terms on the City Commission will expire in May. Commissioners Places #1 and #3 are among the positions to be filled on the May General Election. These positions are currently held by Nathan Files and Don Underwood. Applications for a place on the ballot being February 12 and continue through til March 12, 2007. Applications can be completed during regular city office hours.

CITY OFFICE NEWS AND REMINDERS

ALLIED / BFI would like for this office to remind our residents that the poly carts need to be at the edge of the street, and open back towards your house, please.

Only items in the poly carts will be picked up. If you have more than one poly cart, please place them about 5 feet apart on pick up day. We really appreciate your cooperation during the transition to the one day pick up. If you have experienced any problems with trash pick up. Please notify this office @ 734-2317. Please report your problems as soon as you are aware of them.

Beginning in April

The Commission in efforts to upgrade, maintain, and hopefully build a new Community Center, has passed a motion to put an optional \$1.00 donation charge on the water bill. This amount will be added in but you do have the option to not pay it. Lori Dodd, EDC director, is in the process of applying for grants to build a new facility.

Clean Up Week Has Been Set

Curb Side clean up is scheduled for the week of April 9 - 12. BFI ALLIED will pick up curb side on Tuesday April 10, and if all cannot be picked up, they will return on Thursday to finish. Also please note that Large Item Pick Up will not be on April 5, it will fall under the curb side clean up. Large item pick up will resume on the first Thursday of July

Jack Harrison Now At Daughters House

Jack Harrison has been moved to his daughters, Patricia Phillips' house and can be reached at his phone #903-223-8802. Texarkana. He would like to hear from friends.

Rapid Cable Rep. To Be In Gorman March 15th

Rapid Cable Representative will be in Gorman on Thursday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the City Office to answer Citizens questions and grievances about the cable service.

Gorman Annual Staff Now Selling Annuals

Orders for the 2006-2007 Gorman Panther Spirit annual are now being taken. Orders may be placed by contacting Becky Swanner at the high school (254) 734-2614, or by sending the following order form to the high school at P.O. Box 8, Gorman TX 76454

2006-2007 Gorman Panther Spirit Annual order form.

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Obituaries

Jo Nell Barnes

Jo Nell Barnes, age 81 of De Leon, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at De Leon Nursing and Rehab. Services were at 11 a.m. Friday, March 2 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Jackie Auvenshine officiating. Burial was in Comyn Cemetery.

She was born on June 30, 1925 to the late Joe Koonce and Ruby T. Harris. She married Bill Barnes on February 24, 1945 in Dublin, Tx. she was a homemaker; devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother; had resided in Duster/De Leon area all of her life; she was member of Duster Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Barnes of De Leon; three sons, Billy Mack Barnes and wife Judy of De Leon, Phil Barnes and wife Donna of Dublin, and Randy Barnes and wife Paula of De Leon; nine grandchildren, Amanda Welch, Misty Gilliam and husband Dr. Shane Gilliam, Chad Barnes, chayla Eudy and husband Keith, Chase Barnes and wife Jaime; Colby Barnes, Terra Jobe and husband Jackson, Kendall Brinson and husband Jason and Rance Barnes and wife Brianna; 10 great-grandchildren, Eric, Cody, Evan, Carlee, Kyler, Tayin, Chloe, Kalison, Brice and Kambree.

She was also preceded by her step-father, Roy Hammers.

Pallbearers were Dr. Shane Gilliam, Keith Eudy, Chad Barnes, Chase Barnes, Colby Barnes, Jackson Jobe and Jason Brinson.

Elsie Powell Loudermilk

Elsie Powell Loudermilk, age 86 of San Diego, CA. passed away on Friday, February 23, 2007. Services were held Friday, March 2 at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with David Fair officiating. Burial was in Downing Cemetery.

Elsie was born August 20, 1920 in Brownwood, Texas to the late Robert L. Lee Powell and Aura Dunn Powell. She married George Martin Loudermilk on August 3, 1940 in Brownwood. She was a homemaker, retired registered nurse; she was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Ronald Gail Loudermilk of Albuquerque, NM; one daughter, Linda Carole Johnson of San Diego, CA; four grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Martin Loudermilk; one son, Robert Loudermilk and one brother, Troy Powell.

