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Pete Ramirez and Seth Johnson Qualify For Regionals

Senior Pete Ramirez and Junior Seth Johnson qualified for the Regional Power-Lifting Meet in Levelland on March 9th. Ramirez qualified in the 181 weight class and is currently staning in 4th place going into the Regional competition. Ramirez has totaled nearly 1300 pounds with his top squat of 485 leading the way. Seth Johnson has qualified in two divisions beginning the season in the Super Heavy Weight class of 275 plus. He currently ranks 4th in the Super Heavy in Region. Johnson however has trained exceptionally hard and is now in the lower weight class of 275. Because he has lost over 30 pounds since the beginning of the year he now competes in the lower weight division. His total in the 275 division has him ranked 8th in the Region. Johnson must make weight in the Super Heavies to compete in the competition. Both of these young men have qualified for Regionals to past two years and are to applauded for their efforts and the way in which they have represented the High School of Gorman. We are very proud of these two young men and wish them well.

Four Panthers Named To All District 11-A Basketball

Gorman received four selections to the 11-A boys All District team. Consisting of Newcomer of the year Zack Fox, 1st team selection Tyson Swanner, and two honorable mention selections, Corey Clark, and David Ibarra. These selections just show how well are team played as a team. Congratulations to these young men and the entire Gorman Panther basketball team on a great season.

District 11-A All District Selections

Basketball

MVP: Brett Barry, Tolar, Sr.
Jarred Ives, Tolar, Sr.
Offensive MVP: L.C. Cisneroz, DeLeon, Sr.
Defensive MVP: Colt Price, Santo, Jr.
Newcomer: Zack Fox, Gorman, Jr.
1st Team

Gary McLearn, DeLeon, Sr.
Bradley Thornton, Santo, Jr.
Will Garlick, Tolar, Sr.
Kevin Smith, DeLeon, Jr.
Tyson Swanner, Gorman, Soph.
Luke Nichols, Santo, Soph.
Cobe Campbell, Tolar, Sr.

2nd Team

Keaton Mata, Santo, Soph.
Kevin Jones, Santo, Jr.
Calvin Nelson, Tolar, Sr.
Josh Beaty, DeLeon, Jr.
Jeremy Lindley, DeLeon, Sr.

Honorable Mention:

David Ibarra, Gorman, Sr.
Corey Clark, Gorman, Jr.

The Messengers Receive "Radio Mike Award"



The Good News Broadcasting Association has announced that "The Messengers" have been honored with the New Christian Music 2006 "Radio Mike Award". The award is presented for merit in the promotion of new Christian music to the media.

The awards show was filmed in Bedfordshire, England on March 3, 2007. Awards were presented on stage by country music legend and Grand Old Opry star George Hamilton, IV. The Messengers, based out of Gorman, Texas, were unable to attend, and accepted the award *in absentia*.

The 2006, The Messengers' label released two singles for worldwide radio play from their UNDER THE BLOOD CD. Both songs, "Mr. In-Between" and "On May Way", made it all the way to #3 on the international New Christian Music Charts. Their 2006 U.S. Single, "Love Never Ends" also reached #23 on the USA Power Source top 100 charts, and Glory Train Magazine listed the song as the 52nd most played radio song in the world in the Country, Bluegrass and Southern Gospel genres.

Critically acclaimed by music journalists from around the world, The Messengers are a self-contained band who writes, records and performs their own unique style of original Christian music. Group members are Jeff Seaton, Glen Clement, Jeff Clark and Tommy Clark. The Messengers' website is www.messengersmusic.com.

Boys Scouts To Hold Car Wash Saturday

Boy Scouts Troop a Car Wash on Saturday morning, March 17th. They are also selling Candy Bars. The proceeds will help them get to Summer Camp at Billy Gibbons in Richland Springs. For Donations Call Teresa Lewis at 254-734-6751.

REMINDER

ALLIED (B F I) WILL ONLY COLLECT TRASH THAT IS IN YOUR POLY CART. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ITEMS ON THE GROUND.
THANK YOU

Chamber Banquet Monday, March 19th

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 &

Eastland County Commissioners' Court Lifts Burning Ban

Eastland County Commissioners' Court, meeting in Regular session, at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007, after receiving information from other knowledgeable sources, voted to **remove** the OUTSIDE BURNING BAN in Eastland County with the stipulation and request that anyone intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact their nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. **Please use extreme caution with any outside burning!!**

In making this announcement, the Commissioners' Court expressed its appreciation to the various fire fighters, fire departments, and all other citizens of Eastland County who cooperated so diligently in helping to alleviate the emergency condition of dangerous wild fire.

