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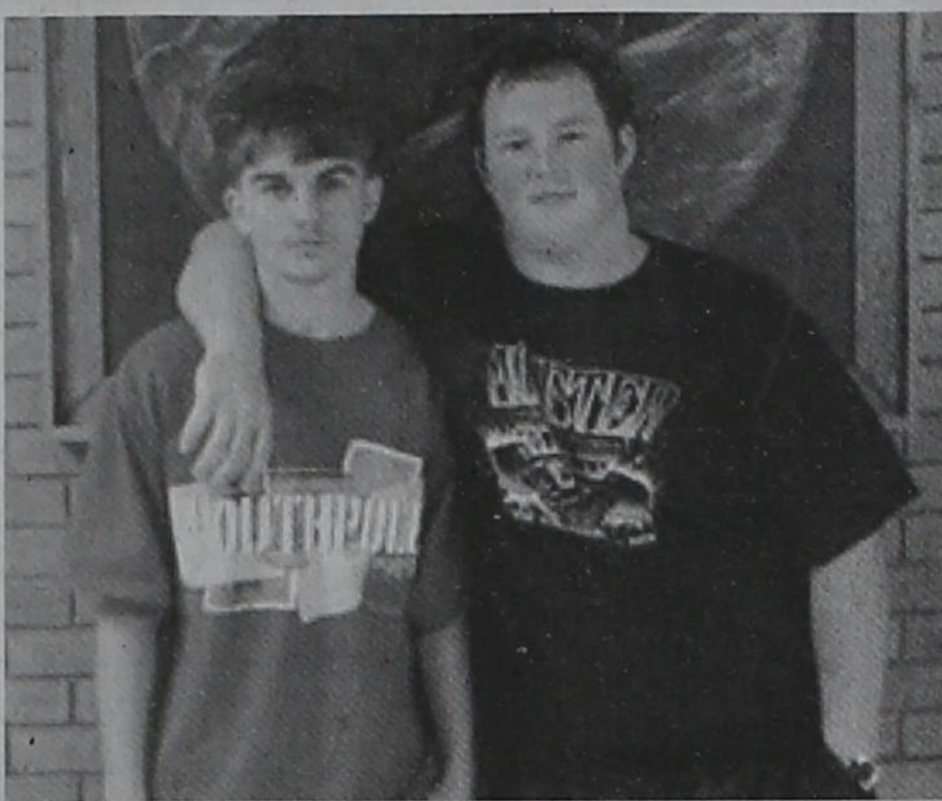
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Panthers and Lady Panthers Powerlifting Teams Qualify Several For Regional Meets

The Gorman Boys' powerlifting team qualified two lifters for the Region I meet in Lubbock on March 12th. Senior Ryan Wright qualified in the 114 lb division with a 775 total this season. Ryan is currently in second place in our region for the 114 class. Senior J.T. Whitfill qualified in the 275 lb class with a 1240 total this season. J.T. is currently in 7th place in our region for the 275 lb class. To qualify for regionals in the boys' division lifters must be in the top 10 of all 1A and 2A lifters from the Region I area. To qualify for state a lifter must finish 1st or 2nd at the Region I meet in Lubbock. Congratulations to these two fine lifters!



Regional Qualifiers -- Ryan Wright (left) and J. T. Whitfield (left)

The Lady Panther powerlifting team qualified 6 lifters for the Region I meet in Kermit on March 5th. This is the most Gorman has qualified for regional in girls powerlifting in the history of the program. To qualify for regional our ladies had to be in the top 12 lifters of their weight class (all classifications 1A-5A) or be the top 1A lifter in their class. Junior Amanda Naeseth qualified in the 114 lb class. She is currently 6th in the region overall and 1st in class 1A. Sharla Perez qualified in the 123 lb class. She is currently 12th in the region overall and 2nd in class 1A. Kendra Swanner qualified in the 165 lb class. She is currently 6th in the region overall and 1st in class 1A. Rosa Herrera qualified in the 181 lb class. She is currently 7th in the region overall and 2nd in class 1A. Reba Granado qualified in the 181 lb class. She is currently 8th overall and 3rd in class 1A. Summer Olvera qualified in the 198 lb class. She is currently 2nd in the region overall and 1st in class 1A. To qualify for state a lifter must finish in the top 3 overall in her weight class at the regional meet or finish 1st place out of the 1A lifters in her weight class. Congratulations to these 6 fine lifters!