Edith Belyeu

Edith Belyeu, age 85 of Breckenridge, died Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Hendrick Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 6th, at Morehart Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Leo Brooks officiating. Burial will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the Alameda Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Edith Olene Duvall was born on March 20, 1921 in Peacock, Texas to parents May Duvall and Ruby Mae McCauley Duvall. She attended school in the Alameda Community and married Barney Octavio Belyeu on July 11, 1936 in Gorman, Texas. Edith and Barney moved to Breckenridge from Levelland in 1976. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and the Ladies Home Extension Club. Edith also served as a docent of the Breckenridge Fine Arts Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister.

Edith is survived by two sons, Bob Belyeu & wife, Judy, of Lexington, and Jim Belyeu & wife, Patricia, of Plainview; one daughter, Bonnie Marsh of Breckenridge; four grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Breckenridge Fine Arts Center or Trinity Baptist Church and may be left at Morehart Mortuary. Condolences may be sent online at www.morehartmortuary.net.

The year is going by fast. We can't believe it is already March but we are all ready for spring. We have been doing some spring house cleaning and putting out some spring decorations.

Friday March 1st was National Pig Day and National Peanut Butter Lovers Day. So in honor of these 2 we had "Pigs and Peanuts". We named all the famous Pigs we could think of and had some fun with puns and jokes. Then we had fresh baked Peanut Butter Cookies. We do have some different activities besides bingo. We have been doing some embroidery, painting some sun catchers, several ladies like to get together and play dominoes but could use a few more players. Everyone is invited to come and join us for any and all activities.

We would like to invite everyone to come and join us on Friday March 8th at 2:30 for bible study with Pastor Mike Tumillo. Pastor Mike is our facility Chapin. He is here for employees, residents, family members and friends. Please feel free to come and join us.

Some important or interesting dates coming up: March 8th International Working Women's Day. March 9th is the anniversary of the First Ford Mustang Produced (1964).

It is also the anniversary of the patent for false teeth (1822). Birthday of Barbie (1959) and it is Employee Appreciation Day. Take your Employees to lunch, give them a bonus or a raise (Hey Barbara are you reading this?) or just tell them how much you appreciate them. Day light savings time begins on the 11th. Quidia Hummell from Carbon, Salata Brown of Ranger visited with Eunice Love, and Imogene Norris. Rozelle Caraway of Eastland visited with Imogene Norris and Troy Scitem.

Visiting with Jewel Snider were Maudie and Bill Moll of Cisco and

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By Zelda Jordan

Peggy and Bobby Ingram of Putman. Visiting with Lottie Morris were Pam and Mark Hulse of Hobbs New Mexico, Freddie and Kay Rodgers, Kay Snider and Helen and Woodrow Browning.

James, Jo, and Jason came and took Imogene to DeLeon to watch her great grandson, Matthew Majors play in the pee wee tournament. Matthew plays on an Eastland team. They also stopped at Highway 6 for supper. Jaenna Pack from Carbon came over for a visit with Imogene.

Ima Boles shared with me how lucky she is to have such a loving caring family. They always come to visit and brighten her day. Those visiting were Jimmy Little, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Betty Little, and Bill Boles of Granbury.

We all look forward to Betty Little coming and playing Crazy Bingo with us.

Visiting with Eunice Love were Larry and Joy Campbell, Ronnie and Barbara Love, and Talee Jones. At this time, Eunice's grandson-in-law, David Wiseman (he is one of the coaches here at Gorman) is in the Abilene Regional Hospital. He and his family can really use your prayers.

Visiting Troy Scitem were Suzanne Magin of Lingleville, Tommy and Laverne Carr of Whitney, Johnny Scitem and Johnny Johnson.

We had a good group of singers on Monday afternoon. One of these days I will remember to write everyone's names down so I won't forget who comes.

By the way, if you have not met our new administrator, Barbara Brandon, please come up and meet her. She is doing a great job and I really appreciate her.

Until next time...Ina

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100 a west De Leon FMS87, 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 \$295,000.00
NEW: 140 A, west De Leon 130+ coastal, 80A irr. pivot, 9 wells, reservoir, u/g elec/pipe, excellent fences, pond, paved road, some minerals, nice. \$489,000
160 A m/l east Gorman on FM2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral, indications show lots deer, turkey and hogs, mineral rights. \$2,900.00
NEW: 179 A, south Gorman, part wooded, part overgrown fields, lots of deer & hog sign, leased last season, small pond, sandy soil, elec., several wells. \$2,250 acre.
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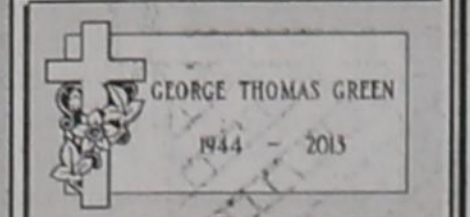
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- 100 A, with 5 stock tanks, water well, pipe corrals, good fences, improved varieties of coastal, native pasture, cultivation, and hunting. [MMS01] \$225,000.
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KOKOMO NEWS