Respectfully submitted,
Eastland County Commissioners' Court
(s) Rex Fields, County Judge.

Please remember if you are intending to plan and execute any type of outside burning, please contact your nearest fire department and notify them of the time and location of the outside burning activity. Please use extreme caution with any outside burning. Our fire departments request not beginning a burn prior to 7:00 a.m. We have provided a list of essential phone numbers needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cisco Fire Department - 442-3078
Ranger Fire Department - 647-1122
Rising Star Fire Department - 643-4261
Desdemona Fire Department - 758-2346
Eastland Fire Department - 629-8232
Gorman Fire Department - 734-2555
Olden Fire Department - 631-2890
Carbon Fire Department - 639-2521
Dispatch (non emergency) - 629-1728

Gorman Panther Baseball

Here is some results of Panther Baseball:
Gorman and Albany - March 6 at Gorman

	Runs	Hits	Errors				
Gorman	2	8	0				
Albany	4	11	2				
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gorman	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Albany	0	0	0	1	0	2	1

First District Game
Runs: Fox with 1 Hit and 1 Run; Underwood with 2 Hits and 1 Run; Swanner with 2 Hits; Clark with 2 Hits and Ibarra with 1 Hit.

Pitchers:	Innings	Hits	Runs	BB	SO
Tyson Swanner	5 1/3	10	3	4	5
Matt Underwood	1 2/3	1	1	1	1

March 9 - Gorman vs. Baird at Baird

	Runs	Hits	Errors				
Gorman	4	3	1				
Baird	6	7	0				
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gorman	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Baird	0	0	0	1	1	5	

Second District Game
Runs: Swanner 2, Ibarra 1, Vaughn 1.

Pitchers:	Innings	Hits	Runs	BB	SO
Matt Underwood	5 1/3	4	4	3	7
Tyson Swanner	2/3	3	2	2	0

Team Record 5-2 District Record - 0-2
Coaches Note: 9 stolen bases for Gorman
District Games This Week: Wed At Eula 1:00 p.m.
Thurs at May 1:00 p.m. (makeup)

Enchilada Lunch

Sponsored By The Senior Travel Club
Friday, March 16th

at
Laminack Construction
9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.

Plates include 4 enchiladas, rice and corn
made by: Carmen Herrera
\$5.00

To place order call Marco and Sonya at 734-4350
before Friday 734-5450 or 254-631-5890 after
9:00 a.m. on Friday or pickup a form at
your local businesses.
Delivery and Take Out Available

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.
Deposit of half the cost must be sent with order unless full payment is being made.

Name: _____
Amount of Payment: _____
Please check one:
___ \$35.00: Book Only
___ \$40.00: Book with Name Stamp
___ \$40.00: Book and World Yearbook
___ \$45.00: Book, Name Stamp, and World Yearbook (\$25.00 deposit)
___ \$50.00: Book, Name Stamp with additional line, World yearbook, and plastic cover. (\$25.00 deposit)

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

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

Boys and Girls Track Off To Great Start

The Panther Track program is off to a great start. Two weeks ago in Cross Plains the Boys team finished 1st in a field of fourteen schools. The Girls team finished in 2nd place in the same meet. The Boys led by a strong field performance in the jumps with Zack Fox and Tyson Swanner leading the way in both the Triple and High Jump. Fox finished 1st in High Jump and 2nd in Triple Jump. Swanner finished 3rd in both the high jump and triple jumps. Brandi Carlton led the girl's team in field events scoring in both the high jump and triple as well. Carlton received medals in the 400 and 800 meter run finishing first. Carlton was also part of the 4 x 400 relay that took 2nd place. The four girls were Carlton, Tecia Jones, Angie Silva and Audrey Johnston. The Boys team took first in the 4 x 400 relay with senior David Ibarra, Matt Underwood, Tyson Swanner and Zack Fox. Tony Perez and Reji Sanchez took home hardware in the 100 meter dash finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Both Perez and Sanchez along with Underwood and Fox pointed in the Spring Relay as well. The girls also were led in the distance races by Crystal Thackerson and Mary Powell finished one and two in the 3200 meter run and 2nd and 3rd in the 1600 meter run. Senior boy Ty Vaughn placed in both the 100 and 200 meter dash. Carlos Palacios placed 5th in the 800 meter run.