Regional Qualifiers -- Reba Granado, Summer Olvera, Kendra Swanner, Sharla Perez, Rosa Herrera, and Amanda Naeseth.

Good Luck at Regionals Ryan, J.T., Amanda, Sharla, Kendra, Rosa, Reba, And Summer!

Johanna Froehner and Nic Burluson Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Gary Froehner and Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Burluson are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Johanna Froehner of Kingsland, Texas, and Nic Burluson of Goldthwaite, Texas. The wedding is planned for the afternoon of Saturday, April 30, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Goldthwaite, Texas. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet Slated For March 21

The Annual Gorman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is approaching. The date is Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Z. J.'s Steakhouse.

Featured entertainment will be "Saved By Grace", a Southern gospel music group from Brownwood, Texas. The tables will be decorated by businesses and organizations for a decorating contest, so come see who is the most creative, using the theme "Fiesta Texas". Contact Veronica Seaton or Judy Warren to participate.

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

Tickets will be \$12.00 this year and may be purchased at the following business firms or from any director of the Chamber: Veronica Seaton, Seaton Mills; Jim Burluson; George Simmons, Gorman Pharmacy; Daryl Hirst, G & H Feeds; Judy Warren; Bob Wilkerson, Bob's Grocery; Ray Daniels and Terry Treadway.

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

Two Positions On City Commission

Applications for a place on the ballot for the City of Gorman General Election are now being accepted. First day to file for an application, was February 5, 2005, and the last day to file is March 7, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. Applications may be completed at the City Office during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Incumbents Nathan Files, and Durward Webb have filed for re-election. Also filing was Tony Carter.

Three Positions Open For School Board Trustee

Three positions will come open for the May 7, 2005 election for school board trustee. These positions will include two three-year terms to be elected at large, one currently held by Jeff Seaton and one vacated by Glenn Glasson. The third position is an unexpired term ending May 2006, this term vacated by Lance Sharp. Applications for filing for a position on the ballot will begin on February 5, 2005. Deadline for filing will be Monday, March 7, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications can be completed at the Administration office during school hours. Board trustee Jeff Seaton has filed for re-election. David Freeman has also filed for a place on the ballot.

Baseball Park Association Directors Meeting

A Baseball Park Association directors meeting will be held on Monday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

Gorman Travel Club

Faculty vs Students
Basketball Game
Gorman High School Gym
Monday, March 7th
8:00 p.m.

Lady Panthers Take First At The Annual Gorman Softball Tournament



The Lady Panther Softball team won first place in its own tournament that was shortened due to rain on Saturday morning. Gorman was able to win two games on Saturday giving them a 2-0 record in the tournament. Dublin finished second with a 1-1 record followed by Goldthwaite 0-1 and Perrin at 0-2.

The Lady Panthers started Friday morning off with a bang by defeating Perrin by a score of 7-1. That is the second time the Lady Panthers have beaten Perrin this season as they defeated Perrin 21-2 in their earlier meeting. In the game Kendra Swanner was a force on the mound recording 12 strikeouts and giving up only 2 hits over 6 innings. The Lady Pirates scored only 1 run on 2 hits while the Lady Panthers scored 7 runs on 4 hits. Ashlee Hornback had 1 hit and 2 stolen bases, Sharla Perez recorded two RBI's and 2 stolen bases, and Megan Lewis had 1 hit and 1 stolen base to help the team to victory.

In the second game on Friday the Lady Panthers pulled off a thrilling come from behind victory over Dublin. The Lady Panthers were down 4-9 at one time and 6-12 at another time. However, our Ladies refused to lose as they battled back to force the game into extra innings by tying it up 12-12 at regulation. In the extra inning the Lady Lions were unable to score, but the Lady Panthers came through in the bottom of the 8th with the winning run. Dublin scored 12 runs on 9 hits while the Lady Panthers scored 13 runs on 11 hits. Kendra Swanner recorded 7 strikeouts and added 1 hit and 1 RBI. Brandy Carlton had 1 hit and 1 stolen base, Ashlee Hornback had 1 hit and 2 RBI's, Kristy Carlton had 3 hits and 1 RBI and scored the winning run, and Nikki Keith had 4 hits and 6 RBI's in the Lady Panthers winning cause.