BY ZELDA JORDAN

Bro. Jim Haggard is now serving as the interim pastor of the Kokomo Baptist Church. Welcome to Bro. Jim and his wife, Bobbie. We are happy to have them with us.

Visitors are welcome to come and worship with us on Sunday morning in Sunday School at 10:00 and worship service at 11:00; Sunday evening at 5:00 and on Wednesday evening at 6:00.

Bro. Haggard has been bringing some very enlightening messages from Revelation about the Rapture, the tribulation period, the second coming of Jesus Christ, and the anti-christ and the battle of Armageddon.

The Lord's Supper was observed on Sunday, March 4. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music singing "The Old Gospel Ship" and "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power". Visitors were Glenda Black and Emily Daniell of Abilene.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little were in Tyler the first of the week to visit with Arleen, Terry, Michael, Jonathan and Lauren Barfield and to be there when Lauren underwent surgery on Tuesday. They report that Lauren is doing well. Andrew Barfield who has been stationed with the U S Marines on Okinawa, left on Sunday for service in South Korea. The family was privileged to have a telephone visit with Andrew before he left Okinawa.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little went to Fredericksburg on Friday and attended the Latch Family Reunion on Saturday at the Thatch House at the Lady Bird Johnson Park. There were 50 descendants of W.Z. and Amanda Latch in attendance, some from as far away as Minnesota and Alaska. They reported that everyone had a great time.

Donna, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin of Graham visited with Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Sylvia Buchanan and Lenora Speer of Ranger accompanied Miranda Graham and the girl's power lifting team from Gorman High School to Big Spring on Saturday for the regional power lifting competition. The Gorman girls going were Nicole Cogburn, Rosa Herrera, Laura Herrera and Lindsay Laminack. They did real well, but lacked just a few points to qualify to go to the State meet. Congratulations to all of the girls for representing Gorman well.

Sylvia Buchanan and Laneta Freeman visited on Sunday afternoon with Nancy Hendricks.

Inetha Anderson of Baird visited with Sylvia Buchanan on Monday.

Doris Bradshaw and Sylvia Buchanan were in Brownwood on Monday for Doris's eye check-up and Billy Buchanan of Brownwood met them for lunch and a visit Billy is Doris's nephew and Sylvia's brother-in-law.

Renee Webb of Comanche and her granddaughters, Liberty and Ireland Hugg of De Leon visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Saturday.

LaVon Snider ate lunch with Dwayne and Connie Snider in Stephenville on Friday. On Friday afternoon she visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider and Jamie, Stephanie, Kael, Craig, Matthew, Anna and Andrew Snider of Hollis, OK who were also visiting the Ted Sniders. The Jamie Snider family were here to attend the funeral for Bob Etheridge on Friday. LaVon had supper with Ted and Charlotte on Friday night.

Those visiting with Mike, Crystal, Rachel and Michelle Snider on Saturday night and helping Michelle celebrate her second birthday were Gene and Kay Snider, LaVon Snider, Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay and Shirley and George Christie of Eastland.

Kay Snider visited with LaVon Snider on Wednesday.

Glenda Black and granddaughter, Emily Daniell of Abilene spent the weekend with Zelda Jordan.

Please keep praying for rain.

Super Notes

By David K. Perry
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What a busy week! Baseball, Softball, and Track kept everyone on the run. I know there were other things going on as well, but these three kept me busy. Our softball and baseball teams are doing great and it is exciting to watch them play. The schedules have been published in the paper and they are posted on our website. Take advantage of the free admission and come out and support these young athletes.

The Junior High competed in a track meet at Cross Plains Thursday and came in 4th place over-all. They did a great job. Many of these young athletes were completing for the first time. When I watch the Junior High athletes compete I get excited thinking about the future possibilities for varsity sports. The future looks bright for Gorman athletics!

The High School Track Team met with great success at the Cross Plains Track Meet on Friday. The boys won and the girls came in second. We certainly have a lot of talented kids that really put forth their best effort at this meet. I know they will all improve as track season progresses so it looks like we are in for a lot of fun this spring.