The Panthers held a practice meet in Gorman on the 8th of March in which Throwers on the Boys team finished 2nd and 3rd in the Discus. Seth Johnson won the silver and Corey Clark took the bronze. Senior David Ibarra won the 400 meter dash and started the 4 x 400 relay that shaved off seven seconds on the previous weeks time at Cross Plains where they took 1st place. The time of 3:40.06 was well ahead of 2nd place Ranger. The 4 x 100 took 2nd and the Boys 4 x 200 took the silver for the 2nd straight week behind Ranger but still knocked off over two seconds from the previous week.

The Boys and Girls teams will be off for Spring Break but will be back in action the following week in Gorman on Saturday, March the 24th with the Field Events beginning at 9 a.m. The Running should begin around 10:30. Hope to see you all at the Track.

Child Safety Seat Distribution

Eastland County Safe Kids will be holding their child safety seat distribution class on March 21st at 7pm in the teaching conference room at Eastland Hospital. To sign up for the class please call our office at 254-734-5989. This is a FREE class. If you need a car seat and not able to purchase a new one, please plan to attend.

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

Obituary

Sammy D. Pierce

Sammy D. Pierce, age 63 of De Leon, Texas passed away Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Hendrick Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday, March 14th at 2:00 p.m. at Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial was in De Leon Cemetery.

Sammy was a Oil field driller. He was born August 31, 1943 in Pasadena, Ca. to the late N. B. Pierce and Viola Braussell Pierce. He married Linda Hale on April 10, 1984 in De Leon, Texas.

Survivors include wife, Linda Pierce of De Leon; four sons, Jerry Pierce of Fort Worth, Sammy Pierce of De Leon, Jack Pierce of De Leon and Catlin Pierce of De Leon; three daughters, Susan Gregory of Savannah, GA., Tonya Hamilton of Dublin and Amy Lopez of De Leon; 16 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Al Luna, Jason Gonzales, Sammy Pierce, Jr., Catlin Pierce, Sam Martinez and Chris Luna. Honorary were Steve Hamilton, Oracio Lopez and Winston Ross.

EDC Talk

With Spring just around the corner, its time to start thinking about Spring Cleaning! And once again, April will be full of our Annual Keep Gorman Beautiful activities.

We will have the Community Clean-Up the week of April 9-12. That is the week the City partners with Allied Waste and will do curbside clean-up for the residents. This will be the one time a year you can put things out on your curb, not just your blue polycart. The Allied trucks will be here on that Tuesday and will return on Thursday April 12 if there are still homes that have trash to pick up.

Second, but most important, will be the Great State Trash-Off. That will be conducted Saturday April 14. All organizations that have an Adopt-A-Highway spot will need to have plans to meet and clean up their 2 miles of highway either on or BEFORE that Saturday. And please...remember that you will need to call in with how many bags of trash are collected. Call the EDC office at 734-3933 with that information, please.

Next we will have our Annual Community Garage Sale. That will be held on Saturday April 21st. If you would like to participate, please contact Jessica at the EDC office and get your name and address on our list. The maps will be printed on Friday April 20th and put in local businesses early Saturday morning. There is paid advertising in local papers for this Community Garage Sale. It is a great opportunity for our community to get outside folks here for the day. If you sign up to participate, please regard the same hours for your sales as the newspapers will advertise.

The last Saturday of the month, April 28, there will be Bass Lake Clean-up! All High School students that need community service, and any other organizations or individuals that would like to participate, please come on out. We have free t-shirts for the first dozen volunteers and a free lunch will be provided. More news will be in the Progress in the coming weeks.

As always, April's community clean-up efforts are a fun and beneficial time for our community. I hope many of you will pick at least one of our opportunities to help Keep Gorman Beautiful!

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

COMMUNITY MEETING at the Kokomo Community Center on Friday night, March 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for all who are interested in getting the Community Center ready for use. This will be a good time for all to see what has been done, and what yet needs to be done. All who live in the community and others who are interested are urged to attend. Please bring lawn chairs as there is no furniture in the building at this time.