Three Lady Panthers were named All-Tournament. Kendra Swanner who recorded 19 strikeouts in two games was named all-tourney. Ashlee Hornback who had 2 hits, 2 RBI's, 2 stolen bases, and some quality plays at first base was also named all-tourney. The third member named was Nikki Keith who recorded 4 hits and had 6 RBI's.

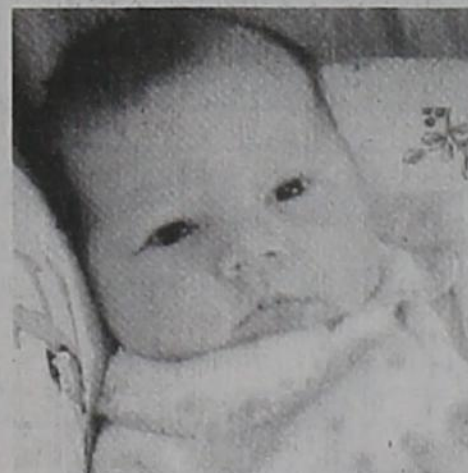
The Lady Panthers moved to 3-0 on the year with their two wins on Friday. They will play Goldthwaite on Tuesday March 1st. That game will have been played by press time. The game was moved from Goldthwaite to Gorman because of field conditions. We will travel to Goldthwaite on March 11th instead of playing here. The next four games before district starts are as follows:

- March 1st vs Goldthwaite Here 4:00 pm
- March 8th vs Dublin Here 4:30 pm
- March 11th vs Goldthwaite There 4:30 pm
- March 15th vs Evant There 4:30 pm

*times and dates are subject to change

GO LADY PANTHERS!

Birth Announcement



Adelaide Caroline Edgington was born on January 2, 2005, to Chad and Melissa Edgington of Eastland. As the first baby of the New Year at Abilene Regional Medical Center, Adelaide was featured on three KTAB newscasts during the week of her birth. She weighed nine pounds, two and a half ounces and was twenty-one and a half inches long. Her grandparents are Tommy and Michaelyn Clark of Gorman and Charles and Betty Edgington of Bedford. Her great-grandmother is Roma Hood of Gorman.

Gorman Youth Baseball Sign-up

Gorman Youth Baseball sign-up will be Saturday, March 5th from 8 a.m. until 12:00 noon, during the Pee-Wee Basketball tournament.

Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be Saturday, March 5th at the Sipe Springs Community Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Seven Panthers and Lady Panthers Named To District 10-A All-District



All District 10A - Boys - Clint Jones - First Team; Aaron Keith, Ryan Wright and Scotty Lewis - Honorable Mention.

All District 10A - Girls - Ashlee Hornback and Nikki Keith - Second Team All-District and Kendra Swanner - Honorable Mention.

Maxfield Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Maxfield Elementary School will be holding Pre Kindergarten registration March 11th from 8:30a.m. until 2:00p.m. at the Elementary Office. Please bring students Shot Record, Social Security Card, and Birth Certificate. We will also need identification of person registering student.

This is for students that will be 4 by September 1, 2005 and will be attending Gorman ISD Pre-Kindergarten class during the 2005-2006 school year.

Lady Panthers Take First Place - Boys Take 5th At Strawn Powerlifting Meet

The Lady Panthers finished the regular season the way they started it, winning first place. For the fourth time in 6 meets the Lady Panthers brought home the championship trophy. The other two meets our Ladies took second place overall. This past Saturday was the season finale at Strawn and our ladies finished ahead of Tolar (26pts) and Jim Ned (23 pts) to take 1st place with 32 pts. The Lady Panthers did this despite not having our full team there.

The boys team competed with only 5 lifters and were still able to come away with 5th place overall out of 17 teams.