The girl's softball team did very good last week. They beat Cross Plains 10-4 and are now 1-0 in district. They play Albany and Baird this week. Keep up the good work girls!

Rosa Herrera and Nicole Cogburn both advanced to Regional's in Power-lifting and competed in Big Springs on Saturday. They did very well. They just missed advancing to state, but both had personal bests in their lift totals.

The baseball team played in the Ranger Tournament last week and their record was 2-1. They beat Gordon 12-2 and then lost to Archer City, a state ranked team, 13-1. But even though it was a loss, playing a good team in pre-season helps to make us better. Our team came back and beat Ranger 18-3, making us 2-1 for the tournament. Their over all record for the season so far is 5-2. The boy's first district games will be this week against Albany and Baird. Catch the excitement! Come out and support these athletes.

Grades P-K - 4 went to Tarleton on Friday to see the play, Aladdin. Everyone enjoyed it. It sure was quiet around our office with all the kids gone.

Due to spring break, our regular school board meeting was moved to March 5, 2007. We wound up moving the meeting to the conference room in Maxwell Elementary because of several other activities going on at the high school. The board meeting began at 7:00pm with an invocation by Bobby Rich and the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda and then received the fund balance and tax office reports from Superintendent Perry. He reported a fund balance for Gorman ISD of \$1,595,790.50 which includes all investments and cash. The fund balance for the EastEnd Special Education Coop was \$1,187,991.95. Coach Talbert then presented his report to the board, the highlight being that our boy's varsity track team won the Cross Plains Invitational Track Meet and that the girl's team took second place. Reports were then received by Counselor Hampton, Principal Reeves, and Principal Panter. All reports were positive - 3rd and 5th TAKS reading scores were up, everything on both campuses is going well, and enrollment is up to 354. Superintendent Perry reported that the most recent word from Austin is that there will be IFA and EDA funds included in the budget, but no amounts were disclosed. He also stated that he is presently investigating electric rates and contracts to see what will be available next year when out contract with GLO/Reliant expires. The board then unanimously appointed Jud Maxfield Election Judge for the May 13, 2007 election and Terry Treadway as Early Voting Clerk. The board then addressed the following personnel issues:

- Unanimously approved the list of term contracts presented for renewal by both campuses. The list of names being made a part of the minutes.

- Unanimously approved the list of probationary contracts presented for renewal by both campuses. The list of names being made a part of the minutes.

- By a vote of 6-0-1, with Beth Underwood abstaining, voted not to renew two first year probationary contracts. The list made a part of the minutes.

- Unanimously approved all contract extensions as presented by the EastEnd Special Education Coop. The list made a part of the official minutes.

The board then adjourned at 8:08pm. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be at 7:00pm, April 9, 2007 in the auditorium.

Important dates to remember:

- 3/7 Spring Pictures
- 3/8 HS Track Here
- 3/9 SB & BB @ Baird 4:00
JH Track @ De Leon
- 3/12 BB Here 1:00
- 3/13 SB @ Eula 10:00
- 3/14 BB @ Eula 1:00

March 5-9 Houston Stock Show-Lambs

Mr. Panter, our high school principal, was blessed over the weekend with what looked like a month's supply of toilet paper. Of course, it may be difficult to get it out of the trees and rolled back up into some usable form. Whoever it was must have been moving fast because they didn't really get very good coverage. But, they did get it way up in the trees. I don't think I could throw a roll of toilet paper as high as these guys did either! Did I say guys? I suppose some of our girls can throw that high, but it looks like a guy job to me. Girls would have gotten better coverage.

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.

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. The concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. serving sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. Come early to enjoy supper and have fellowship with all of the group before the dance begins at 7:00 p.m. til 9:30 p.m. Buck Sutton and The City Limits of the Brownwood area will provide the music for the dance. Alcohol and Smoking not allowed. Admission is \$4.00 per person for those that come to dance.

Ladies Monthly Social will be held on Monday morning, March 12th at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Hostesses for this event are Betty Duke and Hazel Koonce. Visitors are invited to attend.

