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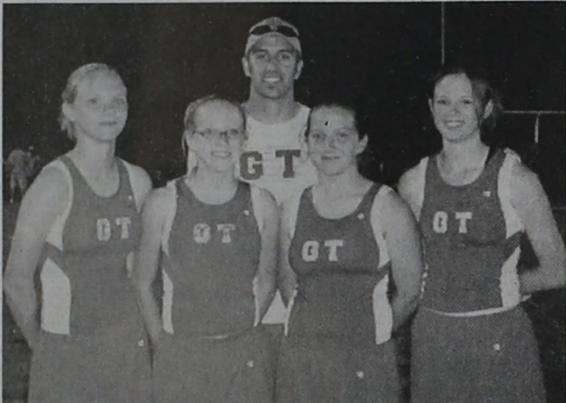
APRIL 27, 2006

## Focused and Ready!!!

The Gorman Lady Panthers spent last Friday competing at Glen Rose's Regional Qualifier Meet. There were many personal bests recorded and there was a great amount of experience gained. The girls were competing against not only other regional qualifiers but qualifiers of 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A schools from all around!

Not only did the track girls compete in a regional qualifier meet but they spent their own time training and preparing for Regionals this Friday and Saturday at ACU in Abilene. The girls ran their selves through an extensive running/training workout on the very impressive artificial Tarleton AstroTurf field. They did abdominal exercises before they spent the next two hours challenging their oxygen and muscle limits at the Tarleton indoor pool. The track team should have a leg up on all they will compete against. "We feel everyday you either get better or worse, and we choose better!!!"

Coach Tooley



The Gorman Lady Panthers competed in the Glen Rose regional qualifiers meet last Friday. The meet consisted of 1A thru 5A regional qualifiers from this area, and the Metroplex. Representing Gorman was, Crystal Thackerson, Mary Powell, Megan Lewis, and Brandy Carlton. They are coached by Barry Tooley.



Megan Lewis, as she pushes herself to a new personal record in the 300 meter hurdles, at the Regional Qualifiers meet at Glen Rose.



Brandy Carlton, as she runs a personal best in the 800 meter run, at the Glen Rose meet.



Mary Powell "drafts" behind two runners, as she leads the Crawford and Abilene Wylie runners in the 3200 meter run. Mary placed 7th overall, in a very strong field of competition.

More Track Photos Inside This Issue

## Gorman High School Graduation And Banquet schedule for 2006

Academic awards: Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00am in auditorium  
Athletic awards: Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00pm at ZJ's  
Baccalaureate exercise: Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 7:30pm in auditorium.  
8th grade graduation: Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:30pm in auditorium.  
High School graduation: Friday, May 26, 2006 at 7:30pm at Brogdon Field. (If inclement weather arrives, we will move it to the auditorium).  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AT 734-2614

## 2006 Gorman Tennis Teams And District Results

Varsity: David Ibarra / Reba Granado – 3rd place mixed doubles  
Pete Ramirez / Orlando Rodriguez  
Rosa Herrera / Megan Lewis  
Junior Varsity:  
Valerie Longoria – 1st place singles  
Tecia Jones – 2nd place singles  
Trey Holdman / Carlos Gutierrez – 2nd place doubles  
Nicole Cogburn / April Keaton  
Crystal Thackerson / Mary Powell  
Colby Spivey

## Public Invited To Art Show At Church Of Christ Fellowship Hall Thursday

The public is invited to an art show which will feature the work of individuals participating in the Stained Glass Art Class that has been taught by Monda Oldham for the last six weeks. The "Come and Go" event will begin at 7:00PM on Thursday, April 27 in the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ. Make plans to invite a friend and attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Promontory Park VFD Benefit Fish Fry

Promontory Park VFD Benefit Fish Fry at Cook's Fish Barn will be held Monday, May 1st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please help us replace our Truck. All You Can Eat by Donation. Pie and Cake Auction.

**Oliver Springs Cemetery Work Day will be held Saturday, May 6th. Bring Basket Lunch and stay for fellowship on the ground.**

## Ricky Morrison Recognized As A. O. Easley Safest Driver



Pictured is Ricky Morrison with the coveted Safest Driver of the Year Award Jacket. The competition is of difficult requirements, and to the extent that one incident can, and does, immediately disqualify a driver for the award. The categories for this selection were charged accidents, accident avoidance, accident carry-over, major damage, minor damage, occupational injury, record of duty status compliance, no-rider policy, safety documentation, substance abuse testing, fines, moving violations, equipment violations, equipment presentation, repair availability, 30 month FMCSA safety record, exposure miles, workdays missed, and newly, added public complaint requirement.

"We at Easley are constantly monitoring our safety environment and striving to make enhancements. As a result, our safety record continues to improve. The company's most noted achievement is no chargeable accidents for the last twelve months. This is rare for a long haul company with our type of exposure. The Safest Driver Award is one manner in which we recognize the contributions of our many safety minded employees. Individuals such as Ricky are the backbone of our program."

As a company with a seventy-eight year history, we have had the opportunity to develop long relationships with people. Ricky is one of those relationships that have come full circle. As a small boy Ricky and his grandfather, who was also a lifetime trucker, would visit our offices. During these visits Ricky would comment, that someday he planned to be a truck driver for our company. No one could have imaged thirty years ago that his boyhood plans would materialize, much less develop as one of our safety leaders. We are honored to present this award for his accomplishments and encourage all drivers to strive for his safety benchmark.

Other drivers were in close competition for the award. Those worth mentioning are Glenn Beck, Gene Simmons, John Ballard, Wayne Davis, Louis Freeman, Steve Spivey, Johnny Ellison, and Vernon Cooper. We appreciated everyone's contribution for making A. O. Easley Trucks a safe carrier.

## Together Against Drug Abuse Graduation Ceremony

The fifth grade students will graduate from the Together Against Drug Abuse program Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. 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, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Comanche County Telephone Co., Con-Spec Roofing, Doug Caffey, Foster Floral, Foster & Kelly Williams, Gorman Laundry, Gorman Milling, Gorman Pharmacy, Gorman Progress, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Hirst Nut & Produce, John C. Fritts, Marvin & Louise Rich, Matt Fritts, Mears Butane, Rons's Pump Service, Smith's Service Station, T.J. Clark Construction, ZJ's Steakhouse.

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

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

## Believe It...Or Not...Wilburn Overstreet's 90th Birthday



Wilburn Overstreet's 90th Birthday is April 24, 2006.