Following the community meeting, the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Committee will meet to make plans for the annual Cemetery Association Meeting and Homecoming to be held on May 5.

Some of the best news that I know about is the good rain that we received on Sunday night. I received 9 tenths of an inch at my house and I heard several reports of about the same amount. Wonderful on the grassland and coastal pastures and keeps down the threat of wild fires. Don't forget to thank the good Lord for the rain, and maybe He will send more.

Sunday was another great day at the Kokomo Baptist Church with two more wonderful messages from God's Word from the new pastor, Bro. Jim Haggard. The morning message was on accepting Christ as Savior today, as tomorrow may be too late. Today is the day of salvation. The special music was rendered by the choir: Aletha Burgess, Crystal Snider, Ann Warren, Bobbi Haggard, Ruth Rodgers, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Daryl Hirst, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Visitors were Harold and Nadine Wilbanks,

Katilin and Breanna Poe of Eastland, Mykisha Hampton, Jim and Donnie Rodgers, Wayne Eaves, and Amanda Johnson, Bailey and Brylee of Gorman. "Happy Birthday" was wished to Joe Bond and Mykisha Hampton, and "Happy Anniversary" was wished to Ed and Ruth Rodgers for their 48th wedding anniversary. Vicki Seay gave a brief report on the Cowboy church that has been started at Alpine. Seventy-five people attended the first service. What a wonderful report. Tommy Seay is a member of the team that has started the church. Pray that God will do wonderful things in the Cowboy church in Alpine.

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday night was from Revelation 20: 1-10 on What will take place after Armageddon when Jesus Christ comes and reigns for a thousand years on earth. There will never be complete peace in the world until the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, comes. Then Satan will be chained for a thousand years and Christ will be crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The special music on Sunday night was rendered by Helen Browning, Ruth Rodgers, Woodrow Browning, Jimmy Little and Daryl Hirst singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Kokomo Baptist Church will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Wednesday evening service will remain at 6:00 p.m.

Janet and Gary Setliff of Sweetwater had lunch with Norma and Oren Webb on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harrison of Combine, TX visited with Oren and Norma in the afternoon.

Oren and Norma Webb visited in the home of Htomi Bergmark and son Steven in Comanche on Monday evening and enjoyed a Japanese meal honoring Htomi's mother and a friend who were visiting here from Japan. Others attending were Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson, Randall, Kaci, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga and Timmy Garcia of Comanche. They were all presented gifts from Japan, and really enjoyed the Japanese food.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little met Jerry and Lavell Hallmark of San Angelo in Abilene for a visit.

Katilin and Breanna Poe of Eastland visited with Ashley and Breckley Little and their parents, James and Jill Little.

Bobby and Mary Jane Little went to Tyler on Sunday for a visit with their daughter and family, Arleen, Terry, Michael, Jonathan and Lauren Barfield and to attend the funeral of a friend in Tyler on Monday.

Those coming by for a visit with Zelda Jordan were Oren and Norma Webb, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Joe Fields and his grandson, James Thomas of Gorman, Daryl Hirst and Woodrow and Helen Browning.