Dorothy Roberts spent last Sunday night in Granbury visiting with her grand daughter, Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena. Dorothy was in Fort Worth on Monday for an appointment with her heart doctor. Get Well wishes to Dorothy from friends in Desdemona.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Gene Crenshaw of Alba, Texas. Survivors include his wife, Loretta (Reta Griffith) Crenshaw of Alba; one son, James Crenshaw of Lindale; one daughter, Sheila Frank of Plano; one sister, Patricia Herrington of Sulphur Springs. Reta attended school in Desdemona and graduated with the Class of 1945.

John and Karen Fair spent Friday, March 2 thru Wednesday, March 7th in Washington, D.C. John serves on the National Council Committee for V.F.W. They reported a good trip.

Please contact this reporter with your weekley news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks, have a Nice Day, Coon.

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer Update on Drought Relief for Farmers

Since last summer, I have been part of a bipartisan coalition of representatives that has called for Congress to pass drought relief legislation. The one-two punch of increased energy prices and drought hit the 19th District particularly hard, and relief is sorely needed to help farmers make ends meet. Fortunately, the prospects for a drought relief package are getting brighter.

The details of what this possible package would look like are still unclear. However, if it comes to the floor for a vote, it would most likely be part of an emergency supplemental spending bill whose primary function would be to fund the War on Terror.

Last year's drought is a true emergency for our farmers, and a congressional response is long overdue. As this important issue continues to make its way through the legislative process, I will continue to gather support for this legislation and keep Roundup readers up to speed on the latest developments.

Funding For Our Troops Becomes a Hot Issue

On the heels of the debate on the non-binding and irresponsible Iraq resolution from several weeks ago, news reports are surfacing that say some in the Democratic majority want the emergency spending bill to provide for a full retreat from Iraq. Ironically, this comes at a time when General Petraeus' new security strategy is showing signs of success.

My views on this issue are clear: retreating from Iraq would lead to disastrous consequences and put America's security in jeopardy. Including legislation in the emergency spending bill that allows politicians in Washington, D.C. to micromanage military strategy during a time of war is wrong and reckless. Therefore, it is my hope that the final bill responsibly addresses emergencies - such as the drought and funding for our troops - without creating obstacles that make it tougher for our military to complete their mission and achieve victory.

Keeping Our Promises to Our Returning Troops and Veterans

The Washington Post recently reported that troops returning from the battlefields of the War on Terror are not receiving the health care they deserve at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Ensuring that the brave men and women who defended our country get quality health care is a responsibility I take very seriously. In the short term, Congress has responded by holding hearings to determine the extent of the problem. However, what is needed is action. Congress needs to make sure that our commitment to our troops matches the commitment they have made to our country. I have supported past increases in the military and veterans medical service budgets, and further increases will be needed to meet the health care needs of our current troops and our veterans.

Legislative Update: House Passes Bill Enhancing Port Security

In last week's Roundup I mentioned that the House would be voting on a bill that, among other things, would help enhance security at our nation's ports while facilitating important international trade. Because securing our ports of entry is a key component of securing America, I'm pleased to report that this bill gained House approval with my support.


--Randy

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Yum! Wonderful breakfast, as usual, at the DAC last Saturday. It is always so nice to meet new people as well as visit with 'old' friends. Make plans to join us the first Saturday of each month for 'Breakfast at the DAC'. The next first Saturday will be April 7.

We would like to welcome a new family to Desdemona. Tim and Laura White and family have moved to our community, as Tim is the new pastor of the Baptist Church. WELCOME!