Individual results from the meet and their places are as follows:
Amanda Naeseth 123 lb division 3rd place 595 lb total (career high)
Sharla Perez 123 lb division 4th place 585 lb total (career high)



Sandra Lara 148 lb division 2nd place 575 lb total (career high)
Kendra Swanner 165 lb division 2nd place 670 total (career high)
Rosa Herrera 181 lb division 1st place 625

lb total (career high)
Reba Granado 181 lb division 2nd place 545 lb total
Summer Olvera 198 lb class 2nd place 790 lb total (career high)
Ryan Wright 114 lb class 1st place 765 lb total

Seth Johnson 275 lb class 4th place 925 lb total (career high)
J.T. Whitfill 275 lb class 1st place 1240 lb total (career high)

Others competing were Daniel Shirley and Pete Ramirez

Obituary

Bertie Louise Brown

Bertie Louise Brown, 87 of Gorman passed away Saturday, February 26, 2005 in the DeLeon Hospital. Services were on Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Ron Carroll officiating. Interment was in the Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

She was born May 9, 1917 in Bell County, Texas. She married Buster Brown on June 14, 1941 in Brownwood. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, President of W.M.U. and taught Sunday school class for many years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and a lifetime member of P.T.A.

She is survived by husband, Buster Brown of Gorman, daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Max Grice of Brownfield, sister, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, granddaughter Tisha Grice of Stephenville, grandson, Jeffery Grice of Ft. Worth; niece, Bonita Richards of Fort Worth and three great grandchildren.

Family request that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Gorman or the Alzheimers Association.

School News

Tuesday, March 8th - Lady Panthers vs. Dublin - here, 4:30 p.m.; Panthers vs. DeLeon - there, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 10th - Junior High Track Meet - DeLeon

Friday, March 11th - Lady Panthers vs Goldthwaite - here 4:30 p.m.; Panthers vs May - here 2:00 p.m.; Boys Regional Championships - Lubbock (Powerlifting)

Saturday, March 12th - Boys Regional Championships - Lubbock (Powerlifting)

Thank You

I don't know where to begin to start. My family and I have been truly blessed by so many acts of kindness during Jayden's surgery and stay in the Dallas hospital.

I know so very many prayers have been offered on his behalf. I know he has been on many people's minds and on their hearts each day. I wish I could express in words how much this touches my heart, and how very much it means to all of us.

We appreciate so much the many calls and visits, as well as those who contributed money to help defray the expense that the kids have during the hospital stay.

To my friends who call me daily, bring food, and baby sit, Thank you!! I am absolutely overwhelmed with people who care

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

DeLeon Nursing and Rehab: Experienced MDS Coordinator/File Certified Nurse. Please apply in person to Bell Spencer, RN. Full time position. 2-3-10-C

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NEW: 2-1-1 brick, CH/A, 1745' LA, fenced backyard, corner lot, 24x40 shop w/cement floor, nice home. Reduced to \$36,500.

NEW: 10.45 A. south Duster: Improved view, large deck, remote area, lots of wildlife. \$2,000 acre.

NEW: 11.69 A. south Duster: Old Pecan orchard, lots of game, located near a nice creek \$2,000 acre.

NEW: 15a M/L edge town, nice remodeled 2-2 brick, central a/h, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 60 mfg. building, cement floor, guest house, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. Reduced \$130,000.

47.65 A. 4 miles west of Gorman, 25A, pending.

NEW 58A. Desdemona, app. 10 coastal, 50a wooded, water well, shed, pond, pavement, 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 wells (previously used for 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, 70a wooded, 122a cultivation, stock pond, lots of deer & turkey. \$1,350 acre

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Crowder Student Teacher In Ag Services And Development At Gorman ISD

Jeff Crowder, senior Agricultural Services & Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student teaching in the Gorman Public Schools. He is under the supervision of Shawn Boles, agriculture science teacher.

Jeff Crowder will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching. This agreement has been made by mutual agreement between Gorman Independent School District and Tarleton State University. The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, he will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University.

Rachel Mayfield Named to TSTC Honor Roll

Gorman resident Rachel Mayfield has earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. Mayfield, a student in Dental Assistant is among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average.

Think Summer!!!

about me and my family.

To my co-workers, mayor and commission thank you for your always continued support.

