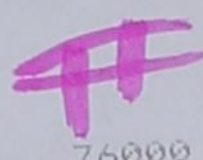


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Together Against Drug Abuse Graduation Ceremony

The fifth grade students will graduate from the Together Against Drug Abuse program Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gym. Sponsors, parents & teachers as well as the public are invited to attend.

The Gorman Masonic Lodge would like to thank the following sponsors for their support: American State Bank, A.E. Smith Peanut Dryers, A.O. Easley Trucks, Birdsong Peanuts, Bobs Grocery, City Grocery, Comanche County Telephone Co., Con-Spec Roofing, Doug Caffey, Pandas Floral, Howard Hagood, Ed Rogers, Gorman Milling, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Hirst Nut & Produce, Stan Harper, Matt Fritts, Jerry & Virginia Skaggs, Ronss Pump Service, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJs Steakhouse.

Special Thanks to Chief Finley for supporting and instructing this program.

Please come and support the Gorman Fifth Grade in this achievement.

Gorman Panther Baseball Camp

The Gorman Panthers Baseball Camp is set for June 2 thru 5 - Monday thru Thursday at the Gorman High School Baseball Parks from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Cost for the camp is \$30.00. Camp will cover all phases of baseball with individual instruction. We will also have skills competitions in each age group. Awards will be given out 11 to 12 on Thursday (parents be there). Ages 6 Years Old To This Year 8th Grade Boys.

Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. At Gorman High School Baseball Field on Monday, June 2. Camp open to all area baseball players. If you have a question call: Billy Fox at 893-5076.

WESLEY SPIVEY

Candidate For Gorman School Board

I am a candidate for the Gorman School Board and would appreciate your vote. I am interested in serving on the Board to represent the people in the Gorman District who want to have a school system that wants to provide the best education for all of the children in the Gorman area.

As a long time resident of Gorman, I have been involved in activities for the children of Gorman. I was the first President of the Little League in Gorman and helped raise funds for building the baseball field. Large numbers of donors helped with this effort the years I served as President on two different times. My belief is that many people want to help with activities to help the children in Gorman. Many people helped with the school when my son Steve and my three grandchildren attended school in Gorman. I still have two grandchildren in the school. My late wife Sue also graduated from Gorman.

My work at Birdsong Peanuts as a supervisor gave me the knowledge I would need as a member of the School Board. In that job I had responsibilities for hiring people, for determining their success in doing their job at Birdsong, and for overseeing the work of many people. In my job, I tried to always perform activities in a manner that would make Birdsong a successful business. I wanted to always make sure their money was spent on people who could perform their best for their company. This is what I would want to do on the Gorman School Board. I would want to make sure all the people's money is spent to help the children in Gorman do their best to be prepared for good lives after they graduate.

I am asking that you all vote for me and give me a change to serve the community. Please vote for me on May 10 at the school building which should be opened from 7 to 7 on voting day.

Oakland Cemetery Working

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

Gorman Baseball Playoffs

Best of Three Series

First Game Friday against Meridian

At Comanche at 5 p.m.

Second Game Saturday

at 11:00 in Comanche

Third Game if needed 30 minutes after 2nd game finishes.

Ticket Prices:

ADULTS - \$4.00 and STUDENTS - \$2.00

Athletic Banquet Set For
May 13 at 7pm.

Helicopter Landing Zone Training

Tech*Star EMS Education in conjunction with CareFlite, Life Star & Southwest Med-Evac will be conducting a multi-agency landing zone training class on Saturday, May 17th in Gorman. The training will be held in the Gorman HS Auditorium starting at 9am. CE credit for EMS, fire and police personnel will be made available. Those invited to participate are: CareFlite, Air Evac, Life Star, Southwest, PHI and DPS air support. Each will fly in their aircraft for this training, if available.

This program is open to the general public so that they can see the aircraft available to the citizens of Eastland County, as well as the surrounding counties.

If you are wishing to attend and want the CE credit, we are asking that you pre-register by calling 254-734-5989 or by e-mail to LZ2008@techstarems.com

One Person's Junk is another's Treasure - Come Join Us!

Gorman United Methodist Church is hosting a GARAGE SALE!!!

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GHS Mile Relay Team Advances To State Meet

The Boys 1600 Relay earned a ticket to Austin this past Saturday finishing with a Silver Medal in a blistering time of 3:26.85 just one tenth of second from the Gold Medal. Water Valley returning three of the legs of their last year silver medalist team at the state meet finished first. The relays team of Seniors Zack Fox, Orlando Valenzuela and Juniors Matt Underwood and Tyson Swanner ran a heck of a race. These same four individuals had just been denied a state trip on the 400 and 800 relays both by less than a tenth of a second. They were an eyelash away from qualifying in all three relay events. The 800 relay was a true photo finish in which after 15 minutes of reviewing the acu-track picture they awarded Roscoe the Silver Medal. Only a thousandth of a second was the deciding factor in the race between 2nd and third place. These four young men will be traveling to Austin to participate in the State Meet on Saturday, May 10th. The 1-A/2-A classifications will begin the running events at 12 noon. The 1600 Relay is set for 3:15.



University Interscholastic League
Regional Track & Field Championship
Region I-AA ; II-A
Abilene Christian University
Elmer Cray Stadium

Matt Underwood, Zack Fox, Tyson Swanner and Orlando Valenzuela.

Other athletes making the finals for the Panthers were Sean Bates in the Shot-Put. Sean finished 8th place with a throw of 44.6'. This was not his best performance of the year but Sean is just a sophomore and has two more years to perfect his technique. Junior Gabe Burt made the finals in the 300 hurdles and finished 7th. Senior hurdler for the Lady Panthers, Megan Lewis finished 4th in the 100 hurdles. The girls 800 relay qualified to run on Saturday and finished 6th. The team of Grace Treider, Nicole Cogburn, Tecia Jones and Audrey Johnston had a time of 1:51.71. It was their best time of the year in the 800 relay. Brandy Carlton ran the 800 on Saturday and finished 11th with a time of 2:35.18. Carlton a senior also competed in the 400 meter run and the High Jump. She was 7th in the High Jump with a height of 4-10'. Senior Nicole Cogburn ran the 100 meter dash. Martin Ramirez ran the 400 meter dash. Junior Audrey Johnston ran the 200 meter dash and did not make the finals. Congratulations to all the qualifiers for the regional meet and Good Luck at State for our Boys 1600 Relay in two weeks.

John Rodgers Seeking Place Four on EISD Board

My name is John Rodgers and I am a candidate for PLACE FOUR on the Eastland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

My wife and I lived in a beautiful old house east of Carbon that we have called home for over forty years. This community in the southern part of Eastland County is where my wife and I chose to rear our two children (and our five grandchildren on a part-time basis) and to educate them in our excellent school system.

After I graduated from Gorman High School, I attended John Tarleton College (not a university then) for two years and was graduated from Texas Technological College (now a university) in January of 1963.

Upon graduation, I was employed by the Lingleville Independent School District to teach high school science and chemistry and also coach both boys and girls high school basketball, baseball and track. The following year I was hired to teach vocational agriculture at Carbon Independent School District and was part of that excellent school system for twenty-six years, the last three as principal.

My tenure at Carbon came to a close in May of 1990 when Carbon annexed with the Eastland School District.

During the summer of 1990, I was contacted by the school board of the Sidney ISD and was hired as their principal and vocational agriculture teacher and worked for those fine people for ten years before I retired in June of 2000.

During the thirty-seven years in education, the last thirteen as an administrator, I saw many changes in public education, some good and some not so good. My ultimate goal has always then to improve the quality of education for our students, be it college or a vocational school and to improve our facilities along with the working conditions of our teachers. It is also important that we educate our students in critical thinking skills, how to become positive leaders and to be good role models to the peer and to the community.

We all need to remember that the seed we plant in the minds of our children today will be the harvest that we see in years to come.

I thank you for your time and would appreciate your vote during early voting and on May 10th.

A reminder: If you are a registered voter and you pay taxes on your residence/homestead to the Eastland ISD, you can vote in this election.

Thank you,
John Rodgers

Lady Cubs Play at Lingleville

The Lady Cubs played volleyball at Lingleville last Thursday against various teams. Both Lady Cub teams won a match and lost a match.

Gorman A team v Bluff Dale 7-25, 22-25

Gorman A team v Morgan Mill 25-16, 25-23

Gorman B team v Morgan Mill 28-30, 25-21, 15-13

Gorman B team v Lingleville 13-25, 25-15, 15-10

The next game will be Monday, May 5th, beginning at 4:00 in Ranger.

Correction!!

My kindergarten co-teachers sent in the names to you for the lovely pictures that you put in the paper-I appreciate you doing that so very much. I noticed that some how Mrs. Spivey's name was left off. I apologize if it was a mistake from the school.

It should have read as follows:

First grade classes:

Room 1A-Mrs. Lewis-Phillip Alford, Diana Alvarado, Jennifer Cruz, Justice Fischer, Chasity Fraley, Kolby Gaines, David Griffin, Jesse Prado, Tiyhler Rainey, Jesenia Rodriguez, Reece Scitem, Taylor Shepherd, Lauren Underwood, Luke Whitsell, Rachel Williams.

Room 1B - Mrs. Spivey: Marley Carlton, Christopher Cox, Nancy Crisp, Brandon Hogan, Cameron Hull, Briana Landa, Emily Lara, Nedra Madera, Christopher Sanchez, Daniella Segura, Jennifer Valdez, John Warren, Rhett West, and Morgan Wright.

Thank you for helping make this correction. I appreciate it.
Shanna Lewis

Softball Team Finishes Year Strong



This year the Gorman Lady Panthers were coached by Coach Conon Emmons. The season was not the success they were all hoping for. However, the girls set their minds to go out with a bang. The last two games were at home and they beat De Leon and Ranger to put a bitter sweet end to this year's season.



Five of the starting line-up was seniors, who will be greatly missed. Michaela Burns played 3rd base, Reba Granado played 1st, Megan Lewis played catcher, Brandy Carlton played both pitcher and center field, and Tecia Jones played both center and right field. These seniors were a great asset to the softball program, however we are hoping for a successful season next year with the returning players. Thanks to those who supported us.

Congratulations!!!

I would like to congratulate the Gorman High School Band for their huge success in raising a substantial amount of money in the AVON fundraiser they recently participated in. A BIG thank you goes out to all the students: You really put your hearts into it! Also to the community for helping these children get the funds they need to go to Band Camp! We could not have done it without you! Thanks Gorman! If you or anyone you know needs to raise money for their organization, I would be glad to show them how they can make up to 40% from their own sales with AVON Fundraising. Would you like to place an AVON order? Contact me today!

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The Gorman Panthers have done it again!! They have once again made it to the play-offs to round out the year by going to play-offs in all of their sports. The team finishes in second place in the district with an 11-3 record. They will be meeting up with Evant for their first round of play-offs, and this game will be held in Comanche on Saturday, May 3rd. The baseball team also has a number of seniors that will be sorely missed next year. They are Catcher Corey Clark, 1st Base Aaron Keith, 2nd Base Brandon Greer, Center Fielder Zack, Fox, and right Fielder Daniel Shirley. Please come out to support this exciting team as we travel along the last road to play-offs for this school year.

MULTI-COUNTY WHEAT TOUR - MAY 2ND

The annual Multi-County Wheat Tour will be held on Friday, May 2nd beginning at the Taylor County Demonstrations Plots on Highway 351 Northeast of Abilene. The tour will then travel to the Callahan County Plots located north of Eula on CR 250. The field day is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Producers will have the opportunity to view the variety plots, Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Assistant Professor and State Extension Small grains Specialist will discuss varieties and give the latest update on the current wheat crop situation. Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist from San Angelo will discuss weed and wild oat control, seeding rates and issues involved with volunteer wheat. Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist from San Angelo will be on hand to give an overview of insect pest and their control.

The tour will conclude with an industry-sponsored lunch at the Eula Lions Club. At this location, Dr. Mark Welch will be on hand to discuss the current wheat market situation and then the Texas Department of Agriculture will give an update on Texas Herbicide Laws and Regulations. Three CEU's (3) will be awarded to holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture Applicators License.

If you plan to attend, contact the Taylor County Extension Office (325/682-6048), Callahan County Extension Office (325/854-5835) or Shackelford County Extension Office (325/762-2232).

Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities Rise during Prom & Graduation

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released data from its Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) showing that alcohol-related fatalities increase between the middle of April and the middle of June. What's significant about these time periods? It happens to be when teenagers tend to do a lot of partying, namely prom and graduation.

"Alcohol is one of the most difficult drugs to combat, especially with youth," comments Gary Smith, who is Executive Director of Narconon Arrowhead, "Being a legal drug that is easily obtained, clear and effective prevention and education measures must be taken."

The Fatality Analysis Reporting System data showed that in the year 2000, 58% of traffic fatalities were alcohol-related during the prom and graduation period. This compares with 41% for the rest of the year. In addition, 36% of all alcohol-related traffic fatalities are young people between the ages of 15 and 20, below the legal age to consume alcoholic beverages.

This data shows that more work needs to be done on the education and prevention front. This being said, April is national Alcohol Awareness month and the message must be delivered, alcohol is a drug and it costs Americans too much time, money, lives and grief for us not to make a stand.

Advertisements from alcoholic beverage companies specifically market to our nation's youth, depicting a fun atmosphere, good-looking people and sometimes a picture of total irresponsibility, making it appealing for rebellious or thrill-seeking teenagers.

"Nobody starts using drugs or alcohol with the intent of becoming addicted or losing their lives," exclaims Smith, "But when people wait and don't get help immediately, they can die or end up in the hospital or prison. Some people are fortunate enough to get the help they need but those are the people that have the courage to reach out."

For information on Narconon's successful drug treatment and educational programs and materials, contact Narconon Arrowhead at 1-800-468-6933 or visit their website at www.stopaddiction.com. The Narconon program was founded in 1966 by William Benitez in Arizona State Prison, and is based on the humanitarian works of L. Ron Hubbard. In more than 120 centers around the world, Narconon programs restore drug and alcohol abusers and addicts to a clean and sober lifestyle.

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Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All-Star 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. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Commerce, Tx; Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Babson Park, FL; Gainesville, GA; Champaign, IL; Glassboro, NJ; Lebanon, TN; and Blacksburg, VA. A Summer Camp available for Boys and Girls ages 6 - 18 of all skill levels. For free brochure on Summer Camps, call 704-373-0873 ANYTIME. www.tenstarcamp.com



The cast and crew of Gorman High School's One-Act Play competed in the UIL Zone contest on March 26 at Weatherford College. The group performed "Rest in Peace" by Pat Cook. This was a different type of auditorium than usually encountered during UIL contest, but the cast & crew gave their best performance. Although the play did not advance, three members of the ensemble received awards.



Tyler Johnson received an All-Star Cast award, Brittany Henderson received an Honorable Mention All Star Cast award, and Jon Flores received the Technical Crew award.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

D.S.A., Inc.
P.O. Box 698 - Cleburne, TX 76033
(817) 645- 8864 - (817) 645-2097 Fax

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

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

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

Plans and specifications may be secured from:
D.S.A., Inc., 207 N. Ridgeway
P.O. Box 698 - Cleburne, Texas 76033 - 817/645-8864,
beginning Monday, April 14, 2008 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
The Owner reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any or all proposals. No proposals may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the date proposals are opened.

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By David K. Perry

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This week has been all about TAKS testing and I hope your children are not totally stressed out. I wish we did not have to put them through it, but the tests are extremely important to them as well as the school. Please encourage them and see that they are well rested.

This week has also been about voting. Yes, early voting for the May 10th School Board Election began Monday in the Administration office and office hours are from 8:00am until 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Early voting ends on Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 at 3:30pm. If you miss your chance to vote early, then you may still vote on Saturday, May 10th, 2008 at the Gorman Community Center from 7:00am until 7:00pm. The persons that serve on the school board serve a very important role in our community and deserve your support. So, please vote for the candidate of your choice and the best interest of the children of Gorman.

The warm weather last week was really nice. You can see the difference in the landscape. Everything is getting greener and more beautiful by the day. Speaking of greener, Mrs. Grissom's Kindergarten, with help from the First Grade, planted a tree in honor of Earth Day last Tuesday. It is planted just north of our electronic sign. I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Grissom and all the students and teachers that helped. If everyone would follow their example, the oxygen supply on earth would be greatly increased as well as making our surroundings more beautiful. Thanks kids!

Our baseball team won their final regular season game against Cross Plains and now heads into the playoffs. Most of these young men were in the playoffs in football, basketball, and now baseball and track. This is quite a group of athletes. Games schedules for the playoffs may be obtained by calling the high school or checking our website.

Wednesday I met with our architect and construction manager. We are re-bidding some items that came in too high, but we did accept the bid for site work and hopefully we will see the work being started in the near future. We have already begun limiting parking in the construction zoned.

The support we receive from our school board here at Gorman ISD is incredible. They come together from various backgrounds and focus on the best interest of our children all year long. They not only support us with good decisions based on consensus and need, they attend as many school functions as they can. Supporting these kids with their presence is an important part of the great community leadership they provide. If you have the opportunity, please give them a pat on the back and a thank you the next time you see one of them. I certainly appreciate them all!

Just one more thing, OUR BOYS ARE GOING TO STATE IN THE MILE RELAY! Unfortunately they are the only ones advancing. We had others, both boys and girls get close, but only the top two advance out of regional to state. I was sick and relied on Mr. Panter to keep me updated. Now I find out I can't go to state either, it's election day, May 10th. So if you are going to go to the state track meet, vote early!

I know I've talked about attitudes before, but I'm not sure I've talked about how your attitude as a parent or grandparent can affect your children. Your attitude can

Eastland Co. Retired Teachers To Meet

Eastland County Retired Teachers Association is a group made up of former school personell. The group meets nine times a year on the Second Monday for lunch and a short program. On the Second Monday of May, ECRTA will meet at the Carbon Community Center for their year end luncheon.

In May, the group will close out the year with Reford Schmittou, President of Region XIV RTA leading a discussion of legislative wants for the next Legislative Session. Also certificate of awards will be given to Keith Watkins and Eddie Munn by Lois Marshall, chair of the Volunteer Committee, for the most volunteer hours donated by individuals in the group. This group donates an enormous amount of volunteer hours in a year.

Dues for membership for 2008-2009 are \$30.00 (\$25.00 for state dues and \$5.00 for local dues) will be collected at this meeting. If you would like to join us for lunch on May 12, reservations would be appreciated by calling 442-3405 or 639-2444.

either motivate your child or it can destroy what motivation your child has. When a parent is at odds with a teacher it makes for a bad situation for that child. Everything you do or say in the presence of your children and their friends will affect attitude one way or the other. Parents need to form partnerships with teachers and do what is best for them to succeed. The teachers have to do their part also, you know things about your child that they need to know to be able to reach them and help them attain their best work. Teamwork! It is a way to succeed. Just think about the difference attitude can make. Let's take a race for example, which of the following attitudes would you rather have going into a race: A. Hope you won't come in last B. Hope you'll finish in the top two C. Knowing you've got the right stuff to win if everything goes right D. Knowing you are going to win whatever it takes. Think you'd agree that D has the best chance of winning. Are you doing everything you can do to help your child or are you accidentally a part of the problem? Part of the problem or part of the solution, we are all one or the other! I choose to be a part of the solution and I pray that all (parents and teachers) of you will want to be a part of the solution too. Be positive! A positive mental attitude has overcome many mountain that otherwise would have been too high to even attempt. Be positive! Always encourage! Always love your kids!

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

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Animal Adoption Center
Family Fun Day
at Eastland Park
Saturday, May 3rd - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Fun Day activities include the following:
- **Take a picture with a Longhorn** furnished by John Matthews of the Seven Six Ranches and sponsored by Guardian Title and Joe and Suzanne Blalock. Mr. Matthews will be bringing 2 longhorn steers and a Watul which he bottles and trained to be ridden. It is one of 2 in the nation that can be ridden.
 - **Hoarse Drawn Wagon Rides** by Joe Martin.
 - **Face Painting** by the Eastland High School art department and Mr. Nanni Logan.
 - **Cake Walk** with home baked goodies.
 - **Jump Castle** sponsored by First Financial Bank.
 - **Coca Cola Elvis** (Terry Edwards) will be performing from 11:00 - 12:00 sponsored by Kevin Lotimer, CPA.
 - **Dog Show** with various fun categories sponsored by Jim and Linda Roubin. Sign-ups will begin Saturday morning and go until 12:00 noon, the show will be held from 1:00 - 2:00.
 - **Drinking Booth** with "local celebrities". The times are as follows so you can choose who you want to come and "parture".

Come see the following Vendor Booths:

- **Jim's Jewelry** - jewelry, bracelets, jewelry, purses, wallets, sunglasses and belts
- **Ann's** - home decor, purses and candles
- **Individuals** - clothes, jewelry, belts, sunglasses, purses, candles
- **Carolynne Cookrell** - small dog clothes and hats
- **Microcosm Builders** - information on their products and raffle of a dog house built by Morgan

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Food and Drinks will be provided by - Pizza Pro, Hardins BBQ and Brookshires

If anyone is interested in having a booth at this event, please contact us before hand to sign up. We will also have a meeting at the Courtyard on Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 for those who are helping at the event or those who are interested in volunteering. For more information, please call 254-246-0037.

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Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We had a great group here of 28 people for our weekly dinner at 11:30 on the 23rd. Jud Maxfield gave the blessing of our food. Our meal consisted of Pork Chops, potatoes, several different kinds of veggies, salads, Cole slaw and macaroni and cheese. We also had pie and cake, rolls made by Betty Regian, so good! We always have Icy Munn's delicious deviled eggs. Thanks for this treat. Also Billie Bennett made a most delicious fruit salad, superb.

We celebrated Wilburn Overstreet's 92nd Birthday. Bernice Hewson made him a chocolate and yellow Birthday Cake, plus ice cream was enjoyed by all. We all gave him a cup and a balloon, plus sang Happy Birthday! We tried to surprise him, hope we succeeded. He is such a sweet man and full of wisdom. Bro. Barry Schanan and Sharlene were here to be with us and celebrate. Wish they would come more often.

Several were here we hadn't seen in awhile. Always good to see and visit with Li. Brudnak, Billie Bennett, Ima Brown and Ruthie Porter. We especially enjoyed Russell Cordell, being here with us. Hope he continues to visit when he can. We missed him being here with his mother, Anna Rush. I still can't believe she is gone, but in a much better place.

I called Barbara, Wynogene Smith's daughter. She said she is better and was returning home this past weekend. She had seen her Dr. there in Georgetown about her back. I do hope she continues to improve and can be back with us soon. She and Estelle Lindley are our two main pie bakers, also rolls by Wynogene.

There were 10 present for game night on the 24th. That is our usual number, where are all you game players? We played Spinner and 88's. Eighty-Eights is like 42 but with six people and double the dominoes. I've learned a little about this game, but the three partners is somewhat confusing to me. Jo Holdman was here from Desdemona to play with us. We do enjoy her and hope she continues to visit. We missed Dixie Pack being here for game night, she is such an earnest player.

I traveled to Abilene with my family for the Regional Track Meet on the 26th. The Relay Team won 2nd Place in the 1600 Meter. They will now go to State finals in Austin. We are all so proud of this Relay Team, especially with my grandson Tyson Swanner being a part. I never knew he could run so fast, he has really improved in the last couple of years.

After the track meet the women went with Kendra Swanner to David's Bridal to select a dress. After all the trying on she chose the beaded bodice, and full skirt. The first time I'd been in a bridal shop since my own wedding. It was like a fairy tale in the store, so beautiful, everything joyous. Mirrors everywhere, I didn't like that, reminded me of all the weight I should lose.

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

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Country and Western Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center (Former School Building). Several musical groups, singers and visitors attended. There were groups from Gordon, Strawn, Comanche, Rising Star and Desdemona. We appreciate each musical group that takes time out from their busy schedule to come each month to play and sing at this musical. Thanks to the ladies of our Community that donate food each month to our Concession Stand. Thanks to all the workers that helps each time. It takes each and everyone doing their part to keep our Community going strong. Thanks again.

Howard Cemetery Meeting

The **Annual Howard Cemetery Business Meeting** was held on Saturday, April 26th at the Cemetery located four miles north of Desdemona. A large crowd enjoyed a covered dish luncheon with a wonderful assortment of homemade desserts. The Cemetery building was decorated with large pots of native greenery, wild flowers, honeysuckle, bouquets of roses and many colored irises. A re-election of officers was held following the noon meal. President of the Association, James Ryon, retired due to health issues and Nancy (Tidwell) Bond, long time Secretary-Treasurer was elected to replace him. Also there were five Directors of the Board elected to assist her.

Doug Corley, financial advisor from Lubbock, Texas; Mike Riggs, Carol (Hill) Willis, Shirley (Shipman) Shirley all of Desdemona and Charlene (Stacy) Bruton of Colleyville, Texas. Jim and Pam Hom of Desdemona were retained as grounds maintenance. The Old Cemetery, dating back to 1800 was lovely under its' shad of century old oak trees.

Karen Fair, Angela Powledge and children, Kaley and Lane spent Sunday in Weatherford sightseeing and shopping.

"FLEA MARKET" - Coming Soon - to be held at the Desdemona Community Center School Building. Vendors are welcome to lease spaces inside the school gym or outside in the school yard at a reasonable price. Contact this reporter 254-758-2665 for more information. Do your "Spring Cleaning" bring your extra items and rent a space to sell it.

Vonnice Guthery attended **"LADIES DAY"** last Saturday at the De Leon Church of Christ. Vonnice was a guest of her sister, Avie Taylor who is a member of this Church. Lou Puckett was the guest speaker and she presented two wonderful lessons, "The Living Water" and "Fruits of the Spirit"! Lunch was served in the Church annex which was beautifully decorated using fruit as the theme. Large baskets of real fruit was placed on the serving table with lovely antique vases. Each table was covered in green using a green garland down the center accented with white paper lace doilies and real fruit. Everyone enjoyed the good food and fellowship.

Ray Brazell recently sold his home in the Jakehamon Community. He will be moving soon to the Metroplex to be near his children. Ray was born and raised in Jakehamon where he started to school - then later transferred to Desdemona School where he graduated with the Class of 1949. We wish him much happiness and good health in his new "Home".

Friend in Desdemona sends "Happy Birthday" wishes to Evah (Abernathy) Sparkman on Sunday, May 4th. Her address is 2010 Good Tree St., Room 12, Stephenville, Texas 76401. Evah and her son, Homer Joe Sparkman spent several days recently in the Stephenville Hospital. Remember these and others on the sick list with your cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. This news is written each Sunday night and delivered by noon on each Monday. Your help will be appreciated.

Thanks and have a great day, Vonnie

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