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NEW: De Leon, 2 or 3 - 2 1/2 - 2 brick, 1424 sq. ft., metal roof, water well, large lot, large pecan trees. \$39,500.
NEW: 3-1 1/2-3 brick, 1548 sf., carport, 2 bathrooms, \$40,000
NEW: Desdemona, 3-1 frame 2 story built 1872, 2651 sf., 2 car garage, range, ref, washer & dryer, water well, stg. bldg., paved road. App. 1 acre. \$65,000.
Desdemona, nice 3-2 mfg. home, 1549' LA (CAD), open floor plan, fireplace, beautiful fenced 1 acre, water well, stg. bldg., numerous fruit and pecan trees. \$82,500.
30 a m/l water well, elec. barn, coastal, pond, good fences, 900s of small pecan trees. \$2,500 acre.
100 a west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights \$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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- 184 A, 2-1 frame home, 6 water wells, 2 reservoirs, 3 side roll irrigation systems, 15hp pit pump, 9 acre in pecan orchard, 76 acres in coastal, 55 acres in crop land, rest in native pasture. [JK01] \$524,920
- 100 A, w/4,961 sq. ft.(CAD) 5-4 1/2 2-story brick home, fireplaces, game room, office, 2-car garage, 2-car carport, underground sprinkler, swimming pool, deck w/hot tub, 2 ponds, pipe corrals, pecan & oak trees. [FS01] \$850,000
- 80 A, w/1,943sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, bams and shed, 3 wells, stock pond, cross fences, steel pens, almost completed roping arena. [CO01] \$459,000
- 70 A, w/1,894sf(CAD) 3-2 brick home, metal roof, carport, fireplace, approx. 14 acres pecan orchard, both sides of Leon River, coastal, 2 reservoirs, 4 wells, 3 bams, pipe corrals, equipment, hunting. [BC01] \$396,500
- 52 A, w/2,854sf(CAD) 4-3 brick home, carport, 5 water wells, 3 stock tanks, corrals, bams [LP01] \$250,000
- 11 A, w/16'x70' mobile home, well, rural water, oak trees [TC01] \$70,000
- UNDER CONTRACT-** 10 A, horse facility w/16x76 Mobile home, approx. 2,600sf of bams and sheds [KW01] \$125,000 REDUCED TO \$112,500
- 600± A, 2 wells, 7 tanks, approx. 26 A in cultivation, coastal, native pasture, rolling terrain, minerals available, hunting [PS02] \$1,795 Per Acre
- 380± A., 3 wells, 6 tanks, approx. 100 A crop land, remainder in costal bermuda & tilton 85, good fences & cross fences. minerals available [CW01] \$950,000
- 250± A, 150 wooded, 100 coastal, on Copperas Creek, lake, stock tanks, hunters cabin, 25hp pit pump, hwy. frontage, rural water [LB01] \$850,000
- 243 A, Comanche Co, one reservoir, 14 irrigation wells, irrigation pit, highway frontage, cultivation, coastal, native pasture [AB01] \$2,500 per acre
- 158 A, rolling terrain, 2 tanks, well, coastal, native, cover for deer and turkey hunting, all weather roads, minerals. approx. 4 miles from Dublin [CS01] \$395,000
- 155± A, 3 water wells, 3 stock tanks, approx. 90 A cover, rest in native pasture [MC02] \$427,075
- 150 A, rolling terrain, approx. 90 acres wooded, 4 water wells, irrigation pit, stock tank, excellent deer and turkey hunting. Minerals. [L001] \$442,500
- 140 A, recreational, cattle, or horse, creek running thru, water wells, good fences, hunting deer, turkey, hogs, some farm eq. available, minerals negotiable, possible owner financing. [CSK01] \$350,000
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Ladyhorns Take First Place In Gorman Pee Wee Tourney



The 3rd Grade Ladyhorns take First Place in the Gorman Pee Wee Basketball Tournament. Backrow - Betty Montelongo, Kourtney Seaton and Yulissa Madera; front row - Kaleena Burt, Vanessa Longoria and Alexia Madera. The Ladyhorns have a record of 6 wins and 1 loss.



The 5th Grade Boys Placed Third in the Gorman Pee Wee Basketball Tournament. Backrow - Fabian Garcia, Zach Carlton, Dalton Murphy and Tyler Patel; front row - Rhys Vaughn, Andy Madera, Sheldon Finley, Dakota Micheco and Tony Ramirez.



The 5th Grade Girls Placed Third in the Gorman Pee Wee Basketball Tournament. Players are Connie Gonzales, Rasha Rainey, Rebecca Rainey, Alaina Swanner, Kinsey Johnston, MyKisha Hampton. Not shown are Melissa Ramirez and Courtney Byrd.

Senior Citizens News

Carol Ward

We had a good gathering of 30 people on March 7, at 11:30 for our weekly luncheon. James Mears gave the blessing for our great food, the sick, and for our being together on such a wonderful day. The ladies really out did themselves on the good variety of delicious food.

Barbara Bush called for a vote on where we wanted to go out and eat. It was decided that we would go to Boomtown in Desdemona on April 14th. We will meet at 4:45 p.m. to be in Desdemona at 5:00 p.m. The senior fund will pay for those who attend our dinner on Wednesday. We were happy to have Emma Jane Larch the last two Wednesdays. We are always glad to have new people come out and help increase our numbers. I do hope many more of you will continue to come and visit. If you don't want to cook, it only costs three dollars for a good meal.