Thanks to each of you, may God always bless you, as you all have blessed me,

Love to you all,
Tacy Warren and family

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157 A. Callahan Co., 2 tanks, 6 wells, home site, coastal, cropland. \$196,250

99A 5/4, 4300 sf brick, metal barn, 5 water wells, large reservoir, rock drive, and much more. \$477,500

97A 5/4.5, 5632 sf brick, swimming pool, deck with hot tub, metal barn, pecan trees, tanks, corral, and much more. \$750,000

77 A. Palo Pinto Co., Woods, creek, hunting, might divide. \$240,000

58 A. Tank, water well, good home site. \$95,700

13 A. Hwy. frontage, tank, creek, barn. \$32,000 UNDER CONTRACT

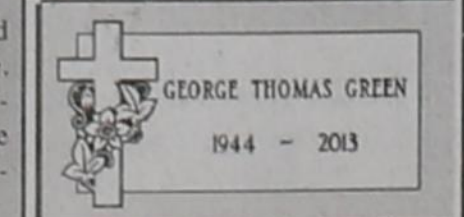
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Desdemona Cemetery News

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the board took the following actions:

1. By a unanimous vote, acted to secure a major portion of the cemetery reserves into a trust fund so that the cemetery will be properly maintained in future years.
2. Voted to proceed with the construction of a graveside service facility.
3. Voted to clean up the new addition and fix the location of the new facility.
4. Voted to give the present caretaker a letter of recommendation they requested.
5. Voted to have roads maintained as needed.

In other discussions, it was noted that the following board members were up for re-election or replacement at our annual meeting in April: Leo Williams, Moody Koonce, Pug Guthery, and a replacement for Ruth Daffron who passed away this past year. Other Directors on the Board are Bobby Wisdom and Dorothy Greenhaw; non-Board member Secretary, Mary Riggs.

Submitted by Leo Williams, President



B-B-Q Lunch

Friday, March 11th 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Gorman First United Methodist Church
\$5.00 Per Plate With Brisket, Beans and Potato Salad. Dine In or Carry Out.
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There have been weekly articles about the 4A Sales Tax for several weeks now. There still seems to be some confusion about where the tax will come from. The 4A Sales Tax will be collected from consumers, people in our community (both residents and travelers) that are purchasing goods that are taxable. When anyone makes a purchase in Gorman at ZJ's Steakhouse, Whistle Stop, Dairy Queen, Antiques from Our Father's House, Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, or Foster's Floral (I won't attempt to name every business in town that sells taxable goods, that is not the point) that consumer is paying sales tax. Right now they are paying 7.75% which for most of us we round that up and it comes to about 8 cents for every dollar you spend. To pass the 4A sales tax, it would cause our everyday sales tax to go up another one-half of 1%...it would bring it up to 8.25% or still about 8 cents for every dollar you spend. It is a good way to make pennies count for your community. It does not burden any individual consumer, yet it does indeed add up.

It has been mentioned before that if you are shopping in DeLeon, Comanche, Stephenville, Eastland, and certainly Abilene or the D-FW metroplex, you are already paying 8.25% taxes on your purchases. Some of these towns have both 4A and 4B sales taxes, some have either a 4A or 4B and a hospital district tax, but they all have the 8.25% tax structure in place. The 4A or 4B Sales Tax funds come as much from people passing through our community as much as it does the local resident. Collecting one-half cent from a tourist/non-resident dollar is an excellent way to build our funds to make improvements for our community. As those pennies turn into dollars, and when the dollars go back in to the community to make improvements, those tourists/non-residents will be inclined to return and spend more dollars.

Not all state programs work like we want them to, but for the most part, the State of Texas Sales Tax initiative does a lot for small communities. Let's use it for our benefit.



Texas Midwest Community Network district 60 ambassadors from Cisco, Ranger, Gorman and several other towns were joined by Senator Troy Fraser (far left front row) and Representative Jim Keffer (3rd from Right front Row) on the East Capitol Steps for a noon photo session during Texas Midwest Day 2005. Almost 150 TMCN ambassadors attended the event. Photo courtesy of Eastland Newspapers, Inc./Margaret Hetrick, staff

Blue and Gold Banquet Held Thursday, Feb. 24

Thursday, February 24th, the Webelos Cub Scouts, Den 3, enjoyed a Blue & Gold Banquet at the Bride of Christ Church. Awards were presented to several of the boys who accomplished great things this past month. Josh Ryon; 1st place winner of the Pinewood Derby Race in Gorman, Bobcat Badge, Citizenship, and Fitness Pin. Jonathan Fenley received a video game for the most popcorn sales, his Citizenship and Fitness Pin. Sergio Garcia, a pocket knife for popcorn sales, his Citizenship and Fitness Pins. Shawn Rainey, a pocket knife for his popcorn sales, his Citizenship and Fitness Pins. Jeffrey Rainey, a pocket knife for popcorn sales, his Citizenship and Fitness Pins. James Thomas, a pocket knife for popcorn sales, his Citizenship and Fitness Pins. Daniel Sherman, Citizenship and Fitness Pins. Dalton Murphy, a pocket knife for popcorn sales, and his Citizenship Pin.