Please join our family in celebration and honor of his exemplary life at a reception on Saturday, April 29th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Gorman Senior Citizens Center.

Neil and Gary and their Families

## Local Scholarships To Be Awarded

The local scholarships for Gorman ISD seniors will be presented at the Awards Assembly, May 16th rather than graduation. Local scholarship presentations will be the culminating event of the assembly. The assembly will be held at 10:00 in the high school auditorium with a reception to follow. If you are a scholarship donor, it would be an honor for you to personally present your award. Please contact Mrs. Hampton for more information. Thanks for supporting our students and we hope to have a great turn out for this notable occasion.

## First Baptist Church VBS 2006 Theme "Arctic Edge" Set For June 5th thru 9th



As kids test their limits in the challenges of the vast Arctic wilderness, they will learn that God is always with them and find the courage required to follow Jesus in the everyday challenges of their lives.

VBS Motto:  
Be Strong, Be Courageous!  
Follow Jesus!

For more information contact Church Office: 254-734-2420.

## Migrant Program Meeting Set April 27th At 5:30 p.m. High School Library

Estimados Padres,  
Vamos a tener una junta para los padres de los estudiantes Imigrantes. Esta junta se va a tomar acaba para contestar cualquier pregunta que usted tenga sobre este programa (Migrant Program). Le invitamos que nos acompañe para que todas sus preguntas sean contestadas. La junta es el 27 de Abril a las 5:30 de la tarde en la librería de la escuela secundaria (High School).  
Dear Parents,

There will be a meeting for the parents of the students that are in the Migrant Program. This meeting is to answer any question that you may have about this program. We encourage you to attend so that your questions may be answered. The meeting is on April 27 at 5:30 in the High School Library.

Gorman ISD / Migrant Program  
Mrs. Roemisch and Mrs. Sanchez

## Oakland Cemetery Meeting

The Oakland Cemetery Yearly Report. We will be having our meeting at the Cemetery on Saturday, May sixth at ten o'clock.

The Cemetery is in very good shape and is being kept well at all times. We need everyone to come to the meeting that has Loved Ones at this Cemetery.

We need your presence and input. Also your Financial support is very important to the Keeping of The Cemetery.

There is a few things we need to discuss and we need all to do so. Come One - Come All. We hope to see you there.

Opal Burton, Sec.

## Thank You

The Pajama Mamas Relay For Life Team would like to say Thank You to City Grocery for the donation of \$50.00 worth of groceries won by Bea Ramirez. And to Bob and Cindy's Nursery for the Majestic Palm won by Melba Aaron.

Good Luck To Track Teams!!

## Community Women's Fellowship to Host First Event

Community Women's Fellowship is a newly organized group of women in the Gorman area. Their purpose is to encourage women of all ages in their Christian growth through meetings and opportunities for fellowship. The first event is scheduled to be held on:

Saturday, April 29th - 9:00 A.M. until noon

Senior / Community Center - Downtown Gorman

Special speaker, Linda Levens - A light breakfast will be served.

All ladies and girls of the community are invited to attend.

## Obituary

### A. V. Seay

A. V. Seay, age 85 of Gorman, passed away Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home.

Services were 10:00 A.M. Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was at Gorman Cemetery.

Mrs. Seay was born May 1, 1920 in Comanche County to William Roy Guthery and Nannie Elizabeth (Perdue) Guthery. She married Thomas Hillary Seay on May 21, 1938 in Ranger. He preceded her in death on May 20, 1993. She was a nurses aide for more than nineteen years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church serving as Sunday School Teacher for 25 years.

Survivors include, son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Vicki Seay of Gorman; grandson, Tommy Lyn Seay of Gorman; brother, Charles "Pug" Guthery of Desdemon and sister, Ella Louise Reeves of Irving as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Robert Guthery and William "Buck" Guthery.

## Gorman Police Report

The Gorman Police Department responded to 84 calls of service for the month of March. The calls resulted in 22 Citations; 7 Warnings;

6 Animal Calls; 1 Accident; 16 Disturbances; 2 Suspicious Vehicle/Person; 3 Motorist assist; 0 Juvenile issues; 1 Welfare Check; 4 Escorts; 1 Medical Emergency; 1 Speak with officer; and 3 Arrest were made.

1) **Burglary of a Building;** 2) **DWLI;** 3) **Warrant.** There were 17 investigate able offenses reported.

Chief of Police  
Doug Caffey

## Update On The Texas House

House Bill 1 passes the House on a vote of 139-5.

HB 2 passes which would dedicate increases in tax revenue from the components of the Perry-Sharp plan to property tax relief, passed 81 to 65

The House is considering HB 3 now, 76 amendments have been filed.

After HB 3, the House will take up HB 4 and HB 5.

## Pray For Rain

## Gorman City Minutes

APRIL 20, 2006

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Robert Ervin, Commissioners Nathan Files, Joe Casey, and Charlie Torrez. Absent was Tony Carter. Also present was Lori Dodd.

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

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

Nathan made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Joe made a second.

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

There were no citizens present on Citizens In Put.  
Lori Dodd was present to remind the Commission about meetings to follow the Commission meeting. Also Susan Combs will be visiting Gorman on May 25th.

Chuck Abbey is working on getting a survey on Potter Street, between McCall and Lubbock Streets.

No one has submitted an application for the Pool Operator position. There was some discussion about the maintenance and repairs. Paint has been ordered for the pool. And a new pump will have to be purchased.

There were questions raised about the pet ordinance. There are currently two ordinances on file at this time. This way most issues can be addressed when complaints are filed.

Nathan made the motion to re-appoint Dale Curb to the Upper Leon River Municipal Water District. Charlie made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

The Commission wants the City Crew to replace some more of the fire hydrants.

And it was decided that a date will soon be scheduled to have a wide brush and limb week. This means the City crew will go through out the residents and chip the brush or limbs that are piled curb side. More information will be published later.

There being no further business for discussion, Charlie made the motion to adjourn with a second from Nathan. Motion carried, time was 6:36 p.m.

## State Fair Of Texas Validation For Barrows

Any 4-H or FFA member who plans on showing a barrow at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas in September-October 2006 must have them validated.

4-H and FFA members need to order and pay for tags. Cost is \$8.00 per tag. 4-Hers can order and pay at the Eastland County Extension Office and FFA members need to order with their Ag Teacher.