Beth Shirley was back in Houston for a checkup. I do hope all is OK and she is still doing well. We are all happy to see her when she can make it. Opal Burton was having her last treatment for a while. After she gets to feeling better, maybe she can come back and be with us. We sent cards to Willo Rice and LaVelle Hallmark. We hope they are both feeling much better. We certainly miss LaVelle since she retired from the nursing home. She was here just about every week to check our blood pressure. We do miss getting to see and share good conversation with her. Maybe she will come visit and eat with us again some day.

Barbara Bush will not be with us the week of spring break. She is having a lot of her family to visit and I know they will have a good time.

There were eleven out to play games on the 8th; it would be nice to have around twenty. The men have quit coming, I guess they are all tired out from playing during the day. Max Bush was always good to come, but I think he has gotten tired of being the only man with all of us women. Ha. Hope to see you all next week. Be good and stay sweet.

Eastland County Shooting One Person Shot and Killed

Monday morning, March 12th just after midnight, one person was shot and killed in Eastland, Texas.

Micheal Lawrence Steggall, age 35 of Cisco, Texas was driving a Blue 1996 GMC Suburban. Steggall was stopped on a traffic violation in the 300 block of North Oak Street in Eastland by Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol Trooper Reuben Mankin.

During the contact with Steggall, Trooper Mankin requested the services of the local drug dog. Cisco Police Officer Matthew Scurry arrived and his Drug Dog made a Positive Alert on the vehicle. Trooper Mankin began a search of the vehicle and located a large quantity of narcotics. Steggall attempted to escape but was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. A struggle ensued with Steggall taking hold of Officer Scurry's police pistol. Officer Scurry advised Trooper Mankin that Steggall had hold of his weapon. Trooper Mankin drew his DPS issued pistol and fired once, striking Steggall in the neck.

Trooper Mankin summoned an ambulance. Peace Justice D. J. Walker of Ranger, was on call and pronounced Steggall dead at 3:30 a.m. The body was taken to Edwards Funeral Home, to be transported to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Worth for an autopsy.

Officer Scurry sustained no injuries. Trooper Mankin was taken to Eastland Memorial Hospital for injuries received during the struggle. He has been released from the Hospital.

Several illegal drugs were located in the vehicle, including sixty-eight grams of Methamphetamine, (several "hits" can be derived from one gram).

Texas Ranger David Hullum is investigating the incident.

Thank You

Well Gormanites, you have done it again. I have marveled at your graciousness since we first came her in 1969. Thank you so much for your graciousness and good will and your expressions of sympathy these last three weeks especially. How very wonderfully you responded. Please keep me in your prayers. My very best buddy is away now. I still need you.

Jo Etheredge

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer
March 12, 2007

Trip to Iraq

I have just returned from my most recent trip to Iraq where I made stops in Baghdad, Fallujah, and Ramadi. During my trip, my goal was to determine if the new strategy - the Baghdad Security Plan - is working. As I have done in the past, I will post my "Iraq Journal" on my website where constituents can read about who I met with and what I saw on my trip.

This was my third trip to the region since December of 2003, and each time I go to Iraq I see a country that is better than my previous trip. Our troops' efforts are making a difference. From security in neighborhoods to irrigation systems on farms, Iraq is slowly getting on its feet. To be sure, significant obstacles remain and setbacks will occur along the way, but I believe our troops can successfully complete their mission.

Supporting a Taxpayer Bill of Rights

While serving in Congress, I have been part of the fiscally responsible Republican Study Committee (RSC), which is a group of members who put a high priority on spending taxpayer dollars wisely. The RSC has often stood up against irresponsible policies that expand government spending and create or continue wasteful federal programs. Each year, more and more taxpayer dollars get poured into these programs in a seemingly unending cycle of budget madness.

We at the RSC believe there is a better way. Therefore, this week the RSC will launch the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights." The goal of this initiative is to reform how taxpayer dollars are spent and develop solutions to current budget challenges. If successful, it will lead to policies that help protect taxpayers from over-spending, over-taxation, and budget deficits. More details on this initiative will be unveiled in the days and weeks ahead, and I will be sure to include them in future Roundups.

Date and Locations Set for 2007 Academy Forums

This year's Academy Forums will take place on Saturday, March 31. These forums are open to all students, including those currently in middle school, who want to learn more about attending one of America's four military service academies. Parents, counselors, and teachers are also invited. Liaison officers from the Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy will be present to answer any questions regarding the academies or the application process. Information will also be available for university-level Reserved Officer Training Corps programs.