They all received a patch for the popcorn sales and Harlem Globetrotters trip, and a ribbon for participating in the Pinewood derby races. Leaders are: Teresa, Lori, & Bit Lewis. This group has been a very active part of scouting, they toured the Comanche County Jail as part of their Citizenship requirement, they delivered Valentines to the Nursing Home as a good turn deed for Citizenship requirement, they also made their mothers a Valentine Teddy Bear. We are looking forward to our first campout at Lake Proctor in early April.

Local Students Named In Tarleton Honor Roll, Distinguished Students

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2004 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

Gorman students listed were: Jackie Gutierrez A,D; Sheryl Everton, D; Keri Guthery, D, Jessica Lara, D; Jamie Maupin, D; Anna Saucedo, D.

School Menu

Week of March 7
Breakfast

Monday--Cereal, yogurt, milk, juice

Tuesday--Eggs, biscuits, milk, juice

Wednesday--Muffins, oranges, milk, juice

Thursday--Pancakes, syrup, milk, juice, bananas

Friday--Sausage, gravy, biscuits, milk, juice

Lunch

Monday--Taco salad, refried beans, chocolate chip bars, milk

Tuesday--Chicken fried steak, baked potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, milk

Wednesday--Pizza, salad, corn milk

Thursday--Hotdogs/chili cheese, pork-n-beans, chips milk

Friday--Hamburgers, fries, cookie, milk

ORDER OF ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 01st (date) for the purpose of:

Electing 2 Commissioners, Places 2 & 4

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

Gorman City Office 116 S. Kent (location)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 20, 2005 (date)

and ending on May 03, 2005 (date)

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
<u>City Office Only</u>		

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

City of Gorman Attn: Secretary
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
P.O. Box 236
(Address)
Gorman, TX 76434
(City) (Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

April 29th, 2005 (date)

Issued this the 01st day of March, 2005

[Signature]
Signature of Presiding Officer

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Letter from Iraq



February 15, 2005

Ms. Gilbert (Dorcas Class & Citizens of Gorman).

I received the care packages that you and the ladies of your church (and citizens) sent. Thank you very much. Not only was I able to share the contents with my soldiers, but with the soldiers of the unit that is replacing us as well. Your generosity brought smiles to many faces. It is always nice to know that there are people in the United States that remember that we are here and are praying for our safety.

I have attached a picture of my unit so that you can see the faces of those you have blessed. As our year here comes to an end, the year is just beginning for the unit that is here to replace us. I ask that you keep them in your prayers over the next year. A year is a long time to be separated from family and friends. Especially in a war zone.

Thank you again for your prayers and gifts.

Sincerely,

1SG Dallas E. Stone
1st Sergeant, HHC 82 EN BN
US Army

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library News

Charlie Garrett Memorial Library now has several children's books in Spanish. We also have several boxes of books for sale. Sale begins on Monday, March 7th and ends Monday, March 14th. Boxes are \$5.00 each. Library hours are 3:00 - 5:00, Monday through Friday.

ACU Lectureship Attended by Locals



Attending the 87th Annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian University recently were (L-R) Floydene Gilbert, Christine Hammontree, Joy Rogers and Carolyn Gilbert. Highlight of the event was a keynote speech by Billy Wilson of Glasgow, Scotland. A number of additional lectures were part of the visit by the group. The attendees from Gorman are active in Children's Education and are members of the Dorcas Class, the Ladies Bible Class of the local Church of Christ.

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Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

"Where is Johnny?"

A family gathers around the dinner table, Little Mary looks up and says, "you know, I just noticed something—Johnny isn't here."

Her brother Tom answered, "You mean you hadn't noticed before now? He hasn't been here for several weeks. By the way Dad, where is Johnny anyway?"

"Why I don't know, son. I noticed him in the yard a few weeks ago. You mother should know. Margaret, where is Johnny? The children say he hasn't been here for some time now."