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Our Winners Were: **Fourth Grade**  
**Fourth Grade filled 29 log books plus 1 book.**  
 Kindergarten filled 9 log books plus 1 book.  
 First Grade filled 8 log books plus 1 book.  
 Second Grade filled 28 log books  
 Third Grade filled 19 log books  
 Fifth Grade filled 19 log books plus 7 books  
 Sixth Grade filled 19 log books plus 5 books  
**Total Books Read by All Classes were 1,156 Books.**

We appreciate all the students for their participation in our contest. We have some great readers in our Elementary School

Mrs. L. Hall / Mrs. L. Warren



Megan Lewis catches her breath after her 100 meter hurdle performance.



Lady Panthers, Mary Powell, and Crystal Thackerson work their way "around the pack" on the straightaway.

## New Districts for 2006-2008 Present A Challenge for Gorman Teams

Every two years the UIL realigns all the districts in the state of Texas for athletics and UIL academics. The UIL first sets the cut-off numbers for each classification and aligns the football and basketball districts, which it did back in February. Then they work to form the districts for volleyball, baseball, softball, and spring sports/UIL academics (this includes track, cross country, golf, tennis, UIL academics, OAP). This realignment saw the cut-off for class 1A rise to 194 and under from 189 and under. To compare, in 1976 when Gorman won the state title in class B the cut-off ranged from 124 and under. In addition, as early as 2000-2002 the numbers were 169 and below, if that were now DeLeon and Tolar would not be in our football district. If we were under the 1976 numbers, only Perrin and Cross Plains would be in our district. It is interesting how times have changed and populations have caused the numbers to change over the years. Small schools have lost numbers, but one of the biggest changes that effects realignment every year is the addition of new schools (usually AAAA or AAAAA schools). Here is a look at our districts for the next two years:

Football	Volleyball	Baseball	Softball	Spring/CC/UIL
Gorman	Gorman	Gorman	Gorman	Gorman
Tolar	Albany	Albany	Albany	Albany
DeLeon	Lingleville	DeLeon	DeLeon	DeLeon
Ranger	Ranger	Ranger	Ranger	Ranger
Cross Plains	Moran	Cross Plains	Cross Plains	Cross Plains
Perrin		Eula	Eula	Eula
Santo		Baird	Baird	Baird
		May		Tolar
				Winters

### 2006 Football Schedule (Tentative)

August 19th Scrimmage	Evant/Johnson City	Evant	TBA
August 24th Scrimmage	Miles	Miles	TBA
September 1st	Roby	Gorman	7:30
September 8th	Covington	Covington	7:30
September 15th	Ben Bolt	Taylor	7:30
September 22nd	**Sterling City	Gorman	7:30
September 29th	*Ranger	Ranger	7:30
October 6th	*Perrin	Gorman	7:30
October 13th	*Santo	Santo	7:30
October 20th	open		
October 27th	*Cross Plains	Gorman	7:30
November 3rd	*DeLeon	DeLeon	7:30
November 10th	*Tolar	Gorman	-7:30

\*\*Homecoming 2006

\*District 12A Games

Junior High and/or Junior Varsity schedules will be released later



Mary Powell in a foot race in the 1600 meter run.

## FBC Summer Camp

The First Baptist Church would like to invite all children between the first and sixth grades to join us at camp this summer. Camp is always an enjoyable and uplifting experience for every child.

Camp dates as follows:

**Lad and Lassie Camp - June 16-17**

(Grades 1 - 3)

**Pre-Teen Camp - July 24-27**

(Grades 4 - 6)

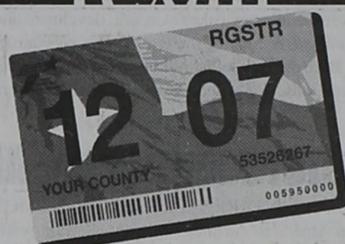
**Youth Camp - July 17-21**

(Grades 7 - 12)

Registration forms can be picked up at the church office, your Sunday school or CIA teacher. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 must be paid before May 1, 2006.

For more information please contact: **First Baptist Church, 734-2420.**

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## The Alzheimer's Association Offers Spring Seminar

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter offers its 2006 spring seminar May 9, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, located at 1100 North Sixth in Abilene, Texas.

The seminar, presented by Mary Lucero, B.S.H., N.H.A., is designed to provide the professional and family caregiver a review of Alzheimer's disease and behaviors and an introduction into interventions and environments for proper caregiving. Cost for the all day seminar, which includes lunch, is \$25.00 before May 1st and \$30.00 after May 1st. Continuing Education Units are available for social workers, assisted living administrators, activity professionals, long term care administrators and nurses at a cost of \$5.00.

For registration information, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Respite assistance is available for qualifying caregivers. For information contact Area Agency on Aging at 325-672-8544 or 1-800-928-2262.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

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

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

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

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

### FOOD BANK

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

### Boy Scouts

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

**SANDRA CAGLE** WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH FROM 9 - 11 A.M.

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

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

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

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

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## Texas Schools To Participate In Texas Bike And Walk To School Day On April 27

WHAT: Texas Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed Thursday, April 27, 2006, as Bike & Walk to School Day in Texas. Students from around the state will celebrate this important day by biking or walking to school, along with parents, teachers and community leaders.

WHO: Schools in Amarillo, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, Sunray and Wichita Falls have already signed up to participate.

WHERE: Please contact your local school district to find out if they're participating or contact Texas Bicycle Coalition for more information.

WHEN: Thursday, April 27; before school starts

### WHY BIKE & WALK TO SCHOOL?

There is a critical need to shift children from cars, back to bikes and feet. Children today have sedentary lifestyles. Statistics show an alarming increase in childhood obesity due to lack of exercise and poor diet. Texas' Agriculture Commissioner notes 38 percent of Texas fourth graders are overweight compared to 11 percent nationally. Routine physical activity such as biking or walking to school combats child obesity and related health disorders.

BikeTexas Safe Routes to School unites communities in a common goal of creating and maintaining safe, active, healthy lifestyles for children. With local community involvement, the program trains teachers in bicycle safety education and encourages children to bike and walk to school. Texas Bike & Walk to School Day seeks to:

- share the importance and fun of physical activity
- teach children safe walking and bicycling behavior
- help students arrive more alert and ready to learn
- reduce traffic congestion and speed near schools
- instill responsibility and self-confidence in children
- reclaim neighborhood streets

To learn more about Texas Bike & Walk to School Day, visit the official event website at [www.BikeTexas.org](http://www.BikeTexas.org), developed and hosted by Texas Bicycle Coalition. A copy of the Governor's proclamation and the complete Texas Bike & Walk to School Day resource guide including flyers, a poster, instructions, FAQs and resources for teachers are available on the site.