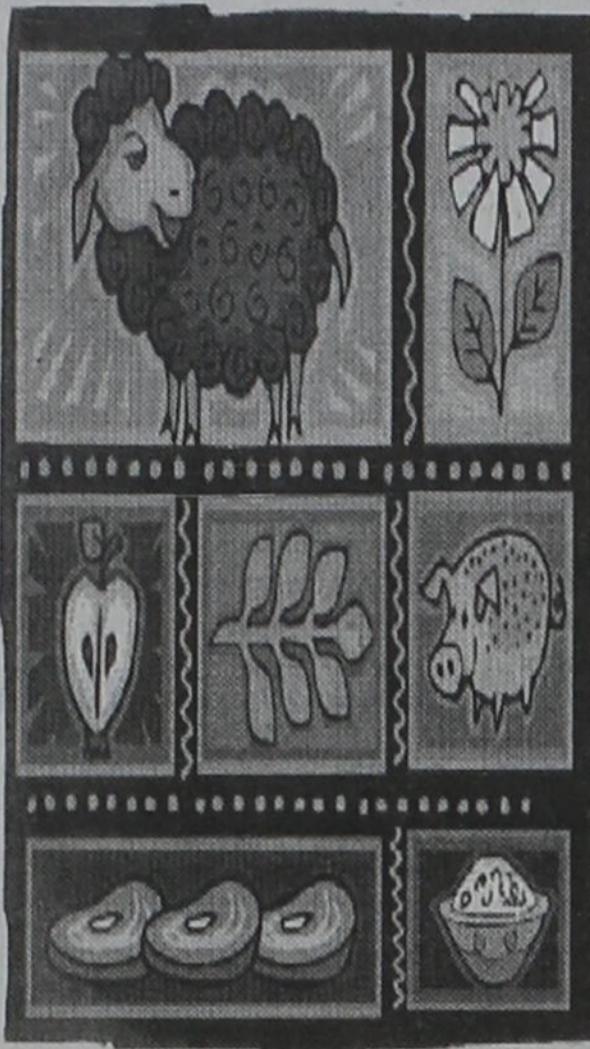
Please mark your calendars for March 17, 2007. The DAC will hold a fish fry on that evening. 'Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids' will entertain us again. As I mentioned in an earlier column, this is a newly formed group and they are doing a great job. Please come and enjoy them with us.

Hope you have been honing your crafting skills for the Craft Show that will be held at the DAC on April 20 and 21st. The price for a space is \$30.00. Please call one of the following numbers for more information or to rent space: 254-758-2610, 758-2420, 758-2548 or 758-2522.

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MARCH MADNESS COMES TO TEXAS

Football has long been the essential sport for Texans. It has even been said that there are only two sports in Texas — football and spring football. Though football remains as popular today as ever, our state has also developed into a basketball hotbed. Some of the best basketball in America is played in the Lone Star State, and this month Texans will experience March Madness.

Each March, 65 men's and 64 women's college basketball teams from across the nation compete in three-week tournaments to crown national champions. These captivating tournaments are coined March Madness because of their unpredictable nature. This year's tournaments are sure to have a distinct Texas flavor.

One of the biggest stories of this season has been Texas Tech coach Bob Knight's ascension to the all-time winningest men's coach. Coach Knight surpassed former North Carolina coach Dean Smith with his 880th career victory on January 1, and since then has added to his record victory total.

University of Texas women's coach Jody Conradt, who ranks No. 2 all-time among women's coaches in victories, is closing in on her 900th career win. She ended the regular season with 899 career victories, and with one more win she will become just the second collegiate coach to ever reach the 900-win plateau.

Texas A&M has also achieved an unprecedented level of success this season. For the first time, both the University of Texas and Texas A&M are vying for the Big 12 championship.

Under the leadership of coaches Billy Gillispie and Gary Blair, the A&M men's and women's basketball teams have each earned their highest rankings in school history. Coach Gillespie and the men's team earned a ranking as high as No. 6 in the nation this season, while Coach Blair and the Lady Aggies have climbed as high as No. 10. Texas A&M has a long and proud football tradition, and the Aggies are now making a mark in Big 12 basketball.

Other notable storylines this March will include the University of Texas men's basketball team and its star freshman Kevin Durant, who has appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated and is considered a candidate for national player of the year. Meanwhile, the Baylor women's basketball team is nationally ranked and in pursuit of its second national championship in three years. In 2005, Coach Kim Mulkey led the Lady Bears all the way to the national title, a victory that remains the only national basketball championship — men's or women's — in the history of the Big 12 conference. And she made history as the first woman to win a national championship as both a player and as a coach.

In Texas, March Madness is not limited to college basketball. High school boys and girls basketball teams will compete this month for University Interscholastic League state championships. Over back-to-back weekends, the final four high school teams of all classifications flock to Austin to compete for state titles. These teams, which represent small Class A schools with enrollments of less than 200 students to Class 5A schools with enrollments over 2,000 students, enjoy tremendous support from their communities, who make state tournament weekends some of our capital's busiest times of the year.

The winningest high school basketball coaches in the nation are also Texans. Former Fort Worth Dunbar coach Robert Hughes, who retired in 2005, holds the boys all-time record with 1,333 victories, while Granbury coach Leta Andrews, who became the all-time winningest girls coach last season, ended this season with 1,257 career victories.