Mother ponders for a moment and at last the vacant look leaves her face as she remembers. "O yes. Johnny, our son Johnny. No, I don't know where he is. But don't worry. He will probably come back someday. Let's all be a happy family and eat our meal. I'll put Johnny's plate away until he comes back. I wonder what could have happened to him."

The church gathers around the Lord's Table each Sunday. Think carefully and prayerfully. How many "Johnny's do you know that are not at the table? What can you do about it?"

February Birthday Party

On Monday, February 21st the Gospel Singers came and entertained for residents honoring four for having February birthdays. Specials were by Ruby Lee, Billy Joe, Woodrow and Helen. The singers sang the "Happy Birthday Song." The First Baptist Church and Heritage Manor gave honorees gifts. Anna Rush made the birthday cake. Red fruit punch was served with cake to everyone. Woodrow voiced the dismissal prayer. There were twenty residents present. Singers were Ruby Lee Kinser, Anna Rush, Geraldene Wright, Sue Seaton, Billy Joe Dennis, Marjorie Treadway, Ann Warren, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Johnny B. Griffith, Daisy Slaton and Nancy Hendricks.

Recent visitors were Lee and Sue Pettigrew of Desdemona, Jackie Whitlock of DeLeon, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Diana Snider, Billy Joe Dennis.

Residents appreciated Rose Hamilton manicuring their finger nails. Some visitors were Max and Janice Grice of Brownfield, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville, Anna Rush, Geraldene Wright and Nancy Hendricks.

On Sunday morning, those coming from the First Baptist Church for Sunday School were Tootie Campbell, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, Frances Warren and Vicki Seay. James taught the lesson, "Does God Want Me Back?" Life question, "Since I've failed God in the past, does he want me now?" Bible passage, Hosea 11:1-11. Key verse, Hosea 11:9. A resident gave the closing prayer. There were twenty-four residents attending.

Recent guests were Ima Brown, Ruthie Porter, Billie Bennett, Thomas and Vicki Seay, James, Ellen and Rachel Tucker, John and Georgia Lee Hopper of Georgetown, Ann Warren and Daisy Slaton.

Sunday afternoon, those coming from The Bride of Christ Church were Bro. Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Griffin, Rose Marie Allen, Donna Fraley, Betty Regian, Anisly Rainey, Faith Rainey and Stormy Hurd. After singing, Bro. Denver's message was, "Sacred Place of the Most High." Psalms 91. There were twelve residents present.

Some visitors were Joey Beaty of Dallas, Clyde and DeSha Johnson of Stephenville, Roy and Charlotte Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and Pat Johnson of Lubbock and George Rodgers.

On Monday morning, Karen Guthery came and opened the beauty shop for residents.

Some guests were Cecil and Rena Mae Robertson of Brownwood, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Frances Warren, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mary Jeffs, Sue Seaton, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Kay Snider, Rachel Snider, Pam Hulsie of Hobbs, NM, James and Beverly Morris of Levelland.

Monday morning Pat Graham, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had bingo for six residents. There were two guests.

Visiting were Bonnie D. Stewart and Jewel Dean Morris of DeLeon, Lonnie and Edith Grumbles, Denver and Alice Rainey, Mary Griffin, Betty Regian and Rose Marie Allen.

Tuesday morning Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had 'alphabet' bingo for a large number of residents.

Some guests were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little of Eastland, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Pat Graham, Nell Files of Carbon.

Tuesday morning, Ina Smith had 'rhymes' in the dining room for residents.

Visiting were Don Landers of Springtown, Marjorie Treadway, Ruby Lee Kinser, Ernestine Campbell, Jerry Majors of DeLeon, Steve and Derenda Minten.

On Tuesday afternoon, Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric keyboard for several residents. Everyone enjoyed singing with Betty. Johnnie B. Griffith and Nancy Hendricks were guests.

Recent guests were Winston Brown, Rodney and Vicki Roberts of Stephenville, Kennard and Doyle Roberts of Gustine, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Levi Roberts, Shaylor Roberts, Shannon and Trinity Roberts.

Wednesday morning, Bill and Tootie Campbell of the First Baptist Church came for chapel. Bro. Bill's topic, "The Faith Life." Bible passage Galatians 2-20. A resident voiced the closing prayer. There were eighteen residents present.