## Travelers Tips From Abilene

MOTHER'S DAY FARE SALE with LOW PROMOTIONAL FARES available on American Airlines' website. Certain restrictions apply including departures from Abilene that are limited to Saturday, May 13, with returns limited to Tuesday or Wednesday, May 16 & 17. However the fare sale is valid to 54 cities from Abilene, so it's worth trying to be flexible!

As always, know that certain restrictions may apply. These restrictions are always listed on the web page with the fare. Also know that low fares usually sell out quickly, so make your reservations as quickly. And as always, travel agents can offer professional advice on your destination and lodging, and may have access to low fares not listed on the airlines' websites.

One last benefit that you may not be aware of: American has closed its satellite operations. All flights from Abilene to DFW now arrive in Terminal A. You can deplane and walk a short distance to DFW's new people mover. This makes for much easier connections to your next flight, something we can all appreciate!

Take care and happy Mother's Day flying! Your friends at Abilene Regional Airport. Fly There. Fly Home!

## Texas Wildfire Disaster Assistance And Loans Exceed \$46 Million

Families and individuals who suffered damage from the Texas wildfires have been approved to receive \$4,602,661 in assistance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Those affected by the wildfires are urged to register online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or at FEMA's toll free tele-registration number, 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or for hearing or speech impaired, register at TTY 1-800-462-7585. Assistance is available in multiple languages.

President George W. Bush has declared 20 counties stricken by wildfires as major disaster areas in the State of Texas. The presidential declaration made Individual Assistance available to affected individuals and businesses in the counties of Anderson, Bastrop, Caldwell, Callahan, Cooke, Deaf Smith, Eastland, Erath, Gray, Guadalupe, Hood, Hutchinson, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Potter, Roberts, Tarrant, Wheeler and Wise.

Disaster Recovery Summary as of close of business April 20, 2006:

- 477 individuals have registered for Individual Assistance.
- \$1,261,061 has been approved through the Individuals and Household Program. Of that, FEMA has provided \$680,419 in Individual Assistance and \$580,642 in Other Needs Assistance.
- \$3,341,600 in loans has been approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for individuals and businesses affected by the Texas Wildfires.
- 262 home inspections have been requested. 258 have been completed.

\$3.1 million has been obligated in Public Assistance by FEMA to the State of Texas to reimburse local governments and agencies for eligible and documented expenses related to emergency protective measures associated with the Texas wildfires.

Information and daily updates are available on the following sites:

- Department of Emergency Management Situation Reports, [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/sitrepindex.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/sitrepindex.htm)
- Texas Forest Service Wildfire Information page, [www.tforests.tamu.edu/newsroom](http://www.tforests.tamu.edu/newsroom)

## Polo On The Prairie Celebrates 20th Anniversary Saturday, April 29, 2006

Polo players from around the world and more than 1,000 guests will gather April 29 at the Musselman Brothers' Lazy 3 Ranch for the 20th annual Polo on the Prairie. The family-friendly U.S. Polo Association-sanctioned competition, on a West Texas pasture planted in Bermuda grass, has raised \$3 million for key research and patient care programs at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Honorary chair Mary Anne McCloud and co-chairs Melinda and Henry Musselman plan an action-packed day, from an afternoon of polo matches to a down-home celebration under a 300-foot red-and-white striped tent:

- 4 p.m. Opening ceremonies
- 4:30 p.m. Championship match
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner by Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que of Abilene, music by Clearfork Canyon Band
- 7:30 p.m. Dancing to music by Grammy-winning Asleep at the Wheel ("Kings of Texas Swing")
- 9 p.m. Fireworks presentation

Pre-championship matches begin at 1 p.m. Players, co-chairs and M. D. Anderson leadership will be on hand throughout the day for interviews. Polo on the Prairie began in the mid-1980s, when M. D. Anderson Board of Visitors member McCloud sought to share her passion for cancer research and prevention, spread awareness of M. D. Anderson, raise funds for the institution and pay tribute to all whom cancer has touched. Son-in-law Musselman, a Board of Visitors member and polo enthusiast, suggested transforming a pasture on the family ranch into a regulation polo field and holding a tournament. Today amateur and professional athletes donate time, equipment and horses to the event.

A weeklong curriculum at nearby Eastland Elementary teaches sixth graders about the sport as well as M. D. Anderson patient care, research, education and prevention programs. A field trip to the Lazy 3 Ranch gives students the opportunity watch a polo match, meet players and present

## Registration Deadline Is May 5 For Next Nationwide ACT Test

The next nationwide ACT test date for college-bound high school students is Saturday, June 10, 2006. Students must register online or have their paper registrations postmarked by the end of the day May 5. Late registration postmark deadline is May 19 (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration after May 5).

The June test date is a popular one for juniors. Around two-thirds of test-takers in June have just completed the eleventh grade. Many of them take the ACT, check their scores and then decide whether to re-test in the fall or winter of their senior year. By looking at their scores during the summer, students can study to boost academic weaknesses before taking the test again as seniors. ACT allows students to report only the scores that they want to colleges. Students can choose not to automatically report their scores when they register for the test.

The ACT includes an optional Writing Test. Most colleges do not require a writing score, so students should check the admissions requirements of colleges they're considering before registering for the ACT. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test.

Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The website also features test tips, practice tests, an online test prep program, and a database for students to find out if a prospective college requires a writing score.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The ACT is an academic achievement exam that includes four tests; English, reading, math, and science. Students who opt to take the Writing Test will add 30 minutes to the normal 3-hour testing time.

## April Is Alcohol Awareness Month: Emergency Physicians Warn That Risky Drinking Can Increase Your Risk of an ER Visit

Washington, DC – As part of Alcohol Awareness Month in April, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) have launched a campaign to educate occasional drinkers about how much is too much alcohol consumption and why it may put them at a higher risk of a trip to the emergency department.

Funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Risky Drinking Campaign hopes to keep people from driving after drinking and increase awareness about how much is too much alcohol. ACEP emergency physicians are available in 21 communities across the country to comment on the campaign and to talk about the consequences of risky drinking. Additional information about the campaign also is available at [www.acep.org/riskydrinking](http://www.acep.org/riskydrinking).