The day's first forum will take place in Abilene at Cisco Junior College (Room 152) located at 717 E. Industrial Blvd. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Lubbock forum will be held in the Science Education Center at the Science Spectrum located at 2579 South Loop 289. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the presentations beginning at 2:00 p.m.

--Randy

PRAY FOR RAIN

DESDEMONA NEWS

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

A large crowd attended the Senior Citizens Dance last Saturday night at the Desdemona Community Center School Gym. All of the group enjoyed the good music and the good food. The next dance will be held on Saturday, April 14 at the same location and same time. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday evening at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Sixteen ladies attended this event. Hosesses were Betty Duke and Hazel Koonce. The tables and entire room was decorated with the St. Patrick's Day Theme. This social is held on the second Monday morning of each month. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Kelsey and Cameron Caddell of Fort Worth spent several days during "Spring Break" visiting with their great grandmother, Dorothy Roberts.

This reporter enjoyed a short visit last Friday with a former classmate, Wanda Pearl (Phillips) Isbell of Olden. Wanda and Vonnie entered the first grade together, September 1940 in Desdemona. Wanda and husband, Sammie have lived in Olden for several years - but they packed up and moved last Saturday to Kingland. Wanda's parents are the late Royce and Hazel (Warren) Phillips. Hazel attended school in Desdemona during the late 20's. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

"Congratulations" to Luther and Sybill Loudamy of Ranger. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on March 9, 2007. Luther and Sybil owned and operated the Quality Food Mart for several years in Ranger. She is the former Sybil McKinney and lived in the Jakehamon Community where she attended school and later on attended school in Desdemona.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly News. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks and have a nice day, Coon.

Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp and the Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is by Invitation Only. Boys and Girls ages 10 - 19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 50 States and 17 Foreign Countries attended the 2006 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA.; Champaign, IL.; Ypsilanti, MI.; Glassboro, NJ.; Hickory, NC.; Mitchell, SD.; Lebanon, TN.; and Blacksburg, VA.

Registration is also open for the 29th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and Girls ages 6 - 18 are eligible. All skill levels are welcome. Locations include: Commerce, TX; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL.; Atlanta, GA.; Champaign, IL.; Ypsilanti, MI.; Glassboro, NJ.; Hickory, NC.; Mitchell, SD.; Lebanon, TN.; and Blacksburg, VA. For free brochures on these Summer Camps, please call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (SJR 13)

SJR 13 would amend the Constitution to authorize the legislature to adjust the public school ad valorem tax or tax rates for taxpayers who are aged 65 or older, or are disabled, and who are owners of an exempted homestead. The amendment would thereby allow the legislature to provide tax relief to such elderly or disabled taxpayers who did not receive tax relief as a result of the school tax rate reduction passed in the 79th Legislature, 3rd called session.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Published by Secretary of State Roger Williams.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Local Government Code 263.153 notice is hereby given that the County of Eastland will be selling salvage property in a public auction to be conducted by Rising Star Auction Company on **March 31, 2007** beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Rising Star Rodeo Grounds. The auction will continue at the Higginbotham Community Center in Rising Star on **April 1, 2007** at 1:00 p.m.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Please remember to come enjoy the fun and good food at the DAC in Desdemona this Saturday evening. The fish fry starts at 6:00P.M. We will be entertained by Dr. Dan and the Band-Aids and there will be a silent auction for lots of good desserts. See you this Saturday, March 17.
Carol Pell

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Open Tuesday 9 to 12 a.m.

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SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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.

SENATOR HUTCHISON STATEMENT ON BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

WASHINGTON, DC -- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Ranking Member of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, released the following statement today regarding Brooke Army Medical Center:

"Brooke Army Medical Center has provided cutting edge medical care for America's wounded warriors for years, and I am working hard to ensure that its role in providing care continues to grow. The fact that the most recent BRAC recommendations call for moving more medical and training facilities to BAMC is a testament to its performance.

"There are some who want to revisit the BRAC decision. I believe the opposite, that we should accelerate it and build state of the art facilities at Bethesda and other installations for patient care and to complete the transfer of the training and research mission to BAMC.