Some visitors were Fred McMullen of Melrose, NM, Durward Webb, Irene West, Larry Stogsdill.

Residents send "Get Well Wishes" to little Jayden Justice.

Some guests were Clyde Richard Kinser of Eastland, James and Ruby Lee Kinser, Steve Estes of Sanger, Freddie Rodgers, Marty Sandoval and Junior Sandoval of Lingleville, Maria Sandoval of Austin, June Carruth of DeLeon.

On Wednesday morning, residents enjoyed a movie.

Visiting were Sylvia Estes and Marie Cook of Carbon, James and Mary Jesse of Ft. Worth, Bill and Tootie Campbell.

On Wednesday afternoon, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew and Ina Smith had 'crazy bingo' for residents.

Some guests were Kay Ann Craddock, Mary Margaret Hudson, Estelle Craddock, Becky Moore, Emily Green, and Monica Moore of DeLeon, Harold and Tody Zink.

On Thursday morning, residents enjoyed 'current events' with Ina

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

In Observance of Ministerial Student Day, Matthew Click of Hardin-Simmons university of Abilene was the guest speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Mr. Click's hometown is Corpus Christi, TX and he is studying for a Master of Divinity Degree at Hardin-Simmons. The special music was rendered by Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Leona Wilson, Sylvia Buchanan, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Cecilia Hirst and Mary Jane Little. Norma Webb also had a birthday last week, but due to recuperating from surgery she wasn't able to be with us Sunday. Mary Jane Little gave an emphasis on the week of prayer for missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Missions offering.

We are happy to report that Norma Webb is home now following hip replacement surgery on Monday, February 21st in Stephenville and is doing well. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider this past week were Ted Snider, Dan Snider, Belinda, Isaac, Audri, Ella and Isabella Segura.

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited in Graham on Sunday evening with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and they all met Donna, Gary, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin for the evening service at the First Baptist Church to see the musical "The ABC's of Salvation" preformed by the children of the church. Melanie Gatlin participated in the musical. Lesley Gatlin was ill and didn't get to attend. Helen reported that they really did enjoy the musical.

Nancy Hendricks attended the reception honoring Marge Hudson, for her 25 years as Secretary at the First Baptist Church, in Gorman on Sunday afternoon. Our congratulations to Marge and send best wishes for her retirement.

Shorty Treadway of Ranger and Zelda Jordan visited with Arl and Margie Lasater at Carbon on Friday night and enjoyed games of "Train" and "42".

"Happy Birthday" to my daughter-in-law, Cindy Jordan, of Lubbock who will be celebrating her birthday on March 3rd.

Smith.

Recently visiting were Emmitt and Kay Lynn Lasater and Connie Cate of Eastland, Larry and Colene Barnett of Wiley, Jason Killebrew, and Judy Killebrew of DeLeon.

On Friday morning, Judy Killebrew, Jason Killebrew, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for nine residents. They enjoyed breakfast drinks and treats.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical was held last Saturday night at the Community Center. In spite of the cold and rainy weather, there was a large crowd to attend. This monthly event has been canceled since last June 2004, but it is back on schedule now to be held on the fourth Saturday night of each month. Several musical groups and singers attended from Strawn, Eastland, Olden, Ranger, Gordon, Lingleville, Stephenville and Cisco. The group enjoyed the new piano that was donated to the Community Center. We appreciate all of the musical groups and the visitors too who attend each time. Also appreciate all the ladies who bring food each month and the workers in the concession stand.

Humpy and Betty Duke enjoyed having two of their granddaughters to visit over the past weekend.

Kaley and Lane Powledge of Eastland visited the past weekend with their grandparents, Wayne and Karen Eaves and Lorin.

Dorothy Roberts spent last Sunday and Monday in Fort Worth with her daughter, Ulenda Weaver and family. Also visited with her son, Jeff Roberts of Dallas.

Wayne Wells, 84, of Stephenville was buried on Sunday, February 27 at the Mount Zion Cemetery northwest of the Mount Zion Cemetery northwest of Lingleville in Erath County. Wayne attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1939.

Still lots of sickness in our area with colds, flu, bronchitis, etc. Remember the shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Thought for today - "The world is round and the place which may seem like the end, may also be only the beginning."

Have a nice day.

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