Research shows that habitual drinking of more than four alcoholic drinks per occasion or more than two drinks per day (on average) for a man, and more than three drinks per occasion or more than one drink a day (on average) for a woman and anyone over age 65, can put you at higher risk of injury, illnesses and even a trip to the emergency department. Alcohol contributes to the deaths of about 100,000 people annually from falls, impaired driving crashes and illnesses, such as cirrhosis of the liver, according to the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency. It also contributes to suicide, homicide, domestic violence, as well as heart disease, cancer and stroke.

"There is a rising trend in alcohol-related emergency department visits, which means people are being harmed and a heavy burden is placed on our health care system," said Dr. Frederick Blum, president of ACEP. "You don't have to be an alcoholic to have an alcohol problem. With heightened awareness that just a few drinks put persons at higher risk of injury or illness, we believe more people will think twice before consuming too much alcohol."

A 2004 study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine found 8 percent of emergency department visits to be alcohol-related, which on average represents about 7.6 million alcohol-related visits per year. Researchers said patients aged 30 to 49 had twice the rate of emergency department visits with diagnoses completely attributable to alcohol, compared with patients aged 15 through 29, or 50 and older. The visit rate for males was three times higher than for females, and the visit rate for blacks was approximately two times higher than for whites.

"Every day, emergency nurses across the country see the tragic effects that alcohol abuse has on the lives of individuals and families," said Nancy Bonalumi, RN, MS, CEN, 2006 president of the Emergency Nurses Association. "By making educated life choices when drinking, people can prevent needless health problems or injuries, including harm to innocent victims."

About three in 10 U.S. adults drink at levels that elevate their risk for physical, mental health, and social problems, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 2001-2002 National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. Older adults who drink too much alcohol are at increased risk of hypertension that can result in a stroke, impaired motor skills even at low level use, injuries such as falls, sleep disorders, suicide, and increased dementia symptoms. Of these heavy drinkers, about one in four has alcohol abuse or dependence. All heavy drinkers have a greater risk of hypertension, gastrointestinal bleeding, sleep disorders, major depression, hemorrhagic stroke, cirrhosis of the liver and several cancers.

The limits are lower for women, because they have proportionally less body water than men do and thus achieve higher blood alcohol concentrations after drinking the same amounts of alcohol. Older adults also have less lean body mass and greater sensitivity to alcohol's effects.

**About ACEP:**  
ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 23,000 members. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.

**About ENA:**  
ENA is the only professional nursing association dedicated to defining the future of emergency nursing and emergency care through advocacy, expertise, innovation, and leadership. Founded in 1970, ENA serves as the voice of more than 29,000 members and their patients through research, publications, professional development, injury prevention, and patient education. Additional information is available at ENA's Web site, at [www.ena.org](http://www.ena.org).

their own donation to M. D. Anderson.

Polo on the Prairie proceeds go to M. D. Anderson key programs including Science Park/Library, Anderson Network Hospitality Rooms and Chaplaincy and Clinical Pastoral Education.

For information, call (866) 262-9029 or (713) 563-4071 or visit [www.mdanderson.org/gifts](http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts).



Crystal Thackerson running strong in the 3200 meter run at the Glen Rose regional qualifiers meet.

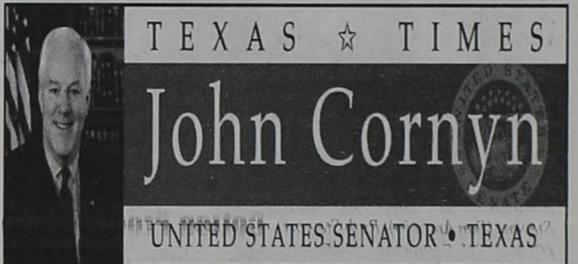
## CITY-WIDE SPRING CLEANING

It is that time of year again. With all the nice weather that we have been having the grass and weeds like to grow. This is just to let you know that the CITY is enforcing the City Ordinance that deals with grass and weeds. This Ordinance is No. 302. We need to keep our community clean and healthy. In May there will be a time that we will be having a City Wide Clean-Up, this means that BFI will pick-up things that are put out with a few exceptions. You will need to contact City Hall if you have any questions about what will be picked up. Please help us keep the community clean and healthy.

Thank You

## Bed and Breakfast Getaway Drawing

Gorman Livestock Raisers Association is having a drawing for a Weekend Bed and Breakfast Getaway in Granbury. This is a value of over \$400. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For tickets contact Mr. Boles at 734-2505, Cecilia Hirst at 734-4059, or Melissa Osborne at 734-2849.



## Fair Taxes For Texas

Many Texans understandably wait until the last week to file their federal tax returns. The experience is so unpleasant—and I'm not just talking about paying taxes due—that we tend to put it off as long as possible.

With the mid-April filing deadline now behind us, let's take a moment to look at the monster we have created in the federal income tax. What started in 1913 as a small levy that affected only two percent of citizens has grown in complexity and seeming inequality. It increasingly frustrates almost everyone.

There are currently 325 separate forms that taxpayers might be required to complete. The code has become so complex that a majority of Americans now require professional help to file their taxes—and even those pros often make mistakes. We spend a total of \$250 billion annually just to comply with tax laws, and more than six billion hours preparing our returns.

Here's another way to look at it. In 1955, there were 744,000 words in the IRS code. By 2000, this number had grown to 6.9 million. And since 1986, there have been more than 15,000 changes made to the tax code, many of them special provisions to benefit a small number of taxpayers.

The process seems designed to confuse even those who don't have to pay. Consider this deceptively simple directive on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) web site: "Even if you do not have to file a return, you should file one to get a refund of any Federal Income Tax withheld."

If someone is eligible for a refund, why would the IRS obscure the matter by even suggesting that filing a return was unnecessary?

It reminds me of some advice an accountant friend in Austin once said: "When it comes to the IRS, the answer is maybe, and that's final."

I've now come to the conclusion that our current tax system is in danger of collapsing under its own weight. It ought to be replaced by a much fairer and simpler process. That's why I'm a co-sponsor of the Fair Tax Act (S.25). If passed and signed by the President, the bill would significantly change the way we collect taxes in America.

The bill would eliminate most current major federal taxes—including the income tax, capital gains, all payroll taxes, estate, gift, corporate and self-employment taxes—and replace them with a national retail sales tax. Collection could be done through state systems, and the IRS would be significantly downsized and reformed.

Think about it—no Byzantine forms and laws to comprehend quarterly or annually. In their place: a simple sales tax on the cost of new goods and services.

To ensure a fair tax didn't penalize low-income Americans, everyone would receive a monthly "prebate" of the tax on essential goods and services.

