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Second Annual Eastland County Relay For Life Set April 29

Our Relay for Life for Eastland County is just around the corner and would like to invite everyone to come out and help us celebrate our Cancer Survivors and Caregivers.

Opening Ceremony will start at 6:00 p.m., April 29th at the Brogdon Field. We have 30 teams that have worked hard to help us make this a great success. Each team will be cooking up something good to eat—Fajitas, Tacos, Sausage on a stick, Funnel cake, Red beans, Frozen chocolate bananas, Lemon chills and concession will be open all night.

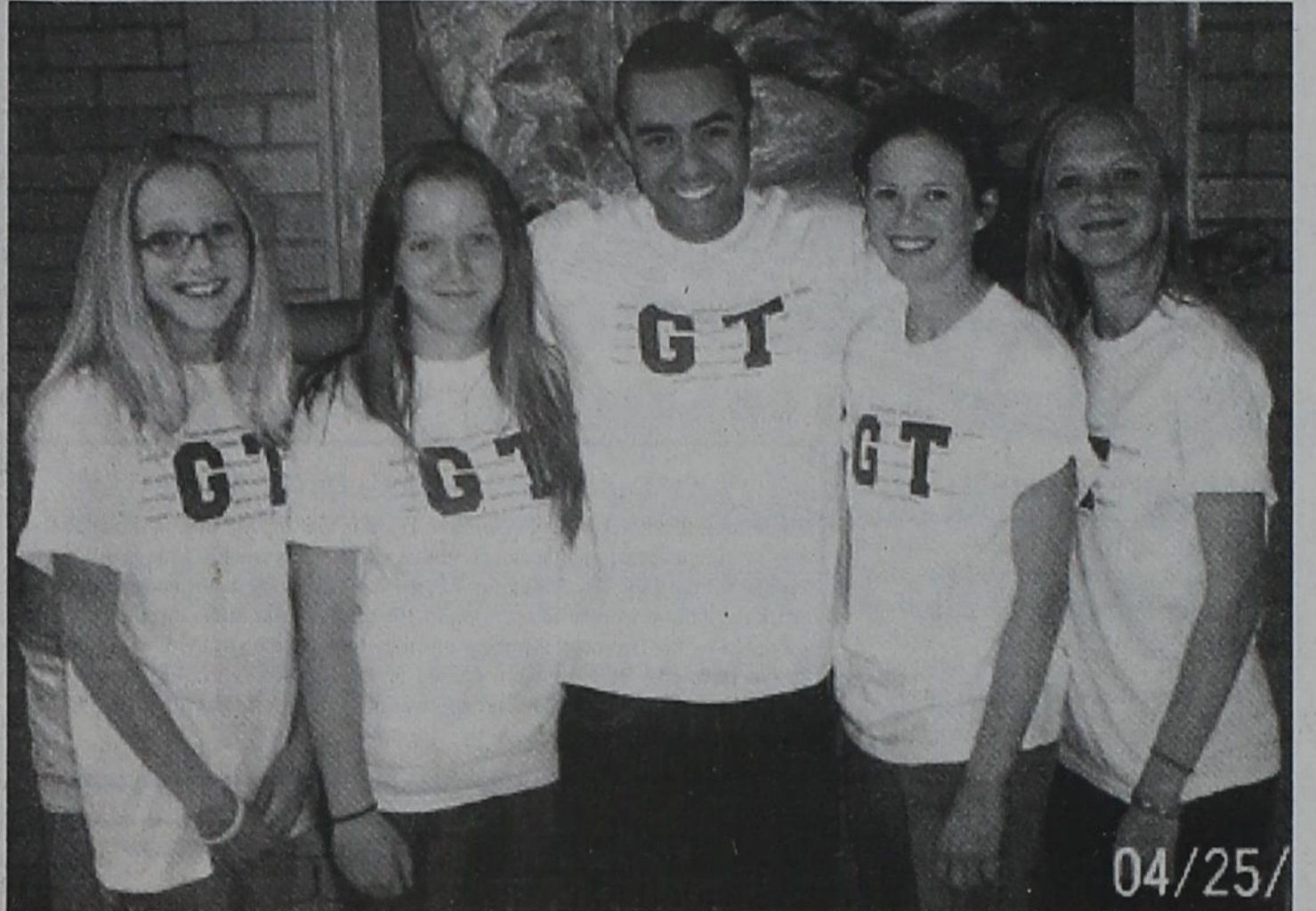
Each team is raffling several items with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Raffles are: Metal yard trellis-T.A.B. team; Texas birdbath-Rebels against Cancer; 6 ft yard swing and gift baskets - Pajama Mamas; Quilt from Fredericksburg - Beacon of Hope; Outside bench - Cancer Crusaders; membership to Curves - Curves; 200 sq. ft. cement patio - Sew-Sew Girls...and so much more.

At 7 p.m. our Survivor and Caregivers lap will start our Relay. We'd like to invite all cancer survivors to come and walk the first lap with us. Survivors need to register at the survivor's tent before 6:30 p.m. so we can give you a special t-shirt.

Our Luminaria Ceremony will start at 9 p.m. to honor our survivors and to remember those loved ones that we have lost to cancer. Come out and light a candle for that loved one and let them know we are behind them 100% in this fight.

We will have The Jesus Posse Band and Glorify performing for us also plus Barry Rose of Brownwood will DJ all night. So come and help us make this a night for our cancer survivors to remember.

Several Local Students To Compete At Regional Track Meet At ACU



Participating at the Regional Track Meet at ACU on Friday, April 29th are: (pictured from L-R) Mary Powell-3200 Run; Megan Lewis-300 Hurdles; Corey Brown-100m; Brandy Carlton-High Jump, Triple Jump, 800m; Crystal Thackerson-3200 Run.

Carter Issues Statement

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My family and I moved here from the Fort Worth area about a year and a half ago. We truly love living in the small town of Gorman. The people here have been extremely warm and welcoming.

Since moving here, I have gotten involved in many organizations such as the Fire Department, the Baseball Commission and Boy Scouts. I enjoy working with all of these organizations because family and community are important to me. I have also had the opportunity to join an amazing church where my wife and I have become a part of the youth ministry.

I believe I can bring a fresh, new perspective to the Commission. I think it is important that our commissioners work together for the best interests of both our families and businesses. It is clear that the tax base is changing in our town, so we have to find other sources of funding. If we don't, the citizens will bear the burden through higher taxes. Gorman needs to give new businesses a reason to come as well as providing the existing business with a reason to remain. We also need to serve our families and provide them with a reason to stay. I believe the citizens of this community should have a voice in the decisions that will affect them, and I will gladly welcome all suggestions. I ask for the opportunity to serve you

Freeman Makes Statement



My name is David Freeman. I have lived in the community on the Kokomo highway for about ten years. I married Laneta Rodgers 15 years ago. After the passing of her mother, we moved to Laneta's home place, the farm owned and operated by her parents, Vera and Ollie Rodgers all of their life.

In the years I have been here, I have learned to respect the people in the Gorman community. Faced with low crop prices, drought, and the recent loss of a large portion of Birdsong Peanuts, the people in our town continue to press forward.

Three years ago, some people suggested that I should run for the

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as your City Commissioner. Please cast your vote for me on May 7th.

Sincerely,
Tony R. Carter

Laminack Candidate For GISD

I am Marceil Laminack and I'm a candidate for Place #5 on the Gorman ISD Board of Trustees. My husband, Don, and I have lived in the Gorman area almost all of our life. We are members of the Gorman Church of Christ.

Don and I have three grown sons, Randy, Revise, and Noble—who like their Dad received their education at GISD. I received mine from Carbon ISD.

I have worked for the U.S. Postal Service for the past 12 years as a clerk and a rural mail carrier. I also own my own business. We also breed and raise American Quarter Horses.

While our sons were in GISD I was very active in their organizations and supported their interests. We are pleased that Randy and Revise both played on our State Football Team and Noble was on the State Livestock Judging Team.

I have been active in Community and School affairs. When I was President of Woman's Study Club we added the "Little Miss Gorman" to the Miss Gorman Contest. Secretary of the Gorman Junior Rodeo had a trail ride from Gorman to the DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival Parade for the Gorman Youth. Was 4-H Adult Leader and President of the Lions Club had Christmas in the Park and the Lighted Christmas Parade.

The primary function of the School Board is to oversee the school administration, approve the budget and set the policy. A School Board member serves three major functions—students and parents, faculty and staff, and taxpayer. And if these be at odds, the main concern should always be educating the student. I believe that before any Board Member votes on any issue they should ask themselves, "Does this help educate the students?"

I believe in honesty, fairness and accountability.

How am I qualified? — I have a great-grandson, Rylan Laminack, in the 1st grade, a granddaughter, Lindsey Laminack, in the 8th grade, and a daughter-in-law, Lisa Laminack, a teacher in GISD, and I am a taxpayer.

Please vote on May 7, Place # 5, Marceil Laminack.
s/Marceil Laminack

John Deere Lawn Mower Drawing

It's mowing season again! The Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a John Deere L100 Riding Lawn Mower. The retail value of this tractor is \$1,499.00. The tickets are \$10 each and the lawn mower will be given away mid-May.

To purchase a ticket contact Larry Thompson at 734-3354, or see a GLRA member.

Happy mowing!

Validation for the State Fair of Texas in Dallas will be June 28, 2005 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. @ the Eastland County Show Barn.

Lady Panther Softball Season Comes To An End

The Lady Panthers dropped a 2-7 decision to the Albany Lady Lions this past Friday in a district play-off game to decide the second place representative for the state play-offs in district 6-A. Gorman fell behind early in the first inning by giving up 2 runs and scoring none. Albany tacked on another before the Lady Panthers pulled within 2-3. But that would be as close as it would get as Albany scored 2 in the 4th and 2 in the 6th to take the victory 2-7. The Lady Panthers finish the year at 8 wins and 6 losses. The 8 wins are a high mark for at least the last 4 seasons, it is the first winning season in at least the last 4 seasons, and it is more wins than the last two seasons combined. Although the Lady Panthers did not make the play-offs for the first time in several years, they did accomplish many positives through-out the year including winning our softball tournament for the first time in at least 4 seasons. With only one senior graduating from this year's team there will be high expectations set for next year's team.

"We played mostly freshmen and juniors with a couple of sophomores sprinkled in here and there, so the future looks to be bright at this time. Hopefully we will retain all the underclassmen from this season and possibly add some as well along with the incoming freshmen next year. I believe our Ladies came a long way this year especially with as young as we were. If we improve at the same amount next year as we did this year it will be a fun season to watch for everyone. Our commitment level grew as the season wore on and we had a lot of players doing extra things to make themselves and the team better. That was a great thing to see and encouraging for our future in all sports. The challenge now is to build on that attitude and apply it to all our endeavors. I am exceptionally proud of our ladies and I know they are disappointed in not making the play-offs, but we knew the task was going to be a mighty one with Eula being added to our district and Albany being an improved team from a year ago. Our Ladies have nothing to be ashamed of and I want to congratulate them on a very fine season. I also want to acknowledge our lone senior Ashlee Hornback who has played for 4 years now and accomplished a lot and contributed much to our program. She will be missed by all."

-Coach Tyson

The Gorman Lady Panthers would like to thank all those that supported the team this season and encourage you to continue to show your support in all our sports throughout the 2005-2006 seasons. Once again, Congratulations on a winning season Lady Panthers!

Team members for the 2005 Lady Panthers included: Ashlee Hornback Sr., Sharla Perez Jr., Kendra Swanner Jr., Nikki Keith Jr., Holly Wright Jr., Kristy Carlton Soph., Amanda Regain Soph., Rosa Herrera Soph., Crystal Thackerson Soph., Mindy Keaton Soph., Brandy Carlton Fr., Megan Lewis Fr., Tecia Jones Fr., and Reba Granado Fr.

Gorman ISD Early Voting

Gorman ISD trustee election early voting on April 29th will be available during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. School will be dismissed that day for a bad weather day. All other days of early voting will be available during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

YOUR B.F.I. CONTAINER MUST BE SET ON THE VERY EDGE OF THE STREET. THE DRIVER WILL NOT EMPTY IF IT IS NOT PLACED IN THIS POSITION. ALSO, IT PROLONGS THE WEAR AND TEAR OF THE CART IF YOU PLACE THE CONTAINER SO THAT IT OPENS BACK TOWARDS YOU RESIDENCE. SOME CONTAINERS HAVE ARROWS INDICATING. THANK YOU.

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 7. Bring a basket lunch.

National Day of Prayer May 5th

The Gorman Ministerial Alliance invites the community to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5th at the Senior Citizens at noon. Bring a sack lunch.

Rock Bluff Baptist Church All-Day Singing

The Rock Bluff Baptist Church All-Day Singing will be on Sunday, May 1st beginning at 10 a.m. and will end around 3-4 p.m. Several out-of-town guests are expected. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Two Promises, One Covenant
Two Lives, Made One In Christ

Johanna & Nicholas

Together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Froehner
&
Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Bursleson

Joyously invite you to worship with us and witness the union of their lives in Christ on the Thirtieth of April two thousand five at one o'clock

First Baptist Church
1004 First Street - Goldthwaite, Tx

Reception to follow
First United Methodist Church
Family Life Center



Jerilyn Wilkerson cuts the ribbon to kick off Monday's blood drive. Gorman donated 18 units of blood that day. The Gorman Lions Club wishes to thank everyone who donates blood and make our blood drives successful. Donating blood saves lives.

Obituary

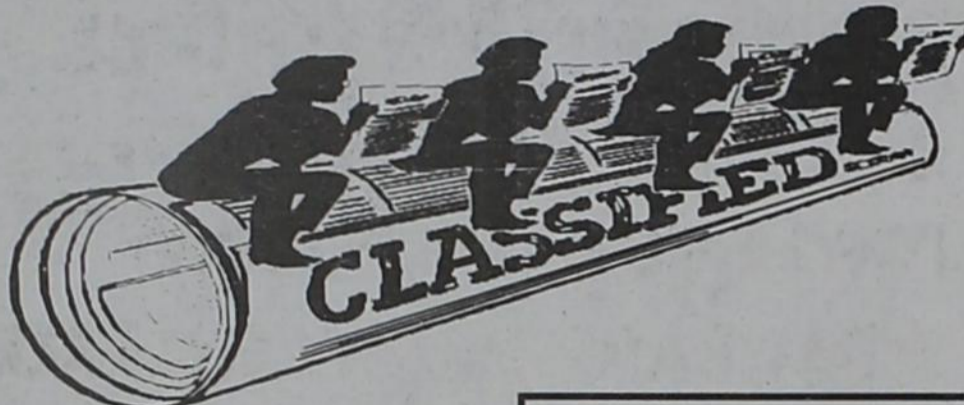
Jerry Lee "Peanut" Yates

Jerry Lee "Peanut" Yates, age 65 of Weatherford, passed away suddenly, Thursday, April 21, 2005 at the Campbell health System in Weatherford.

Jerry was born February 25, 1940 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Eugene Yates and Florence (Pebeahsy) Yates. He married Linda Mooney October 11, 2000 in Weatherford. He was a graduate of Gorman High School and Hardin Simmons University. He was self-employed as a transportation broker. He was a member of the New Hope Baptist church near Gorman.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Yates of Weatherford; one son, Brandon Yates of River Oaks, Texas; one daughter, Whitney Yates of Weatherford; one brother, Eddie Yates of Lawton, OK; two sisters, Linday Yates of Houston and Carolyn Yates of California; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Jarrod Yates.

The body was cremated under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.



Gorman Independent School District is currently accepting RFTs for student athletic and activities insurance. Request information by contacting the GISD Administration office 254-734-3171. Deadline 1:00 p.m., May 9, 2005. 2-5-5-C

WANTED: Top dollar paid for junk vehicles. Call John at 254-758-2738. 2-5-5-P

DQ of Gorman now accepting applications for Assistant Manager. Above average pay for individual with strong leadership skills and the ability to work nights and weekends. Smoke and drug free work environment. Drug test required. Apply in person today with Manager, Sylvai Alvarez. 4-5-19-C

Yard Sale: Thursday, April 28 through Saturday morning, April 30. At blinking light at Highways 8 and 16 - Desdemona. Swamp coolers, swing set, some furniture and lots of other items. 1-4-28-P

For Sale: Day-old chicks. \$1.00 each. Call Lee or Amy Wood. 254-734-2973. 4-5-12-C

For Sale: Used washers, dryers, refrigerators, and freezers. 30 day warranty. Call 254-893-4198 or 254-842-8167. fnc

Help Wanted: Plumber and electrician helper needed for work in and around this area. Must have driver's license and own transportation. Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screening. Call Steve Sheetz at 893-3191 to set up interview. 1-4-21-C

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Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting May 7th

The Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association will have their annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, 2005. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting, otherwise, it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center.

Anyone who has family or friends buried in the Kokomo, Simpson or Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting. A new map of the Simpson Cemetery will be on display.

A covered dish lunch will be shared in the Kokomo Community Center at noon following the business meeting. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the good food and fellowship with family, friends and neighbors. Paper plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins and ice will be furnished.

East End Education Co-Op Job Posting
East End Education Co-Op in Gorman, Texas is looking for an experienced secretary with moderate to advanced computer skills. This is a full time position with regular school benefits. The position responsibilities vary from answering phones, working with student folders, support for professional staff, to other duties as assigned by the Director. Applications may be picked up at the East End Co-Op in Gorman, 539 W. Roosevelt, mailed upon request (254-734-2020), or email aolivo@eastend.esc14.net for an application. East End Education Co-Op is an equal opportunity employer. 2-5-5-C

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Resumes may be sent to: Tommie Lee/Director East End Education Co-Op P.O. Box 717 Gorman, Texas 76454
Applications may be picked up at 539 W Roosevelt in Gorman, requested by phone (254-734-2020), or e-mail at aolivo@eastend.esc14.net
EAST END EDUCATION CO-OP IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

The City of Gorman is now accepting applications for an individual(s) to run the City pool. The pool opens on Memorial Weekend and normally closes on Labor Day weekend. Person must be a Certified Pool Operator, also must be a Certified Life Guard. Apply in person or mail an app to City of Gorman, POBox 236, Gorman, TX 76454. (254)734-2317

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NEW : 3.78 A. 3-2 frame, app. 1160', garage/carport, lots of large oak trees, water well, creek. pond and barn, close to town. \$47,500
47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A easement, 2 ponds, 2 ponds, 3 stock ponds, \$1,050 acre.
NEW 58A. Desdemona, app. 10 coastal ponds, paved, hunting, wildlife. \$1,800 per acre.
NEW: 105 A., Comanche Co., near De Leon, 30 A. Coastal, 52 A. cultivated, 23 A. pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 well ponds, irrigation, steel corrals, electricity, paved @ CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre
NEW : 192 A. s/w Gorman, over 1/2 mile of Sabanna River frontage, remote, wooded, 122 cultivation, stock pond, lots of deer & turkey. \$1,350 acre
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New Listing: 80 A Comanche Co., 3 tanks, coastal, woods, hunting. \$178,000
New Listing: 204 A with 2/2 1/375 sf brick, carport, 7 wells, and 2 tanks. \$353,500
New Listing: 7A with 3/3 2,239 sf brick, fireplace, water well, carport, storm cellar. \$115,000
New Listing: 69A wooded, rolling terrain, corrals, 3 tanks, hunting. REDUCED \$172,500.
New Listing: 2A 3/2 1,900 sf frame, 2 wells, CH/A. REDUCED \$72,000.
235A on Sabanna River, 6 reservoirs, irrig. wells, hunting, \$325,000
63A coastal, corrals, water wells, hunting. \$123,700.
7 A., 3/2, 2,347sf brick, carport, stock tank, corrals, RV shed, metal barn, 2 wells, hwy. frontage. \$145,000.
201 Acre. on Leon River, several ponds, woods, pecans, pasture, hunting. \$331,650 **SOLD**
90 A. Eastland Co., Hwy. frontage, 3 tanks, heavy cover for hunting, cultivation, home-site. \$139,500
82 Acres at Proctor Lake, well, tank, home site, hunting & fishing. \$164,500 **CONTRACT**
157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250
97A 5/4.5, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, corral, and much more. \$650,000
58 A. Tank, water well, good home site. \$95,700
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BFI Rate Increase Absorbed by City

BFI will be increasing the cost of pick up by 4% effective May 1,

2005. The Commission has chosen NOT to pass this rate increase on to you, the resident. For the time, the Commission feels that the City can absorb the increase, and will continue to strive to keep your cost low.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: J. W. Henderson, Harry C. Lord, Carl J. Sittinger, Irene D. Sittinger, Richard A. Stevens, Holland A. Stevens, George A. Thorpe, Agnes C. Bowen, M. Eleanor Bowen, Marilyn L. Bowen, Alanson G. Bowen, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors, and/or assigns of the said J. W. Henderson, Harry C. Lord, Carl J. Sittinger, Irene C. Sittinger, Richard A. Stevens, Holland A. Stevens, George A. Thorpe, Agnes C. Bowen, M. Eleanor Bowen, Marilyn L. Bowen, Alanson G. Bowen, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Court-house thereof, in Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd Day of May, A.D. 2005, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 5th day of April, 2005, in this cause, numbered CV-05-39,927 on the docket of said court and styled W. G. Arnot, Jr., Plaintiff, vs. J. W. Henderson, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition for appointment of receiver under Article 64.091, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, to execute an oil and gas lease on the oil and gas and mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described land:

The North one-half of the South-east one-quarter of Section 105, Block 3, H & T.C. Ry. Co. Survey, Abstract No. 180, Eastland County, Texas.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The Officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Witness, Imogene Tate, Dep. Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 5th day of April, A.D. 2005

Karen Moore Clerk, (Seal) 91st District Court Eastland County, Texas By (s) Imogene Tate, Deputy

Oakland Cemetery Report

The first Saturday of May will be the meeting time for the Oakland Cemetery Association to come together to take care of the Cemetery business.

We will meet at the Cemetery on May 7th at 10 a.m.

We need everyone to attend who have loved ones buried in the Cemetery. We need your input and financial support. All who have a part in the Cemetery also has a responsibility to help with the support and care of it.

So please come on and help us do what it take financially to do the job. Looking to see you there. s/Opal Burton, Sec. Oakland Cemetery Assoc. 503 N. Fisher Gorman, Tx 76454 or American State Bank here in Gorman

Youth Baseball Season Opens Saturday

Opening Day of Youth Baseball season will be Sat. April 30 beginning at 10:00. Come watch the games and stay for lunch. Hamburgers will be available along many other food items at the concession stand. Come support our youth and LET'S PLAY BALL!!!!!!!

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Johnnie M. Manning and wife Louise Manning, and each of the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns of the said Johnnie M. Manning and wife Louise Manning, Greeting:

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Witness, Imogene Tate, Deputy Clerk of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this the 5th day of April, A.D. 2005

Karen Moore Clerk, (Seal) 91st District Court Eastland County, Texas By (s) Imogene Tate, Deputy

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VOTE 'NO' ON THE 4A SALES TAX INCENTIVE

I present my ideas as a resident, long-time local business owner, former city councilman and concerned citizen. Much debate has surrounded the proposed 4A tax increase for the City of Gorman. I, like many other individuals of this community, am opposed to the proposed tax increase.

There are two recent publications I would like to respond to. One being from Mayor Tom Isbell of Anson. His comments appeared in a letter to Ms. Lori Dodd published in the Gorman Progress April 7, 2005. The second publication is that of a recent mail flyer sent to the residents of Gorman entitled: "How the 4A TAX INCENTIVE will make our community STRONGER"

Mr. Isbell portrays the 4A sales tax incentive as a viable revenue source for small towns. He uses his town of Anson as an example. Gorman and Anson are similar in ways, but are very different in others. First and foremost, with the diminished presence of Birdsong we have lost a major contributor to our economic and employment base. Subsequently, people have been displaced, disposable income reduced and employment sought elsewhere. Unlike the town of Anson these are individuals that will be effected by any tax increase.

Anson is approximately twice the size the Gorman allowing for a larger taxable base to generate more income. Anson is also intersected by Highways 277 and 180. It has two major highways, while Gorman fails to compare with only Highway 6. It stands to reason, two highways will produce more travelers to purchase taxable items. Anson is twice as likely to benefit from such a tax increase and do so more at the expense of non-residents.

As in Mr. Isbell's comments the said flyer, which it's origin is unidentified, indicates that tourist will support a large percentage of the burden. Realistically, this is unlikely. Occasionally an unfamiliar face is seen purchasing items in Gorman, but glance at the local businesses to see just how many tourist are patronizing our community compared to our residents. Not many.

Both the flyer and Mr. Isbell refer to new businesses opportunities being established through the proposed tax increase, when fundamentally businesses are opposed to taxes. Taxes impose a negative effect on businesses, on the economy and stifles growth. The flyer also states, "pennies turn to dollars.", insinuating the tax increase is inexpensive. Most taxes are small until they are compiled one on top of the other. Pennies will turn to dollars and it will be dollars unnecessarily paid by the people of Gorman. Unfortunately, our elderly population, unemployed and those living on limited incomes which will be penalized most unfairly.

I commend the City of Gorman, as it has done a satisfactory job with only limited economic resources. Nevertheless, if there exists no deficiencies with local governmental funds there is no justification to increase any local taxes. Any other implementation only serves to unfairly take revenues from one and disburse to another. As citizens we are already taxed far in excess with further increases imminent. The American people currently bear too much tax burden. Where does it stop? Here? In fact, this tax proposal should be voted down on principle alone.

In closing, I offer a rebuttal to the statement made in the flyer that the, "4A Sales Tax Incentive will make our community STRONGER". There is no tax increase that will strengthen our community. It will be made stronger only by the long-term innovation, commitment and dedication of the people in our wonderful rural community. Support local businesses. Support the community. Vote your conscious on May 7th.

Thomas Harrison

The Cancer Crusaders Drawing

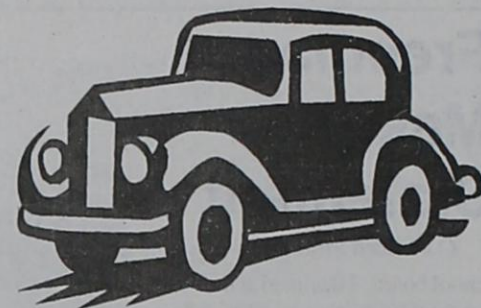
The Cancer Crusaders will have a drawing for a bench that is made out of weathered wood and has been accented with an American Flag painted by Bo Roberts. The bench is on display at Foster Floral. Tickets are \$5.00. To purchase a ticket, contact Cheri at 734-2668. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

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CJC Summer Registration

Cisco Junior College's online registration is now underway for Summer I and Summer II. The last day for online registration and payment for Summer I is June 1, and online registration for Summer II ends July 11, 2005.

Course schedules are listed on the CJC website. Classes begin June 1 and end July 7. Summer II will begin July 11 and end August 11.

Visit the CJC website at www.cisco.cc.tx.us; click on the Student Information link; then Campus Connect for instructions on using Campus Connect's online registration process. To register for courses you must be exempt from the Texas Success Initiative or be college ready in all three areas.

For more information, call the Cisco campus at (254) 442-5000 or the Abilene Educational Center at (325) 794-4400.

Freeman Makes Statement

Continued From Page One
school board. I declined at that time but for this election on May 7, I am a candidate for the Gorman School Board and would appreciate your vote.

If elected, I will work to accomplish the following:

1. I will try to eliminate school credit cards being issued to individual school employees on a permanent basis (what a problem these have been in enabling unauthorized spending).

2. I will encourage the chairman of the board and other board members to have a more active role in setting the agenda for the board meetings.

3. I will propose that board minutes be published in the *Gorman Progress* in a manner that will let people know what is going on in the school.

4. I will welcome ideas and suggestions from the community and will discuss in an open way criticisms they may have.

5. I will allow teachers, students, and other school personnel to talk to me. They are on the front line and can give excellent feedback on the positive things going on in the school and things they feel we need to work on. This is not undermining the authority of the administrators, just sharing ideas.

6. I will understand and monitor financial payments made by the superintendent and propose that an understandable budget be printed in the local newspaper so that all the community knows where their tax money is being spent.

7. I will encourage community members to come to board meetings and welcome them at the meetings.



Wal-Mart Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony Thursday In Eastland

BENTONVILLE, AR - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc has officially announced plans to relocate to a new Wal-Mart Supercenter at NW Interstate 20 and US 80 in Eastland, Texas. The new Wal-Mart Supercenter will employ approximately 300 Eastland area residents. Construction on the new 99,000 square foot store began this week with a projected opening date in October 2005. A groundbreaking ceremony took place on Thursday, April 21st at the site.

Eastland Mayor Mark Pipkin stated, "Eastland City Commissioners wish to commend Wal-Mart officials for their confidence in our community and county as demonstrated by their investment in the new Supercenter in Eastland."

Jim Farrar, Chairman for the Eastland Economic Development Corporation stated, "All of us were thrilled when Wal-Mart officials confirmed to us that Eastland would get one of their prized Supercenters. A Wal-Mart Supercenter will have a dramatic impact on Eastland's economy. The new store's sales, jobs created and salaries generated will provide a direct boost to our local economy. In addition, the economic activity ripples through the entire region's economy supporting indirect sales in other businesses, as well as indirect jobs and salaries. The direct economic impact of Wal-Mart on Eastland's economy is tremendous and we are glad they are here."

Jerry Conner, Eastland's Economic Development Consultant stated, "We are already get-

ting calls from satellite retailers asking for information on Eastland as a result of Wal-Mart's announcement. These are companies that require a prime location near Wal-Mart. We want to do everything possible to make the new Supercenter a flagship operation for Wal-Mart which will benefit all of Eastland's citizens.

"We designed the Supercenter with our customers' shopping convenience in mind, and by combining general merchandise and grocery items under one roof at such great prices, customers will enjoy saving time and money," explained Kimberly Randle, community affairs manager for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. "Wal-Mart looks forward to improving our ability to serve our customers and to grow with the community of Eastland."

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., operates Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM'S CLUB locations in the United States. Internationally, the company operates units in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Mexico, and Puerto Rico, South Korea and the United Kingdom. The company's securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. More information about Wal-Mart can be found by visiting www.walmartfacts.com. Online merchandise sales are available at www.walmart.com.

Photo By Thumper

8. Above all, I will support the idea that the school board is the elected body to be the final decision makers and accountable to the taxpayers.

Sincerely,
s/ David Freeman

Thank You

We would like to thank the many persons in the community of Gorman for their thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers, as well as other countless ways of sincere concern and caring expressed during our beloved Mother, and Grandmother's illness and subsequent funeral services. We appreciate each and every one far more than can be expressed. Thank you all.

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Steve Sturtz, 325/659-6524

Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. Several musical groups and visitors attended. Special guest was a young girl, Morgan Frazier of Breckenridge, who has a lovely voice. She has released her new CD "Big Enough." We appreciate all these who attend regular and take part in this event. Remember to mark your calendar for the fourth Saturday night in May for the next musical.

Bernard and Ann Keith were in Stephenville on Monday night to attend the baseball game between the Stephenville High School and the Brewer High School of White Settlement. The pitcher for the Brewer team was Brent Lewis, son of Jim and Terri (Keith) Lewis of Fort Worth. Other family members attending the game were his sister, Regena Lewis and his grandmother, Nelda Keith both of Fort Worth; Uncle Michael Keith and daughter, Kristi of Stephenville; Uncle and Aunt Steve and Kay Keith and sons Rustin and Quade of Comanche.

Dorothy Roberts and Bobbie McKillip both of Desdemona are members of the DeLeon Study Club. Twenty members of this Club were in Granbury last Saturday to attend the afternoon Opera. Dorothy and Bobbie reported an enjoyable trip.

Mattie Bell Bailey of Lubbock has lung cancer and would appreciate her friends in Desdemona to remember her in prayer at this time. She called this reporter recently and asked for this report to be put in this news. She started taking chemo, but was unable to take it as she got very sick with these treatments. Bell always enjoyed her visits to the Desdemona Homecoming each year with her husband, the late Max Bailey.

Deliah (Chisum) Morrison of School Hill Community recently fell at her home and broke a hip. She is in the DeLeon Hospital at this time recovering from hip surgery.

Moody Koonce is a patient in the Abilene Hendrick Hospital at this time with health problems and possible more surgery real soon.

Remember these on the sick list with your cards and prayers—also remember our family and friends in the local rest homes.

Ronda James of Whitney visited the past weekend with her parents "Humpy" and Betty Duke.

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Letters To The Editor

After reading the letter to the editor from Glenn Glasson in the Gorman Progress April 21, I felt led to respond.

Mr. Glasson stated that every issue brought before the board was addressed immediately. If this is so, what were the actions that were taken on these issues. No actions were ever taken in a school board meeting.

I agree with Mr. Glasson on one point. I also encourage the voters to find out the truth. I have paid out over \$500 to get records of school credit card purchases. If you are a taxpayer, I will be glad to make these records available to you, then you can draw your own conclusions.

I received numerous records from the Superintendent's office. I will only mention a few charges on the school credit card because of lack of space. However, I can furnish many other examples.

The Superintendent used the school credit card to buy 3 tickets to the 2003 Texas Inaugural Ball for Governor Perry. Cost was \$210.00 for tickets plus motel and food expenses for his family. This is a Republican Party Fund Raiser for needy Republican candidates.

The Superintendent used the school credit card to pay his tuition at Tarleton State University for \$778. And it was charged as a Maintenance purchase on school records.

The Superintendent used the school credit card to pay for food at Rudy's Bar-B-Q in College Station, while he and his family were there for an A & M football game. The cost was \$59.89 (including t-shirts) and it was charged as Elementary Travel on school records.

The High School Principal used the school credit card to pay his tuition at Angelo State University. Cost \$248.50. Mr. Vann said this was allowed because the Principal did not have a personal credit card.

Fact: The school board did not look at the GISD credit card receipts until I brought these and more issues to their attention. The board did not know of any of these expenditures and would not have known of them if it had not been pointed out to them. By the way, it is against state law to use a school's credit card to make personal purchases.

So again I urge the voters and taxpayers to find out the truth about how your tax money is being spent. Go Vote.

s/Gene Smith

I feel I must respond to Glenn Glasson's letter to the editor in the April 21st issue since I was named in that article. I have several points to make.

Glasson would have you believe that the board promptly terminated the use of the school credit card for personal use when it was brought to their attention. Fact: Mr. Smith on May 27, 2003 met with Mr. Vann concerning the credit card issue (which was the recommended procedure for the complaint). The July 17, 2003 board minutes reveal that the Board heard Mr. Smith's complaint and voted to accept Mr. Vann's decision on the matter which was that Mr. Smith's complaint had no merit. Glasson even stated in a later board meeting, which I attended, that he saw nothing wrong with the school paying for Mr. Vann and his family to go to the inaugural ball and let "Mr. Vann kick up his heels," ignoring the fact that such a payment by the school was a contribution to the Republican party and thereby illegal. Only after months and months when school lawyers and auditor recommended to change their thinking did the board say credit cards should not be used for personal expenses.

Glasson defends Vann by saying he is a "Christian man." You know, some people always say that people who agree with them on a secular issue are "Christian" and those who disagree with them an "unChristian." Incidentally, Christ chased the money changers out of the temple and publicly disagreed with many of the religious leaders of His day. Let's look at the facts: Why would the State Auditor's office take GISD school records to Austin for complete examination? Do you think they would do that without some evidence of illegal use?

Does Glasson in his letter say, in essence, that only local people can be honest? Does that mean that everyone who moves into Gorman will be considered dishonest? I was born in Gorman and spent 12 years in Gorman schools. I have lived in Gorman a lot longer than Vann if we want to get technical. But do we really want to evaluate people by their ability to be "local" or evaluate them on their actions?

Glasson asks how can I believe they spent money illegally: it is real easy - I've seen the records and I know something about spending policies regarding state funds. I met with Glasson and Vann each privately to express my concern over a year ago. No response. Then I (and other) spoke at the school board meetings. Now it is in the hands of the State Auditor's Office to determine whether they deem the practices to be appropriate or not. Certainly, we will all abide by their decisions.

Glasson makes a big point that teachers really support Vann. How does he know? Vann has instructed them not to talk to the school board. I have heard very different stories from teachers. The band teacher even has a letter from Vann instructing her NOT to talk to the board. Ask some teachers about this. Like Glasson, I urge you to talk to those currently on the board but you also should talk to other candidates for a place on the board. Gene Smith has some documentation if you care to look at FACTS about the matter rather than hearing that people are just a bunch of "disgruntled taxpayers." I continually wonder why some people are so afraid of Gene Smith being elected. You know, ten minutes after Mr. Smith signed up to run for the board on the last day, Daryl Hirst arrived at the school to sign up in opposition to Mr. Smith (the only two candidates for a one year term).

Last year before the school board election, I probably was one of "the group" referred to by Daryl Hirst. This year I am probably one of the "they" referred to by Glenn Glasson. I'm guilty of thinking for myself.

I have seen and have eight months of receipts obtained by Gene Smith. I took these to show Mr. Hirst a year and a half ago. He told me he did not want to see them. Regardless of what they showed, he supported the School Board and the Superintendent. Is this the kind of person you want watching the finances of your school? Not looking got us where we are now.

There has been only two wrongful charges mentioned in the newspaper. There are many, many more in the eight month period we were allowed to see before access was denied to any further records. The copies we have are available to anyone who wishes to look. Just call me.

Last week while the head investigator of the Texas State Auditor's Office was in Gorman to pick up records to return to Austin, an official with that agency called me. Three times during our conversation he asked me why our school board allowed these things to happen? They are supposed to be the responsible people, who run the school and make sure laws are followed. I could not give him an answer because I don't know. Do you?

The way I see it we have three choices:

1. Don't vote. Let someone else decide how your school is run and your children's money is spent.

2. Vote for the people who for some reason think a position on the school board is an honorary thing with no responsibility attached.

3. Vote for Gene Smith, whose persistency is the only reason we know about the personal spending on the school credit card. I believe Mr. Smith's only motive as a candidate is to see our school being taken care of as it should be. And vote for Dave Freeman, a

tainly, we will all abide by their decisions.

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s/Betty Heathington

EDC TALK

There has been a good amount of discussion lately about having a Community vision. It's sort of a buzz phrase, but nonetheless, very important to consider. The Bible even states that without a vision the people will perish. Vision for the future but short-term and long-term is of critical value for a community.

The Gorman Economic Development Corporation will be hosting a Community-Wide Planning session or Visioning exercise (call it what makes you understand it) in the next few weeks. The initial session will be about two or three hours. Understandably, in a day where we are all overwhelmed with meetings and busy schedules, who needs one more meeting? But looking at the alternative...we need this meeting of the minds and hearts of our local citizens. We need members of the Chamber of Commerce, the GISD School Board and other citizens interested in the School activities. We need Elected officials and heads of local organizations, all to participate.

This is not a Community Assessment like we did in 2000, this is a Visioning exercise. This is to help our community members understand and put into actions some agreed upon, viable plans to make all our efforts move us in one direction.

What can we expect to be accomplished at this session? Results of the evening is a list of prioritized goals or activities that will make the community better and stronger. Each goal/activity is assigned to an organization that will address that specific area. We share the vision, we share the responsibility, we share the great results!!

If you have comments, questions, or would like to know more contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933 or e-mail at ldodd@gormantexas.us.

CPA who will hold anyone accountable for money spend in a questionable manner. Both men have the welfare of your children and their teachers as a priority.

Our school needs their help and your votes.
s/Sue Spivey

I would like to hear more from the residents of Gorman concerning our school superintendent and less from the Heathingtons. I was not aware of any illegal activities until the Heathingtons slid into town. It would also be interesting to know the motives behind the allegations leveled at Mr. Vann by the Heathingtons, Gene Smith and David Freeman.

It is my understanding that Mr. Vann was vindicated by the District Attorney, but yet the allegations continue. These allegations are costly to defend and I hope that after the auditor gets all the facts and finds no wrong doing by Mr. Vann, the accusers will honorably offer to pay the lawyers fees, since they are all so concerned about monies the school has to pay.

Betty Heathington is going to know that I have a personal interest in all this because my wife works for Mr. Vann, and I consider her and Terry Treadway to be two of the most honest and dedicated people I know, and they would have know long ago if Mr. Vann was doing anything wrong. This has taken its toll on my wife and I'm sure has equally caused Terry Treadway and Mr. Vann the same concerns. I want them to know they have my best regards for having to go through all this.

The residents of Gorman should be proud of their school and all the employees, but the attention the town is getting is certainly nothing to be proud of, thanks to less than a handful of individuals, half of them are related to one another. Sounds like a personal vendetta to me.

(Note: Gorman Schools does not acknowledge nor consent to this letter to the editor.)

s/ Chuck Rivers

Gorman High School Honor Roll - 5th Six Wk

For a student to be on the Distinguished Honor Roll, the student must have a 4.0 or better grade point average. For a student to be on the Honor Roll, the student must have a 3.75 or better grade point average.

7th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Taylor Chew, Brittany Henderson; **Honor Roll**--Jonathan Flores, Adriana Madera

8th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Audrey Johnston, Emily Lewis, Valerie Longoria, Veronica Walton, Matt Underwood, Miles Vann, Perla Velasquez; **Honor Roll**--Marsela Gonzalez, Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Lindsey Laminack, April Voyles

9th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Ashley Burkeen, Brandy Carlton, Yhdira Garcia, Megan Lewis, Jimmie Murphy, Mary Powell, Nancy Velasquez; **Honor Roll**--Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Maria Cruz, Jessica Esquivel, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Tecia Jones, Aaron Keith, Kendra Lewis

10th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--K'Ann Howard; **Honor Roll**--Kristy Carlton, Rosa Herrera, Maria Oronia, Amanda Regian

11th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Zachary Bryan, Amber Ervin, Cindy Lopez, Kendra Swanner; **Honor Roll**--Nikki Keith, Sharla Perez

12th Grade-Distinguished Honor Roll--Martha Cruz, Maria Garcia, Ariana Giles, Ashlee Hornback, Frances Lewis, Amanda Naeseth, Laura Roygoza; **Honor Roll**--Rachel Granado, Jazzminde Reeves, Joseph Whitfill

Unapproved Minutes Gorman Baseball Commission

April 20, 2005

The Gorman Baseball Commission met on April 20, 2005 in the High School Library at 7:30 pm.

1) A Quorum was present and President Tiffany Childers called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Directors Present: Tiffany Childers, Peyton Vaughn, Donna Scitem, Traci Keith, Becky Swanner, and Melissa Whitten.

Directors Absent: Noah Landa and Tony Carter and Ronson Childers

Others Present: Barbara Fenley, Becca Woodall, Michelle Bryd, Lucio Pacheco, Mario Ramirez, Ricardo Olvera, Flavio Herrera, Richard Watson, Jack Jackson, Amy Johnston, Jennifer Sparger, and Tim Swanner

2) Tiffany Childers addressed the Pee Wee Coaches. A count of current players was taken due to a player or two quitting. Currently Mario Ramirez has 8 players, Don Whitten has 9 players, Lee Hornback has 10 players, and Donna Scitem has 11 players. Mario felt that the teams should be left as is with four teams so that the players all get more playing time. All Pee Wee coaches and trustees present agreed.

3) Tiffany Childers addressed all coaches present.

- The approved Parent Notes were passed out and explained.

- Parent complaints about notification of practices was addressed. A parent or an adult needs to be contacted about each practice instead leaving a message with a child.

- Calendars of the games scheduled were passed out to all the coaches present with their team's games highlighted.

- Each coach wrote out an inventory of equipment, and a list of equipment needs. Lists were turned in to the equipment manager, Peyton Vaughn. All equipment purchased and checked out by the GBPA will be checked back in to Peyton at the season's end. Coaches are responsible for all equipment during the season.

- TTAB Rules were given out and explained to all the coaches of Boys Little League and Girls Softball.

- Birth Certificates with raised seals will be needed for all Boys Little League and Girls Softball players. These must be in by April 27th.

- Uniforms lettering and coloring was checked by Becky Swanner.

- Amy Johnston requested that her girl's softball team be allowed to wear the red pants that already exist to save the commission money for gray pants. While the commission has previously approved gray pants for all teams, a vote was taken since these pants already exist and will be of no cost to the commission. A motion was made by Donna Scitem and seconded by Traci Keith. Aye: 5; No: 0

- Lucio Pacheco and Flavio Herrera will be purchasing a catcher's mitt and mask. He will be reimbursed for the cost. The cost needs to be kept low due to the large amount of equipment that has had to be purchase this season.

- Coaches were dismissed.

4) The issue of black pants for the Little League Twins team was addressed. Parents have been in conflict about black pants being ordered at the expense of the parents. The president has received complaints about the issue. Some parents and trustees felt that the black pants would be too hot during June and July. Others felt that an additional cost for the parents was an unfair decision. One parent director thought that the black pants were approved by all the parents and was in favor of allowing the parents to purchase them. Another parent director stated that she just heard about them the day before. After much discussion, a motion was made by Donna Scitem and seconded by Becky Swanner that all Little League teams will be required to wear the issued gray pants for games. Aye: 5; No: 0

5) The coach was called by Peyton before the meeting adjourned and told him that gray pants were the uniform that the commission provided and approved. He stated that he did not particularly want the black pants and felt that the gray pants would be just fine.

6) Opening Day is set for Saturday, April 30th.

7) Sponsors are need for the older girls and boys teams. Tiffany Childers will call about the sponsor banners being ordered.

8) A meeting will be called if any issue needing vote comes up before opening day.

9) The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Neugebauer, House Vote to Kill Death Tax

Congressman Randy Neugebauer and the House voted 272-162 to put a permanent end to a policy that made death a taxable event.

"The Death Tax is unfair, hurts the economy, and punishes a lifetime of hard work," Neugebauer said. "It is about time that we put an end to the Death Tax, which has left many farmers, small business owners, and their families in its wake."

The Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005, H.R. 8, will extend the Death Tax repeal beyond 2010. Congress passed a law in 2001 to begin phasing out the Death Tax so that by 2010 it would be completely eliminated. However, the repeal would only be temporary as current law "sunset" the repeal and reinstates the Death Tax on January 1, 2011. Death Tax rates would then revert back to pre-2001 levels when the top rate was as high as 55%. H.R. 8 strikes this "sunset" provision.

"With tax day just around the corner, taxpayers know all too well that the government taxes their income, their savings, and their property each year," Neugebauer said. "It is grossly unfair that after many years of taking away hard-earned money from our farmers and small business owners, the government wants to take almost half of what is left when they die."

A wide range of leading economists, including Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman, and a large group of national trade organizations representing the small business and agricultural communities support permanent repeal of the Death Tax. The American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Newspaper Association of America, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Family Business Institute, the Independent Community Bankers of American, and the Independent Insurance Agents of America are but a sample of the more than fifty organizations that have joined together to voice support for the bill.

H.R. 8 has garnered such strong support because in addition to being unfair, the Death Tax also undermines economic productivity and suppresses job growth. As a result of the Death Tax, businesses are spending money to hire accountants and tax advisers instead of additional employees. According to a July 28, 1999 Wall Street Journal report, nearly 60% of business owners say they would add a total of more than 100,000 jobs a year if they were not forced to comply with the Death Tax.

The House approved legislation identical to H.R. 8 in the 108th Congress by a 263-163 margin. Companion legislation is being introduced in the Senate by Senators Kyl (R-Ariz.) and Nelson (D-Fla.).

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By Nancy Hendricks

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(Provided by Laneta Freeman)

Attention—The next Birthday Party will be Friday, April 29th at 2:30 p.m. There will be three residents honored for having April birthdays. Everyone is invited. There will be entertainment and refreshments.

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Billie Lightfoot of DeLeon, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Howard and Pat Hagood, Billie Marble, Mary Jeffs and Frances Warren.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, Vicki Seay, and Frances Warren. James Tucker taught the lesson, "Controlled Speech." Life Question, "How does real faith affect my speech?" Background passages, James 3:1-12, James 4:11-12; 5:12. Key verse James 3:2. There were twenty one residents and guests Howard and Pat Hagood present. A resident gave the closing prayer.

Recent visitors were Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Bill Moss, Maudie Husband of Cisco, Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Diana Snider, Larry and DeLinda Snider.

Residents send "Heartfelt Sympathy" to the family of Nettie Denton. Her funeral was Sunday at the Church of Christ. She worked many years here in the Home.

Some visitors were Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn of Abilene, Marie Cook of Carbon, Sylvia Estes of DeLeon, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Bride of Christ Church were Rev. Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Griffin, Jean and L.D. Bingham and Rose Marie Allen. Bro. Denver's message was "Our Righteousness." Bible passage 2 Corinthians 4:17-21. There were eight residents present.

Some guests have been Winston Brown, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Levi Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Kaylee Roberts, Kennard and Doyleena Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Rodney and Vickie Roberts of Stephenville.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery opened the beauty shop for hair styling.

Recent guests have been John and Georgia Lee Hooper of Georgetown, Thomas and Vickie Seay, James Tucker, Daisy Slaton and Ann Warren. Monday morning residents enjoyed a movie.

Some guests were Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew of DeLeon, Pat Graham, Larry and Colene Barnett of Wylie, Emmitt and Kay Lynn Barnett of Eastland.

Residents enjoyed the good magazines that were given to them. Recent visitors were Larry majors of DeLeon, Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Nell Treadway, Ernestine Campbell, Derenda Minten and Lendon Shipman and Connie Cate.

On Monday afternoon Gospel Singers coming were Ruby Lee Kinser, Billy Joe Dennis, Sue Seaton, Ernestine Campbell, Ann Warren, Daisy Slaton and Nancy Hendricks. Billy Joe, Sue, Ernestine and Ruby Lee brought the special. Ann Warren gave the closing prayer.

Recent visitors were Jewel Dean Morris and Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Lendon and Shelly Morgan of Garland, Pam Childress, Annie Fay Foster and Durward Webb.

On Tuesday morning Pat Graham, Billie Marble, Jason Killebrew and Judy Killebrew came and had bingo for eight residents. Prizes were snacks and everyone got a cold drink.

Some guests were Christopher Searcy (U.S. Army) Iraq, Leazh and Bill Searcy, Mark and Pam Hulse of Hobbs, New Mexico, Gee and Beverly Morris of Levelland, Glen and Shirley Clement of Lake Leon, Virginia Skaggs, Louise Smart, Jonell Torrez, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Sue Seaton, Winelle Browning, Kay Snider.

On Tuesday afternoon Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard and led singing for a number of residents.

Some visitors were Mary Margaret Hudson, Estelle Craddock, Kay Ann Craddock, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Denver and Alice Rainey, Rose Marie Allen, Mary Griffin, L.D. and Jean Bingham.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

We've had a little cooler weather the past few days, but no rain, except just a sprinkle here in the community on Sunday evening. Maybe some of you were lucky enough to get more. I'm putting rain back on my prayer list because it is getting pretty dry around here.

Homemade ice cream and cookies was enjoyed in the fellowship hall on Wednesday night following the revival service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. The good gospel music and wonderful messages from God's word were very uplifting, and I wish the services would have gone on through the full week, or longer.

The music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Bill and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church came for chapel. Bro. Bill's topic was "Looking for Help?" Background passage Psalms 1:21-1. A resident led the opening prayer, another gave the closing prayer. There were seventeen residents present.

Some visitors were Harold and Tody Zink, Dalton and Joy Watson of Ranger, Freddie Rodgers of Desdemona, Steve Estes of Sanger, Bobby Owens of Ranger.

On Wednesday afternoon residents enjoyed playing dominos with Shawnah Bass and also had popcorn.

Some guests were James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Wilbur Overstreet, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Billy Joe Dennis.

On Thursday morning residents enjoyed games of dominoes with Shawnah Bass.

Recent visitors were Betty Duke of Desdemona, Irene West, June Carruth and Kelly Carruth of DeLeon.

Thursday afternoon, Rose Marie Allen from the Bride of Christ Church came for Bible Study. Her topic was, "Love." Bible passages, John chapter 13 and 15. Residents said they enjoyed her very much and hopes she comes again soon.

Some guests were Monica Moore, Emily Green Becky More of DeLeon.

On Friday morning Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew and Jason Killebrew had bingo for eight residents. They had snacks for prizes for the winner.

Church was directed by Daryl Hirst with Ruby Lee Kissner at the piano and Glynnda Bond at the organ. Amanda Johnson, Bailey and Brylee of Gorman and Haley Buckley of Desdemona were visitors.

Sunday evening services were dismissed early, and Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks and Zelda Jordan attended the revival services at the Mangum Baptist Church. Daryl Hirst and Brenda Thomas presented the special music and Daryl directed the congregational singing. Cecilia Hirst, and Bro. James and Jerrie Holt of Carbon also attended the Sunday night services at Mangum, and we all enjoyed the fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Mark Eaves of Charlotte, NC and Deliah Lewis of Ennis spent the weekend visiting with their parents, Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Others that were visiting were Bro. Clarence Wilson, Oren and Norma Webb, Zelda Jordan, Nancy Hendricks and Sylvia Buchanan.

Nancy Hendricks and Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan also visited with Phyllis Wright in Eastland.

Oren and Norma Webb attended the funeral for Mark Bergmark in Comanche on Friday and visited with his wife, Hatomie, and children, Alice and Steven and Alice's fiancé, Jacob Webb.

Johnnie B. Griffith spent last week in Midland with Ken and Janie Riley. Janie brought her home on Friday and Lara Jane Cooper of Sanger meet them there for an overnight visit with her mother and grandmother.

Haley Buckley of Desdemona visited with her grandparents, Durwood and Aletha Burgess. Aline Garrett of Gorman visited with Aletha and Durwood on Wednesday night and attended the revival service at Kokomo.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider were: Dan, Dianne and Sandra Snider, Isaac and Ella Sugura of Gorman. LaVon visited in Stephenville with Dwayne and Connie Snider.

Mark your calendars for the Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery.

"Happy Anniversary" to my grandson and wife, Joe and Viki Miles in Austin from Grandma Jordan. And "Happy Birthday" to my son-in-law, Leon Black in Fresno, CA.



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