In the NBA, the Dallas Mavericks, San Antonio Spurs and Houston Rockets are three of the top teams this season. After reaching their first NBA finals last season, the Mavericks are pursuing their first-ever championship behind Dirk Nowitzki, who is a leading candidate for NBA Most Valuable Player. They are sure to face tough competition from the Spurs, who have won three NBA championships (1999, 2003, 2005), and the Rockets, who have won two (1994 and 1995).

As our state's basketball teams continue to excel at all levels, Texans will look forward to the bloom of spring not only for warm weather but also for the annual arrival of March Madness.



Even More Daylight Savings

A West Texas farmer was overheard engaging in the ever-popular practice of criticizing daylight savings time. "It takes my chickens three or four weeks to adjust to the new time," he said.

There was some humor, and more than a little seriousness, in the comment. The farmer was suddenly showing up in the henhouse an hour earlier, throwing the routine off a bit. But the story is representative of public opinion about a government order to change our clocks twice a year. It continues to be controversial.

Daylight savings time is being expanded across the country this year, courtesy of a new federal law, the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Most of us will turn our clocks ahead on the second Sunday in March—that's March 11 this year—and turn them back on the first Sunday in November. That's about eight months of daylight savings time, one more month than in recent years.

The law change is designed to save energy. Moving the clock ahead takes one hour of summer daylight from the early morning, when we use less electricity, and moves it to the evening hours. That tends to curb our use of lamps and some appliances, including televisions and stereos, which account for one-quarter of an average home's electricity consumption.

Studies by a federal agency show that daylight savings time trims electricity usage by a small but significant amount, perhaps one percent a day. Put another way, an extra month of daylight savings time will save the U.S. the equivalent of 300,000 barrels of oil.

But daylight savings enjoys popular support across the country—and particularly in Texas—because it effectively makes longer summer evenings possible. That means more daylight and more time outdoors—for baseball, grilling, swimming, gardening or simply enjoying an evening walk.

Longer days, or more evening sunlight, is also good for business. A recent Houston Chronicle story featured interviews with local patio restaurant owners, and recreation and golf course managers. All agreed that daylight savings time boosted their patronage.

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the idea of daylight savings. While U.S. Minister to France, he noticed that during some parts of the year, the sun rose while most people were still asleep.

This was well before the electric light. But Franklin calculated that resetting clocks to move that "extra" hour of sunlight to the evening could save (he guessed) one million francs per year on candles.

Franklin's idea eventually caught on in Europe, and spread to the U.S. in the 20th century. It was imposed in the U.S. during World War I, but initially proved wildly unpopular and was repealed by Congress a short time later.

There have been experiments with year-round, federally-mandated daylight savings time, during World War II and during the 1973 OPEC oil embargo. For a while, some states even allowed local governments to decide on the time change, creating near-chaos.

Today, some sunny areas—notably Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and some territories—still refuse to observe daylight savings time at all.

Even in states like Texas, where most of us have come to embrace daylight savings time, critics remain. The idea of government pushing us to modify our behavior—even for laudable reasons—strikes a number of people the wrong way.

And, of course, whenever the government mandates anything, there's always politics involved. A perfect example is the extension this year of daylight savings time into November.

Halloween has become a major source of revenue for candy manufacturers. But many parents won't allow their children to go trick-or-treating after dark. So candy makers have been lobbying for years to extend daylight savings time safely past Oct. 31. As luck would have it, the new law does exactly that.

There are pluses and minuses to adding an extra month to daylight savings time. Hopefully, we'll find that the advantages, including energy savings, boost to business and additional light for outdoor activities will outweigh the potential downsides.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge. For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

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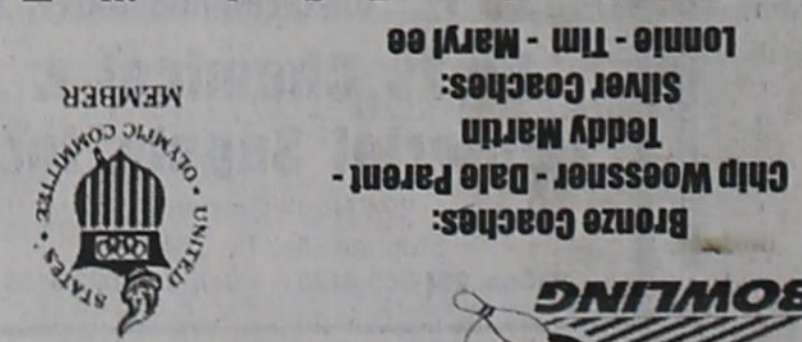
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