This system would greatly simplify the collection process. It would eliminate the demand for expensive tax advisers who specialize in finding loopholes and exceptions in our complicated tax code. It would also negate measures such as the Alternative Minimum Tax that are sweeping up increasing numbers of middle-class taxpayers.

The Fair Tax idea has been talked about for decades. But there is increasing support for making a radical change, in the name of fairness and efficiency.

I've always believed the key to economic prosperity in our country is keeping taxes low for Americans and their businesses. That's the way to reward initiative, and to promote job creation and economic growth.

Reclaiming the reins of our runaway federal income tax system will help promote a strong economy. A national retail sales tax is a simple and viable alternative to our current federal income system.

Albert Einstein, a genius at analyzing complex scientific principles, once said: "The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax."

Einstein died more than 50 years ago. What would he say about the system today?

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## CJC Art Show At Cisco and Abilene Campuses

Cisco Junior College's 27th annual spring art show is on exhibit at the Maner Memorial Library on the Cisco campus and in the foyer of the Abilene Educational Center located at 717 E. Industrial Blvd. in Abilene. Sue Mullinax, CJC art instructor, said that the show will be on exhibit through May 5.

The Maner Memorial Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Abilene Educational Center hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Mullinax and her students welcome the public to view the art works free of charge.

The show contains works by the art majors from the Design I and II and Painting I and II classes. Also exhibiting this year are students enrolled in Foundations of Art, a hands-on, experiential class that can be taken for the Fine Arts credit by those who wish to enhance their artistic awareness.

Mediums that are included in the show are oil, acrylic, pastel, metal tooling, collage, drawings, and others.

Many of the works will be offered to the public for sale. There will be a Best Offer Bid Box in the library so that people can make an offer for particular works by writing their bid on a card. At the close of the exhibit, the bidders will be notified if the student will accept their bid.

Students exhibiting art at the Cisco campus are Roz Brandt (Cisco), Dave Center (New Orleans, LA), Jeanalea Chadwick (Cisco), Joy Conner (Eastland), Andrew Cook (Eastland), Jeremy Fain (Brownwood), Brian Goeltz (Helotes), Carolyn Heatley (Albany), Julie Henson (Cisco), Sarah King (Eastland), Gail Lewis (Cisco), Zeb Matthews (Cisco), Rachel Mayhew (Ft. Worth), Amy McConnell (Boyd), Elaine Neely (The Woodlands), Nikki Norman (Post), Tanner Richardson (Levelland), Carmen Rosales (Cisco), Nick Santos (Grand Prairie), Jordan Shepherd (Three Rivers), Antonina Shvets (Ukraine), Amanda Songer (Rockwall), Kara Stevens (San Antonio), Ruth Stewart (Cisco), T. J. Sutton (Marble Falls), and Kallie Weathers (Eastland).

Students who are exhibiting at the Abilene Educational Center are Lori Brown (Early), Lauren Cole (Breckenridge), Robert Garza (Abilene), Ashleigh Haan (Rising Star), Lindsey Hufstetler (Abilene), Lauren Nix (Abilene), Jacqueline Markel (Abilene), Lisa Medina (Merkel), Crystal Nguyen (Abilene), Sara Nygaard (Abilene), Candace Teel (Abilene), and Lyndi Walker (Abilene).

## Proposed ITV Classes Summer 2006

DAY/TIME	CLASS	TITLE	INSTRUCTOR	DL ROOM	REQUIRING SITES	STATUS
M-TH 8:00-9:40	DRAM 1310	THEATRE APPRC	NEWTON, R	7A-111		OPEN
M-TH 9:45-11:25	ENGL 1301 MATH 1314 SPCH 1315	COMPOSITION I COLL ALGEBRA FUNDS/SPEECH	BROWN, D DUCHENEAUX, S NEWTON, R	7B-101 7A-118 7A-111		OPEN OPEN
M-TH 11:00-12:40	PSYC 2301	GEN PSYC	SMITH, K	7A-118		OPEN
CLASSES LISTED ABOVE MEET MAY 30-JULY 6.						
MONDAY 6:00-10:10	ENGL 1302 GOVT 2305	COMPOSITION II US/ST/LOC GOVT	NEWSOME, L SMITH, K	7B-101 7A-118		OPEN OPEN
TUESDAY 6:00-10:10	ENGL 1301 GOVT 2306 HIST 1302	COMPOSITION I US/ST/LOC GOVT US HIST 1877-	MCANALLY, E SMITH, K LEE, M	7B-101 7A-118 7A-111	ASPERMONT BRONTE JUNCTION	OPEN OPEN OPEN
WEDNESDAY 6:00-10:10	ECON 2301 HIST 1301	PRINC/ECONOMICS US HIST TO 1877	HARALSON, T LEE, M	7A-111 7A-118		OPEN OPEN
THURSDAY 6:00-10:10	MATH 1314	COLL ALGEBRA	DUCHENEAUX, S	7A-118	BRONTE	OPEN
CLASSES LISTED ABOVE MEET MAY 30-JULY 31.						

This is a listing of Classes that we may possibly offer this summer depending upon interest. Each class will cost around \$150.00 plus books and supplies. In order for a class to make, we need at least 10 students. Requirements for taking college classes are to meet the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Boards test criteria, complete college application and registration packet and to pay for the classes. You may meet test requirements by taking the THEA exam, being THEA exempt due to high TAKS scores or by taking an alternative assessment such as the ASSET. We are opening these classes up to sophomores, juniors and seniors and community members for either college or dual credit. Please highlight any courses you seriously plan to attend. These are college courses offered through Western Texas College in Snyder.

Contact Mrs. Hampton for more information at 254-734-2614.

## Thank You

The Families of Lupe Torres, Sr. want to extend heartfelt appreciation to everyone who blessed us with their expressions of sympathy during the time of our loss.

We especially want to thank the Doctors and Nurses who showed such kindness to us. They made his passing so much easier to bear.

Special Thanks to Ray Daniels and his staff from Higginbotham's Funeral Home for their kindness and assistance to us in making the necessary arrangements.

We'd especially like to thank Bro. Richard Watson for his attentive care and words of encouragement. Also thanks to the ladies from his church, New Hope Baptist, and Gorman Family Bible Church for the delicious luncheon served to the family.

We especially want to thank everyone who brought food to each of our homes, as well as the flowers, cards, words of encouragement, phone calls and all of the other expressions of sympathy shown to us.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lupe Torres, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Torrez and family

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Torrez and family

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Torres and family

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## Cotton Producers In Rolling Plains Central Zone Vote To Continue Boll Weevil Program

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced today that cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have voted to continue program operations. Final results were 1338 voting "for" and 107 voting "against" continuation.

TDA issued 3,191 ballots to cotton producers who were eligible to vote in the referendum. A total of 1,445 valid ballots were postmarked by the April 17 deadline and counted.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should be continued in the zone, voters elected Woody Anderson to serve as the board member on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

The Rolling Plains Central Zone includes all of Baylor, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Young and parts of Archer, Borden, Brown and Taylor counties.

## Desdemona, Texas "Wall of Memories"

Desdemona Community Center and Foundation will construct a "Memory Wall" in the hall of the present school building. Individual memory bricks will be sold for \$25.00 each. These bricks are 4" x 8" in size which includes three lines with twelve spaces to each line to engrave names, dates, etc.

This project will be of great interest to remember those ex-students, teachers and friends who have passed on. Also to honor others and those who have worked endless hours to keep the Desdemona Community Center active.

We are excited about this "Memory Wall" and we encourage everyone to buy a brick to let those memories continue for years to come.

To purchase a memory brick contact Vonnie Guthery - P.O. Box 187, Desdemona, Texas 76445 or Call 254-758-2665 and leave a message or call Gay Moore at 254-758-2240.

## Proceeds To Be Donated to The Eastland County Relay For Life

Relay For Life with the American Cancer Society will be held June 9th, 2006, at the Gorman High School Track Field. Arbonne Independent Consultants, Valerie Hampton, Jancey Hamilton Terry and Michelle Hampton Byrd, are donating all profits from sales from now until the night of the event, to the Pajama Mamas Relay Team. Please contact us today to place an order. Valerie -

## Desdemona News

BY VONNIE GUTHERY

Our hearts were saddened when our Sister, A. V. (Guthery) Seay, 85, of Gorman passed away at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Gorman. Services were held on Saturday, April 22 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Gorman Cemetery.

A. V. was born May 1, 1920 in Comanche County to William Roy and Nannie Elizabeth (Perdue) Guthery. She married Thomas Hillary Seay on May 21, 1938 in Ranger, Texas. A. V. was a retired 'Nurses Aide' having worked almost twenty years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and a member of the First Baptist Church in Gorman where she taught Sunday School for 25 years.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Roy and Vicki Seay of Gorman; grandson, Tommy Lyn Seay of Gorman; brother, "Pug" Guthery and wife, Vonnie of Desdemona; sister, Ella Reeves and husband, Frank of Irving. Several nephews, David Guthery and wife, Martha of Gorman; Jim Guthery and wife, Karen of Gorman; Ricky Foreman and wife, Ranell of Marbleton, WY.; Jr. Guthery of Irving. Several nieces, Margueta Barham and husband, Ron of Irving; Eula Beth Cassol of Irving; Karen Eaves and Belinda Webb both of Desdemona; Glenda Garrett and husband, Richard of Highland Village; Phyllis Autry and husband, Larry of Stephenville; Deborah Jackson of Gorman; Shari Guthery of Granbury and a host of friends.

Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Hillary Seay in May 1993, two brothers, Rob Guthery and Buck Guthery, two sisters-in-law, Jane (Clark) Guthery and Tommie (Forrest) Guthery; a brother-in-law, Clyde "Chubbie" Foreman.

A. V. was a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Sister and Friend. She was much loved by all who knew her. Sincere sympathy goes to this family in their time of sorrow.

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center School Building. Thanks to all of the area musicians, singers and visitors that attend each month. Thanks to the Ladies of our Community to donate food each Month for our Concession Stand. Next musical will be held on Saturday, May 27th. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Dorothy Roberts has been on the sick list for several days. She spent two days in Fort Worth for Dr. appointments and tests with her heart doctor. Test results have not been completed at this time.

Get Well wishes go to Avie Tayler in De Leon. She spent the past weekend in the Comanche County Medical Center. Avie is a sister to Bernard Keith and Vonnie Guthery both of Desdemona. Another sister, Mattie Newton lives in De Leon.

Several from Desdemona was in Lingleville last Saturday night to attend their Annual Firemen's Fish Fry and Benefit. A large crowd attended this event.

Elise Duke and a friend from Stephenville spent the past-weekend in Desdemona with grandparents, "Humpty" and Betty Duke. Betty and the girls was on the program last Saturday night at the Monthly Musical.

Have A Nice Day, Vonnie

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# The CJC Board Of Regents Appoints Dr. Collene A. Smith

The Cisco Junior College Board of Regents appointed Dr. Collene A. Smith to serve as the Tenth President of the College at their Board Meeting April 18, 2006. Dr. Smith holds the Ph.D. degree from Texas Woman's University and she has twenty-five years of experience in the community college setting. She has served CJC as the Vice President of Instruction since 2003.

Dr. Smith brings to the Presidency a broad spectrum of experience in the comprehensive community college setting. Her experience includes supervising academic liberal arts programs, technical/occupational programs, distance learning, federal grants, library resources, printing services and student success initiatives. She serves CJC as the college liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and serves on the Texas state-wide distance education committee and the committee for small sustainable two-year colleges.

Prior to coming to CJC, Dr. Smith worked at Western Wyoming Community College where her focus on assessment of student learning resulted in invitations to serve nationally as a private consultant on teaching and learning to colleges across the United States and in Canada. While at WWCC she coordinated the college's self-study for re-accreditation, served as the assessment liaison with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and served the Commission as a Consultant-Evaluator visiting colleges seeking re-accreditation. While in Wyoming, Dr. Smith was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Wyoming Commission for National and Community Service.

Dr. Smith has given presentations at several national, regional, and state conferences such as the American Association of Higher Education Conference in Washington D.C., the North American Conference on the Learning Paradigm in San Diego, and the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting in Chicago. Her work as a consultant in learning assessment took her to colleges in Arizona, Canada, Iowa, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, Wyoming, and Washington.

A few of Dr. Smith's awards and recognition include the Kitty Winter Magee Distinguished Scholar Alumnae Award given by Texas Woman's University, the WWCC Extra Mile Award, The Woman of the Year Award in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, Colleague Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to WWCC, President's Award from the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association, Outstanding Teacher Award from WWCC Associated Student Government, and Outstanding Educator Award from WAHPERD.

Dr. Smith is married to Billy Smith who served as the Director of Theatre at WWCC for many years before moving into the administrative position of Director of Distance Education and Instructional Technology. He currently serves as the Director of Theatre at CJC and is Artistic Director of the Big Country Dinner Theatre at the Hilton during the summer season. He is a director, designer, musician, and playwright, with degrees in both theatre and music. He has won numerous awards, including seven "Regional Showcase Winner" awards from the Rocky Mountain Theatre Association which includes Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. For these awards his shows were selected as one of the top college theatre productions in the region and were invited to perform for the regional RMTA festival.

"I am very honored to serve as the President of Cisco Junior College. The people who make up this College are amazing—everyone here does the job of two or three people, and they do it with a smile! The employees demonstrate a true philosophy of service to the students and to the community. The College has much to be proud of; the College also has much that needs to be accomplished in this time of great change in the delivery of education and in assessment and accountability. I am enthusiastic and relentless in representing the affairs of the community college because of my strong commitment to the mission and to the many wonderful opportunities provided by two-year colleges. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead, but most of all I am looking forward to working with the individuals who make up the College and with the members of the communities that we serve," Dr. Smith said.

## More Than 1.1 Million Texans Enrolled In Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

### Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas Reminds Seniors to Enroll by May 15

With less than one month remaining before the May 15 open-enrollment deadline for the Medicare prescription drug benefit, the Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas is urging still-eligible Texans to look into options open to them under the benefit. Medicare beneficiaries who miss the May 15 deadline could face higher premiums.

More than 1.1 million Texans are now enrolled in prescription drug plans through Medicare, according to numbers released by the federal government. This number includes those signed up for stand-alone prescription drug plans and for Medicare managed care plans that include prescription drug coverage.

"More than 73 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in Texas now have some kind of drug coverage," says Jennifer Harris, spokesperson for the Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas. "In spite of some early challenges, seniors are finding that the new drug coverage offers them much-needed peace of mind."

A recent survey by the Medicare Rx Education Network, which is the parent organization of the Medicare Rx Access network of Texas, found that four out of five seniors who had voluntarily signed up for the new Medicare prescription drug coverage reported being satisfied with their coverage. Seventy-seven percent reported peace of mind knowing that they have prescription drug coverage.

"We know seniors and their families have questions," says Harris. "It's important to know that there are resources out there and people who can help."

Beneficiaries with enrollment and coverage questions can get assistance by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), logging onto www.Medicare.gov, or by calling 1-800-252-9240 to connect with local Area Agencies on Aging.

The Medicare bus from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services currently is traveling around the country, so beneficiaries should watch local media or call 1-800-MEDICARE to find out if, and when, the bus will be coming to a local community.

The Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas has more than 75 member organizations that represent seniors, patients, people with disabilities and chronic diseases, pharmacists, healthcare providers and businesses. The network provides information and assistance with outreach and education for the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit. Members share an interest in educating Medicare beneficiaries about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit and work closely with the appropriate federal agencies to obtain up-to-date information to ensure that information disseminated by the network about Medicare Part D is factual and accurately conveyed, and that it equips beneficiaries and their caregivers to make informed choices. By sharing information with each other about member organizations' independent efforts, collaborating on activities, and identifying ways to work together, the national network aims to eliminate duplication of efforts and maximize the effectiveness of outreach efforts. The network does not engage in legislative activities or take positions on pending legislative or administrative policies related to the Part D benefit and its implementation. The Medicare Rx Access Network of Texas is part of the national Medicare Rx Education Network, which is chaired by former U.S. Senator John Breaux.

# Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Saturday, May 6, 2006, is the day for the annual Kokomo Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. Everyone interested in the Kokomo, Simpson and Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and participate in the meeting.

Since the Community Center burned and all the tables, chairs and benches were destroyed, there is no place to have a covered dish lunch. Bring a lawn chair, and a sack lunch to be eaten at the tabernacle following the business meeting. Bottled water and cold drinks will be furnished.

No notices were mailed in this area, so pass the word around to anyone who might need to be reminded that we always meet on the first Saturday in May. Come and enjoy visiting with old friends and make some new friends.

Bro. James Hunter preached at the Kokomo Baptist Church services on Sunday. Other visitors were his wife Chris and their daughter, Suelyn of Gorman, Patricia Summers of Downing and Matt Collum of Huckabay. "Happy Anniversary" was wished to Thomas and Vicki Seay and "Happy Birthday" was sung to Charles Little.

The special music "There's A New Name Written Down In Glory" was beautifully rendered by the choir: Kay Snider, Crystal Snider, Sylvia Buchanan, Aletha Burgess, Ruth Rodgers, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning, Joe Bond, Jimmy Little and Thomas Seay with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. Hunter's inspiring message from Matthew 14:22-33 and other scriptures, was about Jesus walking on the water toward the boat that the disciples were in, and Peter's desire to walk on the water. Jesus told Peter to come to him walking on the water and he did fine until he took his eyes

off Jesus, and worried about the rough seas, and then he began to sink and cried out to Jesus to save him. We need always to keep our eyes on Jesus. He cares for us and He will always see us through any situation. The Sunday night sermon was from Matthew 13:53-58 on our relationship with Jesus. We have to know Jesus in our hearts to have a relationship with Him. He speaks to our hearts.

We extend sincere sympathy to Thomas, Vicki and Tommy Lyn Seay at the death of his mother A.V. Seay. Many from the community attended her funeral in Gorman on Saturday.

Oren and Norma Webb have moved back to their home place after living at Lake Leon since their home burned on January 1. They purchased a travel trailer and are in the process of building an extra room. We are happy to have them back home. Visitors with Oren and Norma were Frances Bishop of Eastland, Pat and Patsy Collins of Eastland, Glynda Bond, Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Sylvia Buchanan, and Delmon Eaves.

Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay visited with Gene and Kay Snider on Saturday afternoon, and Matt remained for an overnight visit. The Collums had been to the Regional UIL Meet in Abilene where Scott participated in the Math, Science and Computer Science contests. Scott had placed first in the District Meet in all three contests making him eligible for the Regional Meet. He is a Sophomore at Huckabay High School. Congratulations to you Scott.

Gene and Kay, Matt, and Rachel Snider met Dale, Kathy and Scott in Stephenville for lunch on Sunday and Matt returned home with his parents. Gene and Kay then took Rachel home and visited with her parents, Mike and Crystal and Michelle.

Cliff and Doris Graham of Eastland visited with Delmon Eaves. Glynda Bond visited with Zelda Jordan.

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