"Unfortunately, the majority leadership of the Senate cut funding necessary to carry out the BRAC process. I fought for an amendment to restore that funding in the continuing appropriations bill, but was denied a vote on the floor. However, I have since received a commitment from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to restore this critical funding in another measure and I intend to hold him to his word.

"I have complete confidence in the men and women who provide care at BAMC and that the facilities there are maintained and managed according to the highest standards."

SENATOR HUTCHISON APPLAUDS COURT RULING STRIKING DOWN D.C. GUN BAN

Will reintroduce legislation to repeal existing ban

WASHINGTON, DC -- Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)

today applauded a ruling issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in which the court struck down Washington, D.C.'s ban on the use of firearms for self-defense.

"I agree with the court that the Constitution guarantees law-abiding citizens the right to bear arms and defend themselves," said Sen. Hutchison. "That is why next week I will reintroduce my legislation to repeal the existing ban. Protection of constitutional rights does not cease when you cross into the borders of the District of Columbia.

"Not only is Washington, D.C.'s gun ban unconstitutional, but it also has been a public policy failure as seen in the rise in crime since its enactment. The time has finally come to change course."

The District of Columbia enacted the Firearms and Control Regulations Act in 1975 and has some of the most restrictive gun control laws in the nation. Prior to the gun ban's implementation, the murder rate in the District was on the decline. Following the ban, the murder rate began to rise and had tripled by 1991, while violent crime was decreasing nationally.

CORNYN RENEWS EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN OPEN GOVERNMENT

Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Reform Freedom of Information Act

WASHINGTON—Building on his efforts to strengthen public access to government information, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today joined Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) in introducing the bipartisan OPEN Government Act of 2007, S. 849, which would make the most significant reforms of the Freedom of Information Act in more than a decade. This renewed effort comes during the third annual Sunshine Week, a week devoted to creating a dialogue about government transparency and the public's ability to access information.

At a press conference on Capitol Hill today, Sen. Cornyn said, "Freedom of information and openness in government are among the most fundamental founding principles of our government. Accountability is only an empty promise without transparency. Our legislation will provide citizens and journalists with more information and make our great American democracy even stronger. It strengthens the view that the Freedom of Information Act establishes a presumption of openness, and that our government is based not on the need to know, but upon a fundamental right to know."

Sen. Cornyn added: "Open government is an ethic. The citizen on the telephone asking about a three-year-old FOIA request isn't a nuisance to be placed on hold; in fact, he or she is our boss and the government needs to be accountable to him or her."

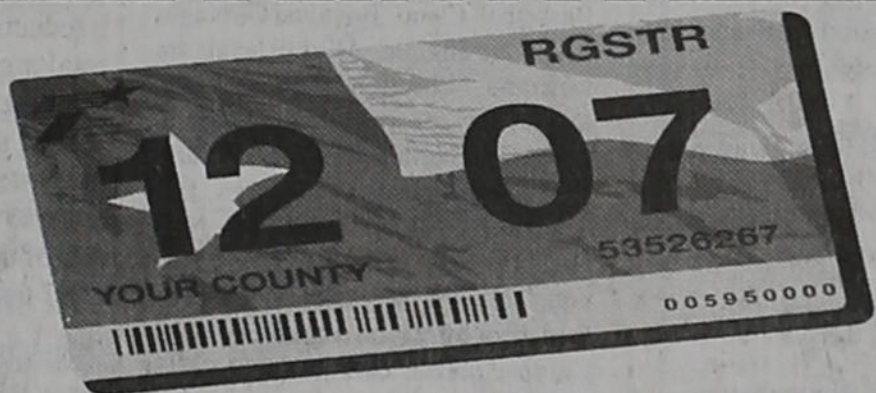
The bipartisan OPEN Government Act contains more than a dozen substantive provisions, designed to achieve the following four objectives:

- (1) Strengthen FOIA and close loopholes
- (2) Help FOIA requestors obtain timely responses to their requests
- (3) Ensure that agencies have strong incentives to act on FOIA requests in a timely fashion
- (4) Provide FOIA officials with all of the tools they need to ensure that our government remains open and accessible

Sen. Cornyn noted that Texas has one of the strongest laws in the U.S. expanding freedom of government information. "Our state is known for allowing citizens access to government records and requiring that the material be produced quickly. In the Senate, I've made a point of trying to bring some of that 'Texas sunshine' and openness to Washington. We have made some significant progress. I hope our colleagues will support this important bill."